



Superintendent's Report

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Kindness and Empathy Project in Full Swing at CG!

For the month of December, our Guidance Department has spearheaded the "Secret Kindness Students" project. Too often, young people want to take credit for doing something nice; however, it is also important for students to understand that we do not need to be acknowledged for doing kind deeds.

In grades K-4, School Counselor Brenda Bruce presented classroom lessons on empathy and kindness. Students in grades 5-8 were taught similar lessons from Ms. Daley, Mrs. Fruchey, and Mrs. Jay. Last week, each K-8 classroom received an envelope under their door which included their "Secret Kindness Mission". This past week, students have been doing a wonderful job completing their missions! Students have created a kindness tree in the cafeteria to display the number of kind acts that have taken place in our building over the month of December. Many thanks to Mrs. Bruce for coordinating this very worthwhile project for our students!

Congratulations to Senior Shane Cornell

We would like to congratulate CGHS senior Shane Cornell, who participated in University of Northwest Ohio's scholarship test last month. Shane, who attends Apollo Career Center, earned first place in the Health Sciences Division. As a result of this accomplishment, Shane has been awarded a full tuition scholarship at UNOH! Congratulations Shane on a job well done!

Career Day a Huge Success

Last Friday, CGHS seniors participated in mock interviews with area volunteers. In preparation for this day, seniors had to construct a resume and also prepare for potential interview questions that would be asked. Each senior student participated in two interviews on this day, receiving valuable input from their interviewers. Many seniors shared that while they were nervous at first, they felt that the day was very beneficial for them, as many had not previously interviewed for a job in an official manner. Many thanks go to our local volunteers who helped conduct these interviews: Amy Sealts, Stacey Bennett, Dan Irwin, Skyler Mayberry, Chris Phahler, Ruth Gerding, Gary Herman, Suzy Wischmeyer, Kelly Schroeder, Tonya Deitering, Cory King, Melissa Basinger, Matt Kibler, Jason Hedrick, Mark Ellerbrock, and Vonda Nemire.

On this same day, our junior class members participated in job shadowing experiences in the local area. Over 50 juniors secured job shadowing opportunities and had great hands-on experiences in these respective career fields. Another 15 juniors went on a field trip to GROB Systems for an orientation to their plant and learned about GROB's apprenticeship program. After their visit to GROB, they then went to Town and Country Flowers in Bluffton and were given a presentation from owner Connie Kruse about small business ownership. These experiences gave the students a plethora of information as they decide what they want to do after graduating high school.

Many thanks go to our guidance department with school counselor Mindy Losh and Brenda Bruce, along with guidance secretary Vicky Schroeder for coordinating this special day for our district's upperclassmen!

Haley Radabaugh and Rylee Sybert Sign Letters of Intent

Congratulations to Haley Radabaugh and Rylee Sybert, who both signed their letters of intent last Friday. Haley will be attending Bluffton University next fall and will be playing on the Women's Volleyball team. Rylee will be taking her talents to the University of Findlay next fall, where she will be a member of the Women's Track program. We wish both of these young ladies the best of luck!

Andy Schafer- John Reed Leadership Award

Last week, Vidette writer Martin Verni wrote a wonderful article about CG Football Coach Andy Schafer, who was awarded the John Reed Leadership Award. Andy was honored with this award on WOSN on December 7. To view this presentation, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjGbl3b-Yk4&t=249s>. You can also Google "John Reed Leadership Award" and "WOSN" to view the video online. Andy was a very worthy recipient of this award and we are fortunate to have staff members like him who make such a profound impact on our young people at CG!

Kids Hope Students Receive Special Treat

A few years ago, a wonderful student mentoring program, Kids Hope, was started at CG Elementary. Over the last four years, numerous bonds have been created with adult mentors and at-risk students in our school. Currently, there are over 30 such student mentors which come to the school once a week to mentor with these young people.

At the last mentoring session before the holiday break, students were provided a cookie decorating kit by parent Sherry Myers. Many thanks to Sherry for her generosity! I'm sure these students will take advantage of this treat over the break. Also, thank you to our student mentors for your time and care with these students!

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

This will be the last Superintendent Update of 2018. I hope you have enjoyed reading these updates and know more about the many activities and events taking place in our district. Thank you for your continued support of Columbus Grove Schools and May you have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, December 20th

Boys Freshman Basketball @ Lincolnview – 5:00 pm

Boys JH Basketball @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 pm

Girls JV & Varsity Basketball vs. Lincolnview – 6:00 pm

Friday, December 21st

Boys JV and Varsity Basketball @ Lincolnview – 6:00 pm

End of 2nd Quarter – Early Dismissal – 1:00 pm

Christmas Break – No School – Dec 24, 2018 – January 2, 2019

Saturday, December 22nd

Girls Freshman Basketball vs. Tinora – 10:00 am

Boys Freshman Basketball @ Patrick Henry – 4:30 pm

Boys JV and Varsity Basketball @ Patrick Henry – 6:00 pm