



# Bulldog Bulletin

NOVEMBER 10, 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LPDC Meeting

Nov. 14th, 3:00 p.m.

### Grandparents Day

Nov. 15th, 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

### Interim Grades Due

Nov. 15th @ Midnight

### Parent/Teacher Conf.

Nov. 20th, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Nov. 21st, 11:00-7:00 p.m.

### Financial Aid Night

Nov. 20th, 7:00 p.m.

### ACT Prep Parent Mtg.

Nov. 20th, 8:00 p.m.

### Board of Education Mtg.

Nov. 20th, 8:00 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 22-26th, No School

### Band Boosters Meeting

Dec. 6th, 6:30 p.m.

### Grade 2 Swim Lessons

Dec. 11-15th

### Career Day - Dec. 15th

## Eighth Graders Learn About Conflict and Challenge

The eighth grade language arts classes recently read the book *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. This coming-of-age novel touches upon many themes especially the eternal conflict between school cliques and differing social classes. Mrs. Hermiller helped the students better understand this concept by having them participate in a lesson designed to engage students in various challenges. This lesson was in the form of a relay challenge pitting the "Greasers" against the "Socs." The Greasers were given a slight disadvantage in each relay challenge, while the Socs were given a slight advantage. The advantage wasn't so great that the Socs were guaranteed a victory, but just enough to frustrate the Greasers. The relays illustrated on a small scale how those who "have all the tough breaks," and who are not born into wealth and prosperity, have to choose to fight through their disadvantages to overcome the statistics and make something of themselves. Kudos Mrs. Hermiller for incorporating such important values and traits in your lesson plan!



## SPANISH CLASSES CELEBRATE DIA DO LOS MUERTOS

Mrs. Ankerman's Spanish classes celebrated Dia do los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which combines the ancient Aztec custom of celebrating ancestors with All Soul's Day. It is a Mexican celebration full of festivities and tradition to celebrate, remember, and prepare special foods in honor of their deceased family members because they believe the deceased would be insulted by mourning and sadness. At home they set up a small altar with a picture of their deceased loved ones. Families also celebrate at the cemetery with food, song, and flowers as they clean the tombstones. They also make masks and paint their faces like a 'sugar skull' for a parade. The activities are meant to celebrate the lives of their deceased loved ones and are not meant to be scary.

Spanish 4 students created a replica of a tombstone, decorated sugar skull cookies, painted masks, and wrote an essay introducing their family member to the class. Spanish 1, 2, and 3 students made banners, paper flowers and participated in a 'pan de muerto' (bread of the dead) bake-off.



## Career

## Chats

Columbus Grove Local Schools hosted its first quarterly Career Chat last Friday. Career Chats are an opportunity for the juniors and seniors to meet individuals from our community and learn about their career journeys. This quarter we focused on careers in the Health Services cluster and invited multiple professionals from this field. Future Career Chats will include Manufacturing/Engineering, Business/Entrepreneurship, and Public Service.



Speakers included Katie Zimmerly, Columbus Grove School Nurse; Sam Schroeder, a Laboratory Technical Specialist, Columbus Grove Dentist, Dr. Shana Schnipke; and Mary Kay Verhoff, Director of Women's Wellness Center at St. Rita's. Each speaker shared their career journey with the students, including how they became interested in their current field, what education/training they needed, what they do in a typical day at their job, and any advice to students considering a job in their field. Thanks to all the speakers for taking time out of their busy schedule to offer their experiences to our students!

"Do what you love, love what you do, and deliver more than you promise."

~ Harvey McKay

### Did You Know:

Below are the percentages of students per Fall extra-curricular activity who achieved the Honor Roll for the first quarter. Congrats scholar athletes and marching band members!

H.S. Cheer	72%
Jr. High Cheer	29%
H.S. CC	79%
Jr. High CC	47%
H.S. Football	67%
Jr. High Football	53%
Golf	40%
Marching Band	65%
H.S. Volleyball	88%
Jr. H. Volleyball	89%

### ACT Prep Parent Meeting Monday, Nov. 20th

8:00 p.m. HS Library

Columbus Grove Local Schools and Sylvan Learning Center are partnering together to offer an ACT Prep Program in the spring for high school juniors and sophomores before the June 9th ACT test date. Students and parents are encourage to attend this informational meeting.

The ACT Prep Program will include:

- 22 hours of instruction (11, 2-hr. sessions)
- A practice ACT test scored
- 1 year subscription to Sylvan online test prep website
- ACT Prep Program cost is \$92

Contact Mrs. Mindy Losh at 419-659-4310 with any questions.

Congrats to the 65 high school students who received an Academic Letter this Friday for their academic achievements during the 2016-2017 school year.

## QUIZ BOWL

The high school Quiz Bowl team is gearing up for another competitive season. Four members of the varsity team represented CGHS at the Channel 44 Whiz Quiz tournament in October. Broadcast dates for this tournament are scheduled for February 15, 17, and 18 with the re-broadcast dates being April 12, 14, and 15. Tomorrow, they will travel to Bluffton to compete in the NWC Quiz Team Tournament.

This year's team of twenty-eight members will practice on Wednesday evenings to compete in head-to-head academic matches answering questions from all areas of knowledge including history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture. The season begins the first week in January and runs for nine consecutive Wednesdays through February. They will then compete in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Putnam County Scholastic League Tournament on March 6, 2018. Good Luck Quiz Bowl Team!



### Financial Aid Night - Parent Meeting

All seniors and juniors, as well as their parents/guardians are invited to attend a FAFSA Financial Aid meeting on Monday November 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Information for completing the FAFSA application, as well as scholarships, grants, and loans will be discussed. This is a great opportunity to plan ahead and receive more details about financial aid for students pursuing collage after graduation. Contact school counselor Mrs. Losh for more information.



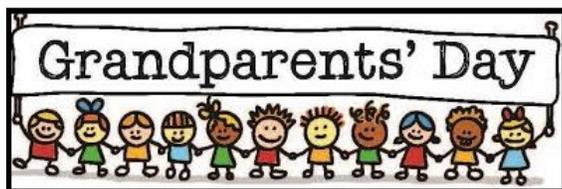
Teri Grothaus, Monica Kelsey, and Regina Caton visited freshmen Health classes and the Child Development Class to speak about the Safe Haven Program. Being a pediatric nurse practitioner, Teri is very focused on the well-being of children. As Mrs. Ohio International, Teri is an ambassador for Refuge International in Guatemala and promotes her Vitamin G platform to provide vitamins to the children of Guatemala. Monica Kelsey was abandoned as an infant and founded Safe Haven Baby Boxes Inc. Monica has made it her personal mission to educate others on the Safe Haven Law and do whatever it takes to save the lives if innocent babies from being abandoned.

In 1999, an overwhelming number of infant abandonments took place in dumpsters or other unsafe places. In response, a group of people worked together to create a law to protect the mother and guarantee that no parent had to secretly dispose of a newborn infant. Remarkably, since then over 3,300 babies have been safely surrendered nationwide under the Safe Haven Law. This law provides an alternative to abandonment and reduces the risk of harm to a newborn by a parent who feels fear, isolation, shame or may be under stress that could lead to harmful acts toward the baby. Newborns can be handed over to a fire station, police station, or hospital with no questions asked and no fear of prosecution. Safe Baby Haven Boxes allow mothers to anonymously place their unwanted newborn in a baby box at fire stations and hospitals without face to face interaction. These boxes are equipped with heating and cooling and opening the door notifies emergency personnel within 30 seconds. The baby is then transported to the hospital for a physical exam and ultimately adopted by a loving family. The 24-hour Safe Haven Crisis hotline is: 1-866-99BABY1.

### Jr. High Student Council



Row 1: Madison Zimmerly, Kierston Closson, Kayln Garmatter, Hadassa Jones, Kirsten Williams, Kate Short  
 Row 2: Luke Kaufman, Mitchell Caudill  
 Row 3: TJ Pingle, Jackson Schroeder, Braylon Baxter, Reed Schumacher, Noah Macke, Lawson Maag, Brenton Renner, Shep Halker



Grandparents are invited to join our elementary students in grades 1-3 as we celebrate Grandparent's Day on Wednesday, November 15th with a performance at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. There will also be a public performance that evening at 7:00 p.m. The Disney Showtime theme will feature many songs from popular Disney movies along with several characters. Come join the fun as these students sing songs about Disney characters through the decades.