

Superintendent's Report

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8th Grade Parent Meeting Wednesday, February 5

There will be an 8th grade student and parent meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, at 7:00 PM in the Commons. All students are expected to attend to receive information and related scheduling materials about transitioning to high school for 9th grade next school year. If you are unable to attend, please email Mrs. Losh at cg_losh@cg.noacsc.org in the school counseling office.

CG Schools Creates Martin Luther Week of Service Wall

Columbus Grove School recently chose to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a *Week of Service* to celebrate Dr. King's legacy of Community, Kindness, and Action. This event aims to inspire and recognize the contributions of our students in service and leadership. Here are just a few examples of students showing wonderful acts of service in our school and community:

- Ayden Moore Ayden painted fishing lures and sold them at a Christmas Market at his church. Ayden donated around \$300.00 to the Caring Closet and Angel Fund at Columbus Grove School.
- Katie Schumacher, Gavin Barraza, and Tanner Barto have shown kindness, empathy and friendship to the Schafer boys and helped them transition into the Columbus Grove School environment.
- Mrs. Stechschulte's Child Development Class visited elementary classrooms and read their favorite childhood books to our elementary students.
- Columbus Grove Student Council Members organized a fundraiser that collected over 250 cards that were sent to hospitalized children and raised over 310 pairs of socks to be given to those in need.
- Mrs. Stechschulte's 2023-24 Sewing class created a total of 14 bright-colored pillows to donate to children and families at the Ronald McDonald House.
- Kyler Short performed a random act of kindness by showing up after school to surprise Mrs. Hermiller by washing her car!

Your dedication to honoring Dr. King's legacy through acts of service, leadership, and community impact is truly inspiring. Thank you for helping us celebrate the spirit of service and excellence!











CG Cheerleading Hosts Throwback Night

Last Friday's game against Spencerville featured a special Throwback Night hosted by the Columbus Grove Cheerleading Squad! To celebrate the event, all JV and varsity cheerleaders took the court wearing vintage CG cheer uniforms from years past, creating a fun and nostalgic atmosphere. Cheer uniforms dated back to 1964!

We are grateful to the former CG cheerleaders who generously donated their uniforms, allowing our squad to honor the tradition and spirit of Bulldog cheerleading. A huge thank you also goes to CG Cheer Advisor Traci Kohls for organizing this memorable event. The girls looked fantastic, and the night was a wonderful tribute to our school's rich cheerleading history! These outfits must have been good luck, as our Bulldogs knocked off the undefeated, #1 ranked Spencerville that night as well!



2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. If your child will turn 5 years old before September 30, 2025, they are eligible for kindergarten. You can register on our website (cg.noacsc.org) by clicking the link in the Parents/Student/Community tab or you may contact the school at 419-695-2631 and we will walk you through the registration process. At the beginning of March, a letter will be sent informing you of your date and time for screening. The dates for screening will be April 10 and 11. Documents needed are a birth certificate, immunization records and/or Kindergarten boosters, parent ID, proof of residency (if new to the district and no other siblings attend CG schools) and custody papers if applicable.

CGHS Junior Parents Hosting a Ride and Drive Fundraiser Saturday February 22

On Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., the CGHS Junior Class Parents will host a "Ride and Drive" event with White's Honda & Toyota in the school parking lot. Participants simply need to test drive one of White's vehicles for five-ten minutes and the Post Prom committee will receive a donation. Participants must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. Please see the pamphlet below for more details. We hope to see you on February 22!



Columbus Grove Post Prom Ride & Drive Fundraiser

Test drive your dream car and support Columbus Grove Post Prom!

DRIVERS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

Saturday February 22nd, 2025 10 am-2 pm Columbus Grove Schools

If road advisory of level 2 or higher, event will be postponed to Saturday, March 1st

Test drives last 5-10 minutes Must have valid Driver's License & unique phone number

Partnership with White Honda & Toyota and Columbus Grove Junior Parents



Bulldog Bucks Raffle Tickets for Sale!

Have you purchased your Bulldog Bucks raffle ticket yet? If not, you are missing out on a chance to win \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$50,000! The Columbus Grove Athletic Boosters, in conjunction with the Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Columbus Grove Lions Club, are selling only 800 tickets for this raffle. The drawing for the three lucky winners will take place on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 p.m. at the June Jubilee, before the fireworks display. You need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased in the high school office this year for \$100 apiece. You may also purchase tickets from members of the various groups sponsoring this raffle. All proceeds will go to these groups sponsoring the raffle. Thank you in advance for your support of these important groups that do so much for the community of Columbus Grove!

Please Utilize the Remind Communication System

With the winter weather upon us, it is a good time to remind you of a quick and efficient way to receive the latest information from the district through our Remind notification system. You can sign up with an email address, a cell phone, or both. Students and Parents have been automatically added to the main district alert list as well as class groups for the teachers that will use Remind for classroom communication. For community members who are not staff, students, or parents, it is very easy to sign up with Remind to continue receiving alerts via one of three ways.

- Use the code @cgrovehs in the Remind App on your smartphone
- Text the message @cgrovehs to 81010
- Visit https://www.remind.com/join/cgrovehs on your computer

When asked what your role is, select "Parent." This system is very efficient in getting the latest information regarding school delays and closings, as well as other district-related information. Please contact Technology Coordinator Mike Keehn at cg_keehn@cg.noacsc.org if you have any questions.

Discover the Putnam County Resource Directory!

Looking for community events, educational opportunities, or local resources in Putnam County? The **Putnam County Resource Directory** is your one-stop shop for information and assistance! This user-friendly directory includes a wide range of resources, such as:

- Upcoming community events
- Educational opportunities
- Service directories
- Child care options
- Churches
- Clothing assistance
- And much more!

Whether you're seeking support or simply want to stay informed, the Putnam County Resource Directory has you covered. Explore it today at Putnam County Resource
Directory and discover all the resources our community has to offer!

Discover Career Opportunities with PutnamCountyWorks.com!

Looking for a new job, career advancement, or opportunities close to home? Check out

PutnamCountyWorks.com, your one-stop resource for connecting with employers and job openings in Putnam County. This easy-to-navigate website features a wide range of positions across industries, tools for building your resume, and resources to help you succeed in your job search.

PutnamCountyWorks.com is powered by the **Workforce Partnership of Putnam County**, a collaborative initiative dedicated to supporting local businesses, job seekers, and students. The partnership works to strengthen the community by connecting employers with a skilled workforce and offering valuable career development resources.

PutnamCountyWorks.com serves as a hub for job seekers, students and parents, educators, and employers. Whether you're a seasoned professional, just starting your career journey, or exploring options for the future, PutnamCountyWorks.com and the Workforce Partnership of Putnam County are here to help you succeed. Visit today and take the next step toward your future!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 30th

Girls JH Basketball @ Kalida - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 1st

Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Ada – 10:00 a.m. Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Arlington – 12:00 p.m. Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Continental – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4th

Boys JH Basketball @ Allen East – 5:00 p.m. Girls JH Basketball vs. Allen East – 5:00 p.m. Boys JH Wrestling vs. Crestview – 6:00 p.m. Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa- 6:00 p.m. Boys Varsity Wrestling vs. Crestview – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5th

Girls $7^{th}/8^{th}$ Grade Basketball Tournament @ Lincolnview @TBD

8th Grade Parent & Student Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Commons