



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

February 13, 2025

REMINDER: School in Session this Monday, February 17

Attention parents and guardians: Columbus Grove Schools will be **in session on Monday, February 17** due to the district exceeding its five allotted calamity days for this school year. Just to remind you, any extra calamity days beyond this will be addressed through **virtual learning days**. Please plan accordingly, and thank you for your flexibility and support in ensuring our students continue their learning. If you have any questions, please contact the superintendent's office at 659-2639.

Signing Day Celebrated at CGHS

Last week, three of our seniors put pen to paper on National Signing Day to declare where they were taking their athletic talents. Lauren Auchmuty signed her letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Findlay while Kylan Mayes and Trenton Barraza signed their letters of intent to continue their football careers at Defiance College. Our community has been fortunate to watch these students excel in multiple sports over the years and we wish them all the best as they venture into the next phase of their athletic careers!



CG Girls' Basketball Shines in Championship Week!

What an incredible week for our Ladies' Bulldog Basketball program! Last Thursday night, the varsity girls' basketball team defeated Bluffton to clinch the outright NWC title, their first since 2019! Then, just two days later, both the 7th and 8th grade girls' teams brought home NWC tournament championships, capping off outstanding seasons! Congratulations to our players, coaches, and supporters—success from top to bottom in this program! The future is bright for CG Girls' Basketball!



Staff Spirit Week Celebration

Last week, our amazing staff celebrated Staff Spirit Week, a fun-filled event designed to bring excitement, unity, and school spirit to our district! Each day featured a unique theme, encouraging creativity and camaraderie among

Our educators and staff.

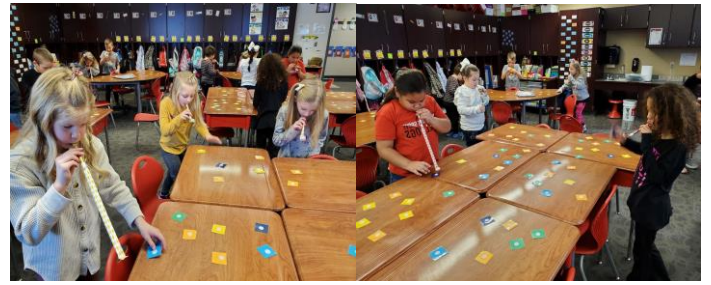
From dressing in all black for "Secret Service Day" to bringing quirky drink containers for "Anything but a Cup Day," there was plenty of fun to go around! The week concluded with "Jersey Day," and then we celebrated this past Tuesday with a "Souper Bowl Party" at lunch. Special thanks go to Mrs. Stechschulte's Family and Consumer Science classes for making the soups! Last week was all about building connections and celebrating the incredible work our staff does each day. Special thanks to Mrs. Bruce for putting together this fun week in the middle of winter!

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.

Putnam County Soil and Water Visits First Grade Classrooms

Bonnie Brooks from Putnam County Soil and Water visited the first-grade classrooms to teach students about frog sounds and habitats. Students learned to identify the calls of **bullfrogs, green frogs, and spring peepers**, as well as the importance of wetlands for their survival. To reinforce the lesson, each student used a **party horn with Velcro**, mimicking a frog's tongue, to catch Velcro-attached pieces—making for a fun and interactive experience!



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



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.

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!

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!

PaySchools to Increase Credit Card Transaction Fee February 12

PaySchools, the district's online payment platform used for school lunches, has recently informed its customers that beginning February 12, users will experience a rate increase to 3.25% and \$1.25 per transaction with a credit/debit card. PaySchools states that this adjustment is necessary due to rising costs associated with maintaining and improving the product, including infrastructure maintenance, ongoing development, cybersecurity, and a dedicated call center for parents. Please note: Parents can still put money on their child's account using cash or check. Just send the money in with your child or drop it off at the office and this money will be put on your child's account.

Did You Know?

Congratulations to the **Columbus Grove Bulldog Wrestling Team** for capturing **first place** at the **Ada Invite** on February 1, competing against **17 teams** and showcasing their strength and skill! Up next, the Bulldogs will hit the mat at the **Northwest Conference Meet** at **Allen East this weekend**, where they'll battle for their **third straight NWC title**. Come out and cheer them on as they go for the **three-peat!**

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 14th

No School – Teachers Professional Day

Boys JV and Varsity Basketball @ Delphos Jefferson – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 15th

Boys JH/Varsity Wrestling @ Allen East – NWC – 9:00 a.m.

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Ada (Tournament) – 2:00 p.m.

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 17th

Make up Day – School in Session