



# Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

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## Urgent Help Needed for CG Tutor Marc Rocher

Columbus Grove Schools is deeply concerned about the potential deportation of Marc Rocher, a valued member of our staff. Marc has served as an essential tutor, mentor, and support system for two of our students, navigating language barriers and cultural transitions. His dedication has left a lasting impact, and his absence would be a tremendous loss for our district. The recent termination of the CHNV parole program has placed Marc in an uncertain and unjust situation. We stand with him and urge our community to take action in advocating for his ability to remain in the United States, where he continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many. Below is a social media post from Andy and Amy Schafer, parents of Jean Luckson and Francion, providing more information regarding his situation. Thank you for any support you can give to Marc!



This is a picture of Marc Rocher with our sons, whom we adopted from Haiti last year. Our boys see Marc nearly every day—6 or sometimes 7 days a week. He is their tutor, but more importantly, he's like family. With the termination of the CHNV parole, we are at risk of losing "Our Marc". We urgently need your help!

Marc arrived in the U.S. legally under the CHNV parole program, seeking refuge from the severe humanitarian and security crisis caused by gang violence, political instability, and widespread insecurity in Haiti. The turning point for Marc's decision to leave was the kidnapping of a friend, which occurred while the friend was running an errand. Had Marc gone with his friend, he too would have been kidnapped.

Under the parole program, Marc was ineligible for government funding while waiting for his work permit. However, he does pay federal taxes, Medicare, city taxes, state taxes, and SERS out of his paycheck. He receives NO assistance from the U.S. government, yet he is still contributing to programs he will never benefit from. Marc has a U.S. Social Security Number, work permit, I-94, and driver's license—all of which are valid and have not expired.

On March 25, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security terminated the CHNV parole for approximately 160,000 Haitians, giving them only 30 days to self-deport. At that time, their work permits will be revoked, and they will be classified as illegal immigrants and criminals. Marc, along with others in this situation, is NOT a criminal. He is the most humble, self-sacrificing man we have the privilege to call friend.

Marc earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Valparaiso University in Haiti and completed a two-year master's program through Indiana Wesleyan University in Haiti. However, due to corruption in the organization hosting the classes, only half of the class was properly registered. Marc was part of the group that was told by Indiana Wesleyan that they had no record of his enrollment, rendering his degree unrecognized. This kind of corruption is common in Haiti. If his degree were recognized, he would have been eligible for additional visa opportunities, and he would not have needed the CHNV parole.

In the U.S., Marc worked as a liaison with AGC and later became a liaison at Hanon Systems. During that time, our lives crossed paths. The boys were struggling with severe trauma responses in the first few months of arriving here. There were so many people—friends, strangers, officers, interpreters, crisis response teams, and physicians—trying to help, and we were overwhelmed. Our pastor and his family, who were connected with the Haitian community in Lima, gave us Marc’s contact information. The rest of the story has been nothing short of a miracle.

A few months later, when the boys needed to attend school with ESL and socialization assistance, we found that there were no Creole interpreters or tutors available in Allen and Putnam Counties who could meet our sons’ needs. Columbus Grove Schools reached out to Marc and hired him. Shortly after, Lima City Schools did the same! Not only does Marc work for the schools, but he also volunteers. He leads a youth group, serves on the worship team, and teaches English classes.

We urgently need your help to get the word to Congress that this is NOT acceptable. This is NOT what we stand for. For Marc specifically, please contact the following representatives:

Congressman Jim Jordan  
Amanda Parlapiano  
Constituent Service Representative  
Phone 419.999.6455  
Email: [Amanda.Parlapiano@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amanda.Parlapiano@mail.house.gov)  
FAX 419.999.4238  
Address: 3121 West Elm Street, Lima, Ohio 45805

Senator Bernie Moreno  
Phone: (202) 224-3353  
Email: [moreno.senate.gov/contact-me](mailto:moreno.senate.gov/contact-me)  
Address: 400 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Jon Husted  
Phone: (202) 224-3353  
Email: [husted.senate.gov/contact](mailto:husted.senate.gov/contact)  
Address: 524 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Additionally, in the notice published by the Department of Homeland Security on March 25, 2025, it states that the Secretary (Department of Homeland Security) can make individual determinations. We urge you to contact Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and ask her to intervene.

Contact Information:  
Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem  
Phone: (202) 282-8000  
Email: [dhs.gov/contact-us](https://dhs.gov/contact-us)  
Address: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 301 7th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20528

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical matter. We appreciate your support in keeping Marc and others like him safe and in the U.S. where they can continue to contribute positively to our community.

### **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](https://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.

### **2025-2026 School Year Band Calendar Sale Underway**

The Columbus Grove Band Boosters are now accepting orders for the 63rd edition of the Community Birthday Calendar through the end of May. Orders can be placed with any band member or by completing and mailing the order form available at <https://bit.ly/CGBand2526>. The Band Boosters sincerely appreciate the continued support of our community and local businesses in making this fundraiser a success!

## March Madness of Books: A Slam Dunk for First Grade!

Our first-grade students recently took part in an exciting March Madness of Books, a creative and engaging way to encourage a love of reading! Starting with 16 books, students voted after each matchup, narrowing the field to the final two. For the last contest, Mr. Calvelage read both finalists, and in a thrilling finish, *We Will Rock Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins edged out *The Couch Potato* by Jory John with a close 22-20 vote.

A huge thank you to our first-grade teachers for coming up with such a fun and meaningful way to get students excited about reading. Their creativity made this experience both enjoyable and educational for our young learners!



## Mrs. Stechschulte's Family Consumer Science Classes Learn About Diet Related Diseases

Mrs. Steck's Life Skills classes learned about diet related diseases and healthy eating habits and then competed to create the best fruit pizza. Each class chose a winner. Great job to all students!!



## 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!

## **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 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:**

### **Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Varsity Track @ Liberty Benton – 4:30 p.m.

JH Softball @ Bluffton – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball @ Ottawa Glandorf – 5:00 p.m.

JV Softball vs. Patrick Henry – 5:00 p.m.

### **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

JH Softball @ Elida – 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 5:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

JH Track @ Findlay – 4:30 p.m.

JH Softball vs. Lincolnview @ Hall Ave. -5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

JH Baseball vs. LCC – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

JV Softball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.