



Superintendent's Report

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Recognizing Our Outstanding Administrative Professionals

This week, we celebrated Administrative Professionals Day—a perfect opportunity to recognize the incredible work of our secretaries here at Columbus Grove Schools. We are truly fortunate to have a team of professionals who keep our schools running efficiently and support our staff and students with unmatched dedication and care.

A big thank you goes out to Kristal Pingle (K-12), Kim Smith (Guidance), Jill Maag (EMIS/Athletic Department), and Cari Fuerst (Superintendent's Office). Each of these women is an essential part of our school community, often working behind the scenes to solve problems, organize information, and keep everything on track.

Please join me in thanking Kristal, Kim, Jill, and Cari for everything they do to make Columbus Grove Schools one of the best in the state!

2025 Junior-Senior Prom Set for This Saturday!

This Saturday, the Columbus Grove Junior Class will host the 2025 Junior-Senior Prom, with this year's vibrant theme being *Rio*. A large group of juniors and seniors are expected to attend what promises to be a colorful and exciting evening. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m., with dinner served by Lock Sixteen at 7:30 p.m. The dance will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Following the dance, Post Prom will be held at the school from 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., featuring a variety of fun games, activities, and prize giveaways to keep the celebration going.

Special thanks to Junior Class Advisor Katie Stechsulte for her leadership in organizing this much-anticipated

event. We are also incredibly grateful to the many junior class parents who have stepped up to volunteer in so many ways to help make Post Prom a safe, fun, and successful evening for our students.

Support the Lady Bulldogs—The Annual Salt Bag Fundraiser Now Underway!

The Columbus Grove Girls' Basketball Team is excited to announce its 12th Annual Water Softener Salt Fundraiser! This popular event helps support our student-athletes and includes the convenience of home delivery. We are offering:

- Yellow Salt Bags (40 lbs) for \$9.00
- Green Salt Bags with Iron Out (40 lbs) for \$10.00

Delivery is included and will take place on Wednesday, June 26, with the salt placed in your designated area. Orders are due by **May 9** and can be submitted in one of two ways:

1. **Online:** Complete the form at <https://forms.gle/J2koeaRAAbyyH8c8A> or scan the QR code provided in this newsletter.
2. **Paper Form:** Fill out the attached order form and return it to the school.

Please note: Online payment is not available, so all payments must be sent to the school or turned in to a team member. Thank you for your continued support of our girls' basketball program—we appreciate the opportunity to serve you!

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!

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.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, April 25th

JH Baseball vs. Allen East – 5:00 p.m.

JH Softball @ Lima Senior (8th grade) – 5:00 p.m.

JV Baseball @ Delphos St. John's – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Lima Senior – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26th

JV Baseball vs. Ottawa Glandorf – 10:00 a.m.

JV Softball vs. Liberty Benton – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Track – Top Traveling Meet - 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 28th

JH Track @ Ada Tri – 4:30 p.m.

JH Softball @ Ada – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball vs. Lincolnview – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball vs. Lincolnview – 5:00 p.m.

Grades 1-3 Spring Music Program – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29th

Varsity Track -Grove Tri – 4:30 p.m.

JH Baseball vs. Elida (8th grade) – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball vs. Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball vs. Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30th

JH Baseball vs. Miller City (8th Grade) – 5:00 p.m.

JH Softball @ Bath – 5:00 p.m.

JV Softball @ Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.