



# Superintendent's Report

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## **Celebrating Staff Appreciation Week at Columbus Grove Schools**

This past week, Columbus Grove Schools celebrated Staff Appreciation Week (May 5–9), a time to recognize the incredible individuals who make our district such a special place to learn and grow. We are extremely fortunate to have a caring and supportive staff that looks out for the well-being of our community's young people each day. From the classrooms and cafeterias to the offices, buses, and beyond, it takes all of us working together to create a positive, safe, and engaging learning environment for our students.

To all of our staff: thank you for your dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts. Your impact reaches far beyond academics—you help shape the lives and futures of every child who walks through our doors. We appreciate you!

## **Wellness Week 2025 Brings Positivity and Self-Care to CG Schools**

This past week, Columbus Grove students and staff celebrated Wellness Week 2025, focusing on the importance of mental, emotional, and physical well-being. Each day featured a fun dress-up theme paired with meaningful wellness goals. From “Move-It Monday”, where students were encouraged to stay active and wear athletic gear, to “Thoughtful Thursday”, which emphasized kindness and featured thank-you card writing, the week was filled with positivity and purpose. Other highlights included “Wellness Wednesday,” where students wore bright colors to promote mental health awareness, and guided activities led by staff.

These small, intentional actions served as reminders that wellness is more than a moment. it's a mindset.

A special thank you goes to School Counselor Brenda Bruce for organizing and coordinating this impactful week. Her thoughtful planning brought energy, creativity, and meaningful experiences that helped our students and staff reflect, recharge, and reconnect.

## **Athletic Physicals for 2025-2026 at Grove Chiropractic**

*Athletic Physicals for the 2025-26 school year for CG students are once again being offered at Grove Chiropractic for a cost of \$10.*

- *Physicals for grade 6-8 students are May 13 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.*
- *Physicals for grade 9-11 students are May 20 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.*

Physical Forms can be printed from Final Forms after completing your forms for the 2025-26 school year. To find the forms, sign into Final Forms, click the blue "Switch to 2025-26 Registration" button at the top of the page, complete the forms, and then print the physical form on the last page. You will not be able to print your form unless you switch to the 25-26 school year. Turn the signed form into the office when it is has been completed.

### **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!

### **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 **tomorrow, 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!

### **Attention Graduating Seniors (and Parents)!**

The area Council of Churches is sponsoring the Baccalaureate Service for all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. All seniors will receive an invitation in the mail. Please RSVP to the church, or in the high school office.

Seniors should clean their lockers out by Friday, May 9. Seniors will not be released from class to clean out their lockers. This should be completed at the end of the day on Thursday, or before the start of the school day on Friday. We will check senior lockers after school on Friday, May 9. Seniors still needing to attend to their lockers will be asked to take care of this after graduation rehearsal on Thursday, May 15. Students are responsible for turning in their textbooks to the appropriate teachers to not be charged for a book fee.

Other items of note:

- All technology should be returned to Technology Coordinator Mr. Keehn.
- Graduation rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, at 9:00 a.m. (this counts as school day for seniors, so they must attend). Please report to the High School Gym by 8:30 a.m. Students must attend the rehearsal on Thursday morning to participate in the commencement ceremony. The student dress code is in effect for rehearsal.
- The Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, at 2:00 p.m. Graduates are to report to the high school commons by 1:15 p.m. if they are not attending the Baccalaureate.

- Any graduate not planning to participate in the commencement should notify Mrs. Pingle in the high school office ASAP.
- Final transcripts should all be ordered electronically through Parchment by Friday, May 2. Seniors needing help with this should contact the guidance office.
- Important Upcoming Dates for Seniors:
  - **Monday, May 12** Senior Class Trip to Cedar Point
  - **Tuesday, May 13** 7:00 p.m. Senior Awards Night
  - **Wednesday, May 14** Senior Exams (open campus)
  - **Thursday, May 15** 9:00 a.m. Graduation Rehearsal/class speaker rehearsal (after practice)
  - **Sunday, May 18** 12:30 p.m. – Baccalaureate (in HS gym) 2:00 p.m. – Graduation Ceremony

### **District Communications Moving to ParentSquare for the 2025-26 School Year**

Columbus Grove Schools has been using Remind for the last five years as our platform to send out notifications and allow our teachers and coaches to communicate with parents, students, and the community. Remind was recently purchased by another communications company, ParentSquare, and they have encouraged school districts to begin to migrate to the new platform.

Columbus Grove will be migrating our communications along with our website over this summer and begin using ParentSquare fully for the 2025-2026 school year. Below you can see the general timeline for this process.

- March 2025 - Initial Meetings and Kick-Off
- April 2025 - Data Synchronization Configuration
- April 2025 - Website Design and Content Migration Begins
- May 2025 - New Website Launches at <https://cgbulldogs.org>
- May 2025 - Some Athletics Groups begin using ParentSquare for Summer communications

- August 2025 - Parents and Students will be added to classes automatically. Community members can begin signing up for the new system.
- August 2025 - Final District Remind messages will be sent to announce that all communications have moved to ParentSquare.

### **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, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

JH Track – NWC Championship @ Spencerville – 4:15 p.m.

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

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

### **Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

Varsity Track – PCL Meet @ Ottoville – 4:30 p.m.

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

JV Baseball @ Miller City – 5:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

JV Baseball vs. Findlay – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Softball vs. Leipsic – 12:00 p.m.

### **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

JV Baseball vs. Kalida – 5:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Physical for grades 6-8 @ Grove Chiropractic – 3:00 p.m.

Varsity Track @ Kalida -4:30 p.m.

JV Baseball @ Lima Senior – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Baseball @ Pandora Gilboa – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball @ Pandora Gilboa – 5:00 p.m.

Senior Awards – 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Varsity Track NWC Championship – 4:30 p.m.

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

Grades 5-12 Spring Choral Concert – 7:30 p.m.