



# Superintendent's Report

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## CGHS Hosting Hoopin' for a Cure this Saturday

A few years ago, Leipsic and Columbus Grove began to schedule both the girls' and boys' basketball games on the same Saturday, with parents from the hosting school holding a fundraiser for funds to either the Putnam County Cancer Assistance Program (CAP) or the Sherry Halker Pink Ribbon Warrior Fund. Columbus Grove will be hosting these games this Saturday. Please make plans to join us for this activity-filled day for a wonderful cause. The girls' games begin at 1:00 p.m. and the boys' games begin at 6:00 p.m.

## Athletic Boosters' Reverse Raffle Date set for March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mark your calendar for this annual event that will take place on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the American Legion. This evening is the CG Athletic Boosters' main fundraising project for each year. Please contact Jennifer Pingle at 659-5801 if you are interested in purchasing tickets for this year's event. The American Legion will again be preparing steak and chicken dinners for the meal this year. Tickets will also be available for sale at upcoming home basketball games. Tickets may be purchased at the 50/50 raffle table. Thank you in advance for your support for this cause!

## Update on School Delays/Cancellations

As of January 8th, Columbus Grove Schools had two school closings (8/30/17 & 1/8/17) and two 2-hour delays (9/15 & 12/14) so far this school year. The district allows up to five school closings per year for inclement weather and other emergency situations. If a sixth calamity day is announced, per the school calendar, the district will begin making up additional days in the following manner:

- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Hopefully, the weather this winter will not force us to have to use any make-up days. If you have any questions about our school delay/closing procedure, please contact Mr. Verhoff at 659-4301.

## January is School Board Appreciation Month

School board members exemplify local citizen control and decision-making in education. They volunteer hundreds of hours and an immeasurable amount of energy to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community. Here are some reasons we are taking this opportunity to show them our appreciation during School Board Recognition Month in January.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children — what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

These are individuals elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy — sometimes challenging — meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education; and during numerous conversations about the schools.

Our school board is one of more than 700 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture and circumstances.

It's a tradition that began nearly 300 years ago. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school boards have an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. The staff and students of our school district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children's education."

So, hats off to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our communities. We salute the public servants of Columbus Grove Local Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow. We are privileged to have the following board members who diligently serve the community of Columbus Grove:

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| Brad Brubaker (22 yrs.)  | Brian Jones (10 yrs.)      |
| Ken Kruse (10 yrs.)      | Brent Stechsulte (10 yrs.) |
| Ned Stechsulte (12 yrs.) |                            |

### **Please Utilize the CG Text Alert 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 an online notification system. You can sign up with an email address, a cell phone, or both.

All messages will come from the address OHIOALERTS.ORG. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation message to each address. Simply go to <http://ohioalerts.org/ColumbusGrove> to sign up for this notification system. This system is very efficient in communicating the latest information regarding school delays and closings, as well as other district related information.

This system is very efficient in keeping subscribers updated with news and announcements. We now have over 2,700 subscribers!

### **Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted**

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove School, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

### **Basketball Trivia**

As we head into the heart of January, the winter basketball season is reaching the midpoint of its regular season schedule. Here's a little CG Basketball trivia this week:

Which girls' and boys' players hold the CG record for the most points in a game?

Which girls' and boys' players hold the CG record for the most steals in a game?

Which girls' and boys' players hold the CG record for the most assists in a game?

Which girls' and boys' players hold the CG record for the most free throws in a game?

Which girls' and boys' players hold the CG record for the most rebounds in a game?

Answers will be in next week's update.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Thursday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>**

H.S. & Jr. High Wrestling vs. Riverdale, 2:00 p.m.  
Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. Pandora, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls Jr. High Basketball @ Pandora, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls JV & V. Basketball vs. Spencerville, 6:00 p.m.  
Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Boys JV & V. Basketball @ Spencerville, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>**

H.S. Wrestling @ Coldwater, 9:00 a.m.  
Jr. High Wrestling @ Ayersville, 9:00 a.m.  
Girls JV & V. Basketball vs. Leipsic, 1:00 p.m.  
Boys JV & V. Basketball vs. Leipsic, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**

No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. Spencerville, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls Jr. High Basketball @ Spencerville, 5:00 p.m.  
Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Arlington, 5:30 p.m.  
H.S. & Jr. High Wrestling @ Bluffton, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**

Scholastic Meet vs. Ottoville, 4:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**

Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. Ft. Jennings, 5:00 p.m.