



# Superintendent's Report

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## CG Employees Make United Way's Top Ten Campaign List

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the United Way of Putnam County's annual meeting with our elementary principal, Brad Calvelage. During this meeting, awards were presented for highest campaign fundraisers in the county. I am pleased to tell you that Columbus Grove Schools was one of only two school districts in the county to earn the Bronze Award. Furthermore, Columbus Grove Schools made the Top Ten Campaigns list for the county, marking the first time a school district has ever made the Top Ten Campaign list for United Way of Putnam County!

Brad and I were able to hear representatives speak from the county's partner agencies who benefit from the United Way. To see the impact these funds are having on so many people in need in our county was wonderful. Congratulations to the employees of Columbus Grove Schools for their outstanding support for the people in our county!

## Career Chats Continue at CGHS

Each quarter our new Career Chat Program invites speakers in to chat with students about their career journey, their position, and their experiences. The hope is to introduce students to career clusters and job opportunities. Our second quarter Career Chat involved manufacturing and engineering. Speakers included Brent Stechsulte (Vice President of Field Operations for Tuttle Construction); Mike Hawk (Training Supervisor at GROB); Shannon Shartell (HR at Pro Tec); Brian Sager (Pro Tec Associate); and Tracy Gerding (Engineer at Whirlpool). The valuable information that these individuals shared with our students is immeasurable and provides a wonderful opportunity to give them firsthand information on careers and workforce opportunities. Many thanks go to these individuals for taking time from their day to meet with our juniors and seniors. The third quarter Career Chat will focus on small business/entrepreneurship.

## Students Perform in OMEA Competition

Recently, CGHS students Jordan Bellman, Thomas Otto, and Kylie Muter performed for the OMEA District 3 Honors Chorus at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. This was Kylie's fourth year being a part of the Honors Chorus. Congratulations Jordan, Thomas, and Kylie on being selected to perform for this prestigious event!

## Hoopin' for a Cure Thanks

In last week's update, I was pleased to announce that nearly \$10,000 was raised for the Sherry Halker Pink Ribbon Warrior Fund at the Hoopin' for a Cure benefit held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The organizational committee would like to express its gratitude to the following individuals and businesses for their donations:

4 Seasons Car Wash; 5 Angle; Ag Credit Union; Allison Rad; Alt's Gas Station; Always Right Driving School; Anonymous; Axe Handle; B & M Lawn Care; Beads by Beth; Beckman Jewelers; Bike Crazy LLC; Birnesser Builders; Campito Lindo; Carl's Hardware; Casey Burkholder; Crum Trucking; Dee Hoffman Advocare; Dr. Walther; Fast Trax; Fearless Soul Beauty; Glandorf Feed Co.; Good Stuff Promotional Products; Griller's; Grove Insurance; Grove Laundry Mat; Gustwiller's; Hawkey's Pharmacy; Henry's Restaurant; Hirzel Canning-Doug Bellman; Hoyt's Tavern; Huggin's & Car Quest; In Memory of Bill Witteborg; Irwin Computer Solutions; Irwin Realty; Joy's Candles; Kalida Market; James and Deb Essex; Jeff and Melissa Basinger; Jerry and Karen Blankemeyer; Jeri and Randy Reynolds; Jill and Ron Zimmerly; John Deere; Life's a Beach Tanning and Hair Care; Little Caesar's; Love's Truck Stop; Lynn Downing; Macey Dunlap; Mary Kay Verhoff; Merle Norman; O'Reilly's Auto Parts; Ottawa Oil; Ottawa Ordinance; Ottawa Shell Party Mart; Ottawa Tire and Service; Pat Vorst and Son; Phantasm; Pingle Exterior; Pizza 101; Pizzeria; Powerhouse Electric Supply; Revitalize Spa; Roxie and Randy Schumacher; Red Pig Inn; Restaurant Bundle; Rick Halker Family; Rowdy Rooster; Shannon Theater; Shear Power; Shirley's Popcorn; St. Rita's; Sharon and Gene Ricker; Sheri Sybert; State Farm; Stoney Barbershop; Susan Jones; Tabler's Drive Thru; The Barber Style Shop; The Union Bank; Touch of Glass by Tammy Morman; Touch of Sun Tanning Salon; Town and Country Flowers; True Value Hardware; Z-Sports Live.

### Sewing Projects Completed

Mrs. Fought's first semester sewing class completed several projects which included fleece quilts, t-shirt quilts, body pillows, aprons, pajama pants, a purse, valance, and various Christmas decorations. Students making quilts were Emily Blankemeyer, Payton Gonzalez, Hannah Grigsby, Tucker Maag, Kidd Pitney, Autumn Renner, Alycea Ruhlen, Lauren Schroeder, Clayton Sharrits, Haley Spencer, Kaylee Stauffer, Wyatt Sybert, and Seth Verhoff. Several students made quilts for friends or family members. Autumn Renner made a very special quilt that she gave to her grandmother crafted from clothing items of her deceased grandfather.

### Scholastic Book Fair Begins Next Week

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Columbus Grove Elementary January 29th through February 2nd. Students in grades KG-8 will have the opportunity to visit the book fair and purchase books. A large selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level will be available.

Reading for pleasure has long-lasting benefits. It improves literacy skills, builds vocabulary, promotes cognitive development, leads to academic achievement, reduces stress, and enhances social skills. All purchases benefit the school. See you at the Book Fair!

### Did You Know:

Congratulations to our second quarter Honor Roll recipients! Below are the percentages of students by grade level who achieved the Honor Roll for the second quarter.

Grade 5	55%
Grade 6	42%
Grade 7	54%
Grade 8	52%
Grade 9	63%
Grade 10	57%
Grade 11	55%
Grade 12	74%
Jr. High	53%
High School	62%

### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Bluffton, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Bluffton, 6:00 p.m.

#### Friday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

H.s. Wrestling @ LCC, 4:00 p.m.  
Boys JV & V. Basketball vs. Bluffton, 6:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>

H.S. Wrestling @ LCC, 9:00 a.m.  
Girls 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Coldwater, 10:00 a.m.  
Boys JV & V. Basketball vs. Ottawa, 6:00 p.m.

#### Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Book Fair, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Boys Jr. High Basketball Tournament @ Crestview, TBA  
Girls 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Carey, 5:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball @ Kalida, 5:00 p.m.  
Boys Jr. High Basketball vs. Ada, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls Jr. High Basketball @ Ada, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Liberty Benton, 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>

Scholastic Meet vs. Miller City, 4:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Boys 9<sup>th</sup> Basketball vs. Van Buren, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls Jr. High Basketball @ Delphos Jefferson, 5:00 p.m.  
Girls JV & V. Basketball @ Delphos Jefferson, 6:00 p.m.