



# Superintendent's Report

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## **Columbus Grove Elementary Named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School!**

We are excited to announce that Columbus Grove Elementary School has been named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School! Out of more than 3,000 schools in Ohio, we are honored to be one of only 14 in the state to receive this prestigious award.

The *National Blue Ribbon Schools* program was established in 1982 by the U.S. Department of Education. It recognizes public and private schools demonstrating exceptional academic performance or significant progress in closing achievement gaps. Over the years, the program has become a symbol of excellence, celebrating schools that foster high levels of student success through strong teaching, leadership, and community support.

This award reflects the hard work and commitment of our students, staff, and entire community. We are incredibly proud to receive this national recognition!

## **34<sup>th</sup> Eyes with Pride Band Show this Saturday!**

This Saturday, Columbus Grove Schools will host the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Eyes with Pride Competition Band Show at Clymer Stadium. We would like to welcome all performers, parents, friends, and supporters of the many young musicians who will perform. 13 high school bands, including our own Bulldog Marching Band, will entertain spectators while attempting to earn a Superior to compete in the OMEA state finals later this fall. Bands will be judged on their technical music accuracy, musical and visual presentation, marching accuracy, coordination, and music interpretation. The show begins at 5:00 p.m., with Ada Marching Band starting the night. This year's group of bands competing (besides the CG Marching Band, who will perform last) is Fort Recovery, Continental, Kalida, Maumee, Liberty Benton, Van Wert, St. John's Jesuit, Perkins, Sylvania Southview, Berne Union, and Westland.

Come support our CGMB and other bands in our area as they put on a spectacular show!

## **CG Football Team Hosting Military Night this Friday**

This week has been a special one for the Bulldog Football program as it leads up to Military Night at tomorrow's home football game versus Fort Loramie. The first two nights of the week were very workout-intensive for our players. On Monday, members of the Ohio National Guard led the team through a "Boot Camp" workout. On Tuesday, the team went through a "Murph" cross-fit workout. Many CrossFit-affiliated gyms, military members, veterans, and civilians participate in the "Murph" every year to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. This workout consists of a mile run, 300 air squats, 200 push-ups, 100 pull-ups, and concludes with another mile run.

Tonight, the players will have their team meal at the VFW with the color guard. Tomorrow night's game will include guests from the Ohio National Guard. The Bulldogs will play in their special military jerseys, with the name of a veteran they are honoring on the back nameplate of their jersey. Many thanks go to the Columbus Grove the VFW who purchased these special camouflage jerseys for our football team!

Public Address Announcer Nick Gilgenbach will read every player's name on our roster, along with the name of the veteran he is honoring on the back of his jersey.

Below is a tentative timeline for pre-game events:

- 6:45 p.m.- Singing of *America the Beautiful* by the CGHS Choir
- 6:50 p.m.-All players will have the name of the veteran they are playing for announced on the PA system.
- 6:55 p.m.-Playing of the National Anthem
- 7:00 p.m.- Kickoff

Please join us as we honor our military tomorrow night at Clymer Stadium.

### **Fun Cafeteria Events Coming in October!**

This October, the cafeteria has some exciting activities planned!

On Thursday, October 10th, we're participating in the *Great Lakes, Great Apple Crunch!* Elementary students who purchase lunch will get a locally sourced apple, and when everyone is seated, we'll all take a big "CRUNCH" together! Want to learn more? Feel free to search for info online or contact us.

From October 14th to 18th, we'll celebrate *National School Lunch Week* with the theme, "School Lunch Pirates, Find Your Treasure." The cafeteria will be decorated, and staff will dress up as pirates! Elementary students can join in on the fun with dress-up days—check the October lunch menu for details.

We'll kick off the week on Monday, October 14th, with *National Dessert Day* featuring a delicious Carnival Cookie! Don't miss out on the fun!

### **2024 Fall Newsletter Coming Soon**

We have produced a fall newsletter which will be mailed in the next few weeks to all district residents. Contents include updates on district awards, new student curriculum for 2024-25, updates on the arts and athletics, November levy renewal information, and a district financial update. Look for these eight-page document to arrive in your mailboxes this month. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 419-659-2639 or [cg\\_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_verhoff@cg.noacsc.org).

### **Input Needed Regarding New Board in Football Locker Room**

Head Football Coach Andy Schafer is working on a new project for the football locker room at the Bulldog Athletic Facility. He is working with a company to create a signboard that lists all the former CG Football players who have played football at the collegiate level. Please go to <https://cgbulldogs.com/next-level-college-football-players-from-cg/> for the list that has been compiled.

If you know of other former players who need to be added to the list, contact Coach Schafer at [cg\\_schafer@cg.noacsc.org](mailto:cg_schafer@cg.noacsc.org).

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

JH Volleyball @ SPPS – 5:00 p.m.

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

Varsity Football vs. Fort Loramie – 7:00 p.m. – Military Night

#### **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball -NWC Tournament @ Spencerville – 9:00 a.m.

Varsity Cross Country @ Lion's Invitational @ Coldwater – 9:00 a.m.

Eyes With Pride Band Show – 2:00 p.m.

Freshman Volleyball vs. Pandora-Gilboa – 9:00 a.m.

JV Football @ Fort Loramie – 10:00 a.m.

JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Pandora Gilboa – 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Soccer vs. Ottoville – 11:00 a.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball vs. Bluffton - NWC Tournament – 11:30 a.m.

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

Freshman Volleyball vs. Kalida – 4:30 p.m.

JH Volleyball vs. Delphos Jefferson – 5:00 p.m.

Varsity Soccer @ Crestview – 5:00 p.m.

JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Kalida – 5:30 p.m.

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

JH Volleyball @ Pandora-Gilboa – 5:00 p.m.

JV & Varsity Volleyball vs. Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.