



Superintendent's Report

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Thank You, Veterans!

In recognition of Veterans Day last Monday, the students and staff again participated in the Jeans for Troops or Sweats for Soldiers. All staff and students who participated made a monetary donation, which will be donated to local entities that support our veterans. Over \$600 was raised and will be donated to the Columbus Grove American Legion this year.

We also started each morning this week on the announcements with a local veteran leading the entire student body in the Pledge of Allegiance. Many thanks to the following veterans for coming to school early this week to lead our staff and students in the Pledge: Cliff Collar, Jon Witteborg, Joby Watkins, Greg Heckel, and Doug Alt. Thank you to all our veterans who have served our country and allow us to have the many freedoms we enjoy!

Congratulations to Our Ohio Means Jobs Raffle Winners!

Columbus Grove Schools is proud to recognize students in grades 7 and 8 who exemplify the 14 Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Skills. These important skills include reliability, work ethic, teamwork, professionalism, critical thinking, and more. Each quarter, core teachers nominate students who demonstrate these qualities.

This quarter's winners are:

- **Kayla McDowell**, nominated by Mrs. Gwen Klear for her hard work and initiative in completing assignments and asking questions when needed.

- **Anne Moore**, nominated by Mrs. Gwen Klear for her professionalism and dedication to improving her work by learning from mistakes.
- **Adrian Birnesser**, nominated by Mrs. Lisa Schroeder for her professionalism, honesty, and responsible behavior in and out of class.
- **Brooklyn Hoover**, nominated by Ms. Rachel Jay for her punctuality and willingness to volunteer in class.
- **Amelia Shoop**, nominated by Mr. Suever for consistently arriving early, being prepared, and demonstrating readiness to learn every day.

Congratulations to these outstanding students for their hard work and dedication to success! Keep up the great work!



Popular PIE Fundraiser Kicks Off Today

Last year, the CG Elementary Partners in Education (PIE) group conducted a gift card fundraiser, utilizing local area businesses. This was an incredibly successful fundraiser that benefited the PIE group's ability to support student initiatives in the elementary.

This year, PIE is bringing this fundraiser back, just in time for the holidays. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following businesses: Aguirre's Fillin' Station, Shannon Theatre, Cancun Mexican Restaurant, The Dairy Whip, Farmhouse Market & Deli, Halker's Bar and Grill, Indian Trail Garden Center, The Pizzeria, Ooh La Latte, Lock 16 Steakhouse, The Red Pig Inn, Sycamore Lake, Shirley's Popcorn, and The Axe Handle. Your generosity has been instrumental in the success of this fundraiser.

A round of applause goes to the High School of Business classes for creating the hype video for this fundraiser kickoff and senior cheerleaders Abby Buescher and Audrey Keehn for coordinating the kickoff assembly with the elementary students.

Students must turn in all sales by Monday, December 2. All purchased gift cards will be distributed to the student sellers on December 18 and 19. This will allow purchasers of these gift cards the time to give them out for the holidays. Many thanks to our community for buying this gift cards to support PIE and our local businesses!

Congratulations to Our First Quarter PAWS Program Raffle Winners!

The PAWS Program is a Positive Behavior Intervention System to help students in grades 7 and 8 thrive at their "job" of being a student. Columbus Grove teachers and staff encourage students to be their best at academics. Students can earn PAWS each quarter by showing academic improvement in core subject areas from quarter to quarter, attending school regularly (95% each quarter), earning A's in core subject areas, and exhibiting Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Skills. Students earning PAWS are entered into a drawing each quarter for small prizes. This program was created to achieve the following objectives for our CG Bulldogs:

- 1) Students will introduce themselves to the guidance secretary, Mrs. Smith.
- 2) Students will meet with the school counselor, Mrs. Losh, to discuss their career interests, academic improvements, and to enhance their social-emotional development.
- 3) Students will practice eye contact, handshakes, and checking emails for appointments and announcements concerning PAWS.
- 4) Students will be introduced to and practice the 14 Ohio Means Jobs Skills needed in high school to earn the OMJ seal.

Today we recognized the 1st quarter drawing winners. Congratulations to Shilee Doenges, Sierra Dotson, Brooks Forrest, Jeremy Harnishfeger, Bennett Hartzog, Avery Hoorman, Brooklyn Hoover, Riley Jones, Scarlett Kozlowski, Elsie Schumacher, Amelia Shoop, Ariel Stechschulte, Alayna Sumney, Charlotte Teders, Iris Van Dyke, Mia Verhoff, Miranda Vogt, Karlee Weisenburger, and Tucker Wilson.



Want to Catch Bulldog Sports Online?

The CG Athletic Boosters, CG Athletic Department, and the Columbus Grove High School of Business present live stream and on-demand options to watch CG events. All activities on the football field at Clymer Stadium and in the high school gym will be available to watch on any device including on a TV using Roku. This subscription-based service will be available to purchase before the event for a single purchase, monthly subscription, or annual subscription. While we do not want to have local residents and fans skip the live atmosphere of the game, this is a great alternative for those out of the area to support our students. The option of watching games later at your own convenience is another added benefit. Visit <http://fan.hudl.com/cgbulldogs> to watch highlights and subscribe to this service.

Bulldog Bites

- The Bulldogs will face Sycamore Mohawk in the third round of the state football playoffs tomorrow night. The Bulldogs have played Mohawk once previously when they came away with a 35-23 victory in the 2002 state playoffs. Game time tomorrow is 7 p.m. at Fostoria's Memorial Stadium.

Upcoming Events

Friday, November 15th

Varsity Football vs. Mohawk @ Fostoria – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 18th

Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 22nd

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Shawnee – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 25th

No School – Professional Development Day (Teachers) – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 26th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Elida – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27th – Friday, November 29th

No School – Thanksgiving Break