



Superintendent's Report

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CGHS Students Lead and Serve!

This year, we have emphasized the point of our students leading and serving in positive ways to impact others. I am proud to share a couple such situations in which our students were recognized for displaying these admirable traits. The first letter is from Mr. Jim Cook of Lima:

"Last Friday night my wife, my sister in law and myself had the honor of attending the Allen East/Columbus Grove football game. First, I would like to say congratulations to both bands as they were great! Also, please thank the student body at CG. After the National Anthem, they started the chant "USA, USA" and several of the students also waved American flags. This brought tears to this old veteran. You should be very proud of both the students and the Columbus Grove parents! It gives me hope for this great country. I have never seen anything like this at any high school football game. Thank you!"

Great job, student section! We would also like to thank them for coming out to support the football team and marching band in last Friday's miserable weather. Team, band members, coaches and band directors greatly appreciated your support!

The second act was performed by CGHS freshman Lauren Benroth, and an LCC parent took the time to email Principal Mr. Best because of Lauren's act of kindness:

"I wanted to say thank you and recognize the young lady in this photo. I do not know her name. I am guessing that she is a Columbus Grove student. This picture was taken during the volleyball game on Tuesday between Columbus Grove and LCC.

My aunt and uncle arrived shortly after the game started that evening. My uncle who walks with the aid of a cane made his way up the bleachers to us. My aunt was following him and carrying their dinner from the concession stand. As you can see, her hands were full as she also carried her coat and purse. Now the Ottawa bleachers are a little precarious all on their own being that they are open to the underneath. It was too crowded for me to get to her. But thankfully before I even had the chance to figure out how to help, this young lady stepped up to offer assistance. No one suggested it to her, she was not asked to help, she didn't check to see who was watching, she simply saw someone in need and rose to the

occasion. Kudos to this young Columbus Grove student for having such kindness in her heart! Her good deed did not go unnoticed. It was very much appreciated! Please share our gratitude with her and her parents."

We did share this email with her parents, Brock and Ellie Benroth. Kudos to you, Lauren, for taking the initiative to help others in need!

Students Attend MakerFest

Friday, October 20th, thirty-nine students from grades 10-12 attended MakerFest at the Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center. The event is held each year to highlight the Greater Lima Region's career and quality of life opportunities for local students. All students attended three sessions which included a STEM competition, a Breakout Session, and the chance to visit the employer booths and college booths in the Main Exhibit Hall and Crouse Lobby. Congratulations to Dakota Alt for winning the MakerFest Twitter Contest and Danielle Bame for winning the Bingo contest. Lastly, congratulations to Enoch Jones, Madison Wiseman, and Maddie Nusbaum for placing 3rd in the STEM Trivia Challenge.

Introducing Career Chats

CGHS will begin quarterly Career Chats for our juniors and seniors giving them the opportunity to chat with individuals from the community and learn about their career journeys. Each quarter will focus on a specific career area. The first group of speakers from health science fields will meet with students on November 3rd to give a brief overview of their career path and answer questions. Kudos goes to Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Losh for coordinating and introducing our students to this great opportunity to learn more about various careers and the education necessary.

GI Go Fund Jeans Day

In recognition of Veterans Day, the LEO Club is sponsoring a GI Go Fund Jeans Day for staff and students on Wednesday, November 8th. For a \$5 donation, staff will be permitted to wear jeans and students who donate \$1 can wear hats. All proceeds will go to the GI Go Fund that helps veterans with housing, schooling, medical care,

legal services, employment, and career coaching. This simple fundraiser which began in 2011 has had an enormous impact and provides thousands of dollars in assistance to military veterans and their families. Your contribution can make a difference! Thanks to the LEO Club for sponsoring such a beneficial service project for the men and women of our country who have served in the military.

LEO Club Projects Underway

The LEO Club is in the midst of several service projects. Currently they are selling roses for the Lions Club fundraiser. The Lions Club helps to pay for glasses and eye exams for students in need, supports our community's youth teams and town parks, supports Habitat for Humanity, and take tickets for varsity football and basketball games.

Members of the LEO Club are also collecting recyclable paper products at school for Putnam County Recycles. Project leader Jacob Oglesbee and the following volunteers help collect the paper each month: Caleb Langhals, Bryce King, Riley Schumaker, Thomas Otto, Kyle Schroeder, Gabe Verhoff, Kurt Griffith, Jenna Hardeman, Lauren Diehl, Hailey Coleman, Abigail Laing, Haley Radabaugh, Peyton Brubaker, Reagon Clymer, Tayt Birnesser, Leandra Price, Alyssa Ellerbrock, Kaitlyn Herman, Emmie Griffith, and Stephanie Messer. So far this year, Columbus Grove School has recycled 740 pounds (.37 ton), Leipsic and St. Mary's Schools 3500 pounds (1.75 tons), Miller City School 1020 pounds (.51 ton), and Continental School 1100 pounds (.55 ton).

Incinerating one ton of paper produces up to 750 kg of carbon dioxide. Paper recycling conserves natural resources, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and keeps landfill space free for other types of trash that can't be recycled. Recycling one ton of paper can save 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space and 4,000 kilowatts of energy-enough to power the average U.S. home for six months and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton of carbon equivalent (MTCE). Putnam County Recycles and the environment thank you for your cooperation and making a difference!

Did You Know

Congratulations Honor Roll recipients! Below are the percentages of students by grade level who archived the Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Grade 5	53%
Grade 6	51%
Grade 7	57%
Grade 8	61%
Grade 9	65%
Grade 10	67%
Grade 11	56%
Grade 12	74%
Jr. High	59%
High School	65%

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Nov. 4th

Cross Country State Meet @ Hebron

Girls V. Basketball Scrimmage @ Lima Senior, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, Nov 5th

Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2:00 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 6th

H.S. Volleyball Banquet, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

Election Day

Wednesday, Nov. 8th

H.S. Football Banquet, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9th

NHS Blood Drive

Athletic Boosters Meeting 7:00 p.m.