



Superintendent's Report

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Early Dismissal March 16th

Columbus Grove Local Schools will have a 1:00 p.m. early dismissal tomorrow, March 16th. This is the end of the third nine weeks and professional staff will have an inservice at the conclusion of the day. A text alert reminder will be sent out as well.

Impressive Finishes to the Winter Sports Seasons

While the temperatures may not indicate it, spring is just around the corner, meaning spring's sports seasons are kicking into gear. However, I want to commend our winter sports teams and student athletes for their impressive finishes to their respective seasons. In wrestling, we had two young men qualify for the state meet in Columbus. These two wrestlers, Jeff Meyer and Dylan Sargent, are just a freshman and sophomore. We look forward to seeing them building upon their success this past season, as well as a number of other wrestlers who have a good chance of qualifying for state next year. Congratulations, wrestlers!

It is well documented about the injury bug that struck our girls' basketball team this past season. However, these girls persevered and captured their third consecutive NWC title. They also made it to the district final again, losing to a talented Ottoville team, who qualified for state this year. The work these girls put in this year, along with their subsequent success in spite of the injury setbacks, says a great deal about their character. Great work, ladies!

The boys' basketball team had just two seniors this year, along with a roster with little varsity experience. While their season had its share of ups and downs, these men were playing their best basketball at the end of the season, knocking off a 17-5 North Baltimore team during the sectional final at OG and then losing a hard-fought, double overtime loss to Kalida in the district semi-finals. This team came a long way this season and will have a nucleus of players with varsity experience to begin the season next year. Congrats on your season, men!

These student athletes represented our district well both on and off the court/mat of competition. It is not a coincidence that these athletes are led by excellent

coaches who hold their players responsible and push them to be their best. Many thanks go to varsity coaches Eric Siefker (wrestling), Brian Schroeder (girls' basketball), and Chris Sautter (boys' basketball), along with their coaching staffs, for all their time and dedication to their respective programs. We are fortunate to have such dedicated coaches working with our student athletes!

Columbus Grove & St. Anthony 8th Graders Visit Washington D.C.

Last week, the eighth graders from St. Anthony's and Columbus Grove went on their annual trip to Washington D.C. The trip was a great success, with students learning a great deal about our nation's capital. Students had the opportunity to visit the World War II, Lincoln, Jefferson, Korea, and Vietnam Memorials, along with the guided tours of the Capital Building, Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, and Holocaust Museum. Many thanks go to the 16 chaperones who helped with this trip. Also, kudos to junior high social studies teacher Ben Thiel for his efforts in organizing and leading this trip!

High School Students "Tapped" for NHS

Last week, CGHS students were "tapped," or recognized as potential candidates to be inducted into Columbus Grove's National Honor Society Chapter. The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. It is estimated that more than one million students nationally participate in activities of the NHS. Good luck to our "tapped" students!

Tapped CGHS students will have the opportunity to fill out their application to be considered for this elite honor. Accepted students will be inducted at a ceremony in April. Congratulations and best of luck to our high school students eligible for induction!

Fort Jennings Hosts Putnam County Arts Festival

The fifth annual Putnam County Arts Festival was held at Fort Jennings High School last Sunday. This festival was a combination of visual and performing arts. Columbus Grove students in grades 6-12 had artwork on display at the festival. The all-county choir and band put on an excellent show to a packed house in the high school gym as well.

Congratulations to Kylie Muter & Zach Watkins who received awards for being four-year members to the county choir. These students have represented our district very well these last four years! A special thank you goes to our art and music teachers, Maegan Rohdes, Sarah Ricker, Carla Wyant, Kristen Verhoff, and Matt Blymyer for all your efforts in organizing this event!

Freshman Learn CPR and AED Skills

Last week physical education teacher Connie Arthur and school nurse Katie Zimmerly teamed together to educate the freshman Health Class on CPR training and the use of an AED (automated external defibrillator). Ohio House Bill 113 requires that students in grades 9-12 receive basic CPR training sometime during their high school years. Beginning with this year's freshman class, we will now provide each freshman class with CPR and AED education to assist students in being more familiar with the CPR process and administering an AED in an emergency. Students practiced hands-on training to learn the skills necessary to perform child and adult CPR and also learned how to help a choking victim. Kudos to Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Zimmerly for providing our students with these lifesaving skills!

Did You Know

Daily attendance equals success and we are pleased to report that the first semester attendance rate was very high. The percentages by grade level are listed below. Congratulations Grade 3 on having the highest attendance rate!

KG	97.5%
Grade 1	97.9%
Grade 2	96.8%
Grade 3	98.2%
Grade 4	97.8%
Grade 5	97.6%
Grade 6	96.9%
Grade 7	97.8%
Grade 8	97.4%
Grade 9	97.3%
Grade 10	96.4%
Grade 11	97.4%
Grade 12	95.5%
Gr. KG-12 Avg.	97.3%

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 16th

End of 3rd Quarter
Student Early Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 19th

Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 23rd

High School Musical, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24th

V. & JV Baseball @ Shawnee, 1:00 p.m.
High School Musical, 7:00 p.m.