



Superintendent's Report

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Update on Calamity Days

Last Wednesday, March 21, was our sixth calamity day of the school year. Per the negotiated agreement, this school day will be made up by tacking on to the end of the current school year. The new last day of school for this year is Friday, May 25th. Columbus Grove Schools will not have school tomorrow or Monday in honor of the Easter holiday.

BioMed Students Attend STEM STEPS

Twelve BioMed sophomores recently attended the fourth annual Ohio State Lima STEM STEPS. This enriching day was filled with hands-on activities in various STEM fields that encouraged and stimulated an interest in science. The event is meant to empower young women to achieve success in STEM fields by instilling self-confidence and a can-do attitude. Students learned about the role of women in STEM fields and how they can impact the world with STEM education.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Manu B. Aggarwal. She earned her Doctor of Medicine at West Virginia University and her Masters in Health Services Administration at George Washington University. Currently she is employed as a phlebologist for the Lima and Celina offices of the Vein Care Center. She spoke about her high school and college educational experiences and how women can achieve their career goals.

The Drowsy Chaperone Does Not Disappoint!

If you had a chance to see last weekend's high school musical, you saw quite a show! Our student performers did an outstanding job in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. I have spoken with many people this week who had the opportunity to see the show and they could not say enough good things about the cast and their performance. Congratulations students for putting on such a hilarious show for the audience! Also, kudos to the show's directors, Mrs. Kristen Verhoff and Mrs. Carla Wyant, for the jobs they did putting this show together. This is Carla's last musical, and to say she went out on a high note would be an understatement!

Kindergarten Screening

Screening of Kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on April 16th and 17th in the elementary gym. Next year's Kindergarteners should have received a letter in the mail with a date and time to attend. The 45-minute screening will also include a vision and hearing test. Registration forms will be available for parents to complete during the screening process. Please bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card. If you have any questions, contact the elementary office at 419-659-2631.

World Studies Classes Participate in Shark Tank Challenge

To wrap up a World History unit on the industrial revolution, Mrs. Birnesser's World Studies classes participated in a "Shark Tank Challenge" to develop entrepreneurial skills. Students worked in groups to submit a manufactured good or service that was presented to the class and voted on for best proposal. The activity introduced students to entrepreneurship, exploring marketable opportunities, and identifying costs and profits of becoming an entrepreneur. The project also helped them better understand what customers want and what is necessary to meet business needs. The best proposal in the third period class invented the "Magic Popper" by Alayna Ricker, Keaton Donaldson, Abby Allen, and Dylan Birkemeier. Magic Popper is a bag of popcorn with a power button that generates heat to pop the popcorn. No microwave needed! The fourth period winning group invented "HydroCharge" by Cody Tabler, Erin Downing, and Grace Selhorst. The HydroCharge is a phone case that runs on H₂O. Simply submerge the phone case in freshwater for thirty seconds to charge the battery and say goodbye to cords and wall chargers!

Spring Sports Season Underway

Hopefully, the more season-like temperatures this week mean spring is here to stay. Our spring sports teams are all beginning their respective seasons this week. The softball and baseball teams had their first home games of the season this past Monday and our track squads started out with the a home quad meet this past Tuesday. Stay tuned to the "Upcoming Events" section of my update for more information. We appreciate you coming out to support our school's teams!

Music In Our Schools Month Talent Shows

Mrs. Carla Wyant always packs the month of March with multiple great activities to stress the importance of music as part of our curriculum at Columbus Grove. From Monday morning trivia, to solo and ensemble competitions, to last weekend's musical, students are exposed to the many facets of music education here at CG. This month's events concluded today with the second day of our annual elementary talent shows. Thank you, Mrs. Wyant, for all your efforts to stress the importance that music plays in the lives of our students!

CG Alumnus Named Teacher of the Year in Beaver Creek

Last week, I greatly enjoyed the Vidette story of CGHS alumnus Lisa Jones' inauguration into the Hall of Fame at her school in Florida. I also recently received word that another CG Alumnus, Katie (Hummel) Rice, was awarded Teacher of the Year at Beaver Creek City Schools. Katie is a 2005 graduate of Columbus Grove High School and has taught at Coy Middle School in Beaver Creek for nine years. I had the privilege of working at Beaver Creek City Schools at the same time as Katie for a few years before coming to CG and Katie was a star from the beginning! Katie is the daughter of former longtime CGHS Principal and current St. Anthony's Principal Scott Hummel and his wife Pam. It is great to see stories of our CG graduates going out and accomplishing these wonderful feats! Congratulations, Katie, on this recognition. It is well deserved!

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 29th

Elementary Talent Show (Gr. 1-3) 1:00p.m.
Jr. High Track @ Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
V. Baseball @ McComb, 5:00 p.m.
V. Softball @ McComb, 5:00 p.m.
Jr. High Softball vs. Bluffton, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30th

No School (Easter Break) March 30 – April 2
V. Baseball @ Leipsic, 5:00 p.m.
V. Softball vs. Liberty Benton, 5:00 p.m.
Jr. High Baseball vs. Van Wert, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31st

JV Baseball @ Lima Senior D/H, 12:00 p.m.
V. Baseball vs. Cory Rawson D/H, 1:00 p.m.
V. Softball vs. Cory Rawson D/H, 1:00 p.m.
JV Softball @ Ayersville, 12:00 p.m.

Monday, April 2nd

JV Baseball @ Lincolnview, 5:00 p.m.
V. Softball @ Ayersville, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3rd

Jr. High Track (Home Tri-meet), 4:30 p.m.
V. Baseball vs. Ottoville, 5:00 p.m.
V. Softball vs. Ottoville, 5:00 p.m.
Jr. High Baseball @ Bath, 5:00 p.m.
Jr. High Softball @ Perry, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4th

V. Baseball vs. Continental, 5:00 p.m.
JV Softball @ Crestview, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 5th

V. Baseball @ Crestview, 5:00 p.m.
V. Softball @ Crestview, 5:00 p.m.
Jr. High Baseball @ Perry, 5:00 p.m.