



# Superintendent's Report

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## **"Interim" Removed from Mr. Blymyer's Title**

This past August, Columbus Grove Schools hired Mr. Matt Blymyer as "Interim Instrumental Teacher and Band Director." A couple weeks ago, Mr. Blymyer was notified that the term "interim" was being removed from his title and that I will be recommending a two-year contract for his services at the May Board meeting.

Mr. Blymyer has done an outstanding job in his first year at Columbus Grove. The amount of time he has invested in our students and the music program is to be commended as we have heard numerous compliments regarding the impact he has had. Congratulations, Matt, and we are fortunate to have you at Columbus Grove!

## **Senior Biomedical Science Students Attend Med Prep Day**

Seniors in Mr. Hassan's Biomedical Science program recently attended Rhodes State College's Med Prep Day. Students registered for specific sessions that matched their interests in the medical field to see a sampling of what they could expect during their continued education and future careers. Some sessions our students attended included nursing where they used fetal dopplers to listen to their own blood flow and learned to listen for different heart defects with stethoscopes. In another session, students visited the human patient simulator lab. Here they witnessed how instructors can manipulate models of humans to expose students to various conditions and observe their response. Other sessions included dental hygiene, radiographic imaging, exercise science, and emergency medical services. Our senior Biomedical students appreciated the hands-on opportunity to explore these medical fields and found the experience to be very interesting and enlightening.

## **Annual Band Calendar Sales Underway**

The Columbus Grove Band Boosters are selling calendars for the 2018-2019 school year. Just a reminder that there is an order form on the back of the April calendar page in this year's calendar. Just fill this form out and drop it off at our high school office on Pendleton Street. Also, band members will be going through neighborhoods selling calendars as well. If you have any questions about purchasing a band calendar, please contact Anne Dunbar @ 659-5181 or Danielle Auchmuty at 419-230-4216.

## **Business and Entrepreneurship Career Chat Held**

Columbus Grove High School hosted the Third Quarter Career Chats on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for juniors and seniors interested in Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Curt Shafer (Pizzeria), Kyle Benroth (4 Seasons Car Wash), and Skyler Mayberry (Axe Handle) spoke to the students about the risks and rewards of owning a small business. The speakers shared their career journey, necessary training and education needed, and details of their typical day on the job.

The business owners also offered the following suggestions and questions to consider if interested in owning a business. Success will not be immediate; it will take an average of five years for the business to become a success. Are you passionate about the business idea? Is it going to serve a need in the community? They stressed the importance of giving back to the community because these members are going to be your customers. Thanks Curt, Kyle, and Skyler for sharing your experiences with our students!

## **Juniors Attend Real World/Real Money Event**

The junior class went to Ottawa Glandorf High School on March 26<sup>th</sup> to participate in the annual Real World Real Money simulation put on by The Ohio State University extension office. Before the trip, students gathered in Government class and Mr. Schafer helped them select a job, calculate net income, and learn their family size. They took this information to OG where they went through a shortened month of bills making decisions such as to rent or buy a house, what car to buy, insurance, taxes, and other usual monthly expenses. Juniors looked at the financial challenges they will face as adults and learned that what they make isn't what they take home.

Mrs. Losh and Mr. Schafer asked the students what they learned the most through the experience and it was unanimously expressed, "Kids are expensive." In fact, one junior mentioned apologizing to their parents when they get home! Thank you Mrs. Losh and Mr. Schafer for organizing this worthwhile trip.

### **Kindergarten Screening Scheduled**

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.

### **Did You Know - School Nursing**

School Nurse Katie Zimmerly does a wonderful job serving the students and staff at Columbus Grove Schools. Her job includes numerous responsibilities. Besides treating students with sudden illnesses and injuries, her duties also include ongoing diabetes and asthma care, as well as medication dispensing. During the third quarter of school, Katie tended to over 2,300 clinic visits! Katie also is in charge of providing ongoing CPR/AED and first aid training to staff and coaches. We are very fortunate to have Katie's services here at CG. Her professional and organizational skills, along with her wonderfully kind and caring personality make her a great asset to our staff. Thanks, Katie, for all you do for us!

### **Winners for Athletic Boosters' Gift Card Raffle**

The Columbus Grove Athletic Boosters Gift Card Giveaway to help the softball program was held this past weekend. Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1) Griller's: Bonnie Fuerst
- 2) Tabler's: Ian Langhals
- 3) Alt's: Andy Schafer
- 4) Dairy Whip: Peg Sautter
- 5) Rainbow Party Shop: Jill Meyer
- 6) Indian Trail: Dorothy Mershman
- 7) Town and Country: Kari Weisenburger
- 8) Subway: Tammy Schroeder
- 9) Rowdy Rooster: Bonnie Schumacher
- 10) CG Pizza 101: Mike Ricker
- 11) Pizzeria: Nate Birkemeier
- 12) Fast Trax: Hope Schroeder
- 13) Beads By Beth: Micki Stechschulte
- 14) Axe Handle: Bernie Kleman
- 15) Carl's Hardware: Joe Schumacher
- 16) Dollar General: Lauren Benroth

Thanks to all who bought at ticket. Winners of the raffle will have their gift cards delivered by a CGHS softball player.

### **No Superintendent Update Next Week**

I will be on the student Quebec trip until next Tuesday, April 17, so there will be no Superintendent Update for the April 19 edition of the Vidette. The next Superintendent Update will be in the April 26 edition.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Jr. High Track @ Liberty Benton, 4:30 p.m.  
V. Baseball @ Lincolnview, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball @ Lincolnview, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Baseball vs. Bath, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Softball vs. North Baltimore, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Baseball @ Shawnee, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Softball @ Shawnee, 5:00 p.m.  
Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

#### **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten Screening for 2018-2019  
V. Baseball vs. Spencerville, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball vs. Spencerville, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Baseball @ Shawnee, 5:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten Screening for 2018-2019  
H. S. Track @ Van Buren, 4:30 p.m.  
V. Baseball @ Fort Jennings, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball @ Fort Jennings, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Softball vs. Waynesfield-Goshen, 5:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

JV Baseball vs. Ada, 5:00 p.m.  
JV Softball vs. Delphos Jefferson, 5:00 p.m.  
National Honor Society Induction, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

V. Baseball @ LCC, 5:00 p.m.  
V. Softball @ LCC, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Baseball vs. Bath, 5:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Softball vs. Bath, 5:00 p.m.