



Superintendent's Report

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Teacher and Support Staff Appreciation Week

This week (May 7-11) marks Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week throughout the United States. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the staff at Columbus Grove that helps our children succeed. I greatly appreciate our teaching staff for not only teaching the curriculum standards, but also working to build true connections with students to help them reach their full potential. Whether it be going to a student's ballgames or concerts, or making that phone call home to make sure everything is okay, or simply initiating conversations with the students in the hallway before or after school, these types of connections go a long way in providing support to our community's young people as they mature and grow as citizens.

In addition to our teachers, our support staff, including cooks, bus drivers, maintenance/custodial staff, and secretaries perform countless duties, which keep our day-to-day operations running smoothly. We simply could not do what we do every day without people working together and making decisions in the best interest of our students. Thank you Columbus Grove Schools staff for all you do!

As part of this celebration, the family of Lynn and Craig Downing once again baked cookies for the entire staff this past Monday. We would like to thank them for this wonderful act of kindness!

Thank You Kids Hope Mentors!

Last week marked the last meeting sessions for the mentors of the Kids Hope Student Mentoring Program that started three years ago CG Elementary. Thanks to the efforts of Jackie Brinkman and Lima Community Church, this program has allowed our mentors to continue to build relationships with some of our at-risk elementary students. This year, we were fortunate to expand this program to the Columbus Grove Christian Church and the Church of the Good Shepard, as we had additional mentors to work with our students. Thank you, Amber Schumacher and Julie Shafer, for serving as Kids Hope coordinators at these respective churches. We are excited to announce that St. John's

Methodist Church will begin a program next school year as well! Many thanks to the following individuals who gave of their time and talents this past school year to make a positive impact in the lives of these students: Amber Schumacher, Diane Miller, Lynn Bryan, Brent Stechsulte, Michele Grigsby, Mike Clymer, Jack Myers, Libby Oswald, Deb Myers, Tonya Verhoff, Bob Placie, Mike Ebling, Julie Shafer, Pam Eubanks, Holly Zarse, Doug King, Dianne Wright, Shelley Shafer, Bruce Remlinger, Terry Schnipke, Elaine Kiene, Jackie Brinkman, Geoff Eubanks, Becky Fuerst, Joy Halker, and Brad Calvelage. Students and mentors met one last time for the year last Friday morning for juice and donuts with their mentors. Thank you again, mentors and coordinators, for your time and compassion given to these students!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Celebrates 15th Anniversary

The Columbus Grove chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) began here in 2003 and is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year. FCA is an interdenominational Christian sports ministry that focuses on serving local communities by engaging and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire, and change the world. It is open to everyone in grades 9-12, not just athletes. The FCA challenges coaches, athletes, and students to demonstrate integrity, service, teamwork, and excellence in their relationships with everyone they meet. Approximately 30 students meet every other Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. to hear messages from guest speakers, messages from student-athletes, do service projects, or meet off-site at supporting businesses. This year the group was treated to a free breakfast at McDonald's in Beaverdam. Thanks Terry Schnipke for encouraging these students to lead and inspire.

Interactive Media Class Using 3D Printer

Technology is advancing through the halls of Columbus Grove Schools. The Interactive Media class learned that Mr. Sautter's classroom has a 3D printer that can create an object by laying down successive layers of material until an object is created. Enoch Jones jumped at the opportunity to try his hand at being creative with the printer. In a few short days, he made two 3D renderings of the Bulldog News logo. The first rendering was a solid one-color print. After completing that, he quickly transitioned to an advanced version that is a full four-color print of the logo. Enoch now plans to make an instructional video to help assist future technology students in use of the 3D printer. Good job Enoch!

Brick Orders being Collected for CG Alumni Paver

Looking for a unique and timeless gift for a 2018 CG graduate? Over 300 bricks have now been purchased for the CG Alumni Paver Walk. Bricks are on sale for just \$50 for a 4" by 8" brick. These bricks will make a perfect gift to commemorate a CG alumnus, faculty member, student accomplishment, or historical event in our district's history! To order, just go to our website at <http://cg.noacsc.org/> or you can get a hard copy of an order form at any of our district offices.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 10th

H.S. Track @ Spencerville NWC), 4:30 p.m.
V. Baseball Tournament @ Grove, 5:00 p.m.
V. Softball Tournament @ Grove, 5:00 p.m.
Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11th

V. Softball vs. Spencerville, 5:00 p.m.
V. Baseball vs. Spencerville, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 12th

H.S. Track @ Spencerville (NWC), 10:00 a.m.
V. Softball @ Leipsic, 11:00 a.m.
JB Baseball @ Allen East, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, May 14th

Grade 6 Awards Program, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15th

V. Softball Tournament @ Elida, 4:30 p.m.
V. Baseball @ Ft. Jennings, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16th

V. Baseball Tournament @ Ottawa, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 17th

H.S. Track @ Findlay (District), 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19th

H.S. Track @ Findlay (District), 11:30 a.m.