



Superintendent's Report

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2018 CG Lip Dub Released

Two Fridays ago, the entire 7-12 student body participated in a "lip dub" at CGHS. A lip dub is a type of production that combines lip-synching and audio dubbing to make a music video. These videos have become quite the rage with schools throughout the country and Columbus Grove High School was the first in the county to organize their own lip dub! Students from Mr. Schafer's General Business class spearheaded this project, breaking down the numerous logistics in order to pull this production off. The students had a great time filming and while it was quite a chaotic 45 minutes, the final product is phenomenal! Many thanks go to Mr. Schafer for helping guide his class as they worked out the many steps to putting this production together. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yFD0j5IVN8&feature=youtu.be> to check it out. If you are wondering how we cleaned up after making such a mess, the students were told to clean up their assigned areas after the filming was completed. They did a wonderful job with this task, as our night custodial crew said they would have never known that a lip dub was filmed earlier that day. Great job students! Way to fire up school spirit for CG!

Final Career Chats for the Year Held

The final Career Chats for juniors and seniors this school year was held last week. We were very fortunate to have four professionals who have dedicated their careers to Public Service speak about career options. Interestingly, all the speakers discovered their current careers while pursuing different paths. The one thing they all had in common was an interest in helping others and making a difference. Some notable changes with careers in Public Service is the growing involvement of working with local school districts and making those connections with administration, teachers, students, and parents. Thanks to Suzy Wischmeyer (Job & Family Services Director), Jake Macke, (Ottawa Police Department), Shayna Booher (Putnam County Probation Officer), and Brad Nelson (Putnam County Sheriff's Office) for attending and talking about what a day in their career entails.

6th Grade Holds Awards Night

This past Monday, our annual sixth grade awards night was held in the elementary gym. The audience was entertained by the sixth grade chorus members led by Mrs. Carla Wyant and sixth grade band members led by Mr. Matt Blymyer. Seniors Madison Nusbaum and Enoch Jones gave short speeches to the sixth grade students, providing tips for how they can be successful as they enter their junior high years in just a few short months. Sixth grade teachers Mrs. Beth Fruchey, Mr. Chad Ricker, and Mr. Tim Staley then passed out awards for the following categories: perfect attendance, fitness king and queen, CG Sounds, Grade 6 Band, art show, outstanding effort, outstanding conduct, Honor Roll, and the President's Education Award. Congratulations to our 65 sixth graders, as they "graduate" from elementary and move into the junior high!

Don't Feed the Bully!

Last week, students in grades 5-11 attended a Bully-Proofing Assembly conducted by child and adolescent therapist Jim Bisenius. This assembly was funded through a Title IV-A Grant. Mr. Bisenius has over twenty years of experience in teaching targeted children how to handle bullying situations. According to Jim, bullies feed off fear and when victims respond to the bully, they are feeding the bullies what they want- fear, attention, and things. His response is, Do Not Feed the Bully!

In today's world, bullies can reach their victims 24/7 not only physically, but also through numerous forms of social media. When victims respond, it inflates the bully's ego and they become addicted to the power they have over their victim. That can be hard to combat.

In response, Mr. Bisenius has traveled to many schools instructing students in techniques that empower victims against bullying behavior. He teaches children what bullies look for in a victim and how to stop giving them those reactions by portraying confident body language and more. Jim's presentation was delivered in an entertaining and interactive manner using humor, drawings, storytelling and role-playing to teach children how to respond to verbal, physical, and social bullying in addition to group manipulation. He really hammered home the message Don't Feed the Bully!

Eighth Graders Learn About Bill of Rights

For the last three weeks, Mr. Thiel's 8th grade American History classes have been studying the Bill of Rights amendments. Groups of students used their Chromebooks to make a google slide presentation on an amendment informing the class about its meaning, related historical events, two Supreme Court cases, current issues, and their thoughts on the necessity of the amendment. They also created a movie poster about their amendment. The students did a great job collecting, organizing, and sharing their information with classmates and learned a great deal about the amendments in the process!

Author Paul Orshoski Visits Elementary Students

Paul Orshoski, a retired educator, children's author, and poet from Sandusky, Ohio visited with our elementary students last week. He writes witty, humorous, rhyming children's books and poems that combine a fun story with simple games of phonics and sight words. His books are designed to make it easy for parents to help children improve phonic skills and enjoy reading. Both teachers and students found his presentation to be very informative and enjoyable. Thanks to our P.I.E. organization for sponsoring this fun and engaging activity that encourages children to read and enjoy reading.

MyTime Program Concludes

The MyTime program for this school year concluded on April 23rd and delivered some very educational and exciting learning activities. In addition to academic and homework assistance during the year, the students also spent time working with iPads and Sphero balls learning how to program a device and control it remotely. They also enjoyed computer time, building structures with blocks, and breakout sessions with the Putnam County Library. Many thanks go to coordinator Brenda Bruce and her team of teachers and student aides who assisted with this enrichment program.

CG Art Show a Big Success

Congratulations to all students in grades 1-12 who had artwork displayed at the Columbus Grove School Art Show last week. Many elementary students received ribbons. Earning Best of Show was Molly Baumgartner, second was Taylor Ellerbrock, and third place went to Emily Blankemeyer. Many thanks to our Art teachers Maegan Rohdes and Sarah Ricker and the parents and community members who stopped in to see the talents of our many young artists!

Brick Orders 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 17th

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

Friday, May 18th

V. Softball Tournament @ Elida, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19th

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

Sunday, May 20th

Senior Baccalaureate, 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 21st

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

Tuesday, May 22nd

Field Day, Grade KG-3

Senior Awards Night, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23rd

H.S. Track @ Troy (Regionals) 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 24th

Field Day, Grades 4-6

Friday, May 25th

Last Day of School, early Dismissal @ 1:00 p.m.

H.S. Track @ Troy (Regionals) 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 27th

Commencement, 2:00 p.m.