



Superintendent's Report

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Sixth Annual 100 Positives Coming Soon

Our annual edition of "100 Positives" has been released, highlighting the 2017-2018 school year at Columbus Grove Schools. This list is compiled by staff members from the various grade levels and departments submitting information from their respective areas. You should be receiving this in your mailbox soon. We hope you enjoy this latest edition, as it shows just a sample of the many accomplishments of our students and staff this past school year. Here are a few examples of the numerous positives at CG this past school year:

- The Columbus Grove Middle School staff was recognized as a 2017 Momentum Award Winner.
- Columbus Grove Schools earned a Bronze Award for participation in the Putnam County United Way Campaign, one of only two schools in the county to earn this distinction.
- Cassie Heilman was named 1st Team PCL Scholastic League. Will Nusbaum was named 2nd Team PCL Scholastic Team.
- The school camera system was replaced to enhance safety and security for students and staff.
- Leo Club members raked leaves for Columbus Grove residents and helped with the Pancake and Sausage Supper.
- Trevon Baxter, Everett Palte, Loudon Auchmuty, Zane Stechschulte, Keegan Bame, Lauren Martz, Devin Geckle, and Ava Schroeder completed ExtraMath.
- Local businesses bought over \$4,000 worth of yearbook ads to help defray the yearbook cost.
- Trae Oler and Reagan Bryan each won a bike from Dr. Recker's Family Dental Office.
- The 7th grade Girls' Basketball Team was NWC Champs and NWC East League Champs.
- The 6th graders created food truck logos on Tinkercard and printed them with a 3D printer.
- The 3rd graders participated in Dale and Ruth Gerding's Farm Safety Program and visited Imagination Station.
- Sixth grader Braylon Barrientes made the 'Reading Leader' board for three quarters.
- 14 Students in grade 7 each achieved over 100 Accelerated Reader points this year.
- Jr. High Student Council members decorated and distributed Christmas cards to Hilty Home.

Government Students Visit City Building

Two weeks ago, the American Government students walked to the city building for a tour and met Mayor Ken Wright. Mr. Wright informed them about the basic workings of local government including his administrative duties and responsibilities to the community of Columbus Grove. Thanks Mrs. Birnesser for helping our students better understand various aspects of local government.

Habitudes Leadership Program Completes First Year

This year Columbus Grove Schools introduced the Habitudes Leadership program for high school students to engage participants in activities that build valuable leadership and life skills. Headed up by Mr. Andy Schafer, the goal of the program is to help students break free from peer pressure and learn to influence others in positive ways, embrace values and hard work, develop empathy to minimize bullying, and develop skills to produce better life choices, healthy friends, and set meaningful goals. Terry Schnipke led the Sophomore group, Tim Staley the Junior group, and Ben Thiel the Senior group.

Habitudes revolves around images that are designed to form leadership habits and attitudes. During the course of the program, students are introduced to a problem and an image addressing the problem. Students then launch into conversation to weigh in and respond to the problem, discussing ideas and solutions. Once the conversation begins, ideas and experiences surface that lead to life changes and changes in attitudes. Thanks coaches for helping these students start conversations that build young leaders.

Classes Share Readers' Theater Plays

Last month, Mr. Terry Schnipke's Speech class presented readers' theater plays to the third graders. In turn, Mrs. Amy Schroeder's class surprised Mr. Schnipke's class with their own production after working on a set of reader's theater plays about idioms. Thanks Mr. Schnipke and Mrs. Schroeder for sharing these learning techniques that promote reading fluency and pacing while gaining confidence with speaking in front of others.

Underclassmen Awards Video Published

The presentation of underclassmen awards took on a different look this school year with the Interactive Media seniors creating a video to recognize students earning academic awards. Teachers were videotaped commenting on awards for academics, attendance, service, and leadership for individual students and then the video was viewed by the student body. Students earning an award received an ice cream treat and a class group picture was taken. The video is available online for parents, grandparents and the community to view at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgP4hEY_Xrg&feature=youtu.be. Thanks Mrs. Losh and Mr. Schafer for initiating this new concept in presenting awards. This video can also be found on the district's website.

Did You Know:

Our Columbus Grove K-12 students are avid readers! Numerous times throughout the school year, students have the opportunity to visit the school library to check out books. Below are the number of books students and staff checked out this school year.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Books</u>
KG	1,544
Grade 1	2,396
Grade 2	2,838
Grade 3	3,193
Grade 4	2,460
Grade 5	2,347
Grade 6	1,546
Grade 7	432
Grade 8	147
Grade 9	67
Grade 10	180
Grade 11	354
Grade 12	220
Staff	<u>265</u>
Total	17,989

2018 Alumni Weekend June 15-16

Mark your calendar to attend the CGHS Alumni Weekend activities on June 15th and 16th. The weekend kicks off on Friday, June 15th with the Alumni Cocktail Party at the Columbus Grove Pool from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. All CGHS alumni and guests are welcome.

On Saturday, June 16th, the Alumni Banquet will begin at the American Legion Post 516 Hall with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The Alumni Association will be honoring Tracy Brown and Betty Lusk. Register online at <http://g.noacsc.org/alumni-association>. Tickets are also available at Carl's Hardware and the Axe Handle.

Thank You, Readers!

I would like to thank all of you who took time to read these weekly updates in the Vidette throughout the past school year. I hope these articles continue to keep you informed of the many activities happening at Columbus Grove Local Schools. Thank you again for all your support of our school district. Without the support of our community, we could not achieve the level of success we have come to expect. This will be the last weekly superintendent report of the summer, but I will share school related information periodically throughout the next few months. May all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer!