



Superintendent's Report

Submitted by Nick Verhoff

September 29, 2016

Congratulations Terry Schnipke!

Last week, CGHS teacher and Athletic Director Terry Schnipke learned that he had qualified for the Boston Marathon, which will be held on April 17, 2017. This has been a lifelong goal of Terry's, who is a longtime runner and serves as our Boys' Cross Country Coach. Congratulations, Terry, on this impressive feat and we wish you the best of luck in Boston next April!

Thank You Columbus Grove Community!

A couple weeks ago, CG Elementary concluded its annual PIE fundraiser sales. Students again reached their sales goal, netting a profit for the Partners in Education group just under \$20,000. This sale would not be successful without the continued support of our community! Proceeds from this sale go toward items such as additional technology in the classroom, reward days for students, books for the library, and assemblies. Thank you for your support!

Bus Count Week Begins Next Week

By law, every year, school districts across the state collect data of the number of student bus riders and mileage driven during the first full week of October. This data is then reported on a state form called a T-1 which is used by the state to determine transportation funding each district receives from the state. While the amount of funding that school districts receive has reduced significantly over the years, every little bit helps. A new bus now costs approximately \$90,000 and our district has set up a bus replacement cycle in which we purchase two buses every three years. If your child rides a bus, next week is a great time to allow him/her to ride every day so he/she can be added in the bus count. Thank you for your assistance and many thanks go to my secretary, Diana Stechschulte, who does an excellent job each year compiling the T-1 report for submission to the state.

Homecoming Thanks

Last week was full of activity for the students as we celebrated our annual Homecoming events. While the game did not go our way, the concluding activity was a

success as we hosted over 300 students at our annual Homecoming dance on Saturday evening. Many thanks go to our Student Council members and their advisor, Mrs. Jenny Baumgartner, for all their work in coordinating the action-packed week. This is Jenny's second year as coordinator and she has done an excellent job in taking over these duties from Sue Ricker. We also appreciate the flexibility of our Buildings & Grounds and Custodial staff during this week, as they are asked to do a number of extra duties to help the students have a fun time with these events.

Coaches Room/Athletic Storage Area Almost Complete

If you have been in our building lately, you probably noticed the addition that is being built in the courtyard adjacent to the cafeteria. This addition will house a coaches' room for our basketball and volleyball coaches, as well as a much needed storage area for our athletic equipment. This project is over 90% complete and we will soon have furniture for our coaches' room. This project has been totally funded by the Columbus Grove Athletic Boosters. We are incredibly fortunate to have a group of individuals who work to provide these amenities for our athletic program. Check it out the next time you are in the building.

By the Numbers - Putnam County Enrollment

Listed below are the K-12 beginning year enrollment numbers for Putnam County schools:

Columbus Grove	903
Continental	476
Ft. Jennings	390
Kalida	597
Leipsic	639
Miller City	478
Ottawa	906
Glandorf Elem.	585
Ottoville	435
Pandora	567
St. Anthony's	110
Leipsic St. Mary's	85
Ottawa St. Peter/Paul	260

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, Sept. 29th

Golf Sectional Tournament @ Colonial Golf Club
Jr. High Football vs. LCC, 5:00 p.m.
V. Volleyball @ Spencerville, 5:30 p.m.
Apollo Dedication Ceremony, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 30th

Freshman Call visit Apollo
V. Football @ Spencerville, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1st

Cross Country @ Kalida, 9:00 a.m.
JV Football vs. Spencerville, 10:00 a.m.
V. Volleyball vs. Continental, 10:00 a.m.
Jr. High Volleyball @ Bluffton, 10:00 a.m.
Band Competition @ Versailles

Monday, Oct. 3rd

Jr. High Volleyball @ Allen East, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4th

H.S. Cross Country (PCL) home, 5:00 p.m.
V. Volleyball vs. Allen East, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5th

Freshman Volleyball vs. Allen East, 5:00 p.m.
Band Boosters Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6th

Cross Country @ Kenton, 4:30 p.m.
Jr. High Football @ Crestview, 5:00 p.m.
V. Volleyball @ Bluffton, 5:30 p.m.
Jr. High Volleyball vs. Paulding, 5:00 p.m.