



Superintendent's Report

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No More Mask Mandate for Buses

Last December, Columbus Grove Schools implemented a mask mandate for all passengers on buses, in order to follow federal compliance measures. Late last week, the CDC adjusted its requirement for masks on school buses, allowing our district to lift this mandate.

On a related note, COVID numbers in the county are the lowest they have been since last summer. It has been nearly two weeks since our district had a documented case of COVID. Let's hope that the end is in sight!

CG Elementary Celebrates Right to Read Week – "Reading Makes Us Happy Campers"

Columbus Grove is celebrating Right to Read Week beginning this past Monday and concluding tomorrow. Our theme this year is "Reading Makes Us Happy Campers." All across America on March 2, people will be celebrating National Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss's Birthday. CG students are participating in many activities this week including dress up days, a reading raffle, story time and the chance to design their own book cover. Research shows that reading improves concentration and memory, increases imagination and reduces stress. Please encourage your child to read nightly!

Monday, February 28 – Report to Camp – Wear RED (Read Every Day)

Tuesday, March 1 – Tie-Dye Tuesday – Wear your favorite tie-dye shirt

Wednesday, March 2 - Wilderness Wednesday – Wear camo, animal print, or hunter orange

Thursday, March 3 – Camp Out Under the Stars – Wear your pajamas

Friday, March 4 – Flannel Friday – Wear your favorite flannel

CGHS Senior Earns 1st Place in Skills USA Contest!

At the annual SkillsUSA regional contest, Senior Luke Kaufman took first place honors in Electrical Construction Wiring. At the regional competition, contestants were required to complete a written test of electrical questions based on 2020 National Code requirements, compete in a conduit bending exercise and hands-on installation of a conduit system, work from drawings and specification sheets, and install an electrical system common with most residential projects. Luke was awarded a Milwaukee Pack Out Tool Box for his first-place finish! Congratulations, Luke, on your accomplishments and good luck at the state competition in Columbus this April!

Madison Clymer Earns Third Place in HOSA Competition!

Columbus Grove and Apollo junior Madison Clymer recently earned Third Place honors in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition. Madison's field of competition was Nursing Assistant. As a result of scoring in the top four in the region, Madison has qualified for the state HOSA Competition. This competition is judged by industry professionals such as nurses, physical therapists, and athletic trainers. Congratulations, Madison, on this excellent accomplishment!

Another Successful Weekend for CG Athletics!

Last weekend was a busy one in terms of postseason competition for our winter sports teams. The wrestling sectional meet took place at LCC last Friday and Saturday. Congratulations to Levi Schroeder and Wyatt Watt on their sixth-place finishes. Kudos goes to Jacob Lyons and Joe Kohli, who both placed fifth and will serve as a district alternates. Qualifying for the district meet were Kyle Lathrop (4th place), Zane Stechschulte (3rd), and Boat Thompson (3rd). Additionally, Landen Schroeder and A.J. Schafer qualified for districts by winning the sectional title in their weight division! Good luck to our wrestlers in districts this weekend at Troy High School.

The girls' basketball team qualified for regionals after an impressive win over the Miller City Wildcats last Saturday at Van Wert. Smothering the Wildcats with a full court press for most of the game, the Bulldogs took control of this game early and led from start to finish. The girls will play at the Elida Fieldhouse this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the regional semi-final game versus Toledo Christian. Good luck, girls!

The boys' basketball team fought back from an 8-point halftime deficit against Delphos St. John's at Bluffton University last Friday to win a 38-34 hard fought battle, earning their fifth consecutive sectional title. The Bulldogs faced the Kalida Wildcats on Tuesday night in the district semi-final game at Elida. (Update submitted before the outcome of this game)

Good luck to all of our sports teams tonight and this weekend!

Not Too Late to Register for the 2022 BBO!

There is still time to register for the 44th annual BBO four-mile race, which will take place on Saturday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m. Registration day of the race starts at noon. Pre-registration ends March 8, but you can still register at the school on the day of the race. Entry fee is \$25 with a dry-fit shirt, and \$15 with no shirt. All competitors will receive a free bowl of Hobo Stew and Gatorade. Go to the school district's website for more details. Come out and join the race or cheer on the runners. All proceeds will go to the CGHS Cross Country program. More information and the registration form can be found at <https://bit.ly/BBO2022>.

Job Openings at Columbus Grove Schools

Earlier this week, Columbus Grove Schools posted for the following job openings for the 2022-23 school year:

- Third Grade Teacher
- Fifth Grade English Language Arts Teacher
- Guidance Secretary
- Director of Maintenance

Please go to cg.noacsc.org for more information about these job openings. These postings will come down on Tuesday, March 15 and the Maintenance Supervisor's posting comes down on Friday, March 18.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, March 3rd

Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Toledo Christian (Regional Tournament) @ Elida Fieldhouse – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 4th

Varsity Wrestling – District Tournament @ Troy High School