



Superintendent's Report

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Putnam County Arts Festival Held

The ninth annual Putnam County Arts Festival took place at Miller City New Cleveland High School last Sunday. This festival was a celebration of both visual and performing arts from students throughout Putnam County. Columbus Grove students in grades 6-12 had artwork on display at the festival. The All County Choir and Band put on an excellent show to a large crowd in the high school gym as well.

CGHS students performing in the All County Choir were Ella Escamilla, MacKenzie Langhals, Daisy Stechschulte, Adam Maenle, Roy Langhals, Tayden Pingle, William Pohl, Jameson Rader, Faith Anderson, Morgan Page, Hannah Schaffer, and Hailey Vogt. Special congratulations goes to MacKenzie Langhals, who received an award for being a four-year member to the All County Choir.

Representing Columbus Grove in the All County Band were Hannah Schroeder, Cade Mason, James Rosengarten, Erin Lugibill, and Levi Schroeder. Both the band and choir put on an excellent performance!

A special thank you goes out to our art and music teachers, Maegan Reese, Sarah Ricker, Kristen Verhoff, Sam Black, and Matt Blymyer for all your efforts in organizing this event for our students!

CGHS Spring Musical Coming Soon

Columbus Grove High School's 55th annual musical, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, is scheduled for March 18 and 19. The high school's first musical took place in 1967 and was Finian's Rainbow.

Unbelievably, this will be the eleventh spring musical in the "new" elementary and the first time the Music Department will present *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

Reserved tickets are on sale in the high school office for \$10. We hope you can come out and see our talented students perform!

Quiz Bowl Champs Again!

The Varsity Quiz Bowl Team finished their season with a 12-3-1 record and claimed the PCL Championship! The top four scorers on the team were Josh Buescher, Reed Schumacher, Roy Langhals, and Cade Mason. The JV Quiz Bowl team finished the regular season by placing 2nd in the county. They had 8 wins, 4 losses, and 2 ties. High Scorers on the team were Levi Schroeder, Hannah Schroeder, and Hunter Rode. Way to go Bulldogs and Good Luck this week at the Putnam County Tournament!

Basketball Seasons Wraps Up

Last week, both basketball squads bowed out of tournament action, as the Lady Bulldogs fell in a hard-fought battle with Toledo Christian in the regional semi-final. Congratulations to Coach Schroeder and his team for another outstanding season. Special thanks to seniors Koryn Halker, Kenzie King, Savannah Ridenour, and Shay Schroeder for their contributions over the last four years. As mentioned in a previous update, the last four years of Lady Bulldog basketball have been filled with many accomplishments, and these four young ladies had a lot to do with these accolades!

The boys' basketball team fell to Ottoville in the district final Friday night at the Elida Fieldhouse. This season marked four consecutive years of making it to at least the district final, which is a school record. The senior boys conclude their careers with more wins in a four-year span than any other time in school history.

Thank you, seniors Braylon Baxter, Braden Bellman, Noah Macke, Trey Sautter, Jacksen Schroeder, and Caleb Stechschulte for your efforts over the last four years! Many thanks to Head Coach Chris Sautter and his staff for their efforts this season as well.

Wrestler A.J. Schafer Headed to State!

Junior A.J. Schafer finished runner-up this past weekend at the district wrestling tournament, earning a trip to the state meet this weekend at the Schottenstein Center on the campus of The Ohio State University! This is A.J.'s first trip to state in wrestling, and marks quite a successful three-sport run over the last calendar year. Last spring, A.J. earned a trip to state in track and field by qualifying in the shot put, and this past fall he earned 1st Team All-State honors in football. Good luck to you this weekend, A.J.! Congratulations also go to our other wrestlers who earned wins at the district meet, Landen Schroeder, Kyle Lathrop, and Boat Thompson.

BBO this Saturday!

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 at cg.noacsc.org 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>.

Putnam County ESC Hosting Resource Fair for Parents

The Putnam County Educational Service Center is hosting a Resource Fair on Tuesday, March 29, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The purpose of this fair is to help families get connected to the many programs and services in the Putnam County area to help meet the needs of families. There will be additional emphasis regarding summer supports and activities. For questions regarding this event, please contact Karen Maag at 419-523-5951 (x3015) or Karen.maag@putnamcountyeac.org.

Job Openings at Columbus Grove Schools

Last 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.

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted

Columbus Grove Local Schools is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time bus driver in the future, if the applicant is interested. Substitute bus drivers are contacted to drive extracurricular and field trips and occasionally drive a regular morning or afternoon route. Certification requires the completion of attending a pre-service class, a written and driving test, CDL license, a medical physical exam, drug test, BMV check of driving record, and a background check. Cost for training will be fully reimbursed by the district for any individuals who serve as a substitute bus driver for Columbus Grove Local Schools. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for Columbus Grove Schools, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-2639 for further information.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, March 12th

BBO – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 17th

End of 3rd quarter

Friday, March 18th

No school Quarter Break
High School Musical – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19th

High School Musical – 7:00 p.m.