



Superintendent's Report

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CG Schools Celebrate Fall Fun Week

This week, we are celebrating fall with a number of fun activities leading up to Halloween weekend, including the following theme days:

- Tuesday- Dress to Impress: Dress like one of your teachers
- Wednesday- Wear your Class Color
- Thursday- Costume Contest- Prizes were given for the following categories: Most Original, Funniest, Best Duo, Best Group, Best DIY Costume, and Best "What are you?" Costume.
- Friday- CG Spirit Day- Wear CG athletic or band apparel to support our Bulldogs!

Students have done an awesome job of dressing up and decorating pumpkins. Many thanks to our counselors for putting together these fun activities for our students!

CG Marching Band Continues to Earn Honors

At last Saturday's Bulldog Bowl Band Competition in Swanton, the Columbus Grove Marching Band continued its outstanding competition season as it earned its third consecutive *Superior* rating! In addition to this rating, the Bulldogs also took home First Place Overall Class C Band! The Columbus Grove Volunteer Fire Department was kind enough to bring the band back into town last Saturday evening at approximately 11:30 p.m., as the band members had the opportunity to celebrate their success with family and friends in the town square. Please see the accompanying picture of the band celebrating in the town square.

The band members have all the momentum they need as they head to the OMEA State Band Competition in Dayton this Sunday. The band will perform at 7:45 p.m. at Dayton's Welcome Stadium and awards will be announced shortly thereafter. Congratulations go to our band members and directors Mr. Blymyer and Mr. Black for on an awesome season so far and we wish you the best this Sunday evening in Dayton!

Class of 2022 Making their Mark!

When the Class of 2021 graduated last May, many wondered how our sports teams would fair with the graduation of so many talented athletes from last year's class. Hopefully, what we've witnessed so far this fall is an indicator of great things to come over the next six months! Our girls' soccer team captured both the NWC and PCL titles, a first in our district's history. The football team concluded a perfect regular season last Friday with a 31-0 victory over Bluffton, making this senior class the first class in school history to win the NWC every year of high school, completing a four-peat! The football Bulldogs will face Ottawa Hills at Clymer Stadium this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Last Saturday, our boys' cross-country team also won its fourth consecutive district title on their home course. This goes along with their fourth consecutive NWC title as well! This talented team will compete at Tiffin this Saturday for a shot at competing at state the following weekend. Congratulations to all of our fall extra-curricular groups for such successful seasons and good luck to all of you over the next few weeks!

Don't Forget- The Cafeteria Serves Breakfast!

The research is clear and overwhelming: eating breakfast, including at school, helps improve student academic performance and behavior. Here are some other facts regarding students who eat breakfast at the start of each day:

- Children who eat breakfast at school — closer to class and test-taking time — perform better on standardized tests than those who skip breakfast or eat breakfast at home.
- Students who eat breakfast the morning of a standardized test have significantly higher scores in spelling, reading, and math, compared to those who do not eat breakfast.
- Student academic achievement increases, especially for math, when schools offer the School Breakfast Program.

- Students who participate in school breakfast show improved attendance, behavior, and academic performance as well as decreased tardiness.
- Providing breakfast to students at school improves their concentration, alertness, comprehension, memory, and learning.
- Children who eat breakfast show improved cognitive function, attention, and memory.
- Consuming breakfast improves children's performance on mathematical tasks, vocabulary tests, demanding mental tasks, and reaction to frustration.

Columbus Grove School's Nutrition Department serves breakfast daily in the cafeteria. If you are rushed in the morning and your children are not eating breakfast on regular basis, try getting the kids to school by 7:30-7:35 a.m. in the morning so they can start their day off with a nutritious breakfast. We have seen our breakfast numbers increase this year and want them to keep growing!

Reminder: ALL students are eligible for free breakfasts/lunches for the entire school year.

Athletic Boosters Back in Full Swing!

After limited crowd capacities and abbreviated athletic schedules last school year, the CG Athletic Boosters are up and running at full capacity again, handling concession duties at Clymer Stadium and preparing for annual fundraising events. This group, like the Band Boosters, is critical to our district's extra-curricular operations, as they provide supplies and amenities for the betterment of our students' experience in these activities. At October's meeting, the athletic boosters approved the purchase of a new ice machine at the Bulldog Athletic Facility, which will benefit athletes in many different sports. This purchase allows the district to put the extra ice machine at the softball building, which will prevent our athletic trainer from having to transport ice out to that facility for softball practices and games. In addition to the ice machine, the boosters approved the purchase of a machine that will teach athletes how to weight train properly with squat reps, as well as improve vertical jumps. We are grateful to have the boosters to provide these amenities like these for our student athletes!

One of the boosters' main fundraisers each year is the Reverse Raffle, which typically raises \$20K or more annually. After its cancellation in 2020, the boosters held a scaled back alternative last spring. This year's plan is to host the Reverse Raffle on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at the American Legion. The boosters plan to make this a full-scale event, so mark your calendars now!

The boosters have also benefitted from donations made in memory of loved ones. Over the past 18 months, the boosters have utilized those funds as they see fit, including the purchase of a flag pole at the softball field (in memory of Bill Witteborg), an NWC/PCL title board which displays conference title teams in the building (in memory of Teresa Brubaker), and the installation of concrete step, along with landscaping at the base of the flag pole at Clymer Stadium (in memory of Bill Bell). The CG Athletic Boosters greatly appreciate these donations, because these enhancements continue to make the athletic facilities at Columbus Grove one of the best small school facilities in the state of Ohio.

This year's officers are Matt McCauley (President), Melissa Basinger (Vice President), Leslie Schumacher (Secretary), and Amy Young (Treasurer). We thank these individuals for their service and thank our community for your continued support of the CG Athletic Boosters!

Parent Seminar Presented by Putnam County ESC

Presented by: Denise Sawan Caruso, OCALI Consultant and Wendy Szakacs, OCALI Consultant

Answers to the following questions will be explained by these consultants.

Why is it important to use evidence-based practices? What does it mean that an intervention is evidence-based? How do we know what evidence-based practice(s) to use? How do we know if an evidence-based practice is working?

Putnam County Educational Service Center (ESC)

Date: Monday, November 1, 2021

Time: 6:30PM-8:00PM

Attend in person at Putnam County ESC Assembly Hall or Virtually

RSVP <https://forms.gle/1PB2kDjyBwQPQWdd9>

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 30th

Cross Country – Regionals at Tiffin – 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 31st

OMEA State Band Competition @ Dayton's Welcome Stadium – CG Band performs @ 7:45 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2nd

NHS Blood Drive at CG Schools

Thursday, November 4th

Picture Retake Day