Superintendent’s Reflections

A new school year brings unlimited opportunities for change, improvement, and growth. I watched many children as they waited for their buses, arrived at their buildings, and greeted their teachers. I marveled at the joy I saw in so many of them. I knew some of them and of the struggles they endured last year, but I felt happy to know that they get a “do-over” to make this year better than the previous.

Last June and through the summer, I spoke to staff members who shared with me their disappointments and what they perceived as their failures throughout last year. I remembered fretting over the child I didn’t reach or the parent who I wasn’t able to connect with at the end of every year that I taught, but by the time September rolled around, I was excited, energized, and ready to greet sweet little faces and give everything I had to move them forward. I saw that same attitude over and over again as I watched our staff greet, hug, and share summer stories with our kids.

We are blessed. We have dedicated staff in all areas. We have a supportive and child-centered Board of Education. Our community cares about our schools and our kids and generously supports us. We are seeing the beginning of the rewards of the bond, and we can look forward to so much more over the next few years.

We are back and we are ready! Classrooms are ready, kitchens are stocked, busses are running, and staff is on it! Let’s make this year our best yet! Welcome back!
Thank you to everyone who came out to our new and improved community picnic on August 28! We had 13 school groups represented as well as 25 community groups! We appreciate our community partners who joined us: Center Line Library, Parks and Rec, Public Safety, Festival Foundation, Historical Society, K9 Foundation, and DDA; the City of Warren; the Salvation Army; Rotary; Lions Club; MyCare; CARE of SE MI; Macomb Community Action; Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; WSU Pipeline; the National Guard; Dollars for Scholars; CLPSEF; Southeastern Michigan Indians Inc.; Whitlam Group; Total Health Systems; Civil Air Patrol; and Edustaff.

Activities included bounce houses and National Guard obstacle course, face painting, swimming, a band performance, a Murphy the Police Dog demonstration, firefighting activities, chair massages by Total Health, pitching speed station, relay races, Academy 21 tour, raffle prizes, and of course – food! Pencil in next year’s date now: Tuesday, August 27th!
Dr. McBrady in the House!

This past July, our previous Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Andrew McKinnon, found a new position as Director of Human Resources for Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel. He and his unique sense of humor will be missed.

CLPS is happy to announce that we have filled the position with one of our own bright and shining stars, Dr. Shannon McBrady. Dr. McBrady until recently served as principal of Roose Elementary, leading that school and staff to high levels of involvement and academic performance, while also serving as administrative mentor at Wolfe. Dr. McBrady earned her BA from MSU, her MA from U-M, and her Ed.D. from EMU. We are excited to have her pilot the HR ship.

1st Day Pics

Everyone always loves to see those first day of school pics. These are a few of the many we collected from our buildings. (See more pictures on our Facebook page!) Check out additional tagged pics under the hashtag #Love CLPS.

The American Welding Society estimates that by the year 2020, there will be nearly 300,000 unfilled welding jobs nationwide.

We don’t really need to wait until 2020 as many Michigan companies struggle today to find the talent they need. It’s possible those companies could consider moving elsewhere if they can’t find qualified workers. The demand for skilled-trades workers is high RIGHT NOW. This is why we are focusing our efforts on preparing the future workforce RIGHT NOW.

As the American Welding Society numbers reveal, welders are in particular high-demand, so this year at the Academies we have added a welding class. We acquired a grant and equipped our shop with all the necessary tools of the trade and, we secured a veteran welding teacher, Mr. Dzieszkowski, to teach it. The skills provided in this class can lead our graduates to career-wage professions right out of high school--the average wage for skilled-trades workers is $40,000/year.

As always, our Academies aim to connect our students with relevant and challenging learning experiences, and what’s more relevant and challenging than connecting a student to a satisfying and life-building career?
CLHS Happenings

Meet Shiori
Shiori Sunagawa is a 17-year-old exchange student from Urasoe, Japan who is attending CLHS this year. Back home she lives with her parents and her younger sister. Her hobbies include badminton, table tennis, cooking, debate, and calligraphy. Her goals for her year abroad include making friends, improving her English, and learning about Youth for Understanding, the program that brought her here. Her host mother, Stephanie Gunther, brought her out to our Community Picnic on day one. Welcome, Shiori!

Welcome, New Staff!
- Ayana Ball (Algebra I/9th Grade)
- Jeremy Adams (Drama/Choir)
- Daniel Kuptz (Geometry/Algebra II)
- Julie Netzky (School Psychologist)
- Pam Ruggiero (Env. Science/Chemistry)
- LaShonda Marble (Secretary to Athletic Director/Student Relations Director)

What’s Up at Wolfe

Leading the Warrior Nation!
Wolfe welcomes two “new” faces at the helm. Principal Julian Roper joins us from Peck Elementary, and Assistant Principal Colleen Berry joins him from her previous role as Wolfe counselor. We are very excited to have these energetic, proactive, and visionary leaders on the Wolfe team!

Warrior Days (Wolfe registration) was a flurry of activity!
Wolfe staff members worked with Roy Burton during professional development on Restorative Practices.

Science is everywhere! Wolfe students participate in the Kagan structure: Jot Thoughts.
Crothers Has Been Adopted!

Anji Logistics, headquartered in Warren, Michigan, was looking to adopt a local school, and Crothers Elementary very happily volunteered! During the summer, Anji employees held a school supplies drive to benefit our students. This week, Anji personnel Emily Rooney and Leah Garber met up with Principal Crothers to bring over their donations. We are very thankful to Anji employees for their generosity and hope to have more contact with the mind the future! Strong schools = strong community!

Grothes Corner

Grades 1-5 Open House

This week Crothers held an open house for grades 1-5 for students and parents to meet their teachers, the principal, and the PTC. Many families braved the super hot day to start the year out right! Crothers’ first PTC meeting will be next Wednesday, September 12th, at 4:30pm. We hope to see lots of parents there!
Roose Roundup

Mr. Grob, Reporting for Duty

When Dr. McBrady moved to central office, she left some large shoes to fill. We found just the guy to do it: John Grob. Mr. Grob served for the past two years as Assistant Principal at Wolfe, doing an excellent job of building a culture of respect and responsibility (All Day, Warrior Way!). We are excited to have him move over and up into the head honcho role at Roose, and we know you will love his dedication and enthusiasm!

Kindergarten Open House

Roose kindergarten teachers were in action from before day one! They held their open house on Monday, August 27th to give a warm welcome our newest little ones.

Grades 1-5 Open House

The rest of the Roose family got to meet their teachers and the new principal this past week. The event was well attended, and we are excited about the upcoming year!

Roose PTC Wants You!

Roose PTC leads Wendy Watters and Jillian Rode were on site to welcome parents and introduce them to the benefits of being an active parent. Information was available on upcoming fundraisers, school events, and spirit wear. Mark your calendars to attend the first meeting on Monday, September 17th at 6:30pm!
Welcome, Principal Evoy!

There's a new sheriff in town, and her name is Meghan Evoy! When Wolfe Middle School snagged Mr. Roper for their leadership team, Peck was lucky to find an enthusiastic, effervescent, and experienced educator in Mrs. Evoy!

Mrs. Evoy has been education for 17 years, including nine years as a principal. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (BA, music, theology and education), the University of Dayton (MS, school leadership) and the University of Michigan (M.Mus.Ed., music education). Mrs. Evoy is bilingual (English-Spanish) and always glad for opportunities to learn more about world cultures and languages.

Mrs. Evoy has been married to her husband, Mike, for 13 years. They have one son (age 10), three daughters (ages 9, 5, and 5), and one goofy puppy. The Evoy family loves to watch Notre Dame football and do fun things together outdoors. Give her a warm hello when you see her!

Open House

Peck held its open house last night to a full-capacity crowd! Families were able to meet their teachers, the new principal, and the PTC board and signed up for conferences. Last year, Peck surpassed its goal of 85% parent participation at conferences by hitting 98.5% Way to go, Lighthouse school!

Meet your Peck Elementary PTC officers! First meeting is this Thursday, 9/13, at 6:30 pm. See you then!
Our first Senior All Night Party (SANP) meeting will be this Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm in the CLHS media center. This meeting will mostly be a brainstorming session as to what worked last year (and in past years) and what didn't. See you then!

The Center Line Historical Society held its meeting today at the district office and took a tour of the old Ellis school, built in 1926. This beautiful, historic landmark is slated to be razed in 3-5 years as it is not a viable building in its current condition. The group spent time discussion ways to raise the funds to restore the building. As a bonus, they were able to view some of the district’s historical documents from the early 1900s.

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The Week in Review is published every Friday during the school year.

Submissions are welcome and encouraged; email your pictures and news to Sue Pauling at paulings@clps.org by Thursday noon to guarantee inclusion in that week’s edition.

Did you know that each school keeps at least one up-to-date website calendar? And that you can subscribe to any of them and import the calendars directly to your phone?

Upcoming Events

9/9/2018  Panther Football Club Can/Bottle Drive  11am-4pm
9/10/2018  Crothers' Kindergarten Open House  6-7pm
          Board of Education Meeting @ Admin  7pm
9/11/2018  Wolfe Meet the Teacher Night  6-8pm
          CLHS All Night Party Meeting  6:30pm
9/12/2018  CLPS Ed. Foundation Meeting  6pm
          CLHS Back to School Night  6-8pm
9/13  Peck PTC Meeting  6:30pm
9/17/2018  Roose PTC  6:30pm
9/18/2018  Crothers' Fall Festival  6-7:30
          CLHS Band Boosters  7pm
9/21/2018  Brown Jug Football Game  7pm
9/22/2018  FAN/Hope Not Handcuffs @ Hometown Heroes  11am-7pm
          Class of 1968 Reunion @ Juliano’s  5:30-11pm