Superintendent’s Reflections

Marty and I got an unexpected gift last week when our cable went out. We called the company, who worked on their end and had us rebooting and doing things on our end to no avail. They said that they couldn’t get a technician out until Tuesday, so we were without cable for six days—and it was remarkable!

We talked more than we have in weeks and could actually hear each other! (I think we are both losing our hearing, and then the TV is always on making it even harder to hear.) We read and relaxed and enjoyed the quiet. We talked about past Christmases and how quickly our kids have grown up. We shared memories of both sets of parents who are not with us and remembered remarkable events in our almost 40 years of marriage.

I worry because my grandchildren (even the 2-year-olds) love technology. They love to view videos, play games, and watch sports. They get into a trancelike state because they are so engrossed in what they are looking at. Our students tell me about “gaming” and how they spend their time after school and on the weekends on their devices. It seems like everyone has a cell phone, and the capabilities are incredible and capture the attention of our youth and adults alike.

Life gets so noisy, and there are so many distractions. Face-to-face conversations are becoming less frequent as technology allows us to communicate with anyone at any time. The art of conversation is fading, and I believe that we must not allow that to happen.

The holidays are a great time to really talk to those we love and to listen and learn about them. This seems to be more easily done in a quiet and peaceful environment without background noise.

I wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and great blessings of good health and joy in 2020.
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Board of Education members Gary Gasowski, Hal Newman, Karen Pietrzyk, and Shelley Harenski along with Superintendent Eve Kaltz enjoy a visit with Santa Claus at the Partners in Architecture holiday party.

**Community Connections**

**Tree Lighting**

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It takes a village to raise a child. Well, if Ford is your partner, maybe it takes a Villager.

The dreams of the last District Strategic Planning Committee are operational and being closely monitored. We can see the results of the team’s vision; among those results are a successful bond initiative, technology upgrades district-wide, and wall-to-wall academies at CLHS. Last week, in partnership with Ford Next Generation Learning, teachers, administrators, parents, students, Macomb County Planning & Economic Development advisors, and business partners began creating specific plans to advance those accomplishments even farther. There were four teams with different objectives: Business Engagement, Communication and Marketing, Career Exploration, and Freshman Academy. Each of the teams will create specific action steps to support and continue those opportunities for our students.

The Business Engagement Team is exploring ways to connect business resources to the classroom: Student tours, job shadows, internships, teacher externships, and teacher consultation with content experts are but a handful of the possibilities that will become a reality for all students.

The Communication and Marketing Team is working to ensure that the great things happening here are communicated to parents, students, the community, and beyond. In order for us to support and grow our programs, we need to get the word out. This empowers us to recruit enthusiastic business partners, market our programs to families outside CL to bring them here, and to ensure the community has access to the whole story of why Center Line Public Schools truly is a unique gem.

The Career Exploration Team will create a system for students to explore what careers are available to them and help students make educated decisions about their futures. For example, in health care there are hundreds more career options beyond doctor and nurse! This team will establish the infrastructure to enable our students to learn what those careers are and how to prepare for them.

The Freshman Academy Team will support and advance the great work the "FAmily" already does to make the difficult transition from middle school to high school an easier and more successful one for our students.

The teams will work over the course of the next month, reconvene, finalize their plans, and set those plans to action. Once those plans become operational, our students will be upgrading their futures from the minivan to the power of an F-150! With that power, they can go anywhere!
**CLHS Happenings**

**Holiday Outreach**

The CL staff sent around 100 positive cards to students, filled our hat and mitten tree, collected needed toiletries for our students, four boxes of food for Gleaners and supported Adopt-a-Family with almost $250. Thanks for all you do to support our kids.

**Jazzing Up the Holidays**

The Jazz Band visited Father Murray’s Nursing Home and Center Line Park Towers this week to spread a little holiday cheer! See the Live video clips on the CLPS Facebook page!
On Tuesday, December 17, a small group of Academy 21 students had the chance to gain work experience and give back to their community. These students along with Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Roddis, and Mr. Todd McMillan (JVS representative) volunteered at Forgotten Harvest. This experience allowed students to feel what it’s like to work as a group to get a job done. They also practiced concentration, persistence, and stamina as they sorted pallets of tomatoes. The still usable food will be sent to local shelters and food banks.
Wolfe administrators are trying something new: Announcing their Teachers of the Month through video! Check out their inaugural episode at https://youtu.be/Yq9BOOoDEMc. Tune in to hear all of the great things the students said about this month’s honorees: Mrs. Smale, Mrs. Torres, and Mrs. Baaso.

Family Math & Science Night!
See more pictures on the Wolfe Facebook page.

Students of the Month
Wolfe also celebrated their December Students of the Month! Great job, Warriors! See individual pictures of the students on the Wolfe Facebook page!
A Paws Cause
Mr. Martines and his Building and Design class are using the Wolfe Makerspace to create pet ornaments! The proceeds will go to benefit the Michigan Animal Rescue League.

The Wolfe Leadership team created holiday cards for our local senior citizens!

Cooking Up Some Fun
Cooking Club met this week and made two different kinds of holiday cookies. Yum! See more pictures on the Wolfe Facebook page!
Winter Blast

Roose's annual Winter Blast was a great success! Lots of music, food, fellowship, and fun was had by all! Check out more pictures and some song videos on the Roose PTC Facebook page!

Church Adopts Class

The men's discipleship group from Devon Aire Community Church in Livonia adopted Ms. Fouts’ second grade class. Students filled out a wish list for Christmas that included things the students would like and their favorite colors. So many students asked for something warm to wear, so each student got gloves or a hat in their favorite colors and a toy they asked for...things like remote control cars, T-Rex toys, Barbies, Hot Wheel cars, art sets, and card games. Each student also got a book that was donated through GREAT PARENTS of Macomb. Many kids talked about how happy they were, and how this was the best day ever! See more pictures on the new Roose Facebook page (visit and like us!).

Poetry Café

Wolfe's ELD students took their poetry lessons to the next level! They opened up a Poetry Cafe. Each student shared at least one of the poems that they have written over the past unit on figurative language and poetry. It was a huge success! The hot cocoa wasn't too bad either.
Peck Points

Another fantastic, student-led assembly following an all-school assembly on Habit 3, Putting First Things First!

Peck 1st grade students spread a little holiday cheer by caroling at the high school and administration building.

Peck students are learning about Native Americans of early America. Brayden Lowery, 5th grader, did an excellent Plains Native American poster project.

Mingle & Jingle

Peck families gathered for the “Mingle and Jingle” celebration sponsored by the PTC/Parent Lighthouse Team. Families made crafts, participated in an old-fashioned cakewalk, sang traditional Christmas carols (featuring our new-to-us REAL piano!), enjoyed a hot chocolate bar, bid on gift baskets in a silent auction, and had important talks with Santa. Each child took home a Santa hat, a stuffed animal, and a hand-painted T-shirt, thanks to some generous donations from our friends and neighbors. Merry Christmas from all of us at Peck!
ECC Notes

Holiday Bakery
Our School Family in Mrs. Karam and Mr. Flynn’s TBPS is feeling festive, and we are excited to have the Dramatic Play Area transformed into a Holiday Bakery!! Students take turns experiencing different roles such as baker, customer, and cashier, allowing them opportunities to practice their math, literacy, and cooperation skills with creative play! Mr. Lodovisi was our guest reader and also attended the grand opening of our Holiday Bakery!! Our school family really enjoys having visitors.

New GSRP Class
Last week, the ECC was excited to open another GSRP classroom. Mrs. Darga and Mrs. Paul welcomed a full class of 16 students, where the focus was on meeting new friends, learning new routines, and most importantly...having fun! Creating an enjoyable atmosphere makes learning even better! Cheers to a wonderful year!

This week in Mrs. Johnson’s TBPS classroom, the students created holiday trees during their small group. They enjoyed working with friends and deciding which tasty treats to use to adorn their trees.

Maya Moore, from Mrs. Johnson’s TBPS class, was one of the happy winners of the Warren Parks & Recreation Christmas Tree Decorating Contest partnering with Jet’s Pizza. Here she is proudly displaying her creative artwork! Great job, Maya!
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**PINT-SIZED HERO**

**HOPE begins with you.**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student Community members:

Our school organization is partnering with the American Red Cross to have a blood drive through the Pint-Sized Hero program. This program will introduce students to the components of blood and the importance of blood donation. Your support and participation will make the Pint-Sized Hero blood drive a success. We hope to see you there!

Date: January 10, 2020
Location: Peck Elementary School
Hours: 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Two easy ways to schedule your appointment:

1. Visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: centerline

2. Make your appointment on the American Red Cross Blood Donor App. Visit the App Store or Google Play store, or text BLOODAPP to 40899.

Center Line Moms’ & Dads’ Club

**2020 BOWLING FUNDRAISER!!!**

This is an adults-only event...18 & older

Please join us at Sterling Lanes
33200 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Heights – Just north of 14 Mile

Saturday, January 25, 2020

**50/50** Mystery** Prize Raffles**

and the infamous “Baskets of Cheer”!!

Check-in to start @ 8:30 p.m. * Dinner at 9:00 p.m.
Bowling will begin when the league games end, approx. 10:00 p.m.

For more info call 586-579-6688 or visit our Facebook page

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