Superintendent’s Reflections

Loneliness is very common in our society in spite of the fact that our population continues to grow each year. I read an article stating that over 40% of our adult population wrestles with feelings of loneliness and isolation. It is even worse in our student population. The article asserted that many see loneliness as something shameful and thus tend to keep it hidden from others. Some see behavior associated with loneliness as laziness. In our society many people readily share their packed calendars or their excessively busy lives as a way of letting others see how active and energetic they are.

In 2017 the Bureau of Labor Statistics issued a report that stated nearly 80% of all adults in the country said that they spend zero minutes a day relaxing or simply thinking. Most said that when they do relax or take time to think, they feel guilty.

It is imperative to our health and well-being that we intentionally build in time to relax and that every day we take a deep breath and allow ourselves time to think.

Having schedules packed morning until late evening can lead to high levels of stress, anxiety, and discontentment. It also does not eliminate many people’s feeling of loneliness.

Find a faithful and trusted friend. Schedule time to relax and discuss your dreams, accomplishments, challenges, and allow them to share theirs with you. Reach out to someone you believe may be experiencing loneliness and fold them into your busy life.

The human condition is fragile. We can join together to blend our strengths and validate and include people with whom we come into contact. Encouraging our kids to do the same will enrich and improve their lives.

Thank you for all that you do for our students and their families.
The mission of Center Line Public Schools is to provide all students relevant and challenging learning experiences to inspire success and empower them to be leaders of tomorrow.

Whether it’s your 30th year or your first, everyone deserves congratulations when the school year ends. Your students, their families, and you can now rest over the summer knowing you and your students had a great year. Finishing strong will lead to returning strong in the fall. So, how do you finish strong? Here are some tips:

Finish with a Positive Message
Many kids look forward to summer vacation, but for those who struggled throughout the academic year, whether because of behavioral or academic difficulties or out-of-school issues, the end of the year can be a relief and feel like a chance to move on. Reach out to these students. Send your students on their way with good vibes from those last weeks in school.

Reach Out to the Parents of Students Who Had a Tough Year
Parents of students who had a tough year might feel glad school is over for the year. Reach out to these families with a positive message, too. It will send them into the summer break feeling better about a school year that you all know was not easy. Consider sharing some of the successes their child had over the year.

No Countdowns
Make sure you do not countdown the number of days left in the school year. For many of our students, the summer doesn’t represent a carefree time of rejuvenation. They may already be experiencing feelings of anxiety. We also want students to know that we want to be there with them.

Drive the Curriculum to the Very End
Don’t waste the few remaining weeks of school with free time, parties, and meaningless work. Instead, put your students’ skills into action. Students may want to write a letter to new students or make a list of advice for how to be successful for the next school year, or they may enjoy creating a handbook for the next class. No matter what, every minute we have with students should be used.

The Good, the Bad, and the Re-Do’s
With your students, respond to the following questions: What have you enjoyed? What were the biggest challenges? What has surprised you the most? What has brought you the most joy? What would you have done differently? Reflecting together will be powerful on a few levels – a chance for you to hear good things about the year and a chance to improve on some things, too.

It’s a good day for a good day.
I saw this quote the other day, and it made me smile. Finish strong, have fun with your students, and remember it’s a good day for a good day.

The Center Line Academies recently hosted the last Advisory Board meeting of the year. The Advisory Board brings together parents, students, teachers, business partners... essentially all the stakeholders in the Center Line community.

The expertise and efforts of the Advisory Board has resulted in many new programs and improvements on old programs: externship opportunities, job shadowing, our graduate profile, and many more. The expertise our partners provide has also informed our classroom instruction to better align it with the needs of businesses.

The advisory board will reconvene next year to continue the programs that we have begun and improve instruction in the classroom.
In the District

Spring Staff Appreciation

This past Monday was Spring Staff Appreciation at the Board of Education meeting. The following individuals were recognized for their outstanding contributions to their school environments:

- **Jessica Yeakel, Mary Binge, Ellen Livingston** - Nominated by Janis Byrn for Innovation
- **Frances Clynick, Taylor Darga, Jordan Baldwin** - Nominated by Robert Resio for Relationships
- **Shannon McCarver** - Nominated by Robert Resio for Relationships
- **Mary Stein** - Nominated by Frances Clynick for Relationships
- **Colleen Hill** - Nominated by Danielle Torres for Relationships
- **George Katenin** - Nominated by Andrea Szabo for Relationships
- **Corinna Fouts** - Nominated by Jamaica Davis for Relationships
- **Jerrica Rice** - Nominated by Takiyah Pearson for Relationships
- **Linda Finazzo** - Nominated by Janis Byrn for Relationships
- **Dave Nielsen** - Nominated by Janis Byrn for Relationships
- **Jerry Suida** - Nominated by Meghan Evoy for Innovation

Peck Groundbreaking

Yesterday, we broke ground for the new Peck Elementary with early childhood wing! Dignitaries gathered as we did pulled out the ceremonial shovels that officially signify the beginning of construction. See more pictures on the CLPS Facebook page!

The Board of Ed tossed out the first shovelfuls!

The admin team was ready to go!

Peck students and staff came out in full force and with a ton of enthusiasm!

City of Center Line leadership joined in the celebration!

Mayor Binson & Superintendent Kaltz
Our 5th Annual District Showcase was amazing! Thank you to all the staff and students for their hard work putting this together! The pictures tell the story... See more pictures and videos on the CLPS Facebook page!
CLHS Happenings

MI Works! Presentation

Vicki Mazzola, Career Development Facilitator, from MI Works! talked to students in Ms. Jaradi’s and Mr. Sheardown’s 6th hour classes about the options and the support that they can receive from MI Works. Students signed up to receive more information to help them apply for jobs, hone their interview skills, and build professional resumes.

Iron Chef Challenge

Mrs. Haugh’s Nutrition students partnered with SGT Donegan (CLHS c/o 2007) and SGT Gaignard from the National Guard to compete in an Iron Chef Challenge. Each group received one MRE (Meals Ready-to-Eat) and access to extra ingredients such as spices to enhance their dish. At the end of the class period, judges came in to evaluate each individual group’s creations. Winners were chosen based on Appearance, Taste, Difficulty, and Use of MRE. See more pictures on the CLHS Facebook page!
**Detroit News Trip**

Graphic Communication students visited the Detroit News Printing Plant and had the opportunity to see offset web presses first hand. The state of the art facility was really something to see in motion. Our tour guide gave us a great lesson on the history of newspaper printing as well as an overview of the current industry trends.

**Visit to CLHS**

A group of 8th grade Wolfe students had the opportunity to visit the high school on Tuesday. They were given a tour of the building and had a Q&A with a panel of current 9th graders and CLHS staff members.

Wolfe Middle School Presents

Learn to Deal with Problematic Behavior

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

5:00-6:30 pm

In this workshop parents will learn techniques they can use to combat problematic behavior in their youth. The workshop will give handouts and will provide useful tips that all parents can use with their students. They will also learn how positive behavior can help improve academic achievement and performance.

Please RSVP to the Wolfe front office at 586-510-2300.

Light refreshments will be served.

We hope you will join us for this Title I initiative!

**Roose Roundup**

**Vet Visit**

As part of our career introduction lunch-and-learn program, Dr. Anchill, a veterinarian at Union Lake Veterinary Hospital, visited Roose to talk about her job caring for animals. She brought many interesting things with her, including a tapeworm that came from a dog and x-rays of broken bones.
ECC Notes

Mother’s Day Tea

Mrs. Malaski and Ms. Schyler’s ECSE class had a Mother’s Day Tea last week to celebrate Mom. Students invited their mothers and shared a story *I Love My Mommy Because*. They sang songs and enjoyed making cookies with Mom. They even tried a science experiment for Mom, coloring white carnations using food coloring. Just like most experiments, sometimes you get the results you expect and sometimes it just doesn’t work! The blue ones were pretty:

Zoo Trip, Continued

Last week, our GSRP classes went to the Detroit Zoo. Many of the classrooms have been conducting animal studies so it was a perfect way to conclude their study. Children got in a few hours of observing the animals before Mother Nature decided to rain down on them. Some spirits were dampened by the rain and many families left. The animals, however, were invigorated by the rain. The students who stayed were lucky to see the animals in a much more active state. The zoo is always a great experience, rain or shine!
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.

Upcoming Events

5/17  Peck Beautification Day  Senior Prom @ Sycamore Hills  6:00pm
5/20  Kindergarten Open House @ elementaries  5:30pm
        Roose PTC  6:30pm
5/21  Band Boosters  7:00pm
        Turnaround Breakfast @ CLHS  8:00am
5/22  Top Ten Dinner @ CLHS  6:00pm
5/23  Band Concert @ CLHS Auditorium  7:00pm
5/28  Welcome to CLHS (incoming 9th graders) @ CLHS  6:30 pm
5/30  Bus Tour Seniors  11:00am
        Senior Mock Elections  1:30pm
        Panda Pride Night @ Crothers  5:00pm
        Spring Blast @ Roose  5:30pm
5/31  Leadership Night @ Peck  5:15-7:45pm
        Center Line Partnership Fundraiser @ Panera  4:00-8:00pm