Superintendent’s Reflections

The televised Super Bowl draws many football fans, but the commercials during the game attract an even larger audience. Usually they are either very moving or very funny, but they are UBER expensive. CBS is charging $5,250,000 for a 30-second spot, which is $175,000/second!!! That is unfathomable!

According to TikPik, the average game ticket price is $5050.01. There are tickets that can be purchased for less, but certainly some will sell for considerably more.

I couldn’t help but think about the ongoing battle for equitable funding for Michigan’s children and how that battle has continued over years and years. I have been personally involved in promoting the Michigan School Finance Collaborative as part of the Tri-County Alliance. This is an exhaustive study of the cost of educating children and how additional funding is necessary for students who have experienced trauma, students who need additional support through special education programs, as well as limited/non-English speaking children. The study includes much, much more, but these three areas are critical and, to date, we have not seen a change in the funding formula.

I love football and know that many people love to watch or attend the game, but I love our kids more. It would be amazing if people were as excited about the possibilities of what our schools could do for all kids with equitable and appropriate funding.

We are so blessed to serve in a community that supports the schools so generously. Unfortunately, the state took funding from districts years ago, which has created a challenge as we work to add programs for all kids and retain staff.

Football players engage in a very difficult, physical, and often times injurious sport. Their bodies take beatings, and they provide entertainment for many people, so I don’t begrudge them their incomes. Our teachers and other staff members are often times engaged in a very difficult, rapidly changing, and sometimes physical career and have taken beatings in recent years. The narrative about education and educators has been negative, although I feel like this is slowly changing. Salaries have been frozen for many teachers while expectations have increased.

In the big picture, there are many more teachers than professional football players, and teachers personally touch the lives of so many. What if we funded our schools the way businesses tossed money at something as fleeting as a 30-second Super Bowl commercial? What awesome things would educators be able to accomplish? What truly are our nation’s priorities? Food for thought.
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.

At Monday’s joint Board of Education/Center Line City Council meeting, Mayor Binson presented Superintendent Kaltz with a proclamation from the city of Center Line for her dedication and service to the students of Center Line Public Schools.

Ford Next Generation Learning

On Tuesday, CLPS held its third and final visioning session to become a Ford NGL Community. CLPS staff, students, and parents and community and business leaders worked in four tactical teams to help outline the direction of CLHS Academies. We will submit our plan to Ford NGL for approval at the end of February and hope to earn Ford NGL designation this spring!
ELL Skating Trip

A group of English Language Learners and their families went ice skating at the Warren City Square Ice Rink! It was the first time most of the students had ever skated, but now keep an eye out for some of them in future Olympic Games!

In the District

CLAS Happenings

Scholastic Art Winners

Congratulations to Suraiya Ghuznavi for winning two Gold Key Art Awards and one American Vision Award (Best in Show)! Congratulations to Tamara Sindy for winning a Gold Key Award in Drawing and her award winning art from last year was chosen for this year’s Scholastic invitation.

The opening ceremony will take place at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7pm. Artwork will be on display Feb. 4-12 at the Lorenzo Cultural Center in Clinton Township.

Suraiya Ghuznavi
American Vision Award, Digital Art
Red

Suraiya Ghuznavi
Gold Key, Digital Art
Carpe

Tamara Sindy, Gold Key, Drawing – Lurk

Suraiya Ghuznavi
Gold Key, Painting
Ensleilée
JROTC Blood Drive

The Panther Battalion is hosting its second blood drive of the school year on February 6th from 7:30am to 1:30 pm at Center Line High School in the choir room. Our goal is to get 20 liters! Students have to be at least 16 years old with a parent-signed permission slip.

One of the awesome prizes at the Bowling Fundraiser was this handcrafted wood American flag. Superintendent Kaltz was the lucky winner!
Congratulations to these Wolfe Band students! They performed at the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival this past Saturday at Rochester High School. All of our students did well, earning good critique and comments from all the judges. Excellent job, Warriors!

- Lillian Padilla, trumpet solo, Division 1
- Demetrius Brown & DeShawn Kegler-Simpson, duet, Division 2
- Lauren Valencia, trumpet solo, Division 2
- Lillian Padilla & Lauren Valencia, trumpet duet, Division 1
- Jaiden Fizia & Jordan Fizia, clarinet duet, Division 2
- A’niya Martin, Jahvier Ross, & Anna Holtz, flute trio, Division 1
- Anya Jacobs & Patricia Wani, trumpet duet, Division 3
- Landon Pingilley & Josh Taylor, percussion duet, Division 1

Mrs. Baaso’s 7th grade students had a guest come in to talk about STEM. Using the Engineering Design Process, students made Lunar Rovers to launch a PBL and then had a competition to see which would go the farthest. The farthest Rover went 251 cm!
Peck Points

Hall of Famers

James V. and Noah T. are now in the Hall of Fame for their outstanding how-to writing pieces. James explains, "[how-to] writing is when you’re teaching someone to do something." Noah reports that they included an "introduction—what it's about—and a conclusion—that’s how you end it." Noah wrote about "how to bowl" and James wrote about "how to play baseball." Both boys said they chose their topics based on "what we’re really best at" and learned these skills from their dads.

Next steps for these writers? James says he plans to write about "small moments...all over again!" He "already has a few ideas on my idea notes." Noah adds that the class is also learning about "writers’ craft, which are skills that teach you how to have more descriptive writing." Congratulations, gentlemen!

The remarkable Evangeline C. in grade 4 has landed in the Hall of Fame for her report on Japan that included labels in English and Japanese! Evangeline explains, "We were learning about cultures of other countries—the languages they use how the affect their environment and where they live in the world." She chose to focus on Japan because she hopes to travel there with her brother after college. "I really like anime and Hello Kitty, and I also like food!" Next, Evangeline and her class will study the first people in Michigan.

Charleigh T. is in the Hall of Fame for her paragraph. She wrote about her friend Aurora, also a student at Peck, and the quilt they made together. Charleigh states, "I was learning about friendship AND how to write." She improved her writing by "adding more details and bringing it back to the first sentence." Next steps for this author? Writing about non-fiction topics!

Second grade engineers experimenting with soil types.

Book buddies reading together on pajama day!
The Peck Engineering Leaders packed up our robotic creations and headed to Nissan Headquarters in Farmington Hills on Saturday, January 25th. This all day event was the day that our hard work, perseverance, problem-solving skills, practice, and Peck leadership skills shone!

Our team names were the-Robotic Heros, Technology Terrors, Record Breakers, Robot Rockets, Creative Bots, and Robo Creators. These teams worked together after school to build their robots. After the build came testing and practice of the skills challenge for the competition. In and through these meetings problems occurred, robots failed to work, parts fell off, but in and through it all teamwork prevailed as these young engineers overcame difficulties to make their robots competition ready.

Hard work is a key to success. These Peck Engineering Leaders displayed this every week at our build/practice sessions and on competition day. We are thankful to work with such a wonderful group of student leaders and thankful for their dedication to this program. We would also like to thank the families for their support as well. Your commitment to your children and their success are evident. A special thank you to our Peck staff for your support—helping at practice, accommodating schedules, sharing space, unpacking and packing robots, and cheering us on competition day. As always, thank you to our sponsors—GM Engineering, Bosch, and the Anderson Family—that financially supported our efforts. All in all, team work made the dream work!

—Mrs. Watterson, Mrs. Wemyss, and Mrs. Beauchaine
Roose Roundup

Frozen Fun
Our Frozen Event turned out to be an AMAZING evening!! Thank you to everyone that attended and to everyone that helped make it magical! See more pictures on the Roose PTC Facebook page!

Student Leaders
We have wonderfully responsible students at Roose Elementary. This is a 5th grade student who was awarded the position of student leader/helper. She is supporting our kindergarten students as they work on developing their early literacy skills. School-wide jobs are a way for students to strengthen their relationship to school and serve as a way to give back and help others.

Skill-building in PE class!
With excitement, students in Mrs. Smith’s and Mr. Hamilton’s classes boarded a 56-seat motor coach last week, destined for Toledo’s Imagination Station, where they experienced many hands-on exhibits. Students lined up to experience the High Wire Cycle where they challenged themselves and conquered many fears while defying gravity riding a bicycle “20 feet above the ground, suspended on a 1-inch cable with a 275 lb. counterweight.” On the BO-YO, students used science around an axle, similar to that of the yo-yo. The rider was propelled up to 13 feet in the air using his or her own strength and experienced rotational kinetic energy and momentum. They even entered a wind tunnel to give them a real feel of a traditional storm - tornado - hurricane. They had the chance to be filmed on a green screen and host a real life news broadcast. They interacted with shadows, and light/sound waves. They attended a combustion show to observe different chemical/heat reactions. The students ended their trip with a 4D roller coaster simulator ride and a comfortable commute back to Warren, Michigan. Needless to say…it was a great day!
Math Pentathlon Club

Math Pentathlon Club meets once a week to learn to play math games that help problem solving and critical thinking skills.

ECC Notes

“Graduate” Studies

Center Line Graduate of 2017, Liona Boshnjaku, has spent the last few weeks in Mrs. Keel and Miss Tina’s GSRP classroom doing observations for her Early Childhood degree. She is currently attending Macomb Community College but will soon be transferring to Eastern Michigan University to complete her degree. She went above and beyond her assignment and became another teacher in our classroom. The students absolutely adored her and we are all sad that her time with us went by so quickly. We hope that we will be able to see her in our classroom, or at least the ECC, again soon! She will be an amazing teacher!
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

1/31/2020  Preschool Family Dance @ CLHS  6:00-8:00pm
2/3/2020  Elementary Skate Night @ Great Skate
          Open Swim for Senior Citizens @ CLHS Pool
          Open Swim for All @ CLHS Pool
2/5/2020  Moms' & Dads' Club Meeting CLHS
2/10/2020 Roose PTC
          Open Swim for Senior Citizens @ CLHS Pool
          Open Swim for All @ CLHS Pool
2/11/2020 Elementary Conferences @ Roose
          Elementary Conferences @ Peck/Crothers
          Peck Parent Lighthouse Team/PTC Meetings
          Band Boosters @ CLHS
2/12/2020 Elementary Conferences @ Roose
          Elementary Conferences @ Peck/Crothers
2/14-18/200  No School—Winter Break

CENTER LINE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

We're throwing a party!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 FROM 6:30-11:30 PM
SHELDS PIZZA- PRIVATE BANQUET ROOM
1476 W. MAPLE ROAD, TROY, MI
$25.00 PER TICKET- PIZZA, PASTA, SALAD, BREADSTICKS
CASH BAR
TICKETS BY CHECK TO:
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