Superintendent’s Reflections

Over 66 years of dedication to the students, staff, and community of Center Line Public Schools! Our Board of Education members collectively have served our fine district for more years than I have been around, and that is a long, long time!

- **Mr. Gary Gasowski** has been an active and dedicated board member for over 33 years. This is honorable and adds stability to the district. His children are alumni of CLPS, and son Nathan is a fantastic teacher at Roose. Mr. Gasowski has been a part of visioning in the district and understands that changes in the way we operate must take place in order to meet the needs of today’s student.

- **Mr. Darrell Vickers** was elected to the board over 11 years ago, and he immediately jumped in to getting to know students, especially those who struggle, advocating for them on all fronts. Mr. Vickers also has lovely children who graduated from Center Line Schools.

- **Mrs. Karen Pietrzyk** has actively served on our board for over 10 years. She grew up in Center Line and advocates for and celebrates the district in all situations. Daughter Adella is a committed teacher at Wolfe, and daughter Erica was one of my students. Mrs. Pietrzyk actively serves clubs and groups within the district and the community.

- **Mr. Hal Newnan** was elected to serve as a CLPS board member over 8 years ago and is very involved in the Warren Center Line Prevention Coalition. Mr. Newnan has worked hard to understand and support initiatives that encourage our students, support their needs, and ensure a bright future for them.

- **Mrs. Shelley Harenski** is mom to two beautiful daughters who excel in our district. She joined our board over 2 years ago and has learned the many aspects of focus in the district that are required to keep the district strong and successful. Mrs. Harenski always sees both sides of issues and carefully considers decisions.

- **Mr. Gary Shimer** is a Staff Representative for the Michigan American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 25. His children are current CL students, and his lovely wife works at Roose Elementary. Mr. Shimer works hard to make sure that there is equity and balance in personnel decisions.

- **Mrs. Wendy Watters** is mom to two talented young men in the district and is married to a Center Line alum. She has volunteered endless hours at various schools in parent clubs and in many other capacities. She was elected to the Board of Education 2 months ago and is working hard to learn the ropes.

Unless one has served on a board of education, it is impossible to understand the level of commitment that is required. Each board has many committees that typically have three members. These meet at all different times, and the frequency is based on current need. Our Sites and Facilities Committee has been BUSY with the bond work. Our Policy Committee is responsible for making sure all of the Board policies are current and aligned to the most recent legislation. These are just a couple of examples from the many committees that our Board members serve.

The most remarkable part of our Board is that all of them share the vision that students are our primary focus, and decisions are made based on what will best meet the needs of all students. The Board works well together; they are very respectful and open-minded, and most importantly, they are totally committed to the progress and success of each and every student.

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The Board of Education

Meet (and Thank) Our Board

As Superintendent Kaltz shared in her article, January is School Board Recognition Month. We here at Center Line Public Schools want our Board members to feel appreciated throughout the year, so each of our schools is invited to a different Board meeting to show their appreciation and to give school highlights. This month, Crothers Elementary presented.

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While research says by focusing on one behavior at a time it is more likely to lead to long-term success, you can chose a few small goals.

If you really want one (or all) of your goals to stick, try telling someone. People will encourage you if they know. If you run out of steam on one of your goals, try again tomorrow. Each time we practice a new habit, it becomes more like an old one. Just continue to work on your goals one day at a time (one hour at a time).

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Free & Reduced Lunch for Government Shutdown Families

If your family is directly affected by the government shutdown, your children may be eligible for free or reduced meals. To apply for assistance visit [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com) and fill out a lunch application. If you have questions call our Food Service Director, Theresa Elya at 586-510-2031.

Thank you for your support. We honor our government employees.

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Coffee Club Community Conversations

Join us Monday, January 28th at 9:00am and 5:00pm at Hometown Heroes Coffee and More (25029 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI 48015) for our monthly Coffee Club.

This month’s topic is Safety and Security Update, including information on PrePlan Live, ALICE Training, and district news including our MI Safety Grant. See you there!

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HR Notes

by Dr. Shannon McGrady

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Art Awards

Congratulations to this year’s Scholastic Art winners! The artwork will be on display at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts from January 28 – February 10, 2019 (Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm). The American Vision Award winners are chosen as the “Best of Show” from all of the artwork entered in this year’s Michigan Thumb Regional competition (Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Sanilac, and St. Clair County). Each regional program across the country selects the five most outstanding works of art from their Gold Key recipients. These five young artists represent the region on the national level as American Vision nominees. A national panel selects one of the nominated works from each region as the American Vision Award Recipient for 2019.

Tamara Sindy, 11th grade, Drawing, Gold Key Award, American Vision Award (top 5 in region)

Kamilla Kostrubiec, 11th grade, Comic Art, Silver Key

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Abbigail Boyd, 12th grade, Painting, Honorable Mention Award

Genevieve Dominick, 12th grade, Printmaking, Honorable Mention

Genevieve Dominick, 12th grade, Drawing, Colored pencil, Silver Key

Genevieve Dominick, 12th grade, Drawing, Mixed Media, Silver Key
MCWT Web Design Winners

Center Line High School had eight female Web Design students submit six websites to compete in the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Website Contest (MCWT). In total 177 sites were submitted to MCWT in three categories: Middle School, Beginner HS, and Advanced HS.

Each category invites the designers of the top 12 sites to a reception where the top six winners are announced and awarded monetary prizes. Three of Center Line sites were honored at the reception, and two sites won prizes in the category Beginner HS:

- Caroline Johnson 12th placed 2nd Place & won $250
- Maram Alturkey 12th and Jenna Zielinski 12th received Honorable Mention & won $50
- Micaela Gallegos 12th honored at reception in the Top 12

Please visit their sites at https://giaconad.wixsite.com/webdesign.

Clothes Closet Gets Makeover

The Center Line Rotary Club along with individual club members have donated a hanging garment organizer, 2 large shelves, and 12 plastic bins to organize our high school clothes and toiletries closet. We can't wait to put things away properly and get some use of the closet. Thank you so much for your support of our school!

Seed Study

Mrs. Cook’s bio classes grew radish seeds to see the effects of different nutrients and growth rates. They tested two types of seeds: those that were normal, and those that they “harvested” from simulated elephant poop. They discovered that going through an animal digestive track is actually a benefit to seed sprouting.
Cross-Curricular, Inter-School PBL

Mrs. Cook’s physics students created comic books for Mrs. Davis’s 4th grade class at Crothers to teach them about forces. Many groups read their comics to the class. The 4th graders were a great audience.

Roose Roundup

More Cooperative PBLs!

Center Line High School art students collaborated with 2nd grade students from Roose to transform drawings into sculptures. CLHS students worked to re-create their “client's” (2nd grader's) monster drawings into a sculpture that could function as a standing or sitting work of art. The objective was to make appropriate adjustments while maintaining the 2nd grader’s vision the way artists do for their clients in the real world. Art and big kids and little kids and cookies and tears of joy...Project based learning the learners will never forget!
Crothers’ students shared a need for more games to play during indoor recess, so Student Council raised money through the sale of Turkey Grams at Thanksgiving time to purchase games for every classroom.

Ms. Perlaki’s 1st grade students love using ST Math!

MORE ST Math Fans
Peck students really love using ST Math! Here’s what some of our 1st graders have to say about it:

Chloe (left): We learn numbers and we have to solve a problem. [I like it because] it’s fun!

Mason (right): It’s fun because you learn!

Here’s what Jah’ir E (right) and Cayden B. (left), both in 2nd grade, have to say:

Jah’ir: My favorite part is the penguin and the mouse.

Cayden: My favorite part is the bouncing shoes and you add all the animals and get points. I’ve learned addition and subtraction.

Mr. Brandon’s and Mrs. Watterson’s 1st and 5th grade reading buddies demonstrating Readers’ Workshop strategies.
Pint-Sized Heroes

Peck Elementary hosted a successful blood drive on Friday, January 11. Pictured are three of our “pint-sized heroes” who encouraged adult family members to donate blood. Thanks to everyone who donated (or tried to donate). Special thanks to Mrs. Rosie for organizing the event!

Clothing Study

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) is a state-funded preschool program that offers learning experiences personalized to the strengths, interests and needs of each child. Studies in the classroom are student-led. Mrs. Baird and Ms. Amy’s GSRP students have shown an interest in clothing, so they began a clothing study this week. The children enjoyed putting on different types of attire found in our dramatic play area. They talked about why or where they might wear their particular garment and the possible job they might have. Playing dress up can be fun and educational!

House Study

Ms. Clynick and Mrs. Darga’s GSRP class have started a new study that the children chose - houses! While reading The Three Little Pigs, the children compared their own homes to that of each of the pigs. The children shared what they already know about houses, and have learned that a lot goes into building a house.
**Bowling Fundraiser**

On **Saturday, January 26th**, the Moms’ & Dads’ Club is hosting its annual Bowling Fundraiser at Regal Lanes (27663 Mound Road, just south of Martin.) Check in starts at 8:30pm; bowling begins approximately 9:45pm (after league play).

Cost is $20 person to bowl three games (includes shoes, pizza/salad/pop) or $10 to eat/observe/enjoy the raffles and fun. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! For more information, see the CLHS website [Bowling Fundraiser page](#) under Parents/Moms’ & Dads’ Club, or contact Danielle Snyercerski at 586-215-5493 or daniellesny71@gmail.com.

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**Care of Seminars Parenting Conference**

**Saturday, March 23rd, 2019**

8:00am - 3:30pm

at Macomb ISD - 4401 Garfield, Clinton Twp. 48038

CARE’s parenting conference includes a keynote presentation, workshops, and resources and opportunities for parents and caregivers to increase their skills and knowledge about parenting children and teens. See the specifics at [https://www.careofsem.com/events/parenting-conference/](https://www.careofsem.com/events/parenting-conference/)

Thanks to the generosity of a couple of our Board of Education members, CLPS has parent scholarships available to cover the cost of this workshop! Contact Sue Pauling (paulings@clps.org or 586-510-2004) to reserve your space by January 30!

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**Have you responded to our survey yet?**

Time is running out to give your feedback on community programming!

Please answer our 4-question survey to help us determine how to better serve our community!

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTRPYJZ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTRPYJZ)
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