Superintendent’s Reflections

Spring blooms make me happy!! I was telling a friend that I LOVE to see crocus sprout as it reminds me that summer is on its way. Later in the afternoon she sent me a picture from her garden, and it made my day!! Sweet signs of the upcoming summer pushed through the sun-warmed soil reaching for warmth and light, preparing to bloom and bring color and beauty to soothe the edge of the cold and snowy winter.

In spite of a warmer fall, many have told me that they are so tired of the cold and nasty winter. I also feel like this has been a difficult winter (maybe it is because of the harsh weather that led to school closure on multiple days). BUT, we made it! Sure signs of spring are around us, the weather is warming up, daylight lasts longer, and in the early morning, I hear birds welcoming the new season with their songs.

Michigan’s climate can bring wicked weather, but I believe that we also experience some of the most beautiful fall, spring, and summer weather than anywhere in the nation. Parts of winter are also beautiful, as long as it doesn’t last too long!

May this season of rebirth bring you peace and renewed energy.

Superintendent Kaltz reading to Crothers’ students for March Is Reading month.
Behind the Scenes at FIRST Robotics

Lisa Savage (FIRST in Michigan), Vicky Rad (Interim Director, Macomb County Planning and Economic Development), and John Paul Rea (Deputy County Executive, Macomb County) along with Superintendent Eve Kaltz and MISD Assistant Superintendent Alesia Flye hosted a behind-the-scenes tour of the FIRST Robotics competition at CLHS last week. VIP guests included Rep. Andy Levin and Rep. Lori Stone. The competition featured 40 teams from across southeast Michigan participating in this year’s FIRST challenge – 2019 DESTINATION: DEEP SPACE Game Animation. See more pictures on our Facebook page!

Community Connections

Coffee Club Community Conversations

Monday, March 25, 2019
9am & 5pm

This month’s topic:
The Graduate Profile K-12 Learning Continuum and Assessing & Scoring Standards

Hosted at
Hometown Heroes Coffee and More
25029 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI 48015

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.
Earlier this month Governor Whitmer presented her budget proposal, which includes the education budget. I thought I would share it so you have more information on what could become reality for next year. This budget proposal has some details that would great for our district with no known negatives. Included are the following provisions:

- The proposal includes an $120 per student increase in the foundation allowance for our district, which would give our district an estimated additional $317,000.
- It includes an additional $64 per student for state reimbursement for special education services, which equates to an additional $169,000 to our district.
- Our district would receive an additional $143 per student in at-risk funding, which is funding restricted to increasing test scores for impoverished students and other high risk students. It would allow additional $378,000 in at-risk funds for the district.
- The proposal increases the amount of funding for CTE expenses with an estimated $63 per pupil for CLPS, which equates to an additional $165,000.
- In addition, the Governor is proposing additional funding for Great Start Readiness Program, which is for 4 year olds who are lower income. CLPS has applied for an additional classroom which has been denied the last couple of years, but its acceptance seems more probable in this scenario.

The overall impact if everything is approved as is would be an additional revenue of approximately $1,029,000, of which almost 40% would be restricted on targeted spending, but equates to a 4.7% increase in state funding. Governor Whitmer used the School Finance Research Collaborative, which studied what it costs to educate all students, as her basis for her budget proposal. In February Center Line Public Schools’ Board of Education passed a resolution supporting the study in its entirety. I am pleased that the Governor is using research in determining the budget for education. While this budget is still nowhere close to the amount the research asserts is required, it is certainly a step in the right direction. Since this proposal still has to go through the Senate and House, it could look drastically different. I always recommend you call your legislators to encourage them to add the needed funding for education based on research and without strings, which unfortunately has happened in the recent past.

CLHS Happenings

Campus Visit

The Freshman Academy took 150+ students to Michigan State University this past Friday. Students had the opportunity to ice skate, visit the basketball facility, complete an on campus scavenger hunt, and eat at the dining hall. It was a great experience for our students to see what college life is like!
Mrs. Cook’s biology classes measured the pH of different “ocean water environments” and the corresponding CO2 levels to determine which environments were unsafe for animals.

After determining the unsafe acidic environments, the biology classes tested how the acid thins the shells of organisms and what that might mean to the animals. They determined which animals were protected by their shells and which shells dissolved.

Health & Wellness Fair

The HHS Academy hosted its Health & Wellness Fair this week for all academy students. Students had the opportunity to get massages, drink smoothies, dance, learn yoga, work with therapy dogs, have fun with the National Guard, and learn self defense techniques from Center Line Public Safety. As you can see, it was a great time! See more pictures on the CLHS Facebook page!

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our girls’ basketball team this season!
Wolfe Math & Science Night

Understanding potential and kinetic energy and other science theories through hands-on experiences, celebrating PI day with a “Pi” walk, playing math games, and enjoying time together with family and friends was what Wolfe’s Math & Science Night was all about! See more pictures on the Wolfe Facebook page!

What’s Up at Wolfe

Pi Bee

Wolfe held its annual Pi Bee on Thursday, 3/14. Congrats to our top three students!
- 1st Place--Damian Nguyen--Recited 88 digits of pi.
- 2nd Place--Selena Hafeed--Recited 70 digits of pi.
- 3rd Place--Sakhi Ahmed--Recited 55 digits of pi.
Roose Roundup

Ms. Chapman used the giant Michigan Map to teach a variety of Michigan-related concepts.

Rep. Stone in the House

State Representative Lori Stone visited Roose as a guest reader for March is Reading Month. She visited 13 classrooms and read to approximately 340 students. A good time was had by all!

Building Bridges

Peck kindergartners built bridges as a PBL and made some astute observations on their work.

I like bridges because they go out to the park!
- Tylen N.

This is our bridge. We used some tape, paper and blocks. We put the extra blocks so the boat could fit. And, of course, we used the paper to help. And the paper is cylinders.
- Lucas B. & Rylan C.

This is a strong bridge, and our teacher is going to test it to see if it breaks. And if boats can go under. And she’s going to put cars on it. This is really fun.
- Kaydin C.
Many Thanks!

Mrs. Malaski and Ms. Schyler’s ECSE class would like to thank the Center Line Educational Foundation for selecting our grant. ECSE students are not only enjoying the roller slide but increasing their vestibular system, which is the sensory system that helps their sense of balance and spatial orientation. Students are coordinating movement with balance and having so much fun doing it!

Mrs. Kaltz, our Superintendent, visited the ECC for March is Reading Month. She read to several of our GSRP classrooms and even donated some books. The gift of reading is a wonderful thing!! Thank you!

Ms. Clynick and Mrs. Darga’s GSRP students were excited to welcome five guest readers this week! In addition to Mrs. Kaltz, they were entertained with stories from Mrs. Baldwin, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Carol, and Mrs. Darga! We love our guest readers!!

Ms. Tammy and Ms. Sandy’s ECSE students had fun making Leprechaun books for St. Patrick’s Day!

Each week our teachers and staff are reading some of their favorite children’s books and posting on our Facebook page, CLPSECC. Check us out!
The Week in Review is published every Friday during the school year.

Submissions are welcome and encouraged! Please email your pictures and news to Sue Pauling at paulings@clps.org by Wednesday, March 27th at noon for next week's edition!