Superintendent’s Reflections

"The Starfish Thrower"
by Loren Eisely

Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied, "Throwing starfish into the ocean."

"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

As I sat and listened teachers share the stories of their students nominated for the Turn Around Award, the “Starfish Thrower” story came to mind. We can consider our work victorious if one child who felt alone and like a failure becomes a confident and successful student, often times helping others to see their personal gifts and talents.

I was moved as our teachers described their excitement and support for every student and as I listened to students and their families share their gratitude for the outpouring of compassion and patience they experienced from our staff.

Educators are not honored the way they should be, but at the Turn Around Awards, because these teachers continue to honor and love our students, they were superstars in the eyes of all in attendance.

I am so proud of our students, their families, and our staff as they work together to give struggling children hope for a bright future.
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.

**Macomb 2020**

On Tuesday, May 14, three Center Line Teachers presented projects at the Macomb 2020 Capstone night. Macomb 2020 is a two year professional development program designed to assist teachers in developing and facilitating a blended learning environment. Teachers are shown multiple methods to use technology to enrich the teaching they are already doing. The capstone projects were culmination of work they have done over the past year. Donna Giacona (CLHS), in her second year of Macomb 2020, titled her project, "Staying the Course" and featured the work she'd done in her graphic arts class. Clarice Howard (AC21), in her second year of Macomb 2020, titled her project "Blending Backwards Part 2" featuring the class she'd developed using Schoology to get the students to work and talk face-to-face. Jason Ratkowski (CLHS), in his first year of Macomb 2020, titled his project "Environmental Citizens Class" featuring the work he'd completed as part of a project that encompassed all his science classes.

**Alumni Tour of CLHS**

On Saturday May 18th, the combined classes of 1969 from Center Line High School and St. Clement went for a tour of the high school as part of their class reunion weekend event. Everyone was very excited trying to remember where their lockers were. Superintendent Kaltz led us on the tour. She explained the new additions and the new classes and academies. The high school was much smaller back in 1969 with much larger graduating classes. One of the alumni is a retired principal from another district. She praised Superintendent Kaltz for her dedication to the district. She took me aside the next day and said we should be very proud to have such an entrenched superintendent. I was so very proud to be a part of the tour and to hear all the positive remarks about our school and Mrs. Kaltz. Thanks also to Linda (custodian) for spending time letting us in.

—Submitted by Karen Pietrzyk
Turn Around Breakfast

Every year, Center Line Public Schools hosts a breakfast event to honor students in grades prek-12 that have made a “turn around.” A turn around can be in the form of behavior, academic, social, or a combination of all three; the student has made changes that have been sustained over time. This year’s speaker was CLHS alum Ken Alyass, himself a Turn Around Award winner, who will be attending Harvard grad school this fall. The 2019 Turn Around Award recipients and their nominating teachers are as follows:

**Center Line High School**
- Troy Lett – nominated by Paulette Nantais & Iman Jaradi
- Jaden Davis – nominated by Tim Ossman
- Ryan Bowers – nominated by Jessica Yeakel and Lesley Harris

**Academy 21**
- Jamie Daugherty – nominated by the Academy 21 Staff
- Aliauren Rodgers – nominated by the Academy 21 Staff

**Wolfe Middle School**
- Ava Robb – nominated by Amber Baas
- Andre Mccou – nominated by Ron Howery
- Flynn Bosley – nominated by Erin Gauthier
- Christian Knox – nominated by Laurie Panfalone & John Daley
- Logan Mogg – nominated by Joe Martin & Mike Szymanski
- Emilee Schienle – nominated by Joe Martin
- Eddie Olson – nominated by Jennifer Desmet

**Roose Elementary**
- Shellblie Montgomery – nominated by Dori Babcock
- Malik Thomas – nominated by Dori Babcock

**Crothers Elementary**
- Omar Troncoso – nominated by Nathan Landoski

**Peck Elementary**
- Audric Halagard – nominated by Meghan Eboy
The Budget Roadshow

Each year I try to make it a priority to get out to each of our buildings and present what is going on financially with our district. This allows me to bring the information to our employees without them having to go to the Board meeting to hear it. While I don’t have the final budget for this year completed yet, I will be able to provide a sneak peek into what next year looks like and show some of the differences between the Governor’s proposal and the Senate budget proposal.

Here is a schedule of when I will be in each of the buildings to present:

- Early Childhood Center - May 28th at 4:00 p.m.
- Peck Elementary - May 29th at 8:00 a.m.
- Center Line High School - May 29th at 2:30 p.m.
- Crothers Elementary - June 3rd at 8:00 a.m.
- Roose Elementary - June 4th at 3:45 p.m.
- Wolfe Middle School - June 11th at 3:00 p.m.

I hope you are able to be there to learn and ask any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you!

CLHS Happenings

Sports Shorts

- Geo Talley took 1st Place in shotput and 2nd Place in discus in regional competition; he will compete at Zeeland Stadium on June 1st at 9:00am.
- Jashun Houston has been selected to play in the Macomb County All Star basketball game that will be held at MCC on June 13th at 7:30pm.
- Our softball team was 16-0 in regular season play and claimed the MAC Gold division championship. The team hopes to repeat as District champs. The first game will be against Lutheran North on June 1st, 10:00am, at Hazel Park.
- Baseball Districts also start on June 1st at 10:00am at Hazel Park vs. Lamphere.

Financial Literacy Pays Off

The students in the MRS class finished an online financial literacy program sponsored by Extra Credit Union. As an incentive, they received a $25 gift certificate good toward opening an account with the bank. Ms. Ashley Fordyce, school and community relations coordinator for Extra Credit Union, presented the students with their certificates.
Congrats to the Top Ten CLHS Grads of 2019!

**Mahbub Jahid** (4.4829 GPA)
Finance, Wayne State University
Valedictorian; Channel 4 WXYZ Best and Brightest Award; Grand Prize Winner at MMSTC Science Fair
Honored guest: Mr. Jamie Bellos

**Alexander Penucevski** (4.3279 GPA)
Engineering/Economics/Political Science, University of Michigan
President of CLHS Drama Club; National Honor Society VP; MMTSC; John Phillip Sousa Band Award; Section Leader/Jazz Band/Band Council
Honored guest: Mr. Joseph Kolar

**Tamzid Jagirdar** (4.215 GPA)
Architecture, University of Detroit – Mercy
National Honor Society President; Varsity Track and Cross Country; 2018 Homecoming King
Honored guest: Mr. Michael Quinn

**Sara Bezel** (4.2087 GPA)
Teaching, Wayne State University
Student Council President; National Honor Society; 2019 Macomb County All Academic Team; Dance Team
Honored guest: Mrs. Jennifer Haugh

**Maram AlTurky** (4.1981 GPA)
Marketing, Wayne State University
National Honor Society; CLHS Student Ambassador; Student Council; Soccer
Honored guest: Mrs. Donna Giacona

**Selena Harrak** (4.1516 GPA)
Pre-Med, Michigan State University
National Honor Society; Student Council; 40+ Hours of Community Service
Honored guest: Mrs. Heather Williams

**Katherine Pahal** (4.1382 GPA)
Apprenticeship or Musical Instrument Repair, Oakland University
Marching/Concert Band; Musical Pit Band; Varsity Swim
Honored guest: Mr. Bret Davis

**Savanna Roark** (4.1295 GPA)
Botany, Michigan State University
National Honor Society; Varsity Soccer; Volleyball
Honored guest: Mr. Zach Zimmerman

**Laura McBride** (4.097 GPA)
Nursing, Oakland University
National Honor Society; Student Council
Honored guest: Mr. Robert Plutzke

**Joseph Eldeir** (4.0946 GPA)
Nursing, Michigan State University
Dual Enrollment; Student Council; Track
Honored guest: Mrs. Martha Teshich
The Macomb County Middle School Meet was this week, and Jessica Woolsey placed 3rd in the 100 Individual Medley and 4th in the 200 Freestyle. There were also a lot of personal bests by the rest of the Wolfe swimmers. Congratulations!

Tryout Information—includes incoming freshmen. Mark your calendars; consider joining a fall sport! Don’t forget to get a physical for next year (valid any time after April 15).

2019 Summer Volleyball Activities

Open Gym for girls going into 9th & 10th grades this fall:
- June 11 & 18, 5-7pm, K-hall gym
- July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 5-7pm, K-hall gym

Open Gym for girls going into 11th & 12th grades this fall:
- June 13 & 20, 5-7pm, K-hall gym
- July 11, 18 & 25, 5-7pm, K-hall gym
- August 1, 5-7pm, K-hall gym

**Try-Outs: August 14, 15 & 16, 5-7pm, K-hall gym**

**Please make sure for tryouts you bring with you, or have on file with the school, a physical dated after April 15, 2019. Contact Coach Kate with any questions at martoranak@clps.org.**

What’s Up at Wolfe

Swim Club Success

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8th Grade Class Trip: Chicago!

Last week, a group of 41 Wolfe eighth graders had the opportunity to spend two days exploring Chicago. The group left the school via coach bus at 5:30am, heading straight to Shedd Aquarium, where they saw dolphins, beluga whales, a sea lion and sea turtle, and sharks. They then learned about banking and were able to see three different displays of one million dollars at the Federal Reserve and Money Museum. The afternoon was spent at the Chicago 360 Observation Deck, on the 94th floor of the John Hancock Building, with a handful of students (and adults) tilting over the top of the city, and then a quick visit to the Bean in Millennium Park. The first day ended with dinner and cheering on the white knight at Medieval Times. On Friday, the group went on an architectural cruise of the Chicago River, which was followed by a lunch of Chicago style deep dish pizza. The final stop before heading back to Center Line was the Museum of Science and Industry. Check out the pictures on the next page, and others on the Wolfe Facebook page!
8th Grade Trip to Chicago
Peck Points

Beautification Day

Many hands make light work—and fun work! Peck's leaders had a great time at our annual Beautification Day on May 17. They pulled weeds, picked up litter, planted flowers and veggies, discovered a baby bunny, laughed at funny bugs, and more. After all the work was done, they enjoyed a picnic lunch outside.

Young Playwrights

For the last four weeks, students in grades K-3 have met twice weekly to learn all about writing plays. The students enjoyed using music, movement, and their oral language skills to develop the elements they would use to write a play. Last night, the students were able to perform the plays they had written in front of their family and friends at An Evening of Plays by The Panda Playwrights. This program was funded through the Additional Instructional Time grant.

Crothers’ Corner

Roose Roundup

Girls on the Run

On Sunday, May 19th, Roose's Girls on the Run team completed our season with a celebratory 5K at Lake St. Clair Metropark. We had a wonderful season in which the girls made friendships across grade levels and participated in lessons to build confidence and kindness. A special thank you to our GOTR coaches Mrs. Babcock, Ms. Bretz, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Dixon, Ms. Henninger, and Mrs. Miller, as well as our 8th grade junior coaches Selena Hafeed and Arianna Ivory!
**Therapy Dog Visit**

Zeus, a certified therapy dog who usually visits hospitals and hospice patients, visited Peck and Roose Elementaries with his owner/trainer, Ms. Karin Green. While at Peck, Zeus listened intently to Mrs. Tippery’s 1st and 2nd grade reading intervention students, who read carefully selected texts they felt confident reading. Zeus brought on lots of smiles, a sense of calm, and provided students with a non-judgmental audience in which to practice their reading. He was a hit!

Then, in the afternoon, Zeus visited Ms. Fenner’s kindergarten class. The students were doing center time, where groups of four students would rotate between different stations every 10 minutes, Zeus being a read-aloud to (and pet) the dog station. It was a little loud at times, but the kids loved picking stories to tell Zeus and Ms. Karin and give our visiting canine lots of pats and hugs. The kids learned that dogs love to have their bellies scratched and ears rubbed and to be talked to kindly, and Zeus learned that he enjoyed being around lots of petting hands and children! See more pictures on the [CLPS Facebook page](#).
Trike-a-Thon

Last Thursday, May 16, the Early Childhood Center held its annual Trike-a-Thon, an event the ECC has been hosting for over 20 years. This event benefits St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and donations this year totaled over $1000. Children come to ride their trikes or bikes to raise money for this worthwhile charity. All week the children learn about bike safety and then get to spend an evening riding with their friends and enjoying a treat afterward. This event teaches children about doing for others and how even the smallest act of kindness can have an impact!

Animal Care

Students in Mrs. Keel and Miss Tina’s GSRP class are learning about pets. This week they are talking about how to take care of pets. Students helped Mrs. Keel clean the fish tank and made sure that it was sparkling and spotless for their fish, Bluey Pebbles!

Eat and Learn

Wednesday, Ms. Johnson’s TBPS class had a visit from Chef Andrew. Together, they made Rice Krispie Treats in the shape of a sphere to go along with their study of balls. The children followed a sequence of steps from preparing their work area and putting on gloves to measuring the ingredients, mixing them together, and then shaping the balls. They used their individual creativity to decorate their treats with frosting and sprinkles before the final step of tasting. What a yummy way to learn!
Opportunities

Join us for field trips, free breakfast & lunch, crafts, fun activities and more! Summer Daze is proudly run by Center Line Public Schools and the Center Line Recreation Center.

June 17 - August 23, 2019
at Peck Elementary School

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Leadership Academy
Students Entering 6th–8th Grade

Harper Woods High School
June 17–21, 2019
20225 Beaconsfield
Harper Woods, MI

Warren Community Center
June 24–28, 2019
5460 Arden Avenue
Warren, MI

Jermaine Jackson Community Center
August 5–9, 2019
58 Orchard Street
Mt. Clemens, MI

9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Breakfast and Lunch Provided.

Seeking High School Mentors to Volunteer for Camps

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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

5/27  No School—Memorial Day
5/28  Welcome to CLHS (incoming 9th graders) @ CLHS  6:30 pm
5/30  Bus Tour Seniors
       Senior Mock Elections
       Panda Pride Night @ Crothers
       Spring Blast @ Roose
5/31  Leadership Night @ Peck  5:15-7:45pm
6/4   Wolfe Band Concert @ CLHS Auditorium  7:00pm
6/5   Wolfe 6th Grade Awards @ CLHS Auditorium  9:15am
       Crothers PTC
       Wolfe 7th Grade Awards @ CLHS Auditorium  4:30pm
       Wolfe 8th grade graduation @ CLHS Auditorium  1:30pm
       Wolfe 8th grade graduation @ CLHS Auditorium  6:00pm
6/6   Commencement @ Bethesda Church  7:00pm
       Senior ANP @ CLHS Auditorium  10pm
6/7   Peck Field Day  10pm-5am
6/9   School & Families Day
       Center Line Independence Festival @ Memorial Park  12:00-6:00pm

Roose Rocket
Spring Blast
Thursday, May 30, 2019, 6-8 pm
at Roose Elementary
$7.00 per student/child

* Free Ice Cream for each paid admission
* Horse and Pony Rides
* Petting Zoo
* Bounce House
* 60 foot Obstacle Course
* Carnival Games
* Concessions available for purchase
* And much more! See you there!