Superintendent’s Reflections

Every employee in our district is a part of the CL family and critical to the success of our students. Some of our students challenge staff more than others and it is difficult to experience this, but so many staff know that this is their cue to pour on the patience and compassion.

I am going to feature groups in the next few weeks, and I want to start with our teachers.

Teaching is a vocation that requires a balance of many, many skills. Teachers must be patient, empathetic, forgiving, creative, adaptable, adventurous, ambitious, appreciative, busy, caring, collaborative, committed, compassionate, dedicated, determined, devoted, driven, eager, encouraging, enthusiastic, excited, flexible, forward-thinking, generous, hard-working, helpful, honest, humbled, imaginative, innovative, inspired, inspiring, inventive, invested, invigorated, involved, kind, motivated, nurturing, organized, passionate, persistent, positive, prepared, proactive, professional, reflective, resilient, resourceful, risk-takers, student-centered, tenacious, thankful, thoughtful, trustworthy, and understanding. They are CRITICALLY IMPORTANT!!!!

According to TeamTom Education, there are four influences that affect students. What happens in their homes, families, socio-economics, and background experiences shapes how they respond to situations. School factors like the building itself, the student’s schedule, and the people in the building impact each student. Factors such as a student’s experiences, background knowledge, and skill sets impact each student as well as instruction. Teachers are the only people in a child’s life who can influence all four of these areas!!!

There are students in Center Line and many other districts who are compliant and follow rules. Anyone can teach these children. When you work with children who stretch you not only as a teacher but as a patient and kind adult, and when those children achieve success, you have crossed the finish line!

Center Line students need you. Some will spend a year or two with you and leave sweet memories while others will push your buttons every minute of every day. When you keep loving them and pushing them to be the best version of themselves, everyone wins!

We are the village that must surround and stick with our students, all of them, so that we can be assured that they are ready to go out into the world with the skills and attitudes necessary to survive.

Thank you for being a Center Line Public Schools teacher!
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.

The Scoop on Count Day

With count day just wrapping up, I thought I would share the importance of student count and the impact of school of choice. The number of student FTE’s (full-time equivalency) determines our funding from the state. We currently receive $9,743 per student FTE. Although that amount is towards the top end in the state, we still receive $291 per student less than what we received in the 2008-09 school year.

This year we have approximately 87 less student FTE’s than last year. The decrease was due to a 98 student FTE loss in Center Line Partnership, which services homeschool students. We were able to bring in 128 students through school of choice. This number includes current students that moved out of district but re-applied to stay in our schools. We had several new school of choice students through Kindergarten and our Academy 21 program as well that helped make up that number. These parents care enough about their children’s academics to drive them to Center Line Schools each day so they can take advantage of all the opportunities we offer.

Had we not opened to school of choice for Macomb County, we would have had 128 fewer students in the district, which is an over $1.2 million-dollar impact. We are grateful that the parents of these students—along with all of our parents—have entrusted their children’s educations and futures to us.

I am always mindful that we provide a service and if we do not do an exceptional job, lots of schools nearby would love to provide that service instead of us. It is critical that we continue to wear our marketing hats and strive to show the great things the staff and students are doing in this wonderful school district. Next month I will share information on our annual audit, which is as fun as it sounds, and something I am sure you will look forward to.

Now Accepting Teacher Grant Applications!

Don't miss this chance to get what you need to improve your instruction and your classroom!

The CLPS Educational Foundation is offering $22,000 in grants, and teachers are entitled to submit one personal grant and one group grant of any amount up to and including $22,000!

STEP ONE is a simple one page form to obtain your principal's support UP FRONT in the application process. Fill in the “Intent to Submit” form and email it to your building principal and Lynda Bonucchi at lbonucchi@gmail.com by Monday, October 22. The form and an example can be downloaded at www.clps.org/apps/pages/grants

The actual grant application will follow shortly and will be due Monday November 5, but it MUST be preceded by this Intent to Submit.

The process is simple and the rewards are amazing!
This week several ITI Academy students took a trip to Eastern Michigan University for the Just Build It! Expo. The expo is designed to inform students of the many career opportunities they have upon graduation. Especially of interest to our students were the apprenticeship programs in the skilled trades that businesses, colleges, and labor unions provide. These are multi-year programs that will result in students learning in classrooms as well as on the job. An important aspect is the apprentices GET PAID during the entire duration of the apprenticeship! That’s right—no college debt! Apprentices will apply what they have learned in the classroom to their field work, and apply what they know from their field work to enhance their lessons in the classroom. They also may earn dozens of credits toward a degree, or, depending on the apprenticeship, a full associate’s degree upon completion of the apprenticeship.

Our students climbed scaffolding, sweated pipes, floated concrete, virtually-welded, and many other activities all under the supervision of experts. They also were able to ask questions of the instructors as well as the current apprentices.

The free pizza was simply a bonus.

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In the District

Coffee Club Community Conversations

Topic for October 29, 2018 - 9:00am and 5:00pm:

The Many Programs Offered at Center Line Public Schools

- CLHS Career Academies
- Preparing students for life following graduation
- Excellent opportunities at Wolfe and our elementary buildings
- A21 – our virtual program offering flexibility and individualized pacing
- Center Line Partnership offering options for all students

Hosted at

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

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FREE FLU SHOTS for CLPS Students!

St. John/Ascension Health is hosting a flu shot clinic at the high school on Oct. 25 & 26 at NO COST! Fill out your forms and get them in to your school office by Tuesday! See more info at https://clhs.clps.org/apps/pages/flushots
Engineering Design

To “launch” our PBL How will we land our astronauts safely on Mars?, Engineering Design students launched air powered rockets. Students from 1st and 5th hours braved the cool temperatures to send our rockets to infinity and....

Wreath Fundraiser

Support your favorite high school band member or have your purchase go toward the uniform fund in one of two ways:

1. **The Bulk Order**: Fill out the individual order form and return it to the Band Boosters box at CLHS by the end of the school day on Friday, Nov. 2. Pick up your order from CLHS upon its arrival the week of 11/26.

2. **Direct Ship**: Order online at www.alpinefarms.com/shop/ by December 5th. At checkout, enter our Group Code (CL17457) in the box provided and either the band student’s name or "Uniform Fund" in the comments section.

You can download an order form on the Band Booster webpages (https://clhs.clps.org/apps/pages/wreathes). Email BandBoosters@clps.org with any questions!

Football Takes Title

Panther Football has had an excellent season, and the homecoming victory earned them the title of Bronze MAC Champions! Click on the pictures to read the online articles.

If the team wins tonight’s game against Marysville (away, 7pm), they will earn a berth in district playoffs! Good luck, Panthers!
See more homecoming festivities pictures on the Center Line High School Facebook page!
Mrs. Baaso's Science classes had an exciting visitor! Students learned about the Monarch Butterfly with a first-hand experience.

Last home volleyball game win for the 8th grade Lady Warriors! They are still undefeated with two matches left. The 7th grade team is also undefeated! Great game, ladies!

Photo credit: Jennifer Brozowski

Mrs. Phy-Daly's Psychology class applies what they learned in behavior and biology during the lab “Reaction Time.”

Wolfe’s first Cooking Club of the year was a success! 42 student chefs made chocolate muffins (made healthy - with pumpkin instead of oil and eggs). Students also made some old fashioned Jiffy apple cinnamon muffins. See more pictures on the Wolfe Facebook page!
Peck Points

Peck students Maximus Marx and Caden Muir lowering the flag at the end of the day. Maximus Marx with grandpa John Woolf, Army, E4 Specialist as they fold the flag.

Peck students enjoying the homecoming festivities!

Peck 5th graders take on the Michigan Science Center!
Crothers grades 2-5 C.I. students explore and write about seeds for their science lesson.

Roose has some teachers who have earned a PhD’s in bulletin board creation.

This young man proudly found his work displayed on a bulletin board as he and his family were headed to conferences.

A future author has his work on display. Does a more inviting title page exist?

Roose’s Green Team is collecting gently used or new Halloween costumes for children in need of them. Donations can be dropped off at Roose now through October 24th to the attention of Mrs. Binge. Thank you for helping!
Our ECSE and tuition-based preschool families spent a beautiful fall day at Blake's Big Apple Orchard in Armada. Although there was a chill in the air, it did not discourage children from enjoying all the activities the orchard has to offer. Students and their families took a wagon ride out to the orchard to pick apples and a small pumpkin. They had the opportunity to visit the petting farm, climb a straw mountain, pump water to squirt and race toy ducks in a pond, and of course, enjoy cider and donuts. Our field trips provide hands-on learning experiences for our youngest students as well as quality family time.

A hayride is a great way to start a field trip!

Even our staff have fun on the field trips. Pictured here are Mrs. Karam, Mrs. Malaski, Ms. Schyler, and Ms. Sandy.

Don’t you love the feeling you get when you find that perfect pumpkin?

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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.

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Harvest Treat
Saturday, October 20
Noon - 3 pm
At City Square
Free Activities:
- Trick or Treating, 3-4 pm (Parking Structure)
- Warren/Centerline School-aged children only
- Junior Firefighter Challenge
- Great Pumpkin Photos (1-3 pm) sponsored by Extra Credit Union
- Free Pumpkins sponsored by Extra Credit Union
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides sponsored by Hamilton Chevrolet
- Professional Pumpkin Carvers
- Touch-a-Truck sponsored by Great Start Macomb
- Mechanical Bull
- Moonwalk
Call 586-757-7480 for more details.

Bake Sale
Donations Needed
Senior All Night Party Committee is seeking donations for our bake sale during the high school parent-teacher conferences on October 24th.

Requested donations: baked goods of all kinds.
Please contact Corrie Biddulph 586.995.4553 or Tracy Sensie 586.964.6587 with donations.
Donations can be dropped off in the front office of CLHS or to Corrie & Tracy.

Questions? Call Corrie or Tracy.

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