Celebrations abound!!! 800 grant applications were submitted to the Michigan Department of Education during the first phase of the Marshall Plan for Talent Grant. By the final round, 22 grant finalists were invited to go to Lansing. Media lined the room, and the speaker named the 13 grants that would not be funded. We were one of the 9 grants throughout the state that were awarded money, and we were thrilled!!! The grant was written by Center Line, Fraser, and Armada, which will bring a lot of sharing of ideas, collaboration, and shared celebration to our work.

The Marshall Plan for Talent Grant will allow each district to hire a Career Navigator. This person will add a layer of oversight to our students as they spend time in business and industry, expand our business partnerships, and maximize the impact of MI Bright Future as students really get to know their own strengths and talents. The grant will allow us to pay stipends to industry mentors to assist in teaching classes related to high demand fields. We will have funds to have one of our teachers trained in CISCO, allow teachers to earn endorsements in areas of high-demand critical shortage jobs, and purchase some critical material to be used in these courses. It will also provide additional funds for the work that we are doing to develop more relevant and engaging instruction and performance task assessments along with money to purchase additional manufacturing equipment and offer stipends to our teachers to work with experts as they design new curricula to support new programs.

ANOTHER celebration is the award of over $300,000 to bring John Hattie’s Visible Learning team into our district. Educators know of the tremendous research that John Hattie and his colleagues have completed and the power of understanding and embracing the 10 mindframes that this work uncovered. Through the meta-analysis of 93,000+ studies on 300+ million students across the globe, Professor Hattie identified more than 250 factors that have an impact on student achievement. The average effect size is 0.40 standard deviations. This average translates to the amount of progress a student can be expected to make during one year of schooling.

The power of the Visible Learning research lies not only in helping educators understand how much impact each influence has on student achievement but also in understanding impact relative to other influences. Educators who understand which influences have the greatest impact on student achievement can make strategic decisions based on evidence to maximize their time, energy, and resources. Our teachers work really hard, and this grant allows us to work with one of the most reputable and respected research teams both in PD for the entire staff, training for teacher leaders and principals, and implementation visits in each classroom. This is POWERFUL work and will allow our staff to see how results for their efforts can grow.

Finally, our bond work on the track came in about $53,000 below budget!!!! This is a great way to begin the projects covered by our bond and it is exciting to think about what is yet to come.

Center Line is THE place to be. Our staff is outstanding, our BOE is supportive and committed to excellence, our kids are the best, and our families appreciate our hard work and dedication.
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.

Feedback Requested!

One part of CLPS’s Strategic Plan includes a Community Action Plan. Objective 1.0 directs CLPS to “analyze community and business perceptions and needs and collaboratively develop mutually beneficial relationships.” Two objectives involve providing electronic and physical locations in which to receive community input and using information gathered from electronic and physical community input locations to identify community needs.

We have a “Contact Us” page on our website along with a place to sign up for our mailing list, and we periodically send out electronic surveys to our community (see the current survey opportunity, below). However, we also wanted a nonelectronic option for people to provide feedback, so we have created physical suggestion boxes for community use. Boxes are located Center Line’s City Hall, Library, Recreation Building, and the district’s administration building.

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

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HTRPYJZ

SAVE THE DATE!

Liberty, justice, and tax credits for all!
Do you really know what you credits you are entitled to?
Are you getting the most money out of your tax return?

Join us for a great presentation by Block Advisors that will help you understand how credits truly work, especially if you are a non-custodial parent, have split/joint custody, or earned income credits!

Co-sponsored by the City of Center Line and Center Line Public Schools

Thursday, January 17th, 2019
6:00pm - Center Line Public Library

Crest Ford Employees Bless Needy CLPS Students with Holiday Donation

Crest Ford employees took up a collection and generously donated $2690 to our Blessings in a Backpack program as well as $1000 to Roose Elementary for installation of a washer and dryer. See the presentation on the CLPS Facebook page!

Bill Chope, Dori Babcock, Sam Haynes, Eve Kaltz, Paul Alandt
As one of my new responsibilities, I am overseeing transportation, something I volunteered to do in September. I supervised transportation in my previous position as CFO in River Rouge. We began the year with a new transportation director (Theresa Drotos) and three new bus drivers with no subs. It was very tough luck that one of these drivers never started because he could not get cleared medically, and the other two new drivers resigned as they were not cut out for driving a bus in our district. Then one of our veteran drivers went on medical leave, which made for a disastrous situation at best.

The toughest situations can test the toughness and heart of a team. The transportation department of Theresa Drotos, Rhonda Wilbeck, Yvonne Bluthardt, James Cary, Shawn Cleland, Terese Comiska, Cindy Jensen, Mark Moore, Gina Pirrone, and Valerie Sluss held it together during this difficult time. As a team they figured out how to make each day work. Even though there were bumps in the road, this team worked very hard to get our kids to and from school safely and as close to on time as possible. In addition to our special transportation department, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention all of the principals, teachers, secretaries, and aides that stayed late to make sure the kids were safe while waiting for the bus. Each and every one of you made a difference.

During the driver shortage, we tried many strategies to bring in new drivers. We advertised on indeed.com, Michigan Works, and the front page of our website. We increased the starting wage by $1.75. When those things didn’t work, we hired a company to place sub bus drivers in the district to get us through the crisis. On December 4th we hit a critical point where we had only two drivers to complete six routes, prompting the district to ask parents to drive their kids to school on that day if possible. Nia Harden from Channel 7 came out to speak with us that day to bring light to the problem of bus driver shortages in Center Line and helped us to spread the word that we needed drivers.

I am pleased to let you know that from that story came many people reaching out to drive buses for Center Line. We have recently hired two new and one substitute bus drivers. Next month we expect to be fully staffed with trained drivers. With a full cohort of drivers, we will be able to institute seating assignments, and consistency in relationships and discipline on a daily basis. I am excited for the new year and the promise of smoother roads ahead.

And Now, We Wait

For this months skill of Perseverance, Academy 21 staff and students shared and discussed the story "The Emperor’s Seed," which tells the tale of how one poor boy who demonstrated integrity and perseverance became the emperor’s heir. The students followed this up by planting spring bulbs into individual pots and placed them in the courtyard in the back of Ellis to winterize. Currently 64 pots are ready and waiting. The Environmental Citizenship class will then continue the process by monitoring the pots and the bulb growth through spring.
The CLHS freshmen academy staff hosted a homemade ugly sweater contest. What a fun way to start celebrating the holidays!

The Jazz Band entertained residents of Joe Coach/Stilwell Manor on Monday with some holiday music! Check out the videos on the CLHS and CLPS Facebook pages!

The Interact Community Outreach Club wants to thank everyone who donated to the 2018 Adopt-a-Family. $2777.10 was collected to help CLHS families in need! Special thanks to the Moms’ & Dads’ Club, which donated $1000; Student Council, which donated $500; the staff, who donated $370; and the Graphics Art department, which contributed $50.
Hometown Heroes Becomes Community Gathering Place

By James Slaton

Stuck in rush hour traffic, waiting to make left turns and stop, drivers often forget how much they value the community they live in. A new gathering place, Hometown Heroes, has come to life in the center of Center Line.

Among the community members are Dan and Karla Zinn, owners of the restaurant, who have decided to establish a community center. The center offers a variety of activities, such as yoga classes, music lessons, and community meetings. It is open to everyone and free of charge.

“People are interested in having a place to hang out and meet others,” said Zinn. “We want to create a space where people can come together and feel like a part of something.”

Situated in the heart of the community, Hometown Heroes is open to everyone. Whether you’re a local resident or visiting, you’re welcome to stop by and enjoy the area.

Driver Shortage Creates Bussing Problem

By Jennifer Riedel

Bussing has been a problem at the high school and the community is feeling the effects. Parents are struggling to figure out how to get their kids to and from school.

“Many parents are having issues with getting their kids to school on time,” said one parent. “It’s a real problem and we need a solution.”

The school district is working to address the bussing issue. They are exploring options, such as increasing the number of busses and looking into other transportation methods.

Read the full edition of The Panther Press on the CLHS website or the CLHS Facebook page!
During Warrior Wednesday last week, Wolfe students got crafty while making cards, ornaments, and other decorations to spread holiday cheer to the Warren/Center Line community.

The Cooking Club was in action this week! Students made Cornflake Wreaths and Grinch Cookies. See more pictures on the Wolfe Facebook page!
**Music for the Holidays**

Peck’s beautiful singers presented a lovely holiday concert at CLHS on Monday. Congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Bowes on her retirement!

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**Science Blessings**

by Margie Wemyess

Blessings come in many different ways. My blessing came this week by way of a wonderful young man named Andrew Hill. A former student of my second grade classroom, Andrew faced challenges in his life during his year with me and beyond. This week he came back to my current classroom and shared his heart, thoughts, and life lessons as well as teaching my students a science lesson about systems working together.

My students shared a few of the things that they gleaned:
- Never give up and never be afraid to try anything.
- See the beauty in everything.
- When we use teamwork, we can do more.
- Science is cool!

Many thanks to Andrew for his kindness to me. He has grown into a wonderfully thoughtful man. Perspective is everything as we learn and grow. Thanks also to Mr. Ratkowski, Mrs. Bucci, and his three classmates that helped with the guidance and the lesson that day. Remember always that blessings come in many ways. May you enjoy this season remembering yours.

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**Kids That Code**

Peck students have embraced coding! To celebrate the Hour of Code, students in technology class have been coding a variety of games such as Dance Party and Minecraft. These students have a bright future coding their own games.
Peck Student Assist in Finding Homes for Shelter Animals

A couple of weeks ago, Peck third graders heard that the Friends of the River Rouge Animal Shelter was full, and the Bissell Foundation would pay for any shelter pet to be adopted into a home, so adoptions were free. They got the dogs all fancy for adoption day, and not only did NO dogs get adopted that day, but NO one even visited the shelter. We were so disappointed.

Immediately our Peck Leaders asked, "How can we help?" They presented a plan to Mrs. Evoy. They sold bracelets at lunch and raised $294 as well as a flatbed full of food, toys, and treats. The students made a huge Christmas card/poster to present to the staff. Each day we featured two homeless pets on our announcements, and last Wednesday we visit the shelter and brought our donations. Some of the students were singing carols to the dogs, and the dogs were so happy to see us. One of our favorite parts that as we were leaving, the office staff announced that one of the chaperones had just adopted one of the dogs, Stella. The children cheered! We wish we could have brought all of the dogs home, but at least we were able to bring them joy.

In the D

Peck’s third grades were able to visit the Detroit Historical Museum and the Detroit Institute of Arts. Our day in the "D" captured hands-on experiences for many of the topics that we have been learning and writing about. We loved it!
Crothers held its Winter Concert for grades 4-8 this week. Mrs. Byrn and the Crothers students presented Mrs. Bowes with flowers and warm wishes for her retirement.

Donated Books = New Home Reading Program!

The students and staff at Crothers welcomed hundreds of books this November donated by the students and families of Holy Name School in Birmingham. The gift will allow Crothers to initiate a new Read at Home program that combines foundational reading activities along with the donated books to provide students materials to practice their reading skills outside of school. The extra guided practice will help students grow as readers and increase reading proficiency at all grade levels. Thank you, Holy Name!

Imagination Station

Crothers’ 5th grade students took a field trip to the Toledo Imagination Station with their CLHS teacher cadets. There was so much to explore and do!
Service Squad Action

Roose Service Squad consists of 10 students who help kindergartners during lunch by opening lunch items, tying shoes, or working in the classroom. Sometimes they even read stories. During this season of giving, the Squad decided to help Toys for Tots. Each member gathered toys and books to donate. Last Friday parents were invited to bring their children to T-Mobile in the Hoover/11 shopping center to have their picture taken as they filled the box. To borrow from T-Mobile's motto: "We Won't Stop" opening our hearts.

Tooth Care

ELs at Roose learned about the benefits of brushing your teeth and the consequences if you don’t. Some students then taught kindergartners what they learned and demonstrated the right way to brush. The University of Detroit Mercy generously donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to the ELs, too!

ECC Notes

Mrs. Keel and Miss Tina’s GSRP classroom experimented with the parachute in the gym. Students practiced many times and finally were able to make a tent with the parachute. They were so excited!

Classroom pets are so much fun! Students in Mrs. Keel and Miss Tina’s GSRP classroom had fun making a maze for their pet hamster, Hamilton, to roll through.
Dance Committee

The families and staff of the ECC are already hard at work preparing for the Preschool Family Dance that will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019 at CLHS. This week, students and their families came after school to make decorations for the dance and have a yummy pizza dinner!

Gingerbread Cookie Hunt

The children in Ms. Clynick and Mrs. Darga's GSRP classroom have been reading *The Gingerbread Man* and decided to bake cookies to celebrate the last day before the holiday break! Just like in the story, the gingerbread cookies were gone when it was time to get them out of the oven. Luckily, there were clues left for the children to follow. The class had quite an adventure as the students scoured the building in search of the sneaky gingerbread men! In the end, the cookies were caught and eaten by the happy and excited...
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.

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**Vacation Is Calling!**

There’s still time to get your 2019 Vacation Raffle ticket yet? You can’t win if you don’t buy a ticket!