Superintendent’s Reflections

People wait all week for Fridays, all year for summer, and their entire life for happiness.  
--Anonymous

This quote was on a communication that came from one of my friends from up north where they experience infinitely more snow and a longer winter, but she appreciates each day, whether it is snowy, icy, and cold, or beautiful and sunny. I admire and strive to do the same.

I blamed the bad weather in January and February for my impatience and yearning for the sunny summer, but I didn’t take time to appreciate the beauty of the snow and even the ice until I had the wake-up from my friend’s quote. That evening I wasn’t working late, so I went home, sat with Marty and really listened to him, and enjoyed a relaxing evening.

I think back on the period of time when our four children were little, constantly demanding my attention and time, thinking that it would be so nice when they were older and more independent. My wish came true in the blink of an eye.

Marty and I have now lost all four of our parents. We took care of each of them, nursing them through medical issues, providing meals, a place to live, and anything they needed. We loved them and took good care of them, but I am hyper and struggled to just sit and talk. Making time to sit and talk always had me thinking of the million things that had to be taken care of and how difficult it was to be sitting and not accomplishing something. I now realize how precious those times were. I often wish I would have spent more time just enjoying their company.

I want to appreciate every moment of every day, regardless of what I am doing. I appreciate reminders from others to slow down, enjoy today, and breathe. I hope that you do the same.
Winter Staff Appreciation

The Board of Education recognized the following Center Line Public Schools’ staff members as recipients of the Winter 2019 Staff Appreciation awards:

- Ellen Livingston (Crothers), nominated by Krista Helmore for Relationships
- Judith Chapman (Roose), nominated by John Grob for Relationships
- Lance Henkel (Roose), nominated by John Grob for Relationships
- Connie Minter (Roose), nominated by John Grob for Relationships
- Kim Smale (Wolfe), nominated by Michelle Abeli for Innovation
- Audrey Kary (CLHS), nominated by Samantha Wolfe for Relationships
- Shelley Keeran (CLHS), nominated by Andrea Szabo for Innovation
- Tammy Kramer (CLHS), nominated by Andrea Szabo for Relationships
- Mary Steinberg (CLHS), nominated by Linda Downey for Relationships

SMTEC/CTE Month Presentation

Steven Kay, SMTEC Director, presided over a presentation to the Board of Education to celebrate CTE Month by sharing SMTEC and CLHS program highlights along with CTE teachers and students. CLHS’s Teacher Cadet program teacher Jennifer Haugh shared about the teacher prep program, where students spend 2 days in class and 3 days in elementary and middle school classrooms. They learn about learning styles, lesson plans, assessment, and data analysis. Jalen Flowers-Perryman shared his project done with Crothers’ fifth grade students Rylee Roberts and Sarah Schneeberger and some of the things he has learned through this class.

CLHS’s Graphic Design program teacher Donna Giacona shared some of the exciting projects her students have been working on this year. Also honored at the Board meeting were three of her students who were Michigan Council of Women in Technology Website Contest winners: Micaela Gallegos - Top 12; Maram AlTurky & Jenna Zielinski - Honorable Mention and $50; Caroline Johnson - 2nd Place and $250. You can view their sites at https://giaconad.wixsite.com/webdesign

Please note: The Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2019 has been cancelled.
When is spring coming? We often ask ourselves that in February because winter seems to be dragging. With the weather staying chilly and the day light still feeling short, work can often get challenging. Please remember that Center Line offers an employee assistance program, CARE Work Life Solutions. You can call to speak with someone: 866-888-1555, or you can log on if that is more convenient:

- www.careworklifesolutions.com
- password: centerlineschools-wls

The website itself offers resources such as professional development training, monthly wellness webinars, financial and debt consolidation calculators, among other resources. In addition, CARE assistance offers webinars and programs. Below you will find available classes.

CARE Works Life Solutions also offers support for your family members. This assistance includes short term counseling and telephone resources and referrals.

Of course this service is confidential so feel comforted to know that your use (even just to inquire) remains anonymous. Take care and know that spring time is on its way!
Last week the Interact Community Outreach Club, in cooperation with CLHS Student Council and National Honors Society members, hosted a senior citizen prom. We got donations from Binson's Medical Supplies, Olive Garden, Decarlo's Banquet, CL Parks and Rec Department, and the Warren Rotary Club. Approximately 30-40 seniors attended the "enchanted garden" themed event. In addition to being served dinner by our students, the seniors were treated to a jazz band concert, and dancing. A great time was had by all! See more pictures and videos on the CLHS Facebook page!
In honor of Black History Month, the JROTC Color Guard presented the colors at a City of Warren event with the Tuskegee Airmen. See the video at https://vimeo.com/316840606?ref=em

Congrats to CL wrestlers D’Iante Taylor and Jakarris Vereen...District Champs! They will head to regional competition along with 3rd place finisher John Weertz. Awesome performance, Panthers!
Wolfe Students Learn the art of Healthy Baking!

Students at Wolfe Middle School are learning how to live healthy! In addition to exploring social emotional health and physical health, students are learning how to be more conscious of their nutritional choices. During the month of December, more than 45 students attended a healthy cooking class at Wolfe to learn how to create healthy variations of favorite baked items. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Torres, both Wolfe teachers, taught students how to use alternative ingredients that not only promote health but also taste delicious. The most exciting recipe that won the hearts of our middle-schoolers and their families was the “cake mix pumpkin muffins!” Students couldn’t believe how easy it was to create a healthy snack for everyone to enjoy!

Winter Blast

Mrs. Brandimarte and Mrs. Panfalone took the students in Wolfe Middle School's after school program to the Winter Blast at Campus Martius this past Saturday. Despite frigid temperatures the students had a great time learning to ice skate, going down the winter slide, exploring ice sculptures and the Cadillac Lodge. They topped the day off with lunch at the iconic Lafayette Coney Island.

Laser 3D Printer

Special thanks to the Center Line Education Foundation! The WMS Makerspace now has a Glowforge laser. This piece of equipment will allow students to fabricate, design, cut, and engrave a variety of materials. #wmsmakerspace #clpshasmore #alldaywarriorway

What’s Up at Wolfe

Wolfe made it into the MEMSPA (Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association) newsletter!
**Valentines for Vets**

Wolfe’s after school program with Mr. Daley and Mrs. Brandimarte’s, Mrs. Panfalone’s, Mrs. Mydlowski’s, Mrs. Panfalone’s classes made Valentines for Vets to honor those that have served our country. Mrs. Perry’s husband Charles, a veteran, hand delivered the valentines to the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Detroit. Thank you to all who helped with this worthwhile project.

**Roose’s Science, Slices, & Slime Night**

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum visited Roose and provided STEM activities this past Thursday. There was also slime, pizza, and a raffle for students!

**Yoga Class**

Mrs. Cronin was reviewing yoga poses and teaching us new valentine ones. This helps us calm down and get our minds and bodies ready for learning.
Crothers’ Corner

Family Game Night

Families came to school to learn how to play math games together. Each Crothers student received a coupon for purchasing a game to take home to play.

Peck Points

Peck’s 4th grade leaders learn about fractions with Play-Doh!
“Snow” Days

When it’s too cold to go out to play in the snow, ECSE students bring the snow inside!

First, we listened to the story *Snowballs* by Lois Elhert. Then, we got to play in the snow inside with Dad! Finally, we created our very own snowman using “good stuff.”

ECSE students wish to thank the Center Line Educational Foundation for awarding us our grant, Steam Rolling Literacy. Students will have their sensory motor needs met with the use of a steam roller slide, and a steam roller deluxe (squeeze machine), allowing them to increase engagement and their ability to learn. One of our students is learning how to go through our new squeeze machine! It’s going to take some motor planning, but we will get there! More to come with our roller slide...

Representatives from Peck and the Early Childhood Center met with our Partners in Architecture to discuss playground options for the new Peck/ECC!
**Upcoming Events**

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