Superintendent’s Reflections

Like snowflakes, each child is different. Many factors impact the shape, size, and weight of each snowflake just as children grow up acting, performing, and believing specific things based on the factors that are part of their environment.

A snowflake is a single ice crystal that builds to a sufficient size by combining with other ice crystals and then falls through the earth’s atmosphere as snow. Each flake forms around a dust particle in super saturated air masses by attracting super cooled cloud water droplets that form crystals. Each flake moves through different temperatures and humidity in the atmosphere, causing unique details to develop. Snowflakes appear to be white despite being made up of ice. This is due to diffuse reflection of the whole spectrum of light by the small crystal facets. Once each snowflake lands, changes in temperature cause them to join together, creating snow cover on the ground.

Children are born needing love, guidance, and human connection. If they grow up surrounded by anger, insults, and violence, they learn to react with anger, hate, and violence. When children are surrounded by love, patience, kindness, and know that they are important to others, they treat others with compassion and care. Their development is very dependent on the environment in which they live.

Unlike the snowflake that just becomes a part of a snow blanket, humans gravitate toward others who act and believe what they do. Gangs grow, crime increases, and young people look for acceptance and belonging wherever they can find it. We cannot allow this to happen.

Our staff has been working hard to develop interventions to help all students who struggle. We have hired additional mental health personnel to be a part of the team working to change the outcome for our kids who are looking for ways to belong and feel accepted.

As the snow flies, think about how unique every person is. Remember that we all need something different in order to be our most “beautiful selves.” That may just be a kind word, a lending hand, or simply time spent listening.
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.

There was never a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope.”  
--Bernard Williams

This week a colleague of mine mentioned that the worst thing that can happen to a person is losing hope. I pondered on that for a moment, but it didn't take long to see the absolute truth in that statement. Without hope, there really is nothing.

This year has been an absolute rollercoaster for me personally and for the district as well. While I myself cannot wait to see 2017 find the door, I also have many great hopes for 2018: The hope that the start of construction will give to our community. The hope that our students will soon play soccer on a new field and run on a new track. The hope that our Peck students will feel as they walk into a new building on day 1. The hope that our Academy 21 and Homeschool students will have walking into their very own updated space. All of these things are extremely exciting and give me great hope for the future of Center Line Public Schools.

However, in my opinion what can restore hope in another is a caring empathetic person who takes the time to be there for another in a time of need. Through understanding, empathy, and true compassion it is possible to help restore hope in others. When you help to restore hope to another person, you have changed their world. I ask you to join me in my mission to change the world in the coming year, and help restore hope to someone that without you, would not have had it.

Everyone who reads this publication is a member of a community that I am proud to serve. Happy Holidays, and I HOPE you have an incredible 2018!

On Sale Now!
2018 Vacation Raffle tickets, where your ticket purchase enters you in a monthly drawing with four chances each month to win! Get your tickets NOW to ensure you are eligible to win the trip to Hawaii on January 8th!

Send your $100 along with your name and contact information to Sue Pauling in the administration building. Employees, you can take advantage of payroll deduction to make your purchase! See the Educational Foundation page on our website for more information and to download a payroll form!
On Wednesday, director of MAP (Michigan Abolitionist Project), spoke to Mr. Bellos’s World History classes about human trafficking. Director Kathy Maitland and her cohort Ashley Lorano showed the movie *Chosen* and then answered questions about human trafficking right here in Michigan. Students were given tips on dangers to look for, how to help others who may be affected, and whom to contact if necessary. This presentation was the culminating activity that ended their week long study of human rights.
Center Line Mom’s & Dad’s Club

2018 BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 27, 2018
8:30 to 10:30pm

Regal Lanes - 27663 Mound Rd
Adults only! $20/person to bowl; $10/person for food and fun!

For more information, contact Danielle Snyderski (586-215-5493, daniellesny71@gmail.com) or Tracy Pearson (586-764-0759).

What’s Up at Wolfe

Green School Initiative

During the past two weeks, the Building and Design classes undertook the operation of becoming a certified Green School.

Thus far, students have done the following:

- Watched video and compiled facts concerning how plastics and garbage affect our oceans, the food chain, and the overall environment.
- Participated in a campus cleanup that included the Wolfe Middle School grounds, the track area of the high school, and the soccer field/admin building grounds.
- Compiled data on the amount of recycled materials during the campus cleanup and the amount of recycled materials thrown away at breakfast and lunch.
- Compiled data through student surveys concerning student knowledge and beliefs concerning recycling and the importance.
- Collaborated in Google slides to answer questions that will inform Wolfe students and the community such as
  - Where are local recycling centers located and what recycled materials do they take?
  - What grant and fundraising activities can aid us in our mission?
  - What products can be made with recycled materials?
  - How can we compost waste and what can be done with it?
  - What does it take to become a certified Green School?
  - What are other local Green Schools doing, and who can we contact to help us with our mission?

Next steps include

- Visiting classrooms and informing students of facts and data to encourage our recycling mission.
- Building custom recycling bins for classrooms, halls, and the lunchroom.
- Contacting the Board of Education and Center Line/Warren municipalities to inform and aid our mission.
- Creating posters and signs to inform and remind students to recycle.
- Informing the community of our mission.
Welcome Donations!

Mr. Martinez’s shop is being painted and revamped. Check out the before and after pictures! Additionally, the owner of Seal and Cylinder Services Manufacturing in Clinton Township donated a saw and lathe. He said his favorite class was always woodshop, and that’s the reason he is where is today. Thank you, SCSM!

Robotics Team Action

The Peck Engineering Leaders competed at the VEX IQ Challenge Robotics tournament at Nisssan headquarters in Farmington Hills on December 2nd. All teams worked hard to complete the tasks to gather as many rings as possible and score the most points. This was an exciting day for our young engineers. We are very proud of them!
Don’t forget to send your stories, photos, or short video clips that answer the questions What do you love about your school? What accomplishments, relationships, or areas are you most proud? to pride@clps.org.

**Roose All A’s - First Quarter**

Thomas Callihan, Annabella Elliot, Audrey Harenski, Delila Kincaid, Ethan Pfaff, Riley Siegel, Zoe Thao, Aleena Ahmed, Cameron Ballard, Jet Barrera, Lindita Fetahu, D’montez Hollis, Farinah Islam, Franky Ly, Ulysses Mendez, Galiana Yang, Sydney Zosel, Aniela Crill, Albert Crocker, Nabil Haque, Avery Masch, Damian Nguyen, Dawson Pfalz, Joseph Schonter, Matt Stepien, Samiha Syeda, George Teal, Kenji Yang

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**Roose Roundup**

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**Points of Pride**

**We Are Proud of...Staff Who Have Each Other’s Back**

On Wednesday, CLHS teachers discovered that their windshields wipers magically had been raised into battle mode, preparing for the snowstorm to hit! The teachers were grateful that the wipers had not frozen to their windows and that the windshields had been cleared of snow for them.

Although he didn’t confess to performing the act of kindness himself, kudos go to Counselor Tim Ossman! Teachers responded with, “Wow, the absolute best!” “So awesome! Thanks a mission!” “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!” “Wow, Tim! That was really thoughtful!” and “Great idea & many thanks!” As Deb Prentiss, who submitted the picture, stated: “Our resident ‘Batman’ practicing ‘safety first’ for all employees!”

#CLPSpride
# Upcoming Events

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