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## MISSION

Columbus School District empowers students to be **community, career, and college ready.**

## Upcoming Events

February, 2017

- 13 School Board Meeting – City Hall – 7 PM
- 15 Late Start – Classes begin at 10 AM
- 16 Middle School Valentine’s Dance, Grades 6-8, 3:30-5:30 PM
- 18 Middle School Polar Plunge in Madison
- 20 In-Service Day for Staff only; No School for Students
- 21 Normal School Day for Staff & Students
- 22 High School Parent Conferences – 5 – 8 PM
- 27 School Board Meeting – City Hall – 7 PM
- 28 4K Parent Orientation Night & Registration – 5:30 PM at CES

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# Newsletter

February, 2017

## Message from Superintendent

The Columbus School District is trying a different form of communication to our residents this month due to an increase in the cost of bulk-rate postage.

A post card with an infographic has been mailed to each residence within the District. If you did not receive one, please contact Tania Black at [tblack@columbus.k12.wi.us](mailto:tblack@columbus.k12.wi.us) or 920-623-5950 to be added to the mailing list.

In addition, a monthly newsletter (in pdf format) will be placed on our website with current information about the District. Communication is important!

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## Carnival 2017 & Update Playground Fundraising

The Columbus PTO Spring Carnival is scheduled for **Thursday, March 30** at the **Fireman’s Park Pavilion!** There will be games, a 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, food and fun! All money raised will be used to help fund new playgrounds for the elementary and middle schools. The PTO has been actively raising funds since September and with your help we have been able to raise \$11,000!

To make the carnival a success we need volunteers to help set-up and run the games, build raffle baskets, organize the prize room, serve food and clean up. We are looking for clubs, organizations and groups that would be willing to be responsible for one game during the carnival. We have a list of games to choose from; including the toilet paper throw, cow beanbag toss and soda ring toss.

Groups would be in charge of set-up and making sure they have responsible individuals running the game from approximately 4pm-8pm. The group whose game is visited the most (determined by tickets) will receive \$100 for their organization.



If you or anyone you know may be interested in helping please contact Susan Cleveland at 615-517-4496 or [susan.m.cleveland@gmail.com](mailto:susan.m.cleveland@gmail.com).



## Columbus Middle School Spelling Bee 2017

On January 13, CMS held their annual school spelling bee. Each homeroom held their classroom spelling bees before Holiday break, and those winners moved on to the school spelling bee. We had 20 spellers total, from 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

After 10 rounds of spelling very difficult words, **Tristen Brisky** (7<sup>th</sup> grade) was crowned the CMS Spelling bee Champion. The runner up, **Courtney Genova** (6<sup>th</sup> grade) joined him at the Regional Spelling Bee that was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Rio Elementary School. Good Luck CMS Spellers!

## From Launching A New Legacy to a Three Year Plan

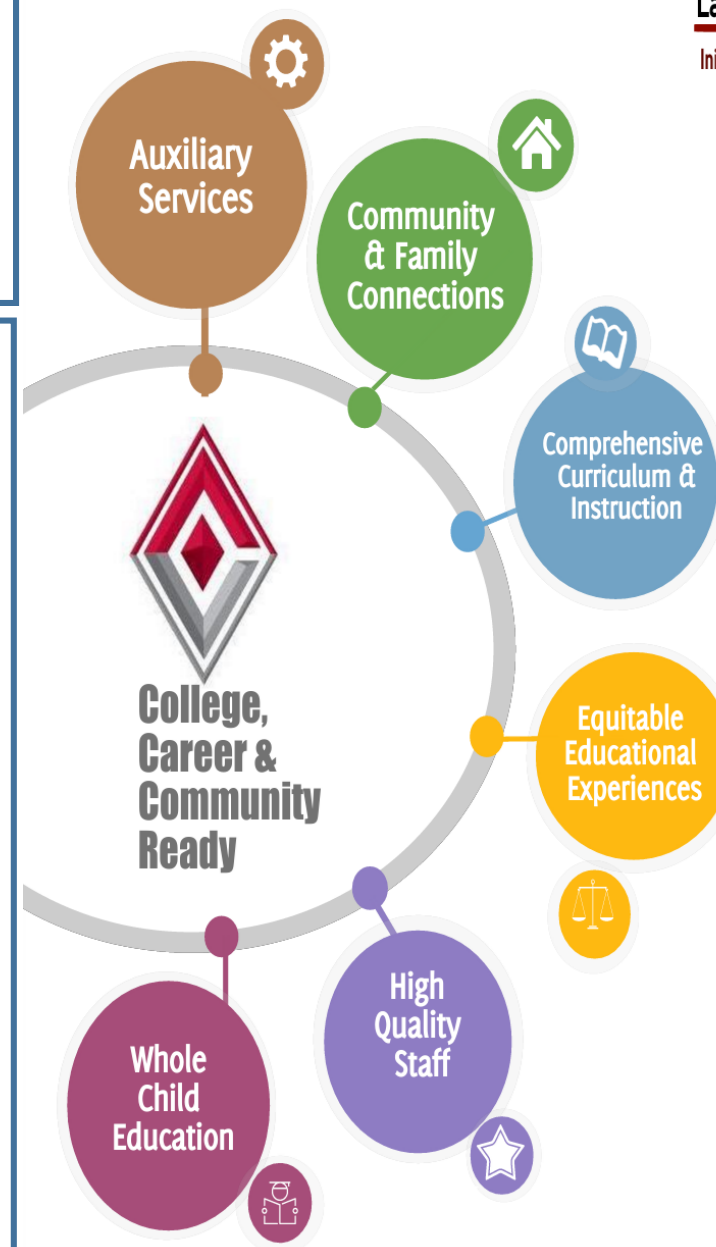
Over 100 Columbus School District residents participated in the Launching A New Legacy event that was held over a three-day span in October. Thursday Night's activities focused on "The past" - Timeline by Decade, Issues and Trends in education. Friday Night's activities moved to "The present" and asked the participants to identify what they were mad, sad and glad about Columbus School District and the Attributes and Skills every graduate should have. Which led into Saturday's activities.

The participants were asked to consider what they wanted for our students by the year 2030. The list was extensive. After working to narrow the list down, the Board was provided a list of 24 priorities from the group.

The Administrative Team, consisting of the Superintendent, Principals, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Student Services Director, Technology Manager, and Business Administrator, worked to incorporate the highest indicators for student success for the Columbus School District. They determined numerous indicators, all which fit under six themes which they identified as District Commitments. All the Launch priorities, and in particular the six identified as most significant, fit within the Board Ends of all students being College, Career and Community Ready and the District Commitments.

The three year plan is being rolled out District wide. Meetings have been set up with several organizations. If you would like a presentation for your group, please contact Pam Zander at [pzander@columbus.k12.wi.us](mailto:pzander@columbus.k12.wi.us) to set it up.

## Columbus School District Commitments



### Launching A New Legacy Priorities

#### Initial Steps Toward Priorities (2017-2020)

1. Create a community campus by building needed facilities and amenities.

- Determine instructional program, extra-curricular, community-based needs of District and District facilities.
- Hire Facilities Manager.
- Review current use of all buildings by community.
- Define current facility limitations based on the needs.
- Explore opportunities for community campus options with current facilities.

2. Expand hands-on STEAM opportunities for all students.

- Define current STEAM opportunities for students in K-8.
- Determine gaps in opportunity within grade bands.
- Explore options for expansion of opportunities for all students.

3. Address students' social needs (i.e. poverty, mental health) with community collaboration.

- Determine social needs of our students.
- Define current resources to address social needs within our District.
- Determine gaps in resources.
- Explore resource opportunities with community.
- Implement resources addressing gap areas.

4. Offer a wide variety of course offerings and co-curricular activities to address students' needs.

- Follow curriculum review cycle to determine if course offerings appropriately address student needs.
- Review data to determine if course offerings are sufficient to meet student needs.
- Establish a data-driven process for review of co-curriculars.
- Establish a regular community-wide needs assessment for curriculum.
- Follow appropriate district procedures to approve any curricular or co-curricular updates.

5. Develop and expand community partnerships.

- Define current community partnerships within our District.
- Determine gaps or absences in opportunities.
- Explore partnership opportunities with community.
- Expand on current partnerships.

6. Implement and sustain up-to-date technology within the schools.

- Define current technology use (how & what) within our District.
- Determine gaps or absences and opportunities.
- Develop a curricular integration plan.
- Implement technology to fill gaps and enhance opportunities.
- Follow hardware replacement cycle.

### School Board Linkages Regarding Commitments & Priorities

Members of the Board & Superintendent Deuman are meeting with various groups in the community about the work from the Launching A New Legacy, Board input, and Administrative design.

- City Council, February 7<sup>th</sup>
- Rotary Club, February 8<sup>th</sup>
- CHS Athletic Boosters, February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Julie's Java, February 9<sup>th</sup>
- PTO, February 13<sup>th</sup>
- Friends of the Library, February 21<sup>st</sup>
- Columbus Pre-School, February 21<sup>st</sup>
- Discovery Charter School, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- Oddfellows, March 1
- Launch Participants (from October meetings), March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Center, March 20<sup>th</sup>
- Lion's Club, March 21

For more information, please call the District Office at 920.623.5950.