



STUDENTS IN MR. TIM DWORAK'S CHS AEROSPACE ENGINEERING CLASS PARTICIPATED IN AN EGG-DROP WITH THE HELP OF THE COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT, A COMMUNITY PARTNER.

LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW.

More Freedom and Responsibility at Columbus High School

At Columbus High School starting this year, things have changed at the end of the school day. In years past, there was an Intervention/Enrichment period between 1st and 2nd block for students to get extra help, have an advisory study hall, or any variety of enrichment course. Students typically chose what they wanted to do for the quarter and would sign up for something different each quarter.



This school year, CHS moved that block of time to the end of the day to help with sports team members missing fewer minutes of class on days when contests are at other schools and students have to be released before the school day is over.

The other major change to this time is that students get to choose what they want to do for the week every Monday in their Infinite Campus portal. For example, if a student needs a little extra help in a math class the student can find a math teacher who is offering help during I/E on a particular day and sign up via Infinite Campus. Or if a student missed a test or quiz in Biology, the student can sign up with that teacher to make up the test one day during the week. Teachers can also request students as well. If a teacher knows a student needs a little help before a test, the teacher can request the student the day before during I/E to work with him/her.

It has been a great change so far with students and staff getting to know the new system and making it work.

BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES TODAY!



LAUNCH

Launch Priority #5 -- Develop & Expand Community Partnerships

By Cori Denk, Assistant Principal & Community Learning Administrator

Our initial steps to the launch priority 5 was to define what community partnerships are. In August the administration team defined community partnerships is and that definition is a mutually beneficial partnership to anchor the district's mission, vision and beliefs.

Our next steps are to determine community partnerships at district and building levels. In late October, I will be asking staff, district administrations and principals to all complete a survey that will outline who we are currently working with and how it aligns with the definition of community partnerships. I will also ask staff to recognize any partnerships they would like to seek out. I will also make a list of current community partnerships that Community Learning Services partners with.

After the survey, we will make a database of all the partnerships to determine gaps or absences in opportunities so we continue to seek out connections in the community.

One way that we are trying to enhance community partnerships is through an on-line digital flyer service called PeachJar. Peachjar is a wonderful tool that we will be rolling out on October 11th. This communication software will be able to house community flyers, school flyers, and general information that all stakeholders in our community may want to hear about.

Columbus School District Parents will get an email to sign up for PeachJar via Infinite Campus while the private schools will send out an email to their families on how to join Peachjar. There will also be a digital icon on local websites where you can sign-up to receive information. Please continue to look for information to be communicated regarding Peachjar.

CMS New Sport – Cross Country Team

By Scott Duffy, CMS Coach

The Columbus Middle School Cross Country team's inaugural season has seen many successes. One of our runners has become individual champion, many runners have placed high enough to receive medals, and all have improved greatly over the course of the season. Through sweat, pain, and humor, we prove to ourselves that we can overcome physical or mental barriers that could very easily impede progress. Word got out that we actually have fun (yes, running can be fun!) and our team has grown by 50% from the start of the year (we started with 6). CMS Cross Country is a group of fine young men and women who are great representatives of Columbus Middle School and deserve all of the success they achieve.



IN IT FOR THE LONG RUN.

October, 2017

Upcoming Events

October, 2017

- 2 – 7 Homecoming Week
- 8 DCS Council Soup Social 11-1 in CES gym
- 9 School Board Meeting – City Hall – 7 PM
- 11 Late Start – Classes Begin at 10 AM
- 11 **Launching A New Legacy – One Year Anniversary Event**
sponsored by School Board – Public is encouraged to Attend
Columbus Middle School – Gymnasium – 7 PM
- 16 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences at CES/CMS 11-7
- 23 School Board Meeting – City Hall – 7 PM
- 25 Late Start – Classes Begin at 10 AM



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-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

November, 2017

- 3 End of Quarter, Early Release at 12:30 PM
- 6 In-Service Day – No School for Students
- 22 Early Release at 12:30 PM
- 23 Thanksgiving – No School
- 24 No School – Thanksgiving Break



CES/DCS Celebrates Diversity



Principal Beth Hellpap supports the culture of diversity while reading *Red: A Crayon Story*. This story was read to each classroom by Mrs. Hellpap and then the book was gifted to the room after the reading. *Red: A Crayon Story*, by Michael Hall, is about a red crayon whose label is red but is actually blue on the inside. "I love reading this book to students" says Mrs. Hellpap. "It really gets students to understand that it's what's on the inside that counts, and it is ok to be different. Everyone has their special talents". This book will be used in the classrooms throughout the year and will be used as a talking point in our character education initiatives.

Launching A New Legacy – Celebrating One Year

On **Wednesday, October 11th**, the public is invited to attend the Launching A New Legacy – One Year Anniversary Event. The event will be held in the Middle School gym beginning at 7 P.M. Last October, a group of 110 concerned District residents gathered over three days to create and order six District priorities for 2017-2030. The Administration and Board Members then worked on the priorities and established three year goals.

Launching A New Legacy
Please Join Us to Celebrate Our
One Year Anniversary
Public is encouraged to attend!



An update on the
Launch Priorities
will be given on
Wednesday, October 11
at **7:00 P.M.**
in the
Columbus Middle School Gym
located at 400 S. Dickason Blvd.

LAUNCH

RSVP: to Pam Zander at 920-623-5950, ext. 3150 or
pzander@columbus.k12.wi.us or



The **six priorities** are:

- ◆ Create a community campus by building needed facilities and amenities.
- ◆ Expand hands-on STEAM opportunities for all students.
- ◆ Address students' social needs with community collaboration.
- ◆ Offer a wide variety of course offerings and co-curricular activities to address students' needs.
- ◆ Develop and expand community partnerships.
- ◆ Implement and sustain up-to-date technology within the schools.

An update on the priorities and assorted activities will be completed that evening. We need your input! Please **RSVP** by using the QR code or call 920-623-5950 or email pzander@columbus.k12.wi.us

JOIN US!