



INSTRUCTOR CALVIN ZENZ IS TEACHING COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT SAFETY WHEN USING THE ROCK CLIMBING WALL.

Columbus Water & Light recently awarded the school district a total of \$18,830 in grants for energy studies at both the High School and the Middle School. These studies will identify energy reduction opportunities, which lowers the schools' monthly electric bills.



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

By Becky Schmidt, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

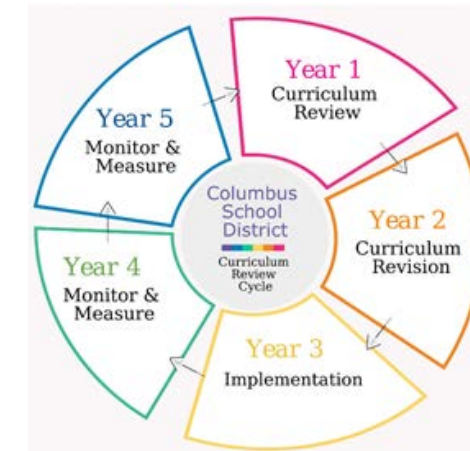
So many things go into course offerings: requirements in state law, interest of students, needs of the community, and the list goes on. Columbus School Districts strives to find that balance of course offerings between what students want to take and what prepares them to be community, career, and college ready.

New in the 2017-18 school year, the school district adopted a new Curriculum Renewal and Design process for strategically reviewing course offerings to make sure that not only a wide variety of courses are offered, but also options that meet students' needs.

Every content area (ex: math, music, science, etc.) will complete a full curriculum cycle over a 5 year period that involves review of existing programming, revision of courses/development of new courses, implementation of changes, and a period of monitor & measuring the effectiveness of a program. This year, every content area in the district is in the process of determining the data needed to help staff keep our academic programs in a state of continuous improvement.

As well as the data collected on student achievement and enrollment, a key component to the review cycle will be stakeholder feedback. Students, parents, and as appropriate, other community members will be asked for feedback to help the school continue to develop and provide course offerings that meet the needs of students.

In addition to the Curriculum Renewal and Design cycle, the district is also responsive to changes from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Educational standards drive the curriculum behind course offerings. Over the course of the 2017-18 school year, DPI released a new set of Computer Science standards, as well as newly revised standards for science, music, and instructional technology literacy. DPI is also in the process of reviewing social studies, environmental education and essential elements science standards. As with all standards changes by DPI, district teams will work on implementation plans as those standards changes occur. More information on standards may be found at <https://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.



COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN ARCHERY UNIT IN PHY ED.



COLUMBIA COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS DONATED CLASSROOM SUPPLIES FOR THE LITERACY PROGRAM AT COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY & DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOLS.



Contributed by Columbus Water & Light
SUPERINTENDENT ANNETTE DEUMAN, ANNA STIEVE, CW&L; BECKY STARK, CW&L; FACILITIES MGR TROY MARSHALL, & MICHELLE KALTENBERG, CW&L.

Columbus Elementary & Columbus Middle School Collaborate



On the Wednesday before Christmas break, fourth graders from Ms. Anderson's and Mrs. Zahn's classes went over to CES to present the reader's theatre *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* for first grade audiences. In addition, Mrs. Zahn's class partnered up to buddy read with first graders in Mrs. Loomis-Vierck's class. The fourth graders had a specific purpose for the reader's theatre by having an authentic audience.



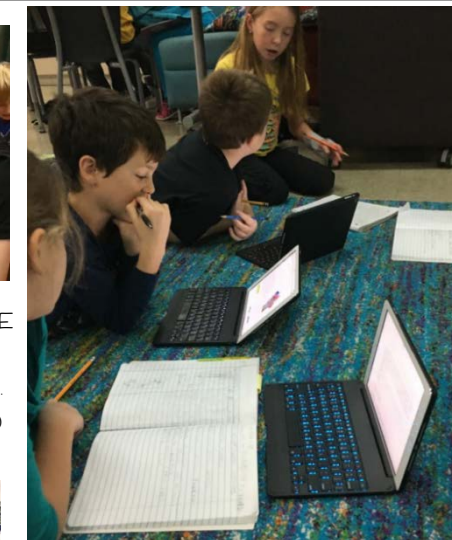
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOL GRADE 3 STUDENTS IMPLEMENTED A RECYCLING PROGRAM AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. THE STUDENTS ARE USING THEIR IPADS TO COLLABORATE AND RESEARCH.



THEY RESEARCHED TERRACYCLING, RECYCLING IN CLASSROOMS, FOOD WASTE AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT, RECYCLING IN COLUMBIA COUNTY AND WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR TRASH AND RECYCLING. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP SCHOOL AS A DROP OFF FOR VARIOUS RECYCLABLES.

Spring Election 2018

The spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 3.

There are four candidates running for three positions.

They are: Bill Braun (incumbent), Julie Hajewski, John A. Sanderson, & Barbara Hesselberg. There will not be a primary election.



January, 2018

Staff Recognized for Years of Service

The Columbus School Board recognized staff members that have served the District for ten years or more during American Education Week in November. Staff members were recognized by School Board Members in front of their peers at each of the three buildings.

There were a total of 58 Service Awards distributed. Varsity letters were presented to 23 employees that have served 10 years through 14 years: *Jennifer Walker, Mary Parish, Laura Bussian, Andy Bussian, Janet Pacala, Beverly Neuman, Brenda Maier, Dawn Loomis-Vierck, Cheryl Hoffman, Donna Hankes, Raymond Grueneberg, Georgia Eisenreich, Sara Mooney, Melissa Greene, Kim Anderson, Kristin Vander Sanden, Jolene Schwoerer, Beth Klossner, Beth Hellpap, Ruth Becraft, Ben Schambow, Cynthia Groth, and Peggy First.*

Varsity letters plus one 15 year pin were presented to 21 employees that have served 15 through 19 years: *Renee Weichert, Gail Wagner, Dawn Stovall, Toni McGee, Lisa Gentz, Becky Schmidt, Timothy Meinholz, Heidi Kirchberg, Julie Cares, Linda Trentin, Bonnie McDaniel, Karla Ladwig, Roxanne Ayer, Charleen Schey, Barclay Hesselberg, Connie Hermann, Jason Brunell, Allan Baumgartner, Suzanne Zahn, Kathryn Schoenherr, and Marlin Hensler.*

Varsity letters plus two pins were presented to 7 employees that have served 20 through 24 years: *Bruce Zahn, Zona Sumnicht, Becky Brem, Daryl Benisch, Jay Schroeder, Wendy Jones, and Jill Udelhoven.*

Varsity letters plus three pins were presented to 4 employees that have served 25 through 29 years: *Becky Premo, Susan Hallman, Kim Olander, and Jacqueline Beilfuss.*

Varsity letters plus four pins were presented to 2 employees that have served 30 through 34 years: *Annette Robertson and Gerald Basler.*

A varsity letter, plus five pins was presented to 1 employee that has served over 35 years: *Pam Zander.*

Congratulations and a sincere thank you for your years of service to the students, parents, and community of the Columbus School District.



COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY & DISCOVERY CHARTER SCHOOLS STAFF



COLUMBUS MIDDLE SCHOOL & DISTRICT OFFICE



COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL STAFF



PAM ZANDER RECEIVING 35+ AWARD

Upcoming Events

January, 2018

- 18 End of Quarter
- 19 **No School**; Teacher Work Day (Grading)
- 20 Jazz Cabaret/Music Boosters Fundraiser at 7 PM
- 22 School Board Meeting at City Hall; 7 PM
- 31 Late Start; Classes begin at 10 AM



WHAT DO SNOWMEN EAT FOR BREAKFAST?

SNOW FLAKES

WHAT DID THE SNOWMAN SAY TO THE OTHER SNOWMAN?

YOU'RE COOL!

WHAT DID ONE SNOWMAN SAY TO THE OTHER?

DO YOU SMELL CARROTS?



February, 2018

- 5 Parent Conferences K-8 from 11 AM – 7 PM; **No School**
- 12 School Board Meeting at City Hall; 7 PM
- 14 Late Start; Classes begin at 10 AM
- 15 CES/DCS Science & Tech Night at 6 PM
- 19 In-Service; **No School**
- 21 Parent Conferences at High School, 5-8 PM
- 26 School Board Meeting at City Hall; 7 PM
- 27 ACT with Writing – Testing - Grade 11
- 28 Late Start; Classes begin at 10 AM
- 28 WorkKeys Testing – Grade 11



COLUMBUS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS RAISED \$500 FROM THE DECEMBER PENNY WAR. THEY DONATED THE MONEY TO BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK PROGRAM GO TO

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