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Nine-Week Newsletter - January/February, 2018

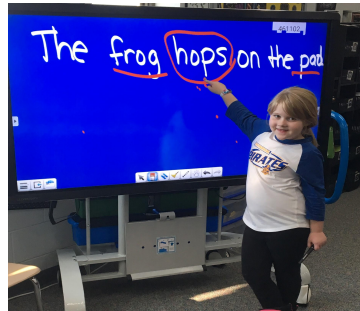
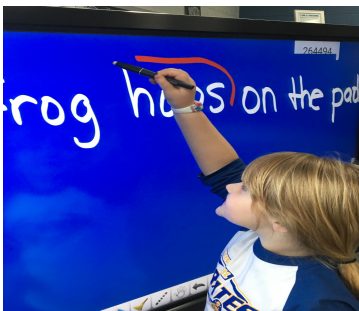
From the Superintendent:

As I sit down to write this letter, I feel it is important to thank all in the community for helping to keep our students safe. Also, a special thank you to all of our bus drivers who brave this weather every day. Each morning the superintendents of the county talk about road conditions and weather with the hopes of having school. Unfortunately, we have had to use three calamity days so far this year. After our fifth day, we will need to start making up days.

If we need to begin making up days, February 19th would be our first make up day. We will need to cancel three more days before we need to go to school on the 19th. I would like to have the kids in school every day, however, safety of our students is the first and foremost thought in all my decisions.

We have just begun our third nine-weeks, and this means the school year is half over. Our entire staff has been working hard on your behalf, and I am quite proud of the success we are having. Please check out this newsletter and past newsletters to see some of the great things happening here in Continental Schools.

As we work to stay current with our technology at Continental Schools, we are in the process of upgrading our classroom projectors to interactive monitors. We have chosen a product call *Clevertouch*. You can learn more about these monitors by going to www.clevertouch.com. We currently have *Clevertouch* monitors in first and sixth grade classrooms.



Check out Rachael Matthews as she uses the pen and her finger to write on the monitor and identify the parts of speech for her classmates.

Emily Rose Wins November Character Award



Emily Rose, a Continental High School student, shows constant support for her fellow students and was selected for the Putnam County Optimist Character Award for November by Emily Fuller, her English teacher at Continental High School.

Emily always has a kind word for her classmates and shows them support in whatever they do, Fuller wrote in her nomination letter. She said Rose motivated her teammates during the 2017 soccer season by making each teammate note cards with positive messages. "She works hard and has a great attitude," Fuller wrote.

Congratulations Emily!

There will be a two-hour delay on Monday, February 5th due to a staff professional meeting.

There will also be NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 19, Presidents' Day.

Holiday Food Drive

The junior high, and high school student councils held their annual food drive collection, under the direction of advisors Ben Warnecke and Tammy Baker. Students were asked to bring in food items the week of December 11-15. Students who met collection goals were rewarded with a movie prior to the Christmas break.

This year, over 2500 food items were donated and delivered to the food pantry at the Continental United Methodist Church.

Thank you to the students and adults who donated for this community cause!



Volley for the Vets Update

Volley for the Vets was held on December 2 in the high school gymnasium with a successful turnout of teams. \$1500 was raised and will be donated to *Operation Home Front*. A check presentation occurred at our home basketball game on January 19, which was also "*America Night*" across the state of Ohio, to show support for our veterans and those still on active duty in the military. Thank you for your support!



Calendar of Events

- Feb 2 Soph. Vantage Visitation Day
- Feb 5 2-Hour Delay, Staff Meeting
- Feb 6 All A's Night at Varsity
Girls Game vs Wayne Trace
- Feb 9 Homecoming Game vs Ottov.
Third Quarter Mid-Term
- Feb 10 Homecoming Dance,
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- Feb 15 Senior Night for Girls
- Feb 17 Senior Night for Boys
- Feb 19 No School, Presidents' Day
First Day for Coaching
Baseball/Softball
- Feb 20 Bd. of Educ. Mtg, 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 27 ACT, Jrs. at American Legion,
8:15 a.m.
- Mar 5-9 Elementary Book Fair,
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Mar 5 Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.
First Day for Coaching Track
and Field
- Mar 8 Family Night at Book Fair,
3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Mar 15 K-6 Spring Pictures
- Mar 16 End of the Third Quarter
- Mar 20 Bd. of Educ. Mtg, 7:00 p.m.



Once a month, *Solid Waste Management* sends a truck to our school to pick up our school's recyclables. Students go around to various locations in the high school and elementary building once a week to collect recyclables. They bring them back to Mrs. Siefker's classroom (Family and Consumer Science teacher) where they are sorted into paper, cardboard, and plastic. So far this year, Continental has recycled 2630 pounds (1.315 tons) of paper and cardboard products. This is a great amount but are we missing opportunities to do even more? Leipsic and St. Mary's Schools have recycled 6260 pounds (3.13 tons); Miller City School 1660 pounds (.83 tons); and Columbus Grove School 2260 pounds (1.13 tons).

Paper products that are accepted include paper, magazines, books, file folders, poster boards, catalogs, phone books, newspapers, cardboard, junk mail, envelopes without plastic windows or metal tabs. We also collect cardboard which the students flatten down and remove tape and staples from.

The three R's in waste management are REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE. Reducing waste saves landfill space. Reusing materials creates less trash. Recycling allows materials to be remade into new useful products. More recycling information is available at www.putnamcountyrecycles.com

Recycling does make a difference in our environment. So the next time you are about to throw paper items in the trash ask yourself, "is this something I could recycle?" Putnam County's Solid Waste Management and the environment thanks you for your cooperation and making a difference!



HOMECOMING 2018



This year's homecoming game will be held on February 9 at the Continental/Ottoville varsity boys basketball game. The court presentation will be February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Irene Wahl Casteel Auditorium with the dance immediately following and concluding at 10:00 p.m.

The following students are on the 2018 homecoming court:

- Grade 9: Maddi Potts, Westin Okuley
- Grade 10: Kiya Wiggins, Brady Dockery
- Grade 11: Riley Fenter, Henrik Finsrud
- Grade 12: Kaitlyn Alvarado, Leah Baker, Sydney Eickholt, Hannah Troyer,
Tyler Brecht, Caleb Olds, Chris Potts, and Garrett Recker
- Crown Bearers: Hadley Armeay and Zachary Sullivan



High School Quiz Bowl...



The high school quiz bowl team is mid-way through their season. This hard-working group of students are under the direction of Advisor Nathan Schmidt. Members are: Nick Koenig, Garrett Recker, Kenny Grant, Breanne Eickholt, Brooke Davis, Josh Wagner, Madi Sharp, Riley Fenter, Sierra Prowant, and Connor Maag.

Remaining matches are:

- Jan 24 at Miller City
- Jan 31 at Continental vs Leipsic
- Feb 7 at Kalida
- Feb 14 at Continental vs Jennings
- Feb 21 at Continental vs Wayne Trace
- Feb 28 at Columbus Grove

SOPHOMORES TO VISIT VANTAGE CAREER CENTER

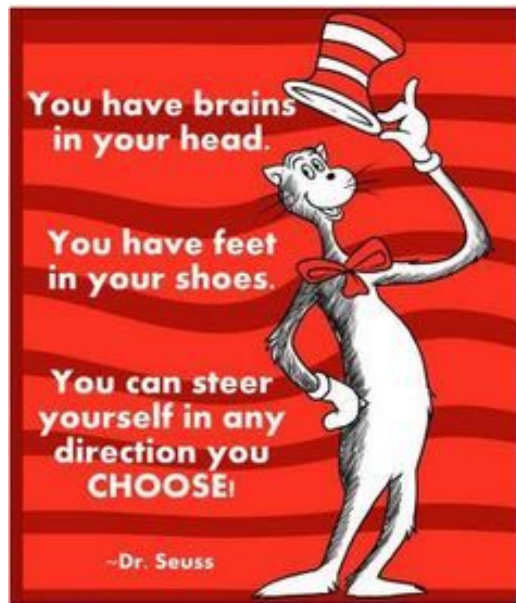
On Friday, February 2, all sophomores will have a chance to spend the afternoon at Vantage Career Center for their Sophomore Visitation Day. The students will have the opportunity to experience two programs of their choice in depth to discern if they would like to attend Vantage to start their career vocation. The application process begins after the visit.



The students will then make their decision if Vantage will be in their future or if they will continue here at Continental High School.



What's your
PLAN?



NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK MARCH 5-9, 2018

March 5-9 is *National School Breakfast Week*. Breakfasts are available to all students and served daily from 8:00-8:30 a.m. Prices are \$1.75 for a fully paid breakfast. Students who qualify for reduced meals are offered a breakfast for \$.30 and those qualifying for free meals may receive free breakfast. Currently, we serve approximately 70 breakfasts daily at Continental School.

Breakfast consists of milk, fruit or fruit juice, and two bread offerings. Twice weekly, a hot item is offered.



HS Choir, Under the Direction of Mr. Dan Swonger

Happy
Valentine's
Day!



Preschool Registration

Early Discovery Preschool pre-registration for next school year, 2018-2019, begins **February 1, 2018**.

Children currently enrolled and not yet 5 years of age by May 31 will be receiving an application from their teacher to complete and return.

New children: Younger siblings, family members, or friends who have a child 3 or 4 years of age may call the Putnam County Educational Service Center, 419-523-5951, for enrollment information. Children who are 4 years of age and children with disabilities will be given priority. Reduced rates may be available to those who qualify.