



Continental Local Schools



Board of Education Members:
Dean Bidlack, Katie Clementz,
Robin Etter, Brian Donaldson,
and Lynn Smith

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High School Principal: Tim Eding
Elementary Principal: Tracy Potts
Treasurer: Katelyn Adams**

Newsletter: February, 2022

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From the Desk of Mr. Kissell:

We have made it halfway through the 2022-2023 school year. Continental Local Schools has seen its ups and downs this fall while dealing with COVID. Thank you to all our staff for their efforts and for parents and students who went above and beyond to make school "work" whether by doing what was necessary to keep them in school or having them zoom into class while at home. There are once again updated protocols and we are now only reporting our COVID cases once a week to the health department and these links will provide you with updated protocols.

[Covid Quarantine Flow Chart 1/26/2022](#)

[K-12 Quarantine Alternatives 1/26/2022](#)

If you have questions, please contact the Putnam County Health Department.

As always, this newsletter is filled with wonderful pictures of our students and their work and activities as well as important information. Please take the time to learn more about your school.

As noted to the right of this article we have two new board members that were appointed and two that were re-elected. Thank you to the eight candidates who applied for the two open seats. It is wonderful to see so many people interested in serving their community.

Finally, I wanted to make note one last time to check your property tax statements this year, as the district has paid off the bond issue passed in 1999. Thank you again to the community for your commitment to the education of our students. Your Continental LSC tax should have dropped 1.1 mills. If you are not sure yours did, please contact the Putnam County Auditor.

Yours in Education, Danny F. Kissell

Board Members Sworn in at January Meeting

Two re-elected board members were sworn in at the January 11th meeting, President Dean Bidlack and Vice President Robin Etter.

Mr. Bidlack was first sworn in at the January 2002 meeting and has represented you as a board member every year since. He is also beginning his seventeenth year serving as board president.

Mrs. Etter began her first term in January of 2010. She is beginning her fourth term as a Continental School Board member and her second year as board vice president.

Two new members, Katie Clementz and Lynn Smith, were appointed to the Continental Board of Education. Both candidates will be fulfilling two-year commitments and serve through December of 2023.

Katie is married to Brandon Clementz and has three children: Camryn, grade 4; Tucker, grade 6; and Tyson, grade 8. Katie states, "Continental Local School has been moving in a positive direction and I would like to help contribute to its success. I will be a positive link between the school and our community, making sure we never lose sight of what is best for our children."

Lynn is married to Joe Smith and has three children: Jacob, grade 2; Britten, grade 9; and Brooklyn, grade 12. Lynn states, "I feel that it is important to serve our community and to help advocate for students and their families. I care deeply for the educational system and would enjoy the opportunity to help serve in any capacity that I can."



Katie Clementz



Lynn Smith

We welcome our new members to the board and look forward to serving with them.

FAST FACTS...

The Continental Local School District encompasses 80 square miles. Our buses transport over 192 students on six bus routes at around 370 miles per day. Approximately 8,145 miles per month are put on our fleet of nine buses. Including regular bus routes, athletic trips and field trips, approximately 1,537 gallons of fuel are used each month. Currently, our buses range from the oldest 2007 to the newest 2022. The Continental bus fleet of nine has a total of more than 769,177 miles. We currently have 4 propane buses (one being wheelchair accessible) and 5 diesel buses. We have six regular route drivers and five substitute drivers.

It is very important to keep buses as up-to-date as possible for safety and to keep repair costs at a minimum. Buses are, however, very expensive, costing approximately \$96,000 each. The Continental School District the oldest bus on a biannual basis and budget permits.



NO SCHOOL
February 21

Did you know that three U.S. presidents died on the 4th of July? John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1826. Five years later to the day James Monroe died.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Feb 1	Elem PBIS Group to Findlay Cube
Feb 2	HS Quiz Bowl Match vs Pandora-Gilboa, Home
Feb 9	HS Quiz Bowl Match vs Ottoville, Away
Feb 11	Third Quarter Midterm
Feb 15	Board of Education Mtg, 6:00 p.m.
Feb 16	HS Quiz Bowl Match Ottawa-Glandorf, Home
Feb 21	No School - Presidents' Day
Feb 23	HS Quiz Bowl Match vs Miller City, Away
March 2	HS Quiz Bowl Match vs Leipsic, Home
March 7	Band/Choir Concert, Grades 9-12
March 8	Freshmen Visitation to Vantage Career Center
March 11	Elementary Spring Picture Day
March 14-18	Scholastic Book Fair
March 15	Board of Education Mtg, 6:00 p.m.
March 17	Parent Night at Book Fair, 3:00-5:30 p.m.
March 17	American Red Cross Blood Drive, All Day
March 18	End of Third Quarter
March 23-27	High School Band Trip to Disney World
March 25	No School - Staff Professional Development Day



**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY** ♥



Question: How many heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are typically sold each Valentine's Day?
Answer: 35 million

Continental School Calendar 2022-2023

Parent Teacher Conferences:
Nov 21 – 3pm to 7pm
Nov 22 – 10am to 7pm
176 Student days + 2 Conference days
183 Teacher days

Remote learning will be used in place of
make-up days.
Board Approved: 1/11/2022

Blast from the Past

50-Year Tribute to 1972 State Team

On January 14, Continental's 1972 State Basketball Team received a 50-year tribute at the home boys basketball game vs. Fort Jennings. Players in attendance were Ron Weisenburger, Jim Troyer, Tom Rue, Greg Spitnale and Don Brown. Assistant Coach Dennis Potts was also in attendance as well as family representatives of deceased players and head coach Don Huber. Thanks to all involved in this tribute!



L-R, Erik Verhoff (nephew of late player Chris Britsch), Anthony Tegenkamp (son of late player Frank Tegenkamp, Ron Weisenburger, John and Ken Huber (sons of late Coach Don Huber), Jim Troyer, Asst. Coach Dennis Potts, Tom Rue, Greg Spitnale, and Don Brown. Honored players, unable to attend were: Terry Bragg, Larry Jones, Ron Winkle, and Robert Searfoss. Deceased player Doug Simon.



2022

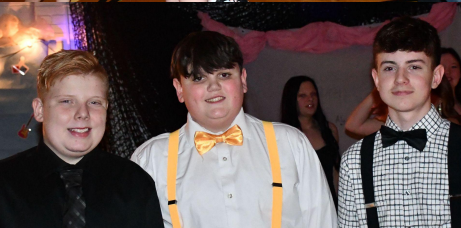


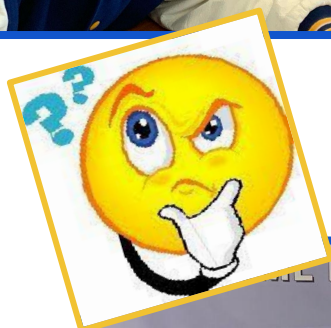
Back Row, L-R: Elijah Miler (9), Gavin Huff (12), Wyatt Davis (12), Elijah Mayes (12), Andrew Hoeffel (12), Boston Searfoss (11), Jonathan Etter (10)

Front Row, L-R: Ian Manon (K), Britten Smith (9), Jensen Armeay (12), Mckenzy Mayes (12), Kayden Centers (12), Annika Bowers (12), Jensen Prowant (11), Delaney Bowers (10), Lydia Schmidt (K)



King: Wyatt Davis; Queen: Mckenzy Mayes





QUIZ BOWL



The Continental quiz bowl team just competed in their fourth match of the season against Columbus Grove on January 26th. This year, Continental was able to field both a varsity and JV team! Advisor Mrs. Chelsea Manon is very pleased by the increased interest in quiz bowl and hopes the team continues to grow and improve in the next few years. The new freshmen are enthusiastic and a great addition alongside the veteran team members.

Back Row: Elijah Mayes, Jude Marshall, Caleb Bibler, Dalys Tice, Cooper Wollam, Daxton Warner, Grady Huff, Jaxson Slattman. Front Row: Bryn Tegenkamp, Kayden Centers, Madison Burkhart, Reese Knowles. Not Pictured: Alyssa Burgei, Brooklyn Niese, Jensen Armei, Rhenn Armei, Gavin Huff, Collin Davis.

YOUTH ART MONTH

ANNUAL STATE FLAGS/BANNER DESIGN CONTEST



Reece Knowles, Gr. 11



Britten Smith, Gr. 9



Arielle Conner, Gr. 9



Gracie Fuller Gr 9

Continental students participated in the Council for Art Education's signature event, the annual state flag design contest. Winning state designs are made into flags and displayed in the CFAE YAM Showcase at the National Art Education Association Convention March 3-5 in New York, New York. This year the event will be both an in person and virtual event.

Although our submissions were not selected, we were very proud of their pieces and want to share them with you!



Senior Advanced Art student **Kristen Brecht** was a December finalist for "Artist of the Week" on *Artsonia* for her acrylic canvas titled "Solar System".

Kristen stated, "I like the placements and colors I used to create this artwork. I looked at many photos of the real planets to create the version you see here. The detail I put into this is one of my favorite parts." This piece took 2-½ weeks to complete. Great job Kristen!



Paloma Rivera, Gr 12



Some students prefer to wear their art statements! **LeAnne Warnimont**, grade 12, models her artwork!

Parents can look at student work on Artsonia using the school code :

CW9T5MFN

or link

<https://www.artsonia.com/connect/CW9T5MFN>

Currently, there are approximately 800 artworks from our students that have been uploaded from the first half of the year.



Mr. Jacob Palte,
Continental School K-12 Art Teacher



Eight Student Artworks Submitted to the NW Ohio Regional Art Show

K-8 Art

The 2022 Youth Art Month Show features artwork from students in grades K- 8 from Northwest Ohio. Young people have created colorful designs and prints, charming portraits and dramatic landscapes. Sculptures explore animals, characters and birds. The young artists have drawn inspiration from observation, cultures, stories, history and their own imaginations.

For 43 years Northwest Ohio Art Education Association has hosted a regional art exhibition. Outstanding artwork has been selected by art teachers for this special exhibit from nine counties in NW Ohio. NWOAEA and Maumee Valley Country Day School sponsor this show.

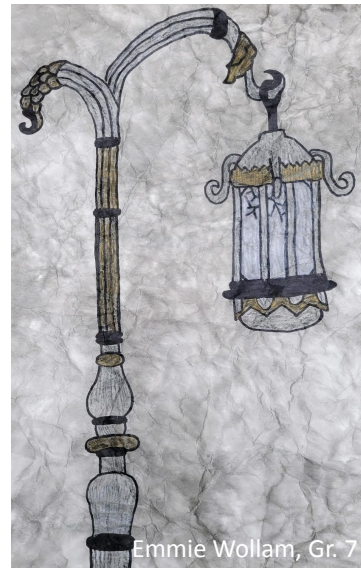
There are more than 150 pieces of art in this show from 20 area art teachers. We are grateful for these teachers who volunteered to help hang this show: Tina Arndt, Adrienne Goldberg, Ann Hymel, Audra Manriquez, Jacob Palte, Liz Schooner, and Tara Tucholski. Thanks also to Adrienne Goldberg, Regional Director for helping with the coordination with Jacob Palte, Regional Exhibit Chair.



Hayden Streicher, Gr. 5



Aubree Matson, Gr. 1



Emmie Wollam, Gr. 7



Brock Horstman, Gr. 2



Charlotte Fuller, Gr. 4



Luke Branham, Gr. 3

Northwest Ohio
Regional
Youth Art Month
Show
Grades K-8
Wolfe Gallery
Maumee Valley
Country Day
School
1715 S.
Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, Ohio
43614
January 28 -
March 6, 2022

Gallery hours
are weekdays
8:30AM- 4:30PM.

Reception is
Scheduled -
Sunday, March
6th from
1:00-3:00 PM.



Luke Miller, Gr. 6



Karlee Sanders, Gr. 2



From the Desk of Mrs. Potts, Elementary Principal...

Follow the elementary building on Facebook @ContinentalElementary

Happy New Year! With snow on the ground, it finally feels like winter. The staff and I hope 2022 brings joy and happiness to all our students and their families. The new year is an excellent time to talk with your children about new goals and resolutions. Mrs. Schmidt's January social/emotional lesson was about setting goals. The new year is also a time to reflect on progress and achievements that were accomplished in 2021.

With second semester underway students get a chance for a fresh start. Studies show that students do better in school when parents play an active role in their education. Below is a list of ways that parents can help their child succeed in school.

- Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children
- Encourage your child to read
- Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently
- Set up a quiet homework area
- Encourage active learning

What time is it? Time to register for Kindergarten and Kinderstart! Use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/VCTSpwGSeBN28cbm7>

PBIS News: The students have been working hard on **The 3 R's: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Ready!**

The **Red House** team members earned the most crew cards the second nine weeks and were rewarded with a trip to the **Cube Ice Arena** in Findlay for ice skating.

Jay Shaffer was the Golden Ticket winner for the second quarter. #proudtobeapirate



In a typical year, the Elf on the Shelf appears. He must have had Covid because this year the Grinch came to visit! #mrschimd

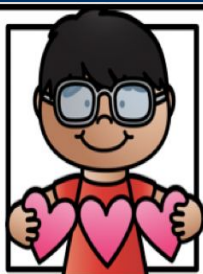


For the past two years, the students at Continental Elementary have raised money during National Week of Service. This year, the school donated \$847.90 to the Putnam County Thrift Store! Congratulations to Ms. Wall's homeroom for raising the most money and completing many acts of service.



February

School Counselor
Newsletter



WEEK

CONTACTS INFO

Mrs. Schmidt
e.schmidt@continentalpirates.org

Celebrate

- MLK Week of Service
 - January 17th-21st
- National Bubble Gum Day
 - February 4th.
- Kindness week
 - February 14th-18th

Quote of the Month

"You don't have to be perfect
to be amazing!"

Classroom Lessons

- K-2 January: Goal Setting
 - February: Personal Space
- 3-6 January: Goal Setting
 - February: Tone of Voice

Small Group

- 3-6
 - Academic Achievement
- K-2
 - Zones of Regulation

Announcements

Looking for resources in and around Putnam County?
Use the QR code for more information!
If you do not see something you need,
please contact the school!



Pre-registration for Early Discovery Preschools are open for the 2022-2023 School Year!

Columbus Grove - Continental - Fort Jennings - Leipsic - Miller City - Ottawa-Glandorf

We provide a quality preschool program that will
nurture all children while fostering an excitement
and curiosity for learning!

Classes taught by certified teachers!

Opportunities for active learning in
small group sizes

⇒ Math and Science Discovery

⇒ Creative Arts

⇒ Early Reading and Writing Skills

Sliding Fee Scale for reduced or
free tuition offered

Call Miranda at
419-523-5951 ext. 3023
for directions to the
[online pre-registration](#)

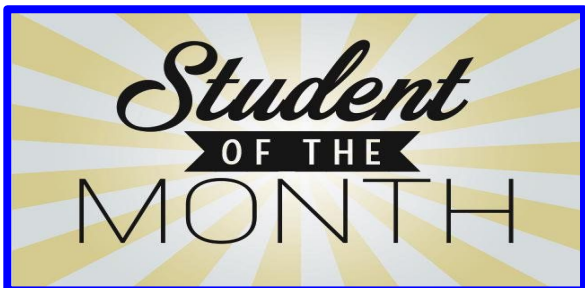


Early Discovery
Preschools

Preschool Office:
Educational Service Center
124 Putnam Parkway
Ottawa, OH 45875
419-523-5951 ext. 3023



5-STAR
AWARD
WINNER!



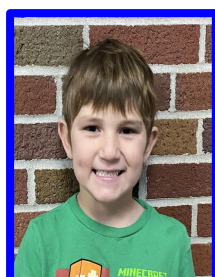
Bexley Baughman, Gr. K



Gracelyn Lawrence, Gr. K



Emmy Vennekotter, Gr. K



Paul Ladd, Gr. K



Briggs Noffsinger, Gr. K



Kylie Sybert, Gr. K



Brooklyn Sullivan, Gr. K



Madeline Schroeder, Gr. 1



Liam Slattman, Gr. 1



Seth Dudek, Gr. 2



Layla Nienberg, Gr. 2



Brooklyn Schnipke, Gr. 3



Jase Ladd, Gr. 3



Lilyana Brickner, Gr. 4



Grady Dirr, Gr. 4



Maddison Lowe, Gr. 4



Walker Okuley, Gr. 5



Rachael Matthews, Gr. 5



Dallyn Bartley, Gr. 6



Kaeden Wagner, Gr. 6



Kayleigh Sanders, Gr. 6



Ryker Army, Gr. 6

Every month, students are chosen by staff members for being **Respectful, Responsible, and Ready!**

Congratulations to all of our January "Students of the Month".





Sarah Goedde,
Director of Food Service

National Nutrition Month®

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme, *Celebrate a World of Flavors*, embraces global cultures, cuisines and inclusivity.

To help celebrate this year's theme, we will be trying a new fruit or vegetable each week.

March 8-12 is National School Breakfast week. This year we are going to try and make hot homemade meals each day for the students. Breakfast and Lunch is still free so please encourage your kids to try the food. I am trying to integrate more homemade foods.



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and schools provide millions of breakfasts to hungry children. This gives us reason to celebrate! Every March, the nation celebrates National School Breakfast Week, which was launched in 1989 to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program to all children.

Presidents Quiz

Draw a line connecting the president to the fun fact about them!



James A. Garfield



George Washington



John F. Kennedy



Franklin D. Roosevelt



Abraham Lincoln

First president to hold a press conference on television

Only president to be unanimously elected by the Electoral College

Only president elected four times

Smallest president at 5' 4" tall and about 100 lbs

President who got stuck in the White House bathtub

Shortest-serving president at 32 days in office

First president born in a hospital

President who could read and write in six languages

Could write with both hands, at the same time, in different languages

Failed as a storekeeper, farmer, and businessman, and lost his first bid for the U.S. Senate



William H. Taft



William Henry Harrison



Jimmy Carter



Thomas Jefferson



James Madison

Try your hand at this Presidents' Day Trivia Quiz!
Answers on next slide.

Presidents Quiz

Answer Key

- First president to hold a press conference on television (**John F. Kennedy**)
- Only president to be unanimously elected by the Electoral College
(**George Washington**)
- Only president to be elected four times (**Franklin D. Roosevelt**)
- Smallest president at 5' 4" tall and about 100 lbs (**James Madison**)
- President who got stuck in the White House bathtub (**William H. Taft**)
- Shortest-serving president at 32 days in office (**William Henry Harrison**)
- First president to be born in a hospital (**Jimmy Carter**)
- President who could read and write in six languages (**Thomas Jefferson**)
- This president could write with both hands, at the same time, in different languages (**James A. Garfield**)
- Failed as a storekeeper, farmer, and businessman, and lost his first bid for the U.S. Senate (**Abraham Lincoln**)

How did you do?