

DC18: Expanding Learning Opportunities Through Hands-On Discoveries

This year, like many in years past, eighth graders at Circleville Middle School will set out to explore Washington D.C. Last year, our students traveled by commercial buses along a six-hour journey making a few stops along the way. In all, about 80 excited students had the opportunity to see many of the city's memorials and historical landmarks.

Students walked among several memorials honoring United States veterans of foreign wars and conflicts including those hallowed enshrinements depicting Iwo Jima, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and World War II. Other memorials the students had the opportunity to explore honored famous Americans such as Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A ferry boat cruise across the Potomac River transported students to Arlington National Cemetery, where they laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier and paid homage to homegrown Ohio astronaut John Glenn's final resting place. Students also roamed the grounds and toured the estate of president George Washington, Mt. Vernon. One other memorial visited was the 911 Memorial located by the Pentagon.

The Circleville City School Foundation was honored to grant scholarships to several students who otherwise may not have had an opportunity to experience such a wonderful learning opportunity. Trips like these embody our mission of expanding learning opportunities through hands-on discovery and we look forward to supporting another trip to Our Nation's Capital in Spring 2019.



CCSF provided scholarships to several deserving CMS eighth graders, making it possible for them to travel to Washington D.C. with their class.

Robotics Nears Record Enrollment

The CHS Robotics Program is stronger than ever and enrollment numbers continue to climb. Currently, there are 19 students enrolled in Robotics II and 17 enrolled in Robotics I. We are on track to have the largest number of student robots entered into the National Robotics Challenge this spring.

The middle school is expanding its Computer Science and Robotics Course offerings and will soon be teaching with the Arduino micro-controller platform.

The high school program is working on a variety of cutting-edge projects including artificial intelligence using deep learning neural networks, computer vision, hexapod locomotion, and autonomous vehicle technology.

All of these opportunities for our Circleville students would not be possible without the continued support of the community and the Circleville City Schools Foundation.



Victoria Lanman



Sarah Ruff



Sarah Keller Sowers

Scholarship Allows Tiger Grads to Make A Difference in Unique Ways

The Circleville City School Foundation's Make A Difference scholarship was established to encourage the pursuit of a post-secondary degree, certification or license for a Circleville High School graduate from the previous school year or earlier. Thanks to the generosity of donors and the success of the CCSF "Raise Your Paw" auction in February, the Foundation awarded three \$2,000 scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. This year's recipients are:

Victoria Lanman, CHS class of 2013, is pursuing her teaching license after receiving a bachelor's degree from Marshall University. Tory is currently employed as a substitute teacher in Pickaway County.

Sarah Ruff, CHS class of 2014, attends The Ohio State University where she is pursuing her degree in Early Childhood Education.

Sarah Keller Sowers, CHS class of 2012, graduated from Mount Carmel School of Nursing and currently works at Mount Carmel. Sarah attends The Ohio State University where she is working on her master's degree in nursing with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. Sarah receives this Make A Difference scholarship in loving memory of Mary Adele Snider Davis, MD, CHS class of 1941.

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 recipients of the Make A Difference award!

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of enriching educational opportunities
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The Gift of Art Education

CES first graders enjoyed the gift of art education in November thanks to The Gasper Family Learning Fund's annual project, a field trip to the Columbus Museum of Art. Jill Hoffman Gasper, a founding member of the CCSF, and her husband Joe created their fund within CCSF to promote the importance of arts education beginning with our youngest students. As an added treat the Gaspers purchased matching T-shirts, designed by teacher Andi Hoskins, for all students and chaperones to wear during the trip.

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2018-2019

CMS Spreads Kindness Throughout Community

As the Circleville City School Foundation (CCSF), we are fortunate to have a front row seat to see the amazing things our staff, children and schools do for the community. In one of these ventures, Brooke Paxton, a seventh grade language arts teacher, wrote a proposal for the CCSF Board to purchase a set of books for the entire middle school to read called *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. The CCSF honored her request and along with additional funding provided by the Academic Booster Club, books were purchased for every student in the middle school. However, that was just the start of the project. As the weeks rolled on after reading the book, the entire middle school left an everlasting impact on the community and beyond.

Wonder is about a child who was born with a genetic condition called Treacher Collins Syndrome, which causes bones and tissue to under develop and cause deformities. The book goes through the struggles of a boy entering a public school setting for the first time after being homeschooled. The story was enjoyed and embraced by the middle school staff and student body alike. The teachers loved the concept of “kindness” so much that they incorporated it into their daily curriculum. The school had a Penny War Drive to raise money to donate to a local cause. Each student had to write an essay on where they would like the profit from the Penny Wars to go to and why. Each class then chose their favorite idea and then the teachers chose from the class submissions. After one week, the middle school raised \$750 to donate to the Pickaway County Emergency Clearing-house Association.

In addition to the Penny Wars, many students wanted to extend their opportunity to give back to the community and took on some individual projects. Some did small things like painting kindness rocks and placing them around town with positive messages for others to find. One student, Matthew Bradley (above right), decided he wanted to donate turkeys for those in need for Thanksgiving. He took his idea to the Circleville Sunrise and Noon Rotary clubs to enlist their help. Through their donations, coupled with the Pickaway Community Action (PICCA), he was able to provide 100 turkeys and some canned food for the holidays to families in need. Other kids donated their time to nursing homes, delivered cookies to the local police station (above left), posted positive messages on each other’s lockers, sent positive notes to Pickaway Area Recovery Services (PARS), delivered activity bags to Nationwide Children’s Hospital and donated time at the local dog shelter, just to name a few.

We are sincerely appreciative for the outstanding staff and students of CMS for making such a huge impact to their community and helping others in such a significant way.



Acts of kindness happened in many different forms after students completed the *Wonder* project, funded by CCSF and the Academic Booster Club.



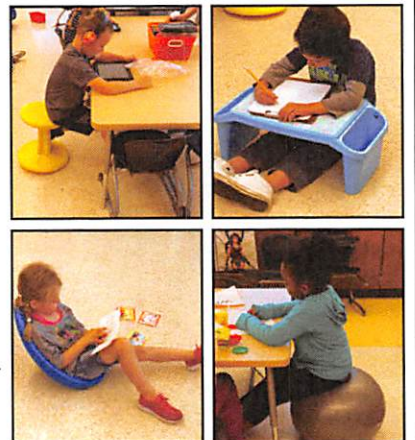
Flex Seating Grant Helps Students Stay on Task Comfortably

The Circleville City School Foundation (CCSF) in 2017 awarded a \$5,568 grant to the Circleville Elementary kindergarten program for flexible seating options.

The grant enables the kindergarten setting to be able to offer differentiated accommodations to meet a wide range of social, emotional and health needs for students at an early age. Additionally, these accommodations will be used to ease students into the full school day structure from the preschool setting, often considered their first formalized introduction into schooling at an early age. This measure also aligns with the school’s ‘Daily 5’ literacy curriculum model, which puts an emphasis on giving students choice in completing work and staying on task. Research has shown positive effects on student social and emotional learning as the result of being given options where students can “move with the mind” according to Eric Jensen (2000).

“The mission of the Circleville City School Foundation is to enrich educational opportunities for all children,” said Patty Truex, CCSF chair. “In this case, we had the chance to make kindergarten an innovative, 21st century learning experience for our youngest students. The staff found a creative way to ease students into a formal educational setting by implementing the use of flexible furniture, therefore meeting the needs of a variety of students. We applaud the kindergarten team for making a compelling case for this grant and were thrilled to play a role in assisting them in this effort.”

In eight kindergarten classrooms, seating will now be offered in the form of choice – specifically in the form of multi-use activity trays, wobble chairs, soft-shell plastic rocker chairs, no-slip yoga mats, scoop rocker seats, balance ball desk chairs and plastic stack stools in addition to a traditional classroom table and chairs setting.



Flexible furniture, funded by CCSF, allows kindergarten students the option to choose from wobble chairs, multi-use activity trays, soft-shell plastic rocker chairs, balance ball desk chairs, and others, for a more innovative learning experience.

CHS Student Wins National Essay Contest

Katie Camp is presented with her award for having the winning essay in the Drug Free Clubs of America scholarship contest. Camp’s essay was chosen the winner from a field of 150 entrants from five states. Pictured at left, from left, are: Terri Carter, Circleville Alumni Association; Patty Truex, Circleville City School Foundation Chair; Camp; Angie Ferguson, executive director at Drug Free Clubs of America; Stefanie Knisley, workplace wellness coordinator at Berger Health System; and Chris Thornsley, CHS principal. Circleville City School Foundation supports Club Future, CHS’s Drug Free Club of America.

