

CONTINENTAL LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Students Create Continental Legoville

Students at Continental Elementary put their engineering skills to work last quarter to create Main Street in Continental using Legos. Students have built many businesses and homes located along Main Street. They have been working on this project in the 21st Century After School program provided through a grant from the Putnam County ESC. Students have used pictures of the businesses to re-create the look and feel of Continental, Ohio. Legoville was on display at the school during Grandparents Day on Friday, March 22nd. Students and staff have also had the opportunity to view the project.



Pictured with Legoville are: Kayden Centers, Kiersten Moran, Wyatt Davis, Boston Searfoss, and Andrew Hoeffel.

Security Upgrades Coming to High School and Elementary Buildings

School and child safety is something that is always on the minds of school officials and parents alike. In the coming months, the high school and elementary buildings will see some security upgrades taking place. As you may well know, most new school buildings have security systems in place that requires visitors to be buzzed in before entering the building. Many require the individual to be seen on video camera and also require the person to state why they are wanting to enter the building before actually being granted access. Both of our buildings will be going to a very similar type system in the months ahead. While it may be a bit less convenient for everyone, the trade-off in safety for students is essential.

Local Official Calls State Championship Game

Continental was once again somewhat represented at the Boys State Basketball Tournament in Columbus on March 23rd. John Huber, a 1989 Holgate graduate, is the son of the late coach Don Huber and retired Continental teacher Sue Huber. John was one of the officials refereeing the state championship game between Versailles and Ottawa-Glandorf. This was his first state tournament assignment after 24 years as an official. He is an assistant vice president, director of operations support for HCR Manor Care in Toledo.



Photo courtesy of Charlie Warnimont, Putnam County Sentinel

Looking Ahead

April 3 rd	JH Track Pictures	3:00 pm
April 6 th	JH Cheer Tryouts	3:00 pm
April 6 th	HS Cheer Tryouts	5:00 pm
April 11 th	NHS Induction	1:30 pm
April 26 th	4th Qtr Midterms	
April 26 th	K-12 Art Show	4:30 pm
April 26 th	Musical	8:00 pm
	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	
April 27 th	Musical	8:00 pm
	<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	
April 29 th	Achievement Testing Begins	
May 14 th	JH & HS Concerts	7:30 pm
May 15 th	HS Acad. Awards	1:45 pm

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENJOY *RIGHT TO READ WEEK*

Continental Elementary students enjoyed Right to Read Week from March 11-15 at the School. The Theme "Camp Read A-Lot" encouraged students to read throughout the week and celebrate that reading is important every day. Students also read the book, "Ellie McDoodle, Have Pen, Will Travel" throughout the week. Teachers read the novel each day and questions were discussed from the story. Students brought sleeping bags to read in for class, built tents to read with others, and campfires to read around.

The week culminated with a visit from Ellie McDoodle author, Ruth McNally Barshaw on Friday, March 15th. She talked to the students about how she got started illustrating and writing books. She showed the students how to draw simple animals and how she always starts with a rough draft that is constantly changing. She encouraged the students to put their ideas down on paper, both written and artistic. She helped students start their own book and encouraged them to try to finish it on their own. Thank you to the Parents of Pirates for providing the author for the students to enjoy!



Pictured in the tent are: Peyton Wilson, Tori Searfoss, Adriana Moore and Delaney Bowers.



Pictured are students from Mrs. Altenburger's class during *Right to Read Week* activities.

Local radio personality, Rick Small of 98.1 FM, reads to kindergarten students during *Right to Read Week*.



Pictured are: Gracie Fuller, Dax Warner, Abriella Rocha and Jaxson Slattman.

No School March 28 – April 1

Spring Art Show Coming to Continental

New to the district this year is a spring art show. All students will have multiple pieces of artwork on display. In addition to that, each student will have one framed and matted artwork that will be available for purchase.

Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed artwork from the art show. Students in grades K-8 will have artwork available for sale for \$15. Students in grades 9-12 will have artwork for sale for \$35.

The art show is Friday, April 26 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the elementary cafeteria.

Students to Perform *Little Shop of Horrors*

Students are busy preparing for the spring musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. This musical is about a florist who finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed. It is under the direction of Kyle Knapke, who is in his first year as the district band/choir teacher. Show times will be April 26 and 27 at 8:00 pm in the high school auditorium.

Spring Sports Off to Slow Start Due to Wet Weather

It looks like this year could be one of those years where the weather will play havoc with spring sports schedules. Normally by this time we would have had a couple of scrimmages, but those have all been cancelled thus far. The grass is still quite brown and brick dust still needs applied to the ball diamonds. One thing is for certain, when the weather does finally break, Bob Quigley will be hard at work getting them prepared. We appreciate all the work Bob does for our athletes and coaches.

iPad Initiative Going Well in First Year

We are just three months into the introduction of iPads in the high school classroom. Student and teachers have both found this to be a great tool in the learning process. There have been a few kinks along the way, but that was to be expected when dealing with newer technology.

One of the benefits of iPads has been fewer issues with discipline. This has helped to reduce issues in the cafeteria and during study halls because students are now busy during those times. Another benefit of these has been the creativity with which students are now completing projects and using them to problem solve.

An area that has become more of an issue and parents may want to address with their children before they get in trouble for it is cheating. The punishment for a student caught cheating on the first offense is an automatic zero on the assignment and an In-School Suspension.

The board of education is also taking advantage of the use of iPads in conducting meetings. The agenda and board packets are being distributed through the iPad so there is no more binding those packets and mailing them through the postal services – thus reducing costs.

Seniors Hard at Work Preparing for Graduation and Senior Projects

Seniors are working hard right now to complete their senior projects, which they will present their final week of school. These projects allow students to demonstrate some of the skills they have learned over the years while gaining some valuable experience working on their public speaking skills. While this may be a bit stressful for some students, many later tell us how glad they are to have gone through something like that prior to graduation.