



Continental Local Schools



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From the Desk of Mr. Kissell, Superintendent...

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. Continental Local Schools had a great 2016-2017 and we are looking forward to even more excitement to come. As you read through this newsletter today, you will meet the new staff, learn about bussing, new information from the cafeteria and have the opportunity to hear about our Spanish Club's trip to Costa Rica.

What's new for 2017-2018. Continental has created and developed a Kinderstart Program to help students just starting out in school become the best they can be. If you want to know more about this program, please contact the elementary. We have also brought back gifted services for 1 day per week at the elementary and are discussing how to better serve our gifted students in the high school.

In the technology world, we have upgraded our network, updated our one to one program for the high school and provided every middle school student with access to a chromebook. At the elementary we now have 195 chromebooks. We were also able to update the technology in the hands of our teachers so they can keep pace with our students.

During this school year, we will be putting a major focus on updating our curriculum. This is an effort to provide the most up to date resources for teachers and students. The Spanish department has already received their new curriculum and will be accessing it through their iPads. This is also happening in sign language and has been happening for a couple of years in freshman social studies.

Please ask your children about what is happening at school and do not hesitate to contact me with questions. This newsletter is posted on our website at the end of each nine weeks. If you would like a copy of it emailed to you or you would like to receive other updates by email, please send me an email at d.kissell@continentalpirates.org. Please put NEWSLETTER in the subject heading.



We are excited to introduce our three new staff members that will be joining us this year.

Ms. Candace Vance will be teaching our new KinderStart program in the elementary. She comes to us from Bowling Green City Schools where she was a kindergarten and first grade intervention specialist.

Mrs. Jenna Warnimont is the new elementary intervention specialist for grades four, five and six. She previously served as an elementary intervention specialist in the Bowling Green City School system.

Mrs. Ginger Williams will be joining our cafeteria staff. She and Jeff Prowant will both be working as part-time cooks in the high school building, replacing retiree Mary Okuly. Mary McClure and Darlene Griffith will be moving from the high school cafeteria to the elementary cafeteria.

Mr. Tim Eding, former Dean of Students, is now the junior high/high school principal and Mr. Jordan Streicher has been named the new Athletic Director.

Mr. Nathan Schmidt is taking Mrs. Mindi Bradford's position as elementary/high school computer teacher; Mrs. Bradford will be teaching sixth grade. Mrs. Allison Schmidt will be taking Mr. Nathan Schmidt's position as high school intervention specialist.

We are excited to have these new staff members join us and we look forward to the new roles that our current staff members are taking on.

Bussing

One bus change to note...Bus #2 will be making the trailer court stop this year, both in the AMs and PMs.



Parents are asked to have their children ready for bus pick ups at least ten minutes early during the first several days of school, as bus schedules are being worked out. Parents wanting their children picked up or dropped off at a location other than their residence will need to complete a transportation form, available at the school offices.

Families will not be able to alter pick up/drop-off locations on a daily or weekly basis as this is not permitted.



2017-2018 Cafeteria Prices



Due to the required guidelines of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), some of our cafeteria prices have increased for the 2017-2018 school year. Prices are as follows:

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| Optional Breakfast, Grades K-12 | \$1.75 |
| Grades K-6 Lunch | \$2.40 |
| Grades 7-12 Lunch | \$2.90 |
| Reduced Price Meals, Grades K-12 | \$.40 |
| Reduced Price Breakfast, Grades K-12 | \$.30 |
| Ala Carte Plate Lunch | \$3.25 |

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications will be sent home with students at Open House and on the first day of school. Forms may also be picked up in the school offices. If you have been notified that you were approved through direct certification, you do not need to complete this application.

Parents are asked to send cafeteria money in an envelope with your children's names, and cafeteria lunch numbers. You may send one check for multiple children as long as you note the amounts going to each child.

If you want to use the online payment option, you will need to use your child's student ID#. *This is not the same number as their cafeteria number.* Your child's student ID# (the number assigned to them in ProgressBook) is the number that you will use for online cafeteria payments. If you do not know this number, please contact the office or cafeteria manager and they will be glad to give it to you.

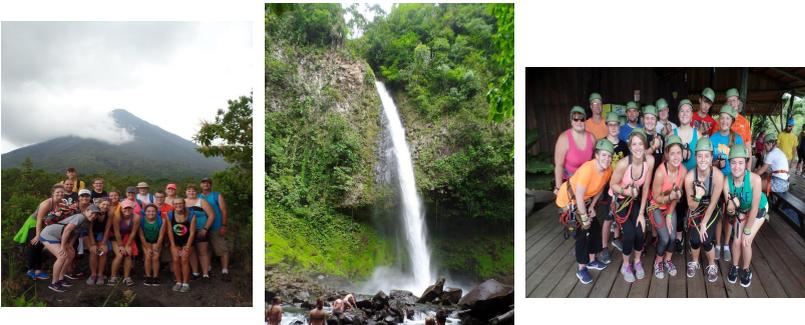
In an effort to keep lunch accounts up to date, we are implementing a new plan. Students who have a negative balance of \$5.00 will not be permitted to purchase "extras". Students having a negative balance of \$10.00 will not be allowed additional charges and will instead receive a "sack lunch". All lunch accounts can be accessed online, where parents can monitor their child's purchases and balances.

We are fortunate to have a great cafeteria staff who prepare daily meals for your children that meet the requirements set by the USDA. If you have any questions regarding meals/pricing, please contact Cafeteria Manager Diana Ordway at d.ordway@continentalpirates.org or 419-596-2613. Your concerns are our concerns!

COSTA RICA!

In late June, Spanish teacher Miss Anders took 11 students and 7 adult travelers to the beautiful and exotic countries of Costa Rica and Nicaragua for 9 days. With the great itinerary that the company, EF, scheduled, the days were full of new adventures. The group spent time learning about the various wildlife and landmarks that the rich land has to offer. They also experienced exciting activities throughout the trip, such as snorkeling, zip lining, and kayaking. Hiking three volcanoes was on the agenda and the students climbed with vigor and energy. A beautiful waterfall in the Arenal region and natural hot springs were the highlights of the trip. The trip will always be a wonderful memory for years to come and has sparked the travel bug in the students!

If these trips sound like an adventure you'd like to participate in, please contact Miss Ashley Anders at a.anders@continentalpirates.org. You must have a student currently enrolled at Continental in grades 9-12. Please join us for our trip to the wonderful country of Spain for 2018!



Workbook Fees

Workbook fees can be paid at any of the school offices. Please make checks payable to Continental Local School.

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| Grades K-2 | \$30.00 |
| Grades 3-6 | \$50.00 |
| Grade 7 | \$21.00 (if in band) |
| Grade 7 | \$46.00 (not in band) |
| Grade 8 | \$16.00 (if in band) |
| Grade 8 | \$41.00 (not in band) |

Grades 9-12 Per individual Class Req.

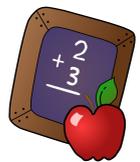
Breakfast Reminder

Parents and students are reminded that students are able to purchase a breakfast upon their arrival at school. The cost is \$1.75. Those who qualify for reduced meals may purchase breakfast for \$.30.

Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

- Aug 22 Students First Day of School
- Sept 6 & 7 Lange Elementary School Pictures
- Sept 28 Jostens Meeting with Freshman, 1:30 pm
- Jostens Meeting with Seniors, 2:00 pm
- Oct 3 JH Fundraiser Reward Assembly, 2:00 pm
- Oct 4 Josten Orders Due
- Oct 5 Girls Soccer Senior Game
- Oct 10 Volleyball Senior Game
- Oct 14 Boys Soccer Senior Game
- Oct 18 JH Fundraiser Reward to Kalahari, 7:30 am
- Oct 20 Sadie Hawkins Dance, 7:00 pm
- Oct 25 American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Nov 1 JH Fundraiser Order Delivery

Elementary School...



We are so excited to begin the 2017-2018 school year! We currently have 19 new students enrolled in our school and we want to welcome each of them to our District.

This year, we will be bringing back the elementary gifted program. Students will have the opportunity to participate in this program based upon a gifted screening protocol.

Another exciting change at the elementary school will be the fact that Chromebook carts will be available to each classroom/grade level. These Chromebooks will be used to access 21st Century learning opportunities.