

# CONTINENTAL LOCAL SCHOOLS

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## Kindergarten Registration Gets Under Way

Continental Elementary School will be holding kindergarten registration beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>. If your child will be 5 years of age before September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 they are eligible for kindergarten. Continental has a full day/every day kindergarten program.

Registration forms can be obtained and filled out in the elementary office. The school will also need copies of the student's immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card. The deadline for registration is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Kindergarten screenings will be held in April. If you have any questions please call the elementary office at 419-596-3860.

## Winter Sports Wrapping Up Soon – Spring Sports Around the Corner

The beginning of February means that tournament time is right around the corner for our winter sports. Tournament brackets will be added to the end of this newsletter when they become available. The girls tournament draw is February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the boys draw is a week later on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

February also means that our spring sports will start kicking into high gear. Many of the conditioning programs for these sports will be getting under way in the next couple of weeks to prepare athletes for competition.

## Students Recognized for Excellence in the Classroom

Students who had all "A's" on their report cards for the entire first semester were recognized during the girls game versus Antwerp in January. Helping to recognize the students were board of education members – Dean Bidlack, Chad Olds, Ron Bradford, Robin Etter, and Mike Zachrich; Dean of Students Tim Eding; Elementary Principal Brian Gerdeman; and Superintendent Joel Mengerink. Those students recognized from the high school and junior high were: Hannah Baker, Darian Guilmette, Matthew Bracken, Andrea Krendl, Makenzie Mansfield, Kayla Troyer, Jaylen Army, Ashley Mansfield, and Leah Baker. Those students receiving medallions and a certificate from the elementary were: Emily Baxter, Kaitlyn Bidlack, Ashlyn Elkins, Delaney Bowers, Carson Etter, Xavier Okuly, Avery Noffsinger, Destiny Pier, Braxton Stegbauer, Mason Rayle, Rhenn Army, Mya Bishop, Alyssa Burgei, Reese Knowles, Brooklyn Niese, Lauren Williams, Reece Rittenhouse, Allisyn Scott, Jalesa Adams, Jensen Army, Kennedy Hiltner, Andrew Hoeffel, Gavin Huff, Grayson McClure, Jacob Quigley, Alex Sharrits, Brayden Dockery, Addyson Army, Tyce Homier, Justin Etter, Mackenzie Rayle, Sierra Prowant, and Jarret Keck.



Elementary students wait to receive their awards for having all A's during the first semester of school.

# Three employees set to retire

The end of the school year will bring about the retirement of three individuals who have served a number of years in the district.

Linda Bibler started working with Continental Local Schools in 1988. She will be retiring after this year, her 25<sup>th</sup>, from an elementary cook position.



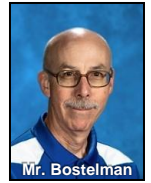
Mrs. Bibler



Mrs. Troyer

Linda Troyer's tenure with the school began in 1985 working the cafeteria. She later went back to school and received her teaching degree. Mrs. Troyer will be retiring after completing her 21<sup>st</sup> year in an elementary classroom.

Clint Bostelman is our final retiree. He is finishing his 40<sup>th</sup> year in the classroom. Mr. Bostelman began as a science teacher in 1973.



Mr. Bostelman

We thank each of these individuals for their many years of service to the school and community. We also wish each of them a long and happy retirement!

## Students Qualify for County Science Fair at Glandorf

Continental eighth grade students completed their science fair projects last month. Local judging for the projects took place on January 9. Results from the judging are used to determine who is eligible to compete at county science fair held at Glandorf Elementary on Saturday, February 9.

The following students will be presenting their projects at county science fair:

Ashley Mansfield - "Tap vs Bottled Water"; Jaylen Arme - "Colorful Flowers"; Briley Collier - "Running to Music"; Ty Johnson - "How Algae Grows"; Paige Lawhorn - "Bacteria in/on Drinking Fountains"; Kelsey Miller - "Does the Length of Your Wash Matter?"; Kacie Quigley - "Long Term vs Short Term Energy"; Wade Stauffer - "Bernoulli's Principle of Flight"; Tyler Vogt - "Driving Habits and Gas Mileage"; Melody Weaver - "Personality: Introverts vs Extroverts"; Jacob Williams - "Scoliosis vs. Society"; Alec Murphy - "Exercising to Make You More Calm and Attentive"; and Deborah Shepard - "Cats' Response to Bird Sounds."

Good luck to those students!

## School Safety & Security

As is just about every other school throughout the country, Continental Schools are continuously evaluating our safety and emergency procedures for our district. As does every other school, both the high school and elementary have crisis plans in place. Each building also practices different types of lock-down procedures throughout the school year. We are reviewing these plans with the different local law enforcement agencies to make sure we have the best plan possible in place, as well as looking to see if there are any upgrades that need to be made in this area.

## Sophomores Look Forward to Annual Vantage Visit

Continental sophomores will be visiting Vantage Career Center on February 6<sup>th</sup> as part of the annual *Explore Vantage Day*. This day gives students another opportunity to explore possible careers and the chance to see if Vantage Career Center is a good fit for them in their last two years of high school. This is just one of the many career exploration type of events that students participate in during their high school years. They also attend college fairs, career days, and other field trips that they can use to prepare for their futures.

# CONTINENTAL ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child will be five years old by September 30, 2013, he/she is eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year. Please fill out the form below and return it to Elementary Principal, Mr. Brian Gerdeman, Continental Elementary School.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

What would you like your child called \_\_\_\_\_

Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Day/Year

Child's Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent, Guardian, or Legal Custodian \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ White, Non-Hispanic; \_\_\_\_\_ Black, Non-Hispanic  
\_\_\_\_\_ Asian; \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian; \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Living with: Natural Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Adoptive Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Step Parent with Custody \_\_\_\_\_ Foster Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Court Appointed Custodian \_\_\_\_\_ Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fathers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number

Street

City

State

Zip

Mothers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number

Street

City

State

Zip

Mothers Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Fathers Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers Work Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Fathers Work Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_