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# Continental Local Schools

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## Post-Secondary Educational Options Parent Meeting

Students have the ability to take college classes through the Post-Secondary Educational Options (PSEO) program. Advantages and disadvantages of this program will be discussed at the informational parent meeting. This meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 pm in the high school media center (library). If your child, currently in grades 8-11, is at all interested in this program, attendance is mandatory. PSEO classes are free to students. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. McIntyre in the guidance office.

## Ohio's Graduation Test Right Around the Corner

Sophomores will be taking the OGT test the week of March 10-14. Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest during this week of testing. A good breakfast is also important to student success on these required graduation tests. The following websites have useful information about the OGT tests:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohio-Graduation-Test-OGT>

<http://ogt.success-ode-state-oh-us.info/practicetest/testselect.aspx??nav=student>

## Buckeye Boys and Girls State Delegates Selected

The Continental Post of the American Legion has announced the names of the students selected as representatives to the Buckeye Boys and Girls State Conference. Both programs assist young men and women to learn about city, county, and state government through a week long non-partisan objective education approach. The students also form friendships which will last a lifetime! Buckeye Boys and Girls State

is one of the most prestigious programs in the country. Students will learn as much or more in a week at this program than most students learn in a semester of class.

Continental's selected delegates are Emma Recker, daughter of Troy and Cathy Recker, and Ian Jones, son of Mike and Pam Jones. Congratulations to both!



### Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

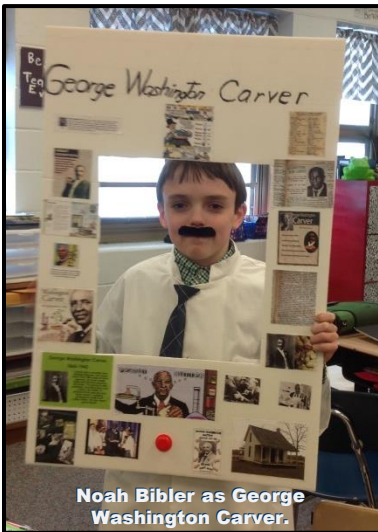
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| 3/3 | Parents of Pirates Meeting – 6:30 pm                            | 3/10      | OHSAA Mandatory Parent Meeting, 7 pm Cafeteria                   |
| 3/4 | Juniors to Northwest State College Fair                         | 3/10-3/14 | OGT Week – Sophs.  |
| 3/5 | Student only blood drive  | 3/17      | Winter Sports Banquet – 6:30 pm Cafeteria                        |
| 3/6 | PSEO Parent Meeting   | 3/18      | ACT – Registered Juniors   |
| 3/9 | Putnam County Arts Festival – Art Show, Band, Choir @ Ottoville | 3/20      | Putnam Co Quiz Bowl Tournament                                   |
|     |   | 3/24      | PARCC Field Test for 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade English/Language Arts |



**Happy 100<sup>th</sup>  
Day of School**

## Fifth Graders Report on Famous Americans

Fifth grade students recently prepared reports on famous Americans. Students had to do research on their chosen American, prepare a picture frame poster, present their reports to classmates, and then present them to the student body one day during lunch. The fifth graders taught the other students important facts about their famous American. It also gave them a chance to practice their public speaking skills and learn about history.



Noah Bibler as George Washington Carver.



Connor Maag as Ben Franklin.

## Putnam County to Present New Arts Festival

In previous years, Putnam County hosted the band and choir concerts in March and the art show in May. The decision was made this year to combine the two programs into a one-day event. Ottoville High School will be hosting the new Arts Festival on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The art show begins at 1 pm with awards being given between the band and choir concerts (about 2:30 pm). The band/choir concert will take place at 2 pm. The following students will be participating in the band/choir portion: Andi Krendl, Noah Emmons, Brian Thacker, Vernon Prowant, Val Geren, Bridgette Shelton, Madison Mansfield, Gabbi Ridgeway, and Gabe Recker.

## Required Parent Meeting

Parents who have student-athletes participating in baseball, softball, or track are required to attend an OHSAA meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the high school cafeteria if you have not previously attended this school year.

## THIRD GRADERS COMPLETE ANIMAL REPORTS

Third grade students in Mrs. Siebeneck's class recently finished their reports on animals. Students did some research on the animals they chose and presented their animals to the class. Their presentation talked about important facts such as life expectancy, where the animal lives, what it eats, how it gets their food, and other interesting facts.



Konnor Knipp-Williams with his spider.

## CALAMITY DAY UPDATE

As of publishing this newsletter, we have now missed 11 days of school and had 16 two-hour delays. This would require us to make up six days. Our make-up days that we have scheduled so far are April 17, May 27, 28, 29, and 30. We still have one make up day to schedule and will do that in the near future. Should Substitute House Bill 416 make it through the legislature we may look at other ways to make that day up and any future days we may miss due to weather. At this point though, everyone should be keeping the first week of June open for make-up days. A vote is not scheduled to take place until at least March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Students Fair Well at County Science Fair

Congratulations goes out to several 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that presented their science projects at the county science fair in February. They are: Leah Baker, Sydney Eickholt, Nick Koenig, Christian Keller, Willy McMonigal, Andrea Snow, and Hannah Troyer.

Leah Baker received a Superior rating and the Outstanding Nutrition, Health, and Fitness Award. Sydney Eickholt received an Excellent rating and the Sight-Related Award. Nick Koenig, Christian Keller, Willy McMonigal, and Hannah Troyer received Excellent ratings. Andrea Snow received a Good rating for her project.

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