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Continental Graduate Takes to Broadway

Ashley (Brown) Edler, a 2006 graduate from Continental High School, is currently starring as Grace Farrell in the national Broadway tour of *Annie*. *Annie* will be playing at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts on the campus of Michigan State University December 16-21.

She learned/performed tap, jazz, and ballet dance at the Defiance Dance Studio and at Bowling Green State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a Musical Theatre Specialization from BGSU. Edler now resides in New York City.

The Continental graduate has performed in several off-broadway productions, including Sharon (*Girl's Night the Musical*), Nanette (*No No Nanette*), Connie (*1940's Radio Hour*) and Maggie (*Chorus Line*).

To purchase tickets and/or find out more information on the production, please click on [this link](#) or go to www.whartoncenter.com/events/detail/annie



Text Alert System Continues to Have Issues

By now most people are probably aware of the recent failures we have experienced using the alert system. We have been notified that this system will continue to experience problems in the near future while the A-site works on solutions to this problem. They have also told us that some messages may go through, but on days when there are a large number of schools needing to use the system that we may experience problems.

We will continue to attempt to send out alerts as we have in the past. However, should we have further problems there are some other sources you can check for delay/cancellation information. These include listening to 98.1 FM, watching TV35 in Lima, the CHS Athletics Twitter feed, and the school website at www.continentalpirates.org. We apologize for this inconvenience and look forward to it working properly.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Quickly Approaching

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on November 24 and 25 at Continental Local Schools. Conferences will run from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24th and 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25th. Sign-up sheets will be sent home with elementary students in the near future. Parents of students in grades 7-12 can call the high school office at 419-596-3871 beginning November 3rd to schedule appointments.

Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

- 11/4 8th Graders to Vantage
- 11/5 Americanism Test – Grades 10-12
- 11/6 NWSCC Representative Visit
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Program – 10 am
- 11/14 ACT Aspire Test; Fall Play @ 7:30 pm
- 11/15 Fall Play @ 7:30 pm
- 11/21 Jostens Class Ring Delivery
JH Dance @ 7 pm
- 11/24 P/T Conferences – 3-7 pm
- 11/25 P/T Conferences – 10 am – 7 pm

grandparents day

Grandparents and special visitors are invited to spend time with elementary students on Friday, November 21st. Visitation times will be: 8:30-9:30 a.m. for grades 2 and 3; 9:30-10:30 a.m. for grades 4 and 5; 10:30-11:30 a.m. for kindergarten and grade 1; and 1:30-2:30 p.m. for grade 6.

If grandparents are staying to eat lunch with their grandchild they may do so at a cost of \$3.50 per meal. Tickets may be purchased on the morning of your visit. We hope to see many of you on November 21st.

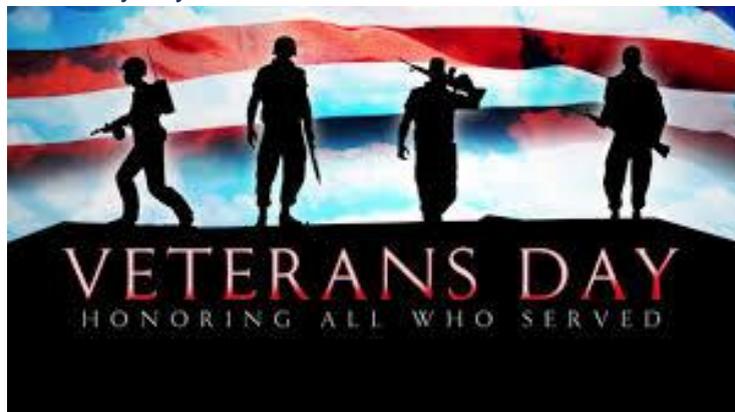
Reserved Seats and All-Sports Passes on Sale for Basketball

The Athletic Department is selling Reserved Seats for High School Boys Basketball games and All Sports Passes at the following times:

- Tuesday, November 18 from 6:30-7:30 pm (during the Girls' Scrimmage)
- Saturday, November 22 from 10:00-11:00 am (during the Boys' Scrimmage)

OR you may call the High School Office at 419-596-3871 and place your order.

All-Sports passes grant entry to all regular-season home sporting events. Adult All-Sports Passes-\$100 (add \$10 for JV/V boys' basketball reserved seats). Student All-Sports Passes-\$25, Reserved Seats-\$50 (JV/V boys' basketball games ONLY!)



Annual Veteran's Day Program

Continental School's annual Veteran's Day program will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 10 am in the Casteel Auditorium. All Veteran's are invited to attend. This morning event is open to the public as well. We look forward to the opportunity to honor our heroes!

Meet the Team on Nov 25th at 7:00pm

Update on Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Third grade is an important milestone in a child's education. A student must possess good, basic reading skills by the end of grade 3 as a basis for learning in higher grades. Research shows that youngsters who enter grade 4 without proper reading skills are at least four times more likely to drop out of high school.

Last year, Continental began implementing the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The state law requires schools to assess the reading skills of K-3 students at the beginning of each school year and provide extra help to those who are behind. If your student is in third grade for the first time this year, he or she will soon take the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) in reading. A score of 394 will be needed on the OAA either in the fall or next spring for your child to move on to grade 4.

This fall, Continental's K-3 teachers will notify the parents of every reader who appears to be behind pace and immediately start giving these students extra reading help in the classroom. If you are notified that your child struggles to read, keep in touch with your teacher and ask what you can do to

help at home. Working with your child and the teacher, you can increase the chance that your student will catch up by the end of the school year.

Second-year third graders

The Third Grade Reading Guarantee also says that a third grader who is not reading on grade level at the end of grade 3 must remain in third grade the following school year to continue working on reading. If your child is repeating third-grade this fall, he or she will receive instruction from a teacher specially qualified to address reading problems.

Students with certain disabilities or those who speak English as a second language may be affected differently by the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Again, talk to your child's teacher to find out more.

For parent's guides to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee by grade, visit education.ohio.gov and type *Parent Roadmaps* in the Search box.