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# Continental Local Schools

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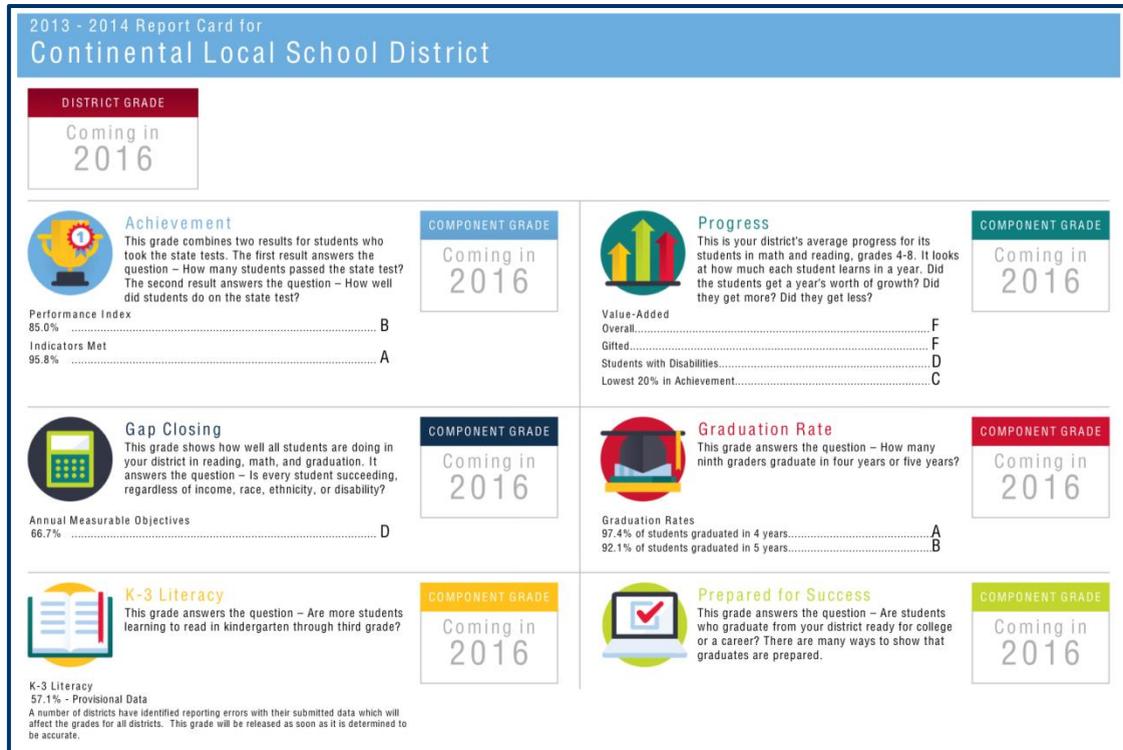
**Elementary  
Principal:  
Brian Gerdeman**

## Report Card Shows Students Performing Well Areas of Improvement Also Identified In Sub-Categories

Last month, ODE released the newest report card for Ohio's public schools. Continental students demonstrated their knowledge in core content areas by successfully meeting 23 of the 24 indicators for a 95.8% – the second highest score in the area. To

meet these indicators, 80% or more of the students had to test proficient in each of the indicators. The only area that did not meet the indicators was the 4<sup>th</sup> grade math. The district also scored a 102.0 on the Performance Index score. This is the third highest score that we have received in this area since testing began. The district showed improvements in the areas of students with disabilities, lowest 20% of achievement, and graduation rate. The focus for this school year is in improving our overall value-added scores and the scores of our gifted

students. Our biggest concern is what kind of changes we will see in test scores with the change in curriculum to Common Core and the new tests that goes along with it.



### Happenings Around Continental Local Schools

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| 10/2 Yearbook to Liberty Center HS    | 10/21 JH Fundraiser Winners to Kalahari                  |
| FFA Soil Judging @ Upper Sandusky     | 10/24 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter                     |
| 10/4 Boys Soccer Senior Game @ 11 am  | Sadie Hawkins Dance                                      |
| 10/9 Volleyball Senior Game @ 6 pm    | 10/27 No School – Quarter Break                          |
| 10/11 Girls Soccer Senior Game @ 1 pm | 10/28 OGT Re-takes                                       |
| 10/14 Leadership Day @ Miller City    | 10/29 NHS Sponsored Blood Drive                          |
| Cookie Dough Delivery/Pickup          | 10/30 Halloween Band Performance                         |
| 10/15 PSAT – Sophomores & Juniors     | 10/31 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Coaching – Girls Basketball |

## YMCA to Offer Free Membership to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Participating in CATCH Fit Kids Club

CATCH Fit Kids Club is a **FREE** after-school program for Putnam County Elementary Students in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Enrollment in the program includes a **FREE** membership to the Putnam County YMCA and all the benefits of a youth membership.

The CATCH Fit Kids Club is a 32 week program Oct. 1, 2014 – May 30, 2015 4:00-5:00pm at the Putnam County YMCA. Summer sessions will also be available. Youth YMCA membership valid until September 1, 2015.

Participants will meet once a week to engage in physical activities, educational games, hands-on snack preparations, group discussions and more. Girls will meet on Mondays or Wednesday. Boys will meet on Tuesday or Thursdays. Please indicate which day you prefer to come on the enrollment form below. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to visit and use the Y as a regular youth member.

Each Child that completes the entire 32 week program will receive a prize. For each lesson they attend, they will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. One grand prize will be awarded to a girl and one to a boy.

Any questions or for more information please contact Brian Barhorst [brian-pcymca@woh.rr.com](mailto:brian-pcymca@woh.rr.com) or Lisa Langhals [lisa-pcymca@woh.rr.com](mailto:lisa-pcymca@woh.rr.com) or call at 419-523-5233.

**Application needs to be completed and turned in to the Putnam County YMCA before participating in program.**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** \_\_M\_\_F  
**DOB:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_ **School** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-shirt size** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone :** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents/Guardian** **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Contact Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Any Medical Conditions We Should Be Aware Of:

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**Circle one:**    Girls: Monday or Wednesday    Boys: Tuesday or Thursday

## New State Tests Soon to Replace OGTs

Ohio will soon replace its Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) with new end-of-course exams that better measure whether students will be ready for college or a position in the workforce.

The exams will replace the OGT beginning with the class of 2018 (students who enter ninth grade in 2014-2015). Students who take high school English Language Arts I and II, Algebra I, Geometry (or Integrated Mathematics I and II), Physical Science, American History and American Government will take end-of-course exams in these subjects. To avoid double testing, students participating in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or College Credit Plus programs in physical science, American History and American Government may take the corresponding tests instead of Ohio's end-of-course exams in these subjects.

### This year only

This school year only, districts can choose to give the end-of-course exams on computers, in paper format or using a combination of the two. In future years, tests will use computer technology. The Ohio Graduation Tests will continue to be a requirement for earning a high school diploma for the classes of 2015 through 2017. These will be paper-format tests.



Students in Mrs. Altenburger's class have been watching their butterfly habitat very closely the past few weeks. They have been studying the development of a butterfly in Science class. The students watched as the magnificent butterflies hatched out of their cocoons. The second graders then gently held them and set them free near the school.

Students in grades 3-6 began the year by setting some goals that they would like to achieve for the school year. They tied these goals to a balloon and set them loose on the first few days of school. Those that find the balloons have been asked to return a positive note to the students. Students have received notes from Navarre, Ohio and as far east as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The students have enjoyed reading the positive messages.

### College Visits

10/2 Rhodes St.  
10/6 Ohio Christian Univ.  
10/13 Owens Community



**Let the Players Play.  
Let the Coaches Coach.  
Let the Officials Officiate.  
Let the Spectators Be Positive.**

