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WELCOME NEW TEACHERS 2016 – 2017

KYTHIE BOYD School Psychologist – Middle & High Schools  Education: Attended University of Minnesota & University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. Master's Degree.	JOHN CROMBIE School Counselor – Middle School  Education: Attended UW – Stevens Point & Concordia University. Master's Degree.	GLENDA CROOK Agriculture Teacher – Middle & High Schools  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Madison. Master's Degree.	TINA EDWARDS Science Teacher – Middle School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Madison & Edgewood College. Bachelor's Degree.
SHARON EGAN District Library – All three Schools  Education: Attended University of Minnesota & University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. Master's Degree.	NIKKI HILL First Grade Teacher – Elementary School  Education: Attended UW-Milwaukee & Aurora University. Master's Degree.	KATIE KAHL Special Education Teacher – Elementary School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire & Stevens Point. Bachelor's Degree.	ROSS KAUFMAN Special Education Teacher – Middle School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin Eau Claire & Whitewater. Master's Degree.
IRINA KHITSUN Speech & Language – Elementary School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin Madison. Master's Degree.	ABIGAIL LEWIS Grade 8 Language Arts – Middle School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Platteville. Bachelor's Degree.	JESSICA PARCHEM Spanish Teacher – High School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse, Viterbo, & Universidad de Alcala Master's Degree.	RONA ROBERTS Grade 7 Language Arts – Middle School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh. Bachelor's Degree.
CARLEY RODENKIRCH Grade 8 Science – Middle School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point & Green Bay. Bachelor's Degree.	CASEY SCHENKEL Music – Middle & High Schools  Education: Attended Western Michigan University. Bachelor's Degree.	NICOLE SMITH Special Education Teacher – Middle School  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh & Viterbo. Master's Degree.	JENNIFER STERLING Grade 3 Teacher – Elementary School  Education: Attended UW Stevens Point, Ohio State University, North American Montessori, & Edgewood College. Bachelor's Degree.
ABIGAIL VENDEN Special Ed Teacher – Elementary & Middle Schools  Education: Attended University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. Bachelor's Degree.	JOHN ZILLMER School Psychologist – Elementary Grades  Employed through agreement with CESA 5. Master's Degree.	LUCY ZIMMERMAN Art Teacher – Elementary School  Education: Attended Madison Area Technical College & University of Wisconsin – Madison. Bachelor's Degree.	<p>“The more you read the more things you know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go.” -Dr. Seuss</p>

A Community Conversation about the Future of Education in the Columbus School District

The Columbus School Board is hosting a community conversation regarding education in our District. The purpose of the event, led by consultant Drew Howick of Patina Solutions, is to engage the Columbus School District’s stakeholders in conversation that will create a shared understanding and a clear vision of our future in education. A small team of community members have been meeting since May designing this three day event, customizing it to fit Columbus School District and our community.

The event will be a gathering of community members, parents, students, teachers, business leaders, government officials and others. Any one from the community who is interested in participating in the event is encouraged and welcomed to attend. If you choose to participate, we need you to commit to all three sessions. Please see registration RSVP information below.

During the three day event (October 6, 7 & 8), we will explore and analyze the past, present and future of our school district. Your thoughts, ideas and input will guide the future direction of Columbus School District. Registration is available online at www.columbus.k12.wi.us/LaunchingANewLegacy



Where: Kestrel Ridge Golf Club | 900 Avalon Road | Columbus
When: Thursday, October 6 from 5:30 – 9 PM;
Friday, October 7 from 5:30 – 9:30 PM; and
Saturday, October 8 from 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Attendance at all three days is required to participate.
RSVP: Pam Zander | pzander@columbus.k12.wi.us | 920.623.5950.

Launching A New Legacy



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



September, 2016

Message from Superintendent

Happy 2016-17 School Year!

By now, I hope you have been invited to, or at least heard of, the Launching a New Legacy Community Conversation about the future of education in Columbus School District, hosted by the Columbus School Board.

Have you RSVP'ed? You may be wondering, why should you attend? This conversation is an opportunity for the community – parents, students, business owners, teachers, senior citizens – to have a voice in the vision/direction for our schools.

The School Board is asking for your input! We want to engage all our stakeholders in a process that celebrates our heritage and prepares us for the future. The three day event will include small group conversations centering on issues and trends that impact our District, attributes and skills every graduate needs to meet their full potential, and identifying what YOU want from the District. In order for the event to be successful, we need YOU. For more information, please contact the District Office at 920.623.5950.

ANNETTE DEUMAN



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\$25,000 Grant to Revitalize Agri-Science

Our school district has been chosen to receive an America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant, which will be used to enhance our math and science departments! Many thanks to Glenda Crook, Agri-Science Teacher; Becky Schmidt, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; and Superintendent Annette Deuman, who prepared the successful application, and the six local farmers and their families who supported our application!



We hope you will join us at our check presentation celebration. Show your school pride and start spreading the word that we're a Grow Rural Education winner.

Mark your calendars for the celebration on Friday night, **September 9th** at half-time during the home football game.

The Columbus School Board cordially invites Columbus School District residents to participate in a Strategic Planning Event called "**Launching A New Legacy**". This event will be held on October 6, 7 & 8. Registration is required. Please register at www.columbus.k12.wi.us/LaunchingANewLegacy.

For additional information about this event, please see page 2 of this newsletter.

Learning Today, *Leading Tomorrow*

Upcoming Events

September, 2016

- 5 Holiday – Labor Day – No School
- 9 Monsanto \$25,000 Ag Grant Presentation – Half Time Home Football Game
- 12 School Board Meeting – City Hall – 7 PM
- 19 Columbus High School Picture Day *(retake day on October 26)*
- 19 TENTATIVE – School Board Retreat
- 21 Late Start – Classes Begin at 10 AM
- 26 School Board Meeting – City Hall – 7 PM
- 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences at High School 5- 8 PM
- 29 RSVP Deadline for Launching A New Legacy



October, 2016

- 6, 7, & 8 Launching A New Legacy Event – sponsored by School Board
- 10 School Board Meeting – City Hall – 7 PM
- 12 Late Start – Classes Begin at 10 AM



Mission

Columbus School District empowers students to be community, career, and college ready.

