CARDINAL COMPOSERS SECOND ANNUAL EVENT

April 25, 2017 marked the second publication of Cardinal Composers. Students K-12 were recognized for outstanding written and art compositions. Over 100 students were included in this year's edition. Students attended a ceremony at CMS and received a copy of the book along with a trophy. Selection for Cardinal Composers is based on recommendations from classroom, art, and language arts teachers.

This year's speaker highlighted the composition of music, both the lyrics and the tune. Jeanne Bindley shared three songs she wrote and spoke of the process used to do this. She compared it to writing stories and poems. Charlie Cardinal was on hand for photo ops and many kids stopped to have their picture taken with him. Copies of Cardinal Composers can be found at the school libraries and in waiting rooms around Columbus.

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CHS GRADUATION ON FRIDAY, MAY 26

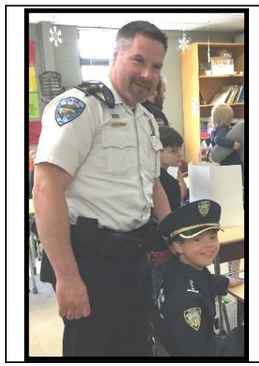
After 13 years there are 88 students who are very excited to begin the next chapter of their lives. The Columbus High School class of 2017 is ready to graduate. The graduation ceremony is on **May 26**, starting at **7:30 PM** in the Columbus High School gym.

The senior class selected 3 classmates to speak and reminisce about their time together. The honored speakers include Jules Mommaerts, Natalie Derr, and Thomas Kolman. There will be musical selections from the high school chorus and the high school band. Senior Jordyn Toutant has also put together a slideshow of the seniors and some of their fun moments throughout the years as well.

The graduates also selected some special guest readers to announce names as students receive their diplomas. Those special guest speakers are teachers: Jahlieh Gardipee, Bruce Zahn and Jamie Moran. May 26th will be a fun night and a night for which 88 seniors have been waiting for years.

STATE MANDATED TESTING WRAPPING UP

State testing wrapped up on May 10, 2017 for most students. Individual student reports will be sent home when they become available later this summer for students who took the Wisconsin Forward Exam, ACT Aspire, ACT Workkeys, and Dynamic Learning Map assessments.



THE WAX MUSEUM COMES TO 3RD GRADE

On May 5th the CES 3rd grade students performed for their peers, teachers and families a wax museum. This project covers the 3rd grade biography standard. Students were able to choose a famous person, research that person, create a timeline of significant events and present that person in character as a live wax museum.

Some of the researched people included, Helen Keller, George Washington, Muhammad Ali, Neil Armstrong and Columbus's very own Chief Dan Meister. A big thanks to the 3rd grade teachers for facilitating this learning project.

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT ENDOWMENT NEWS

The Columbus School District Endowment Board is happy to announce the 2017 award winners. Four grants will be funded for the 2017-2018 school year. The winners are:

- Bonnie McDaniel – $874 - Art Ipads and Software
- Danielle Stieber – $856 Hokki/Wobble Chairs
- Becky Brem - $650 – Literacy Library
- Jessica Parchem – $1105 Spanish Library

The winners were notified on National Teacher Appreciation Day, Tuesday, May 9th. They received a certificate and a "grant winner" mug".

WINNERS

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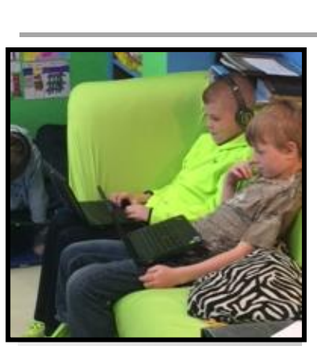
THANK YOU ENDOWMENT DONORS

A special thank you to the people that generously donated to the Columbus School District Endowment Fund during the April campaign. The funds are deposited into an account and the interest earned is used to fund classroom grants, like those in the article above.

Those still interested in contributing to this great cause can do so by going to www.columbus.k12.wi.us and click on the endowment link. It is never too late to donate!



Mission

Community, Career, & College Ready.

Upcoming Events

May, 2017

22 School Board Meeting – City Hall at 7 PM
24 School Board Closed Session; then Retreat – District Office
26 High School Graduation – CHS Gym – 7:30 PM
29 Memorial Day – Holiday, No School
31 School Board Closed Session – District Office – 6:30 PM

June, 2017

2 Last Day of School for Students – full day
5 Free Breakfast & Lunch for children 18 and under begins
12 Summer School Session I begins

July, 2017

10 Summer School Session II begins

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Message from Superintendent

The end of the school year is almost upon us. However, learning doesn't stop because students are out of the regular school year.

Summer school programs are offered two times during the summer – in three week sessions. Session I is June 12-29. There is a short break over the fourth of July. Session II is July 10 – 27.

If your child has not yet signed up for summer session I or II, it is not too late! The deadline is **May 26th** for registration. Students within the Columbus School District and open enrolled students in Columbus are encouraged to attend. This includes students attending the private schools.

Funding from the state of Wisconsin is provided to the Columbus School District based on summer school enrollment.

For more information about the summer school program, go to www.columbus.k12.wi.us.

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Free Summer Food Service for Children

June 5 – August 18

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the Columbus School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. This is the third year of the summer food service program.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

The following locations will be serving the free meals this summer to children 18 and younger. Columbus School District will open two locations. Listed are the dates and times the cafeteria will be open to the public. **Columbus Middle School** will be serving free meals on Monday thru Friday June 5 to August 18. Breakfast will be served 8:00 to 8:30 am with Lunch service 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Middle school site will be closed on July 3 and 4th. The **Columbus Elementary school** site will be serving "Free Meals" only during the summer school sessions and is open to the public during serving times: June 12 to 29 and July 10 to 27, 2017. Serving time for the Elementary School breakfast program is 8:00 to 8:30 am with lunch at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Educational activities will be available at service times.

Supervision: If your children are not enrolled in our summer school programs, children should have an adult or parent with them at all times. Parents may eat with their children and can purchase breakfast for $3.00 per meal and lunch $4.00 per meal and the money is collected at the time of service.

Meals are provided to eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service. This program fills a void created when school lunches are not available," said Brenda Maier Food Service Director. "Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program."