

# THE VOICE



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## From the Desk of Superintendent Hlasko

Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds you doing well, enjoying the summer, and preparing for another exciting school year! The maintenance staff has been busy preparing the buildings for another school year, athletic and music camps have been hard at work readying for another season of non-stop games and performances, and our administrators and teaching staff have been in and out throughout the summer all to ensure that we hit the ground running on August 19th!

### New Faces

The past two years have brought many new faces to Cory-Rawson. As we headed into summer we knew we would have a few positions to fill, but as the

summer progressed much of our time has been spent interviewing for additional positions. Throughout the end of the school year and summer we have hired a new HS guidance counselor, HS English, technology coordinator, shifted existing staff to add an additional section of 1st grade, hired a new cafeteria manager, kitchen staff, bus driver and a ½ time reading intervention teacher. Since last week we have also added an additional kindergarten teacher to accommodate our change to all day kindergarten (for more information on why we changed to all day KG, please check out my weekly update from 8-2-13 available on our webpage). I'm particularly excited to start this school year with these new

hires – they all demonstrated great knowledge, vision, and access to resources which will help our students and staff be more successful. While I and the governing board are in charge of the broad vision for the district, it is the strength of our employee structure that will drive that vision and achieve excellence. With these new hires in place, I think we are poised to make significant leaps in both the academic and the overall climate and culture of CR schools. Be sure to check out the “new employees” section of this newsletter for more information on our new hires.

### Finance

While the new state budget has only brought partially good news (in the full

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funding of all day KG), we are achieving success on a local level. The financial health of our district continues to improve, despite flat funding (or in some areas, loss of funding) from the state. We are currently holding (approximately) an \$800,000 carryover balance in our general fund. This represents the 2nd largest carryover for CR schools since 1991 and, if we maintain our current pace, we will surpass the highest carryover next year. This, of course, is contingent on some things that we cannot control. For example, while the state budget has been passed and funding scenarios demonstrated, it remains to be seen how this budget, in practice, will affect our bottom line. Secondly, we received less federal funding (more than \$20,000 less) for this fiscal year due to federal budget cuts. While the state is planning to help make up some of that shortfall, they certainly cannot cover all of it for every school district. These budget cuts and uncertainties are exactly why a school district must have a strong fiscal health – if we were in the situation we found ourselves in 3-4 years ago the cuts would have been drastic. Now, though, with our improved finances we are able to focus on making choices based on what is academically best for students, not what is best for keeping the district afloat. We must continue, though, to be prudent in our decision making and continue to be mindful of our budget to ensure that we can maintain our financial health well into the future.

### **Building Project**

While we are in sound fiscal health, our

budget is not such that we can spend without regard to price and value. As many of you might have already read, the building connector project came in significantly over budget. As such, we had not allotted the nearly \$300,000 bid amount for a project which was estimated to be below \$200,000. While we desire to have the connector as much as the community does, it is not a sound decision at this time. We are continuing to work closely with our architect to shop the project around to smaller contractors to drum up more interest and gauge the bidding climate going forward. While the connector is already at a “bare bones” enclosed structure, we may need to reexamine our budget estimate and/or time frame to see if we can obtain a favorable bid. In the short term future we are examining temporary security measures for the area to ensure we keep our students safe until the connector is constructed.

Related to the building project, you will soon be seeing workers on the roof of the new building. While the overall project has gone exceptionally well, we have been dealing with some roof issues since installation last summer. Each issue was dealt with individually since it was on a small scale. Over time, however, those small issues have collectively become a larger issue with the roof that we and the OFCC felt needed a significant remedy. I am happy to report that our construction management team has been able to work with the manufacturer and installer to provide an acceptable remedy – which includes full repair and recovering of the roof with a higher quality material than we previously specified (all at no cost to the district or project fund). We will end up with a better end product and a fresh

warranty to negate our fears.

### **School Calendar**

Please note several additions and revisions to our school calendar, related to professional development for our staff. The Ohio Department of Education has officially approved our request for waiver days related to our Race-to-the-Top goals and safety plans for our school. August 26-27, September 23rd (this is a tentative date, pending outside agency scheduling), and November 25 will all be days without student attendance while our staff completes training. We currently have two 2-hour delays as well – January 31 is set, while our September two hour delay is not yet set (pending outside agency scheduling). We apologize for not having all of these set at this time, but we are tied to the outside agency’s scheduling. As soon as this final 2 hour delay is set we will put out a notice to the public so you can make the necessary adjustments to your schedule.

I truly hope that you and your family have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I also hope that you and your children are as excited to start the school year as we are! It seems every year that we comment on how quickly the summer passes us by and how early the school year seems to be upon us. I guess I’m always a little anxious, though, to get the school year started and to see all the kids back in the building and their excitement to get back to school (even with a little apprehension amongst some!). Seeing the kids learn and grow each day they’re here reminds me why being an educator is so rewarding and fulfilling!

Robert A. Hlasko, Superintendent

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## **New Employees for 2013-2014**

Lindsey Alexander will be teaching 1st grade. Lindsey has a diverse early-elementary teaching background having taught 2nd grade, Kindergarten and pre-school at cities in Florida and Kindergarten and 1st grade in Powell & Columbus, Ohio, respectively.

Dixie Boss-Hummel will join our staff in the cafeteria. Dixie and her family have been active supporters of the school for many years. Her experience, levity and cheerful personality will be an asset.

Kailyn Carpenter will be driving bus number 16 this year. Kaylyn is a 2002 graduate of Cory-Rawson. She has been actively sub-bus driving for us for several years so she will move seamlessly into this role.

Ashley Donaldson has stepped in as Cafeteria Manager. She has a good handle on the many changes in the state requirements and regulations. She is a Certified Dietetic Technician and a Certified

Dining Assistant. She has worked in Toledo, Ohio as a dietary supervisor and Pemberville, Ohio as a dietary aide. Ashley’s goal is to create a more efficient cafeteria and a welcoming environment for staff and students.

Lauren Faine will be teaching high school English. Lauren is a familiar face in our buildings; not only has she been subbing and coaching she is also a 2006 Cory-Rawson alum.

Melissa McFarland has joined us as our new High School Guidance Counselor. She comes to us from the guidance department at Madison Local Schools, a much larger district. Her experience and composure will help support our students whether it be scholarships, career-path research or personal concerns.

Alvin Trusty is our new Technology Coordinator. Alvin’s vast technology expertise and enthusiasm to share this knowledge will be a great benefit to CR’s students, teachers, administrators and community.

# 2013-14 BUS ROUTES

Parents/students – Buses will start out at approximately 6:50-7:00 a.m and arrive at the school approximately 7:55 a.m. For your planning purposes please understand that the routes will be a few minutes off for the first few weeks as we add or drop students (including K and Pre-K) to the enrollment. All students need to arrive at their stop before the bus (approximately 5-10 minutes). If your name is not on the list please call the Transportation Department at 419-963-3415, option 4. Please also note that the routes are subject to necessary changes as determined by the school (we do try to keep changes to the absolute minimum).

The Rawson bus will be #4 for grades K-6 and or #6 for grades 7-12 with the first stop at approximately 7:45 a.m. The stops will be the same as previous years.

If you will be attending Millstream or AOC this year and were planning on bus transportation please call the school as soon as possible. Both services will only offer pickup and drop-off from the high school parking lot. Pickup time is 6:30 a.m. (it may be adjusted as late as 6:45 a.m. once the routes are finalized). Drop-off in the afternoon will be approximately 3:30 p.m. at the high school.

Please see our website for other helpful information (including links to forms and route sheet) regarding bus routes: <http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us/General Info/Transportation>

Bus # 3	Bus #2	Bus # 1	Bus #6	Bus #4	Bus #11	Bus #16	Bus #5
Schutz	Blymyer	White	Peterson	Kempf	Parke	Erford	<b>Findlay ESC</b>
Duncan	Andrews	West	Ash - KG	Rossmann	Banner	Desgranges	Wade
Shafer	Babcock	Jones/	Lytle	Watkins	Cascaden	Cawley	
Heath	Spaeth	Vandeneynde	Cooper	O Connells	Schultz	Brooks	
Sheets	Garver	Butler - KG	Rosendale	Riker	Hough/Heistand/	Preston	
Wolfarth	Hibbard	Hickle	Waldman	Holland/Welty	Miller	Rose - KG	
Reese - KG	Sands	Hibbard	Aukerman - KG	Keeler/Chancy	McClusky	Biery	
Huber - KG	Thompson	Kussmaul	Garmatter	Hernandez	Oman	Biery - KG	
Sonnet	Edwards	Smith - KG	Garmatter	Williams	Schaller	Livingston	
Dearwester	Wilson	Smith	Brands	Gardner	Edson	James - KG	
Huether/Simon	Law	Bluffton Daycare	Garmatter	Hartman	Heldman	Marquart	
Hamlin	Roth	Marshall	Badertscher	Mooney	Roth	Sparks - KG	
Peterman	Bacon	Moser	Thomas/Chisolm	Schnipke	Roth, Yant	Reese	
Hocanson	Elchert	Hobensack	Welch	Kizer	Kellogg/Eck	Cook	
Ballinger	Horman	Marshall	Snyder	Meikle/Shadle	Green	Karcher/Phillips/	
Fensler	Zuercher	Rieman	Duncan/Karcher	Simpson	Clifford	Peterson	
Montgomery	Bower	Creeger	Korpics	Scherger	Walters - KG	Hollinger	
Stoops	Conaway	Kempf	Shields	Osborn	Misamore	Gregorowicz -KG	
Ludwig	<b>Jenera / 3 Stops</b>	Bowman	Tuttle	Wood	Rinehart	Price - KG	
Young	#1 Main and Sandusky	Dearth - KG	Marker/Stiles	Risner	Smith	Matta/Gomez	
Urbanczyk -KG	#2 Main and Heldman	Inbody - KG	Bixler	<b>Mt Cory / 5 Stops</b>	Carman/Haskins	Morris	
Amos	#3 Main and Church	Fornoff - KG	Brown	#1 Lincoln & Washington	Boehm	Hartman	
Rettig	Wittenmyer -KG	Risner	Johnson	#2 Lincoln & Second	Foust	Ritter	
Amsler - KG	Heldman	Bish	Hobbs	#3 First and Main	Ward - KG	Patterson - KG	
Lackey	Stuckey	McCreary	<b>Route #2</b>	#4 Main by Sheplers	Bowman	Niese	
Armstrong	Smith	Hall	Augustine	#5 Park St		Collert	
Wolford	Powell	Hartley	Hall	<b>Route #2</b>		Elwood - KG	
Fout - KG	Egts	Hamby	<b>Rawson</b>	Boone		Schimmoeffers	
			Forest Edge	Warnimont/Cook		Roebke	
			<b>Rawson 7-12 / 2 Stops</b>	Nickles - KG		Peterson	
			#1 Main & Vance	Kreiger		Kisseberth	
			#2 Main & Bolt	<b>Rawson K-6 / 3 Stops</b>			
			Simon	#1 Liberty St.			
				#2 Town Center			
				#3 Vance St. 1st Alley Rt.			

## Breakfast & Lunch Prices

Breakfast (all grades) .....	\$1.25
Reduced Breakfast .....	\$ .30
Elementary Lunch .....	\$2.00
High School Lunch .....	\$2.25
Reduced Lunch .....	\$0.40
Extra Milk .....	\$0.45

A debit account has been established for all school students and each student has been as-

signed a personal identification number (PIN) that will remain the same the entire time the student attends C-R. Money can be deposited into the account to later be used by the student to pay for meals and/or ala carte foods purchased in the cafeteria. The system will also accept cash payments on a daily basis.

If you have any questions contact the Cafeteria Manager at 419-963-3415 extension 5060.

## Ohio Alert

Sign up for Ohio Alert to receive text messages and/or emails regarding school delays, cancellations and other pertinent information. Go to the school webpage (<http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us>), General Information, Ohio Alerts, Subscribe to Alerts. If you have any questions call 419-963-3415.

# INFORMATION

## Phone Numbers

### **Superintendent's Office:**

419 963-3415 (option 3)

### **Elementary School Office** (grades K-6):

419 963-7017 (option 1)

### **High School Office** (grades 7-12):

419 963-2611 (option 2)

**Toll-free** 1-877-317-2747

**Fax:** 419 963-4400 (all locations)

**Transp. Office & Bus Garage:** 419 963-5007

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## School Delays or Cancellations

### **Radio Station:**

WFIN (1330 AM)  
WKXA (100.5 FM)  
WBVI (96.7 FM)  
WBUK (106.3 FM)  
WCKY (103.7 FM)  
WZRZ (107.5 FM)  
WIMA (1150 AM)  
WIMT (T-102 FM)  
WMLX (103.3 FM)

### **TV Stations:**

Toledo: WTOL-TV  
WTVG-TV  
WNWO-TV  
WUPW-TV  
Lima: WLIO-TV

If you have not registered to receive calls from our First Alert messaging system, check the stations listed above for school delays or cancellations for Cory-Rawson Schools in the event of inclement weather.

We try to have our first (and sometimes only) decision made regarding a delay or cancellation on the **First Alert**, radio and television stations by 6:30 a.m. A final decision to cancel school (if a delay has occurred) should be broadcast by 8:45 a.m. Please do not call the school for information regarding a delay or cancellation, as we need our phone lines to contact the radio and television stations, bus drivers and other personnel.

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## National School Lunch Program

For students unable to pay the full price for meals served under the National School Lunch program a Free/Reduced Price Lunch Application must be completed by the parent/guardian and turned into the building office. If you did not receive a copy in your student packet, the form can be found in any C-R school office and on the school website.

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## School District Website

Please visit the Cory-Rawson website at: <http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us> for sports schedules, information regarding organizations, honor rolls, academic requirements, Board of Education information and more.

## Board Policy

If you have a question regarding Board Policy, go to the school website at:

<http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us>

Click on BOE/Policies & Bylaws or a hardcopy is available in the Superintendent's office.

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## Visitor Policy

To enter Cory-Rawson Schools during the school day the single point of entrance for parents and visitors is the main entrance to the new building (A1). Please park in the east lot in front of the new building; the west lot is for the busses. Enter the front doors and speak to the secretaries inside to obtain a "visitor's pass".

Lunch periods at the school is closed to visitors unless permission has been obtained from a building principal.

We appreciate your cooperation. Our goal is to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff.

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## Board Minutes

Board of Education meeting minutes are available on the school website at:

[http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us/BOE/BOE Minutes](http://cory-rawson.k12.oh.us/BOE/BOE%20Minutes)

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## Waiver Days

Cory-Rawson has again requested waiver days from the ODE for teacher in-service.

These days are: August 26 & 27, September 20, and November 25

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## List Serve

To be added to the C-R list serve, please email Mr. Willeke at:

[willekem@cory-rawson.k12.oh.us](mailto:willekem@cory-rawson.k12.oh.us)

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## C-R Athletic Booster Web Page

Visit the Cory-Rawson Athletic Boosters web page at [www.crboosters.org](http://www.crboosters.org). You can access information regarding sports schedules, Booster officers, school administration, volunteer opportunities and more.

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## OHSAA Player/Parent Mtg

The mandatory OHSAA Player/Parent Meeting will be held on August 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The makeup date is August 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the community room.

## Meet the Teacher/Open House

Elementary (Grades PK-6) Meet the Teacher, 5:30-6:15pm

High School Open House - 6:30-7:30pm

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## Scheduled 2-Hour Delay to Change

The 2-hour delay originally scheduled for September 3 will be moved due to scheduling conflicts. Once the date has been reestablished you will be notified via the list serve and school webpage.

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## Booster Food Tent

Help is needed at the food tent at the Hancock County Fair. If you are willing to work a shift please contact Jennifer Breitigam by email or text message to request a shift time at:

[Jmbreitigam@hotmail.com](mailto:Jmbreitigam@hotmail.com)

Or

419-722-2211

Most shifts still available.

The profits from the food tent go to finance our student athletes and musicians throughout the school year by helping to purchase uniforms, pay for trips, equipment/instruments, awards and in many, many more ways too numerous to mention.

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## PK-6 Schedule

Office Hours are 7:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
School hours: School Begins @ 8:00 a.m.,  
Lunch and Noon Recess @ 10:25 a.m. – 12:00noon, School Dismisses @ 2:55 p.m.

No student is allowed to leave the school grounds during the course of the school day, unless properly excused by parent or guardian through the school office.

Students in grades PK-6 who are transported to or from school by a parent/guardian are to be dropped off and picked up **IN FRONT** of the Elementary building **ONLY after 7:30 A.M.** If the parent/guardian needs to come into the building at arrival or dismissal time they should park in the **Visitor's Parking** area of the parking lot.

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## 7-12 Schedule

School Hours are 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

2-Hour Delay Days: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

3-Hour Delay: 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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