

From the Superintendent

Fall is well under way and there are many exciting things happening in Carrollton—at the district-level, in our schools, with our facilities and technology, and more!

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, Carrollton Schools recently received two Straight A grants from the Ohio Department of Education. The Straight A Grant program is designed to encourage innovation, and new ideas and ways to solve problems. We are truly embracing this mindset and celebrating the good work our teachers and students have made. The District report card has been released and Carrollton Schools received an “A” for increasing the progress of all students in grades 4–8. Also, Carrollton High School received an “A” in the areas of Achievement and Graduation Rate. This demonstrates that our students are learning at high levels and are being instructed by a high quality staff. We will continue to build on these successes as we roll out the Straight A grants.

Integrating technology into the classroom continues to be a top priority at each building. Over the past month, the Epiphany Management Group (EMG) has been providing onsite professional development to teachers and administrators. Some of the topics include: (1) Google Apps for Education; (2) project-based learning; and (3) iPads and STEM learning. These sessions are designed to help staff integrate technology and project-based learning into the classroom. These grants have made it possible to provide ongoing professional development.

We are also excited about all of the progress being made on our new POWER Training Center, greenhouse, and trails. These learning environments are providing hands-on experiences for our students and fit nicely with our problem-based approach to learning. Community volunteers are also getting involved, which has been great! We look forward to opening our new POWER Training Center to the community in November, and will be hosting a series of open house events, so watch for more information to come.

Our work with the Young Entrepreneurs Consortium (YEC), part of our second Straight A grant, continues to move forward. The goal of this grant is to increase student achievement by building a robust education-to-employment model, impacting grades 6–14. These students will be exposed to an array of business and technical pathways, work-based learning experiences, and project-based learning that can prepare them to compete in the 21st century global economy. The YEC is projected to reach over 26,000 students in grades K-12 in an 11-county service area.

I will continue to keep everyone updated on the progress of the two Straight A grants. These are exciting times as we move forward with raising student achievement and integrating technology in the Carrollton Schools.

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Meet the POWER Team

In our last newsletter, we shared information about our new [POWER Framework](#), designed to align our district goals with new ideas and resources that will increase educator and student impact. In this issue, we want to introduce you to three team members supporting this work in various ways. You may recognize Barb and Stephanie, as they serve in other roles in the district, but Amy is no stranger to Carrollton. She is a former Warrior graduate and her family owns and operates Empire Chestnut Company. These women bring great experience, ideas, and energy to this work and we are excited to have them on the POWER team!



Amy Miller, POWER Coordinator

Growing up in 4-H in Carroll County and getting degrees in Environmental Science and Forestry from The Ohio State University and Purdue University have cultivated Amy's passion for science, the outdoors, and education. Amy's role as the POWER Coordinator is to develop the programs and infrastructure at the POWER Training Center. She works to connect teachers and students to the new outdoor and indoor resources available to them. Amy has a Master of Science degree and while in grad school, she spent time studying biology in the tropical forests of Costa Rica. When Amy is not working, she is playing the drums in a rock band.

Barbara Burns, Child Nutrition Services Director

Barbara is a registered and licensed dietitian, and a graduate of The Ohio State University. She has an extensive background in nutrition with a strong agricultural focus. She writes a health and wellness blog for the *Times Reporter* newspaper and is a member of the School Nutrition Association and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Barbara is excited to be involved with the "Farm to Fork" portion of the POWER initiative, a philosophy she practiced while raising her two children. Personally and professionally, Barbara is focused on improving the way we feed our young children and teenagers. In her spare time, you will find her on her hands and knees digging in the dirt. In addition to veggies, she grows buckets of flowers destined for beautiful bouquets.



Stephanie Glasure, Project Lead The Way Coordinator

As well as being the Gifted Coordinator of Carrollton Village Schools, Stephanie Glasure holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education 1-8, a Master's Degree in Educational Administration, a Gifted Intervention Specialist License, and a Principal's license. Before becoming Gifted Coordinator, Stephanie fostered her passion for kids' hands-on learning during her position as a 5th grade science teacher. Recently, she became one of a few administrators in Ohio to become certified in the Project Lead the Way Launch Elementary Program. In addition to Project Lead The Way, Stephanie has coordinated summer STEM Camps, Gifted Warrior STEM Club, and is now developing a STEM Club for grades 3–6. Stephanie continues to grow her creativity outside of work through flower gardening, painting, fishing, bird-watching, and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

The Latest News

Progress continues on our new POWER Training Center, greenhouse, and rain garden. Construction for the Center should be completed by the end of October, and the greenhouse and rain garden in about a week.

The rain garden will catch the runoff from the grounds and building, and will run into a "pit" and then drain off. This garden will be planted with perennials, bulbs, and ornamental grasses and will be a site to behold from the road. We are also starting to plan for an edible landscape in the courtyard area outside of the greenhouse. The edible landscape will include fruit and vegetable gardens and raised beds.



We are fortunate to have community volunteers and three seniors who have committed to helping with this endeavor as their senior project. We are excited to share these new facilities with our teachers, students, parents, and community members. As such, we will be hosting a series of open house events in November. Stay tuned for dates and more information.

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We are committed to keeping you up-to-date about this work and have created several new communications tools to share information, including a new POWER website and blog, Twitter accounts, and this *POWER Notes* newsletter. Access the new website at www.CarrolltonPOWER.org and follow district and superintendent news through Twitter at [@CEVSDWarriors](https://twitter.com/CEVSDWarriors) and [@DaveQuattro](https://twitter.com/DaveQuattro). **Coming soon...** We are in the process of setting up district and school-based Facebook accounts. We know that many parents and community members are active on Facebook, and we think this will be a great tool to share important information and updates.