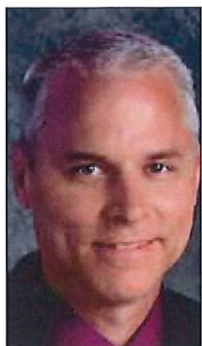


Tigerhawk Talk



October 2019

Tigerhawk Family,



Erik Anderson
Superintendent

Thank you all for an outstanding start to the 2019-20 school year! I am continually impressed with the positive attitude of our students and community as a whole. Homecoming 2019 was an exciting week! Our kids took school spirit to heart and participated in many fun activities

throughout the week. The coronation and parade showed the excellent community support for CMCS. Thank you!

At the Sept. 16 CMCS School Board meeting, our Board voted to move for-

ward with a bond issue to be voted on November 5, 2019 that addresses some needs of the district. The Board has created a 15-year plan to make facility improvements throughout the district. The first phase of the plan includes upgrading our extra-curricular and physical fitness areas as well as attending to maintenance needs at the elementary and secondary buildings. The bond issue on Nov. 5 specifically addresses the stadium, gymnasium, weight and fitness room, and wrestling room. Passage of the bond issue will have a neutral impact on our school tax levy rate. That means that our tax rate (which has stayed steady the last few years) would stay consistent.

In October, we will have an informational booth at home activity events

on the 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, and 21st. Board members will be on hand at each of those events to answer any questions you might have. Also, there are informational boards at each building on our campus. Additionally, on October 11th, we will have a Satellite Voting station at the Junior/Senior High School. Satellite Voting allows you to vote, no matter your assigned precinct in our district, at the booth on the 11th. There will be signs pointing you to the assigned voting area on the school grounds on the 11th.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our bond issue, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care,
Erik Anderson

Colfax-Mingo Athletic Boosters Membership Drive

Tailgate before the game

**Friday, October 4th
Beginning at 6pm**

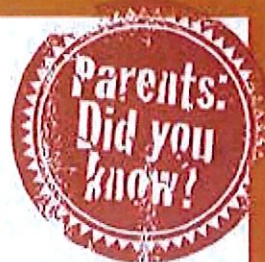
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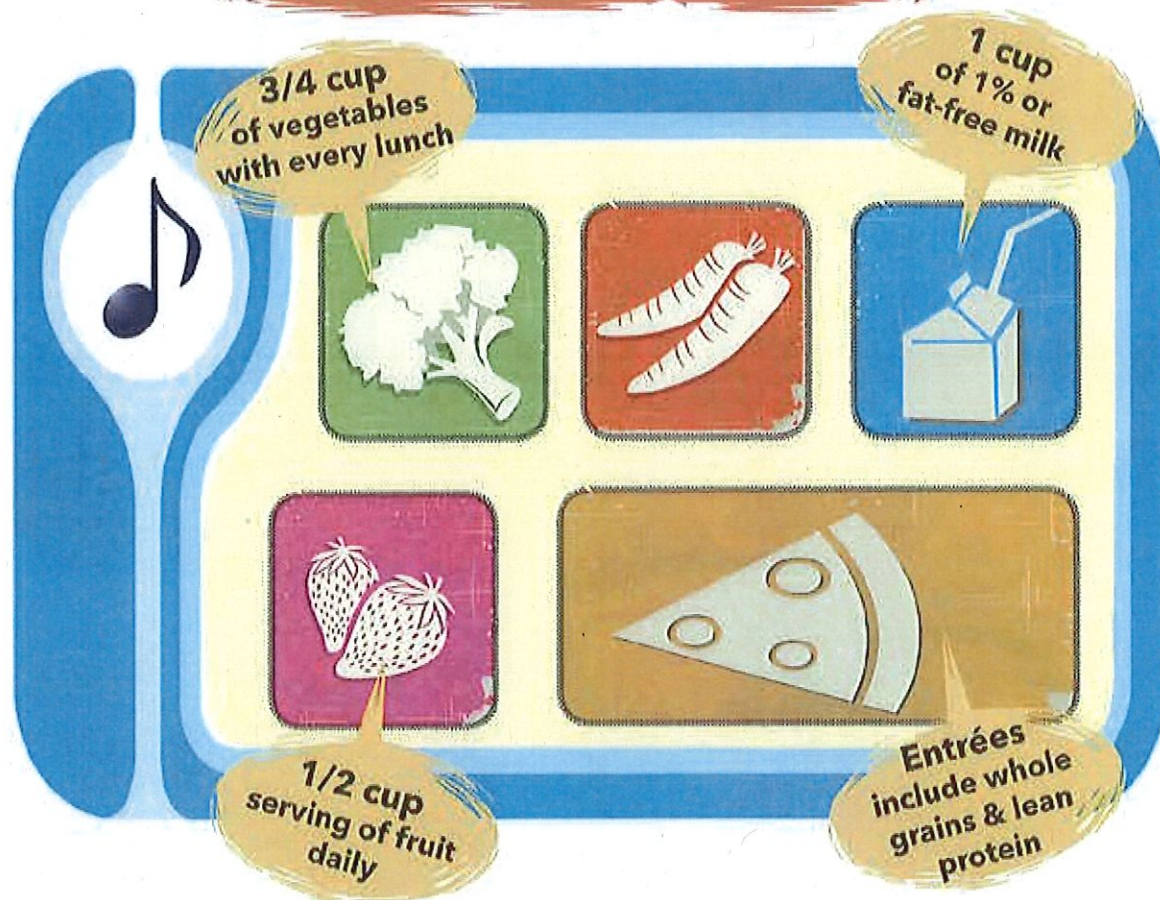
National School Lunch Week

October 14-18, 2019



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Elementary Update



Mr. Summy,
Principal

The school year is off to a great start! The playground upgrades have been a big success. Homecoming is over and everyone is starting to settle in for the new school year. The seven new staff members are doing a great job and the veteran staff is doing a great job of teaching them the Tigerhawk Way.

PBIS Update:

The elementary has revamped the Positive Behaviors Interventions & Supports throughout the building. The theme for the building is SOAR.

- S- show self-control
- O- offer kindness
- A- act responsibly
- R- respect everyone and everything

Purpose- The purpose of the SOAR program is to establish and maintain a safe and effective school environment that maximizes the academic achievement and social-emotional-behavioral competence of ALL students

Major Components-

- Common approach to discipline

- Positively state school-wide expectations
- Behavioral expectations are taught to students
- Consistent use of an incentive system and consequence system
- Procedures for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the SOAR Program on a regular and frequent basis
- Led by a team of teachers and implemented by all staff

Guiding Principles-

Academic achievement and appropriate behavioral skills are the results of school, staff, and families working together to provide a continuum of support for all students. A continuum of academic and behavioral support includes:

1. School-wide instruction for all students (Core Instruction)
2. Instructional interventions for students who are at risk for academic or social and behavioral problems. (Supplemental instruction)
3. Individualized instruction for students with intense or chronic academic or behavioral problems. (Intensive instruction)

Data System- Data is collected to determine the effectiveness of the SOAR program. The data is also used to determine changes that need to be made to make the program more effective for all students. Lastly, the

team will use the data to identify students who may need more instructional or individualized support in order to be successful.

Early Childhood:

The elementary continues to grow and expand offerings in the world of early childhood. The big addition has been offering transportation to our three and four year old students to and from school at no cost. Students can ride the bus before and after school. The elementary has been transporting the students during the midday in a van and suburban with car seats.

Program offerings in early childhood have expanded to include a two-day three year old program and Developmental Kindergarten. The elementary also offers a four-day three year old program in addition to the several sections of four-day four year old programs.

PTA:

The elementary PTA is already active for the new school year. The group had their first meeting of the year on September 12th. We had a great turn out with some new faces. The next PTA meeting will be Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 pm in the elementary media center. Please consider joining the Colfax-Mingo PTA. The PTA has been active supporting students with PBIS incentives, playground equipment and technology needs.

Kindergarten visits NPD

The Colfax-Mingo Kindergarten students traveled to Newton Friday, September 13. The Newton Police Department presented Safety City. We learned about stranger danger and practiced STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing the street. The students really enjoyed this activity.

Thank you to the Newton Police Department and Chief Rob Burdess for always including C-M students. Officer Julie Britton coordinates and Officers Lovan, Brisel and McDonnell were the officers helping us learn these important safety lessons.





5th Grade Band on the first day they played instruments in Full Band.

Music Notes from the Elementary Music Department

Fallan Stark

It is an exciting time to be a Tigerhawk Musician! The elementary music program was able to provide two new opportunities this year!

We started a 5th and 6th grade (combined) chorus. The chorus is optional and meets once a week. We're starting choir strong with 38 5th and 6th graders. We sing a variety of music from choral literature to pop music. We will be performing at the 5th and 6th grade concerts in addition to other exciting performances.

The other opportunity we could provide students this year was a chance to take summer band lessons. Band lessons were



5th/6th Grade Choir on their first day showing their favorite piece of music we're working on.

open to students who just completed 4th grade through 6th grade. It was a great chance for students to get ahead on their instrument.

In other exciting news, band

at the elementary is growing in numbers. 88% of the 5th grade is enrolled in band. Full band meets twice a week, plus one small group lesson a week. Studies show that playing an

instrument increases problem solving in social and academic settings and advances memory. Ms. Stark works with the student to strengthen their responsibility and time management which are life skills that can transfer into other facets of life.

We hope you can come out and support all the hard work these kids put in. Learning showcases will be at 6 PM at the elementary, with the dates listed below.

5th - 6th Grades (including Band and Choir): Thursday, Dec. 19th

2nd - 4th Grades: Thursday, Jan. 30th

K-1st Grades: Tuesday, April 7th

Elementary-Monday PD time

Janice Hoefs, Instructional Coach

Elementary teachers have been keeping busy during the Monday morning Professional Development (PD) time working on a few different topics. We are documenting our unit plans for math. We started this process during the pre-service days in August. We will continue to work on this the entire school year.

Earlier in August, the staff spent two days working with Janelle Thompson, an AEA Reading consultant. Teachers studied different ways to bring more writing and vocabulary work into their lessons. Mrs. Thompson will lead some PD throughout the year to keep us growing in these areas.

Another topic of PD is looking at our 'rebooted' PBIS plan. We have a weekly update as to how we are implementing this program throughout the building.

Science and Social Studies curriculum are also going to be looked at throughout this year. We will be looking at what we are teaching currently and then develop new units to enhance student learning.

Upcoming Events at the Elementary

- ✓ Sept. 30-Oct. 4 — Elementary Box Top Contest
- ✓ Oct. 4 — PBIS Assembly & 3rd grade Smoke House
- ✓ Oct. 7 — Kindergarten to Colfax Fire Station
- ✓ Oct. 8 — Picture Day
- ✓ Oct. 9 — Preschool to Colfax Fire Station
- ✓ Oct. 10 — PTA 7:00 pm in elementary media center
- ✓ Oct. 14-18 — Hot Lunch Week
- ✓ Oct. 22 — Preschool trip to orchard

COLFAX-MINGO ELEMENTARY PTA

The PTA is a Parent-Teacher Association for the Colfax-Mingo Elementary school. We meet one evening a month during the school year to discuss ways we can support our students, sponsor events, plan activities, and purchase needed equipment or books that are not in the school's budget. Some of the items that PTA has purchased/sponsored in the past include:

- Computers
- Annual Fine Arts field trips for each grade
- Smart boards
- Playground equipment
- Library books
- P.E. equipment
- Learn lab tablets
- Books for each student bi-annually
- Books for each classroom annually
- Books for the reading incentives
- Classroom supplies/equipment
- Items for the teachers/staff during annual teacher appreciation week
- Water bottles for each student for Track & Field Day
- Ice Cream at Back-to-School Nights

Please join us to help our school!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership \$7.00 ☐ **Check enclosed** ☐ **Cash paid**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PTA!

Junior-Senior High School

A look inside

Principal Thoughts

Wow! Not only have we started school already, but we are a month into the new school year. Even Homecoming has come and gone.



Todd Jones
Principal

We have had a great start to our school year with the students. I would like to share a few of the highlights from the start of this year.

Once again, we were named as a "Top High School" in the state of Iowa for 2019. That is two years in a row. I am very proud of this fact. Our students and community have really rallied around us as a school and we have begun to reach new heights.

Our numbers in the Jr/Sr

High building are up again this year. We have the most students occupying lockers and walking our hallways than ever before. We are utilizing every room in the building to have classes and teach our students. It is good to see our hallways and classrooms filled to the level they are currently.

We have more students attending DMACC in Newton and Ankeny than we have ever had before. We have students who will graduate this year with or close to their Associates Degree. We have students who will be graduating early and in a couple of cases even a year earlier than their peers. Students are heading toward post-secondary education in greater numbers than ever before.

We have now started up an e-Sport team at Colfax-Mingo.

This is a team that will compete in the realm of electronic games. This is an up and coming sport in today's world and we are one of the few schools who have taken up this challenge to create a competitive team.

Our new superintendent Mr. Erik Anderson comes to us from the Cedar Rapids area and has hit the ground running with the teachers and staff. He has been tasked with developing and promoting the bond referendum the board passed in September. Although we will miss Dr. Verlengia we are looking forward to our new era with Mr. Anderson.

The school board has passed a Bond Referendum for upgrades to our facilities to make upgrades to the school facilities. These upgrades have been needed for quite a while. We need to make sure our current students and

potential families moving into the district have access to the most up to date facilities and opportunities our community can give them. There are those who have walked our halls and graduated from Colfax-Mingo who are very proud of our school. It is my belief, with the upgrades to our facility and the safety features that will be put in place, we can continue to be proud of what our school has accomplished.

As you can see, we have a lot of positive things that are happening at Colfax-Mingo schools. Our students work hard, our parents are wonderful to work with, the community is a great supporter of our school and now we have the opportunity to create a facility we can be proud of for years to come. Thank you for the great start to the 2019-20 school year.

7th/8th Grade Math

Aaron Bartholmey

Students in two of Mr. B's math classes (Course 1 and Course2) are trying out a new curriculum this year. Called Illustrative Math, the materials focus on problem solving and critical thinking. For each lesson, students are given a series of tasks that relate to a particular topic and come to an understanding of the material through class discussion. Students' assignments are much shorter in these classes than what they're used to, but they require thinking at a deeper level. Students and families can find resources, including an overview of each lesson, by visiting <https://im.kendallhunt.com/MS/index.html> and clicking on the appropriate class under "For Students."

Meet Ron Johnson, new staff member to Colfax-Mingo



My name is Ron Johnson. I am the new Industrial Technology Teacher at Colfax-Mingo High School. I am here to replace Shane Webster who is on a leave of absence to go back to school and get his master's degree.

I have taught Industrial technology for the past 30 years, spending the last 19 years at Indianola.

I grew up in Monroe and now live in Runnells. I have been in Runnells since 2000.

Teaching hands on classes has always been exciting for me, to see students see something through to the end. Students are often amazed at what they are really capable of.

I am looking forward to retirement at the end of this year and travel. My wife is working on getting together a 30-day trip to Europe once we are retired.



Matthew is 16 years old and was diagnosed with T-Cell Leukemia on August 22, 2019. Matthew and his family have a long road ahead of them and will need as much support as possible through this rough time. Matthew will be going through chemo and radiation. Any donation will help during this time of need. The family is very grateful for all of the support they are getting. Please keep them in your thoughts.

On October 19, 2019, Colfax Country Club will be holding an 18 hole, 4 person, best shot golf outing to benefit Matthew and his family. We are soliciting donations for:

Hole Sponsorships: \$100

Half Hole Sponsorships: \$50

On November 2, 2019, we will be hosting a benefit to help the family with unreimbursed medical expenses. There will be a dinner, auction, and dance for all age groups held at the Jasper County 4-H building.

We are looking for donations for auction items (silent and live) and also accepting monetary donations. Your support during this trying time for the family is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you.

To set up a donation, please contact:

Travis Brenner (515) 971-2448

Jami Gruwell (515) 205-4187

Rachel Hostetter (515) 554-5551

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Colfax-Mingo Activities Update

Erin Hume, Activities Director



Erin Hume (AD)

We have had a busy start to the school year on the activities side with all high school sports having competed multiple times. The football team is currently 1-2 in a very competitive schedule. Our volleyball is looking for their first conference win, but the team is made up of a lot of underclassmen that continue to improve every game. The cross-country teams have had individual medalists at every meet this season and the boy's team placing third at the Pleasantville meet. Our high school swim girls, who compete

with Newton (NCMP), have had several swim meets and are doing a great job representing our school.

Here are some upcoming dates in for various activities including:

- Senior Night for volleyball will be Thursday, October 3rd.

- Senior Night for football and all other fall activities will be Friday, October 11th.

A few reminders on using school facilities: If you would like to reserve our Mingo or Jr/Sr High School facilities, please contact Erica Pierce in the Jr/Sr High School office. If you wish to use the elementary facilities, please contact Mr. Summy in the elementary office. School sponsored activities will always take

precedent. If it is an activity not affiliated with the school, you will need to fill out a building usage form. Also, please remember that all school grounds and functions are alcohol and tobacco free.

Please remember that for the most up to date schedule of our activities, please log on to our school website and click on "SICL Colfax-Mingo Athletics" link under the calendar tab on the main page.

Feel free to contact me at the school at 515-674-4111, ext: 1101 or email ehume@colfaxmingo.org.

GO TIGERHAWKS!

Homecoming 2019











October 2019

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 NOTE: TODDLER STORY TIME EVERY TUESDAY 10 AM COLFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY AGES 0-5	2	3	4 Elementary PBIS Assembly 3 rd Grade to Smoke House	5
6	7 90 MINUTE LATE START FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Kdg to Fire Station	8 PICTURE DAY	9 Pre-School to Colfax Fire Station	10 PTA Meets at Elementary Media Center 7 pm	11	12
13 Oct 14-18 HOT LUNCH WEEK	14 90 MINUTE LATE START FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	15	16	17	18 YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE	19
20	21 90 MINUTE LATE START FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 6pm Regular Board Meeting	22 Pre-School Trip to the Orchard	23	24	25 45 DAYS INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR TRUNK OR TREAT at COLFAX COUNTRY CLUB 6 PM	26
27	28 90 MINUTE LATE START FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	29	30	31		

Please Note: All Colfax-Mingo School activities, events & meetings will be posted on the activities calendar under the calendar drop-down on the school's Home webpage.

[The calendars ribbon is located at the top right on the Home page.]

Colfax-Mingo October 2019 Menu

National School Lunch Week

October 14th - 18th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 B - Waffles Crispito w/ Cheese & Lettuce Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	2 B - Donut Pork Chopette Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Sliced Bread (7-12) Peaches Milk	3 B- Biscuit & Gravy Mr. Rib French Fries Fresh Vegetable Salad Banana Milk	4 B - Breakfast Pizza Cooks' Choice
7 B- Grab n Go Corndog Tater Tots Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	8 B- Cinnamon Roll Super Nachos Bean/Cheese/Salsa Corn Rosy Applesauce Milk	9 B- Long John Chicken Wrap Garden Salad Vegetable Choice Dessert (7-12) Fruit Choice Milk	10 B- Muffin & Yogurt Pasta Bake Tossed Salad Broccoli Garlic Bread Grapes Milk	11 B- Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Cheese Steak Sandwich Seasoned Wedges Mini Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk
14 B- Grab n Go Chicken Patty/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Apple Milk	15 B- French Toast Sticks Beef & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Roll (7-12) Peaches Milk	16 B- Coffee Cake Garlic Cheese Bread w/ Marinara Tossed Salad Corn Grapes Milk	17 B- Breakfast Sandwich Fish Sticks (K-5) Fish Sandwich French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Orange Wedges Dessert Milk	18 B- Pancakes Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Vegetables Fruit Choice Milk
21 B- Grab n Go Pizza Garden Salad Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	22 B- Combo Bar Cooks' Choice	23 B- Breakfast Pizza Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Pears Milk	24 B- Biscuit & Gravy French Toast Sausage/Egg Potato Triangle Pepper Sticks Strawberries Milk	25 B- Mini Donuts Shrimp Poppers Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Biscuit Mandarin Oranges Milk
28 B- Grab n Go Cheeseburger/WG Bun Waffle Fries Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	29 B- Mini Bagels Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Biscuit Orange Wedges Milk	30 B-Breakfast Wrap Crispito w/ Cheese & Lettuce Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Choc Chip Cookie Milk	31 B-Mini Cinni Spookghetti Screaming Greens Frog Eyes Broomstick Potion Sauce Witches' Brew	

*Additional fruit choice is offered daily at the JH/HS *Milk (skim, choc skim & 1%) *Menu is subject to change

* Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. Additional options at the JH/HS.

Children may have their choice of the breakfast menus, cereal & toast or cinnamon rolls, when available, juice & milk everyday. Breakfast served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. daily.

It is the policy of the Colfax-Mingo Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Erik Anderson, Superintendent, 1000 N. Walnut, Colfax, IA 50054. Telephone: 515-674-3646; Email: jverlengia@colfaxmingo.org

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