

Tigerhawk Talk



November 2021

Tigerhawk Family



**Erik Anderson
Superintendent**

As we are finishing up the first trimester and quarter of the 2021-22 school year, thank you for your continued support for our students growth and development! I have shared with our staff my belief that everyone involved in a school system is an educator. Parents/guardians, you also play a crucial role in your child's academic lives. Nov. 15-19 is American Education Week. That is a great reminder for all of us about the important roles educators play in a child's

life. Please take some time to thank one of your child's many educators.

Staffing shortages are an issue that continues for us as well as districts throughout the area, state, and country. If you are considering becoming a substitute teacher, now is a great time to get started! Please visit this site if interested: <https://www.heartlandaea.org/professional-learning/licensure-info/sub-auth/>

On Nov. 2, we will be having a youth sports and community involvement meeting. The meeting will be held at the Jr/Sr High Cafeteria starting at 6 pm. As a district, we have a goal to improve the participation and success of all of our activities. This meeting is a cornerstone to the success towards that goal. We need our parents/guardians and our com-

munity member volunteers to participate in the youth sports leadership as well as our other volunteer organizations like the PTA, Booster Club, and Education Foundation. Attendees will find out how they can volunteer, with no strings attached. Please consider attending Nov. 2 at 6 pm. Together, we can and will make an impact for the betterment of our Tigerhawks!

On Nov. 2, there is an important opportunity for our district. Our electors get to determine three Board member seats. Every vote counts and we want to hear from our constituents Nov. 2. Please visit jaspercountyelections.iowa.gov for polling information.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Go Tigerhawks!!
Take care,
Erik Anderson



Sixth graders visit Maraposa



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National School Lunch Week 2021



Kerri Roling
Nutrition Director

The nutrition department celebrated National School Lunch Week (NSLW) the week of October 11th. This year's theme was Wild About School Lunch. The elementary kitchen celebrated by decorating the cafeteria, kindergarten and 1st grade students colored NSLW pictures and the nutrition staff handed out stickers to students at lunch.

NSLW is a week to celebrate our great nutrition staff and thank them for their hard work and dedication they put into serving great meals to students and staff every day! Thank you to Connie Bucklin, Jess Burns, Marilyn Faidley, David Hanson, Jen Hogan, Bobbi Lewis, Judie Tinsley, and Mary Wickersham for all they do in the Nutrition Department.



Elementary Staff



High School Staff



Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

November is here and with it brings the end of the first trimester at Colfax-Mingo Elementary. The elementary will be hosting parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, November 4th and Thursday, November 11th from 4:00-8:00 pm. In addition to conferences, the Partners In Education (PIE) Scholastic Book Fair will be open during conference times and throughout the week. The first trimester ends Friday, November 12th. Report cards will be available on

Friday, November 19th. Additional information about report cards will be shared at parent-teacher conferences and in the Friday Note.

Colfax-Mingo participated in our first ever **Unity Day** on Wednesday, October 20th. The message behind Unity Day is to show unity for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. In addition to unity for everyone, bullying and harassment was a point of emphasis. The school believes that no child should ever experience bullying and reviewed the building and district policies and procedures for bullying and harassment.

Unity Day was a great day that included collaboration with the secondary building. Secondary students visited the elementary classrooms to help with several activities. The classrooms each created a paper chain to send the message that we are linked together as a class, a school and a community. They also made signs and posters to share messages of unity along the street by the elementary school. Unity Day was a wonderful example of teamwork and collaboration between the elementary and secondary schools in the district. We are looking forward to many more opportunities.



Unity Day



K-6 Art

By Drew Otto

Students have been working hard in elementary art! We've been learning about line and shape. For this project students we're taught how to make bubble letters using line, & break up the background using line and shape. They started by making drafts, then spent time using sharpies, highlighters, watercolors, breadline markers or crayons to complete a finished piece. Very proud of their hard work and final projects! Next we're moving on to exploring the next 2 elements- texture and color! Feel free to comment, tag, and share!



Second Grade Tigerhawks



By Terra Tague, Mckinzie Abell and Becky Derry

Second grade has started doing a three-week rotation with social studies, science, and writing with the respective teachers. The first rotation has included wants and needs, what is science, what do scientists do, and a Best Part Of Me writing.

Sixth Graders Visit Mariposa



By Justin Teed

The Colfax-Mingo sixth grade classes spent a beautiful September day conducting environmental investigations at the recently improved Mariposa Recreation Area northeast of Newton. The outdoor education opportunity was led by Jasper County naturalists, Katie Cantu and Greg Oldsen.

The students participated in many activities at Mariposa. Students took a bus tour around the outside of the park where they learned about the watershed and how farming techniques affect the water

quality in our lakes and streams. The students enjoyed a hike around Mariposa where they learned about native grasses and plants. Students collected water samples from Wolfe Lake and conducted water tests to examine the water quality at Mariposa. The students also enjoyed doing a pond netting activity. Students collected many unique creatures from the pond. Students were able to identify those creatures and learn how they are affected by the water quality at Mariposa.

This was Colfax-Mingo's first visit to Mariposa park since 2018. In 2018

the lake was drained and 155,000 cubic yards of silt was removed from the lake. Silt ponds have been added to stop silt from making its way into the lake. A boat ramp, walking trails, and a kids' playscape were also added. Today, Mariposa park is a beautiful place to visit on a field trip or with family or friends.

This was a fun and educational field trip that our 6th grade classes will be able to experience well into the future. Katie and Greg always do a great job educating our students during this fun outdoor adventure.

Elementary Music Department Highlights

Second and Third Grade's Fine Arts Night 6 p.m. Nov. 18

It starts with the music concert in Elementary Gym followed by an Art Showing in the Art Room.

Sixth Grade band had their first performance at the Halloween Performance on October 29th for the elementary students. Sixth grade played a round called Ghost of John, then played Michael Jackson's Thriller with the high school.

Check out our next performances:
Cocoa and Carols Performance
Saturday, December 11th at the High School Time TBD
5-12 Winter Band Concert
Tuesday, December 21st at 6 PM, high school cafeteria

Elementary music department received new classroom instruments: rhythm sticks, maracas, guiros, triangles, egg shakers, wood blocks, and maracas. We also received pop-its to use in music class. Students use them to show a steady beat and when listening to new music.



Mrs. Keuning's kindergarten class playing the maracas.



Mrs. Bracewell's kindergarten class playing a game where they gallop with the stick horse around the circle to the song.

We are very happy to be able to play games and instruments this year!



Mrs. Rice's first grade class popping the pop its to a steady beat.

Jr/Sr High School News

From the Desk of Mrs. Lancaster:



Alex Lancaster
Jr/Sr High School
Principal

We're approaching the end of the first quarter, which means snow is around the corner! We're trying to get as many brain breaks outside as we can while the weather is still nice; especially on block days!

As October comes to a close, so does our first round of Flex Time. This time is held at the end of the day on Thursdays and Fridays. Teachers used data (ISASP, MAP, test scores, in class assignments) to make decisions on what groups students should be placed in during this time to receive extra support or en-

richment opportunities. These groups rotate about every 4-5 weeks and are broken up by an "Advisory Week" so teachers can create new groups based on new student data. The goal is to provide students with "in the moment" instruction to support what is currently happening in the classroom.

As we get further into the school year, please encourage your student to be an active participant in their education. Whether that means communicating with teachers when they need extra support, double checking notes with a friend, asking clarifying questions, or participating in class to further understanding. We are all here with the same goal of student success, but

it takes everyone rowing the boat to cross the finish line. Self-advocating is an amazing trait to have, but it also takes practice! This is a great time to hone that skill.

Parent-Teacher conferences will also be held in November. For the Junior/Senior High School, we will hold conferences from 4:00-8:00pm on November 11th and 16th. We will have an open house format with teachers set up in the cafeteria and media center for families to visit and discuss celebrations and opportunities for growth. If you have questions or things to discuss ahead of conferences, please feel free to contact your student's teachers prior or to set up a

TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUJ:DE
UNSPIRE

specific conference time.

As always, I welcome all feedback that helps us grow as a building and as a district. Please feel free to email, call, or set up a time to chat in person. We are a team and community all here to help our students be successful and support one another.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lancaster

Cheerleading

By Terra Tague

The cheerleaders have been doing an amazing job learning their state routine. They will compete at the Iowa Cheerleading State Championships at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The girls

will compete in the timeout division and most of their points will come from crowd participation, so we want to see a lot of people in the crowd! They also performed with the Madrid cheerleaders and what a show it was! Thanks to the community for all their support so far this season.



From the Activities Director



Erin Hume
Activities Director

JH Volleyball

- We had over 19 girls join JH volleyball at the beginning of the season
- 95% of the girls maintained above a C-grade average for the entire season
- We started out the season with the very basics and by the end we were consistently getting bump/set/spike combinations each game
- Our average amount of Ace's (serves for a point) per opposing team was 35.

Cross Country

- Had 39 student-athletes between the JH and HS runners - including 18 that were new to XC this year
- 4 great seniors were tremendous leaders this year including Coleman Craig, Kylie Doty, Kirsten Frier, and Danica Linn (Coleman & Kirsten ran all 6 years)
- Hosted our meet at Quarry Springs Park and it went very well - thanks to everyone who helped make it a success
- Top Placers at the SICL Conference Meet included =
 - JH Boys - Gage Byal (2nd place) and Fisher Grove (13th)
 - JH Girls - Arianna Horras (6th place), Victoria Woods (19th), and Bianca Lane (22nd)
 - HS Boys - Harrison Rhone (15th), Xavier Woods (18th), Coleman Craig (25th)
 - HS Girls - Shae Wilkins (22nd) & Danica Linn (24th)

Dance

- learning new drills and technique to work on our strength and skills
- learning 6 routines for competi-

tion season

- lots of team bonding and growing together as a dance family
- coming up on our first competition in a week

JH Football

- Overall record of 0-5-1
 - Our numbers were small this season with only 15 players. But they worked hard in practice and showed improvement each week. We ended our season at Saydel with a tie and a chance to win.
 - End of season awards:
 - Def PoY: Teagon Dybevik
 - Off PoY: Cason Fitch
 - Leadership award: Ayden Sloan
 - Ironman award (every practice)
- Allan Breger
- Most Improved: Paxton Ross
 - MVP: Ayden Sloan
 - Academic 3.0 or better: Luke Padgett & Kyle Wood

HS Football

- 3 wins with one game left (and we were within a touchdown into the 4th quarter during 3 other games this season) after going winless in 2020
- Senior Cole Bracewell is among the state leaders in passing and total offensive yards
- Sophomore Curtis Horras is among the state leaders in several receiving categories
- The Tigerhawks will qualify for the Playoffs as a #3 seed if North Mahaska defeats Madrid on October 15th

Girls Swimming

- 1 swimmer - Katie Schlosser, SR
- Katie Schlosser is a four year Aquagirl! She is an outstanding leader who encourages our team to work hard and smile while doing it! She swims pretty much every event--including the 200 Individual medley and the 50 fly.

She is also a great mentor to our younger swimmers.~Coach Patterson

High School Volleyball

- We finished 2nd in the conference overall last night, the highest we've ever finished in this conference.
- We are currently 20-8 overall, 9-2 in the conference.
- Kyra Lester set the school record for assists in last night's conference championship match. She is currently at 1,750 assists in her career.
- We received a bye in the first round of the regional tournament and play Pleasantville in the second round on Wednesday the 20th.
- SICL Honors
 - 1st Team Setter - Kyra Lester
 - 1st Team General Player - Morgan VanDyke
 - Second Team Libero - Carley Underwood
 - Second Team General Player - Caylee Cunningham
 - Honorable Mention - Melany Vry
 - Honorable Mention - McKayla Smith

Choir

- Our concert has been moved to Thursday, October 28th at 7:00 PM.

Band

- We will have the Halloween concert at 2:30 on Friday, October 29th in the elementary gym.
- The concert IS open to the public and we will live stream.

Winter Sports Preview

- 15 for JH Wrestling
- 18 for JH Girls Basketball
- 28 for HS Wrestling
- 20 for HS Boys Basketball
- 17 for HS Girls Basketball



Children may have their choice of the breakfast menu, cereal & toast, fruit, juice & milk everyday.
Breakfast served 7:45 am to 8:10 am daily.

<i>Colfax-Mingo CSD November 2021 Menu</i>				
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1 B - Mini Waffles Corndog Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Strawberries Milk	2 B - Biscuit & Gravy Deli Sub Green Beans Mini Carrots Banana Brownie Milk	3 B - Grab n Go Quesadilla Tex Mex Salad (7-12) Refried Beans Corn & Salsa Mixed Fruit Milk	4 B - Breakfast Pizza Chicken Strips Potatoes Au Gratin Fresh Vegetable Salad Wheat Roll Applesauce Milk	5 B - Mini Donuts Cooks' Choice
8 No School	9 B - Mini Bagels Walking Taco Lettuce/Tomato Cheese/Salsa Mexi Corn & Black Beans Rice (7-12) Pineapple Milk	10 B - Grab n Go Pulled Pork Sandwich French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Grapes Milk	11 B - Mini Cinnis Italian Dunkers Garden Salad Steamed Broccoli Apple Wedges Milk	12 B - Breakfast Sandwich Chicken Patty/WG Bun Potato Smiles Mini Carrots Fruit Choice Milk
15 B - French Toast Sticks Pork Fritter/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Orange Wedges Milk	16 B - Biscuit & Gravy Chicken Wrap Broccoli Salad Vegetable Choice Banana Milk	17 B - Grab n Go Meatball Sub Mixed Greens Salad Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	18 B - Breakfast Pizza Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Rosy Applesauce Pumpkin Bar Milk	19 B - Donut Pizzaburger Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Mini Carrots Pears Milk
22 B - Cereal/Toast Pizza Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk	23 B - Breakfast Choice Cooks' Choice	24 No School	25 No School Thanksgiving	26 No School
29 B - Pancakes Cheeseburger/WG Bun Waffle Fries	30 B - Long John Chicken Alfredo Spinach Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes	*Additional fruit choice is offered daily *Milk (skim, choc skim & 1%) * Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. *Additional options at the MS/HS. *Menu is subject to change		

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