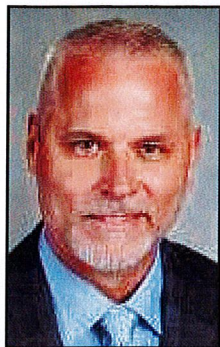


Tigerhawk Talk



January 2022

Welcome to 2022, Tigerhawk Family!!



Erik Anderson
Superintendent

The New Year holiday is a time to reflect on the past year's accomplishments. 2021 is in our rearview mirror and we are moving forward! Undoubtedly, 2021 was as challenging of a year as most people remember. Still, we grew. Our students gained knowledge and experiences they otherwise would not have. Our staff grew in their pedagogical knowledge and experience. Our communities grew closer together as we all had to adjust to new expectations from this pandemic. This growth did not happen in every community and school. 2022 is a chance to look forward, improve, and enhance our Tigerhawk community. I am proud of our Tigerhawk family for their dedication to each other!

There are many reasons to be proud

of being a Tigerhawk. We look forward to celebrating these reasons in a variety of new ways in the coming months. Here are some of the reasons I am proud to be a Tigerhawk:

- Our communities of Colfax and Mingo are moving forward with priorities to grow our communities. Our city leaders work diligently to support our community members and our schools. There are planned new housing developments in both Colfax and Mingo.

- Construction on our amazing new stadium and gymnasium at our Jr/Sr High is in full swing and ready to be completed in the summer and fall.

- We have updated our entries into our school buildings to create a safe and secure entrance for our kids, staff, and community.

- Students graduating from Colfax-Mingo have earned over \$200,000 in scholarship money the last 3 years.

- Last year we had the largest number of open-enrolled in students we have ever had.

- Our buses have internet available on them for our students daily and on activity routes.

- Our district pays for all juniors to take the ACT exam.

- All of our elementary students and one-third of our secondary students participate in our music program.

- Our elementary school is half-way through an update to all of its playground equipment.

- CMCSO offers a comprehensive preschool program and offers door-to-door transportation to all district families.

This is not a comprehensive list but does give you some insight into the amazing things that happen in our communities and schools each day. Thank you for being a participant in this excitement and we look forward to working with all of our district patrons in the future! This is Tigerhawk Country!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

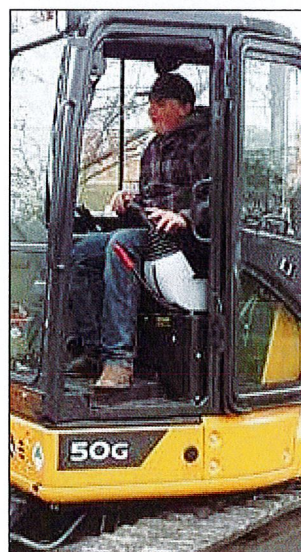
Go Tigerhawks!!

Take care and be safe,
Erik Anderson

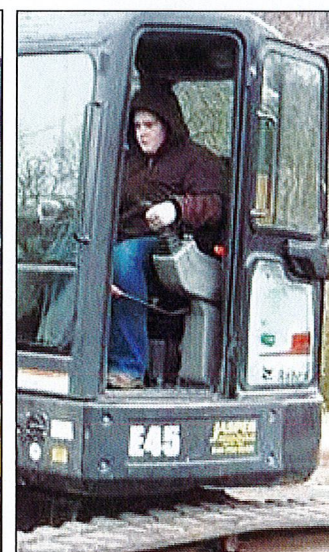
Jasper County Construction day

By Mike Rupert

Forty-six students from the Colfax-Mingo Agriculture and Industrial tech classes went over to the Newton high school parking lot to operate construction equipment. Construction companies from Jasper County kindly devoted a day out of their busy schedule to instruct students on how to operate their equipment. There were many different machines to operate which ranged from tractors, crane, skid loaders, agronomy equipment, bucket lifts, backhoes, and many more. The construction owners allowed the students to operate their equipment under their supervision. There is a shortage of skilled labor and this was an opportunity for kids to be exposed to another option after graduation. The Newton Industrial Tech program organized this event which was a great experience for the kids.



Kayd Pleggenhuhl



Emma Cook

Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

The month of December wrapped up with a couple School Leadership Team activities. Their first event was shopping for our Adopt-A-Family. Ms. Gruwell and Mr. Summy took the team to Altoona and shopped at Target and Walmart. No shopping trip is complete without a good meal to celebrate. The team had lunch at the Burger Shed and had some great team time. The second activity was the annual SLT food drive for the local food pantry. This year we collected 1534 items for the food pantry. We have enough items that it took two trips with Mr.

Summy's truck to deliver everything. Mrs. Rice's 1st grade collected the most items with 207 items collected. What a great effort by the entire elementary to support our local families.

January is here and so begins the second half of the school year. The first half of the school went great and we are expecting the second half the year to be even better. It has been amazing getting back to what feels like a normal school year. We continue to make adjustments as needed and we thank everyone for their flexibility.

As we begin the second half of the school year it's important to revisit our building and classroom expectations.

This is reflected by the hard work of

our PBIS team. It is also time for our second round of FAST assessments.

These assessments are administered three times a year to all students in grade K-6. Data collected is used to help focus our professional development and work in our collaborative teams. Our professional development time in December focused primarily on aligning math assessments with our essential math standards. The January professional development schedule includes student engagement strategies led by our AEA team and to continue to learn more about our instructional framework. The building math team continues to meet to monitor the implementation of our new math materials.



Food pantry donations and delivery.



The Elementary SLT shopping for Adopt-A-Family



Gifted and Talented News

By Bobbi Jo Boggs

This year in the gifted room has been very exciting and busy. New this year, we have two classes at the junior and senior high levels. Junior high students are being challenged to design, price, and create a slideshow to try to sell tiny house designs to an imaginary city council as a means of helping homeless families. In addition, some junior high students have been working on various engineering projects and the Math Olympiad. Senior high students who have opted to take the gifted class are working on independent research projects of their own choosing. Topics this semester range from the occupation of the Baltic states to dystopian literature to the reality versus

the media portrayal of pirates. Each project will result in a presentation of the author's choosing at the end of the semester.

At the elementary, we continue to have pull out groups to challenge them in reading or math at the second through sixth grade level. In addition, kindergarten and first grade classes have a thinking skills class each week that challenges them to use different types of thinking, from detective thinking to scientific thinking. The activities in these classes stress using our minds to solve problems and organize information as well as creative and critical thinking.

In fifth through eighth grade, students again this fall

participated in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl, an online quiz bowl competition against schools from around the country. Although all classes did a great job representing Colfax-Mingo, our fifth and sixth grade classes especially shined, placing 14th out of 71 schools and 19th out of 74 schools respectively and getting 95% of the questions correct in the 100 question quiz. They will all be participating in the spring contest as well, and high school will participate in a competition in January.

Junior and Senior High students will also be participating virtually in the Iowa Science Bowl this year in January and February. This competition is among students in a variety of

Iowa junior and senior high schools. Both of our teams of 4-5 students have been determined for this year's competition, and their preliminary rounds will be completed soon.

Fifth and Sixth Grade students are also participating this year in the Math Olympiad. For this competition, students take five separate math quizzes with advanced problems in the months of November through March. At the end of these quizzes, the student in each grade with the most total correct answers wins the competition and is awarded a trophy. Any students that meet specific requirements for the state averages also may receive a patch, pin, or ribbon for their efforts.

Jr/Sr High School News

From the Desk of Mrs. Lancaster:



Alex Lancaster
Jr/Sr High School
Principal

As we head into a new year, we are also closing in on the end of first semester (January 14th)! January also brings about the coldest month of the year, so trying to find indoor activities can be tricky. However, winter is a great time to get involved in activities or athletics! We have a number

of clubs, activities, and sports for students to participate in. Students can check out our school website or daily announcements for upcoming opportunities.

As the semester winds to a close, I also want to emphasize the importance of communication between home and school as we are a partnership in helping all students succeed. Communication is an essential component in life and it is something we strive to

increase and improve among students, staff, and families each and every day. Consistent contact between home and school helps students learn and succeed. Just as teachers communicate home regarding concerns or sharing of good news, please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers with any questions or concerns. We also encourage you to visit our website and follow our Facebook pages for day to day updates and information.

This time of year also sparks a season of gratitude and reflection. As I also finish my first semester as a principal at Colfax-Mingo, I want to express my sincere gratitude toward the entire school staff, students, and community for giving such a warm and supportive welcome. Thank you and may you have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lancaster

Schlosser receives scholarship

By Jean Hoffman

What an honor it was to award the initial PH Balance Scholarship to Molly Schlosser, a senior from Colfax-Mingo Community Schools in the amount of \$1,000 following the banquet at the State Meeting and Convention in October. She has, in her words, endured the "unimaginable" when her father died suddenly from a heart attack during her freshman year of high school. She stepped up and quickly learned how to do the chores on the farm to keep it going.

She has continued to participate in many school activities such as student council, Generation On, choir, youth group, swimming, golf, track, girl's wrestling, FFA, and 4-H. She has held multiple offices in these organizations. In fact, she has excelled in wrestling placing multiple times as a state place-winner. Her high school girl's wrestling teams have placed 2nd and 3rd in the state. She represented women's wrestling for the state of Iowa at the AAU National Scholastic Duals Championships held in Orlando, Florida, this past June. Presently she is preparing for her senior year of wrestling in hopes of gaining a wrestling scholarship, too.

During the state fair in 2019 and 2021 her leadership skills were put to use as she led a group of 20 FFA members from across the state by answering questions and developing work schedules for their work done at the grandstands. I can only guess she would have been there in 2020 had it not been for COVID.

Katie is looking at several options for school at this time and intends to pursue a degree in photography and ag related studies. It was a pleasure to meet Katie in person. We wish her continued success in her future.



Iowa State Dance/Drill Team Championships



Brooke Pease placed 10th in class 3 Solo Championships.

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.

Colfax-Mingo CSD January 2022 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 B - French Toast Sticks Corndog Corn Vegetable Choice Applesauce Milk	4 B - Muffin & Yogurt Cheeseburger/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	5 B - Grab n Go Mr. Rib French Fries Broccoli Apple Wedges Milk	6 B - Biscuit & Gravy Spaghetti Mixed Greens Salad Seasoned Peas Breadstick Pears Milk	7 B - Cinnamon Roll Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Biscuit Peaches Milk
10 B - Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Quesadilla Refried Beans Corn & Salsa Mixed Fruit Milk	11 B - Coffee Cake Chicken Strips Potatoes Au Gratin Fresh Vegetable Salad Wheat Roll Banana Milk	12 B - Grab n Go Beef Burger Seasoned Wedges Green Beans Strawberries Milk	13 B - Breakfast Sandwich Chili Fresh Vegetables Cinnamon Roll Applesauce Milk	14 B - Long John Hotdog/WG Bun Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Orange Wedges Milk
17 B - Breakfast Pizza Chicken Patty/WG Bun Potato Smiles Mini Carrots Peaches Milk	18 B - Mini Donuts Walking Taco Lettuce/Tomato Cheese/Salsa Mexi Corn Black Beans Rice (7-12) Pineapple Milk	19 B - Grab n Go Cooks' Choice	20 B - Muffin & Yogurt Pulled Pork Sandwich Waffle Fries Creamy Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Milk	21 B - Mini Cinni Italian Dunkers Garden Salad Steamed Broccoli Apple Wedges Dessert Milk
24 B - Cereal/Toast Pork Fritter/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Orange Wedges Milk	25 B - Mini Waffles Chicken & Rice Broccoli Salad Mixed Vegetables Egg Roll Pineapple Milk	26 B - Grab n Go Pizza burger Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Mini Carrots Pears Milk	27 B - Donut Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Rosy Applesauce Dessert (7-12) Milk	28 B - Biscuit & Gravy Meatball Sub Mixed Greens Salad Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Choice Milk
31 B - Mini Bagels		*Additional fruit choice is offered daily at the MS/HS *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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JANUARY 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 NEW YEARS DAY <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
2	3 SCHOOL RESUMES	4	5 90 Minute Late Start	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 90 Minute Late Start	13	14 2 ND Qtr Ends 1 st Semester Ends	15
16	17 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	18	19 90 Minute Late Start	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 90 Minute Late Start	27	28	29
30	31					