

Tigerhawk Talk



February 2022

Tigerhawk Family,



Erik Anderson
Superintendent

On March 1, our school district is asking our district patrons to consider renewing our Voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (VP-PEL). Five years ago, the district patrons voted to approve the district to levy \$0.67/\$1,000 of valuation. That

money has been used to:

- sustain a 1:1 ratio of students to computer devices and upgrades
- enhance safety and security surveillance systems
- purchase technology licenses
- purchase technology server and data storage
- update classroom equipment and furniture
- lease buses and copy equipment.

The district is asking our constituents to consider a 10-year renewal and for a \$1.34/\$1,000 levy. The additional money is to address the expected growth in our communities (there are upwards of five housing developments set to break

ground this spring inside our district boundaries!) as well as:

- purchase a new bus fleet that the district would oversee with fiscal responsibility
- upgrade classroom furniture throughout the district
- playground expansion and equipment upgrades
- ongoing safety and security surveillance of new construction

Please go out and vote on March 1. The district goal is always that 100% of the voting base in our district casts their vote so we have a clear direction from our patrons. Please see our website for more information and polling locations.

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 unique reasons I am proud to be a Tigerhawk:

- Our communities are moving forward with priorities to grow our district population. Five housing additions are planned to get started in the spring that are within our district boundaries!
- Construction on our new stadium at our Jr/Sr High is planned to be completed in time for football season and the gymnasium by the start of the basketball and wrestling seasons!

• Students graduating from Colfax-Mingo have earned over \$300,000 in scholarship money each of the last 3 years!

- Our student population has grown for five of the last six years!
- 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 programs!
- 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! Thank you for continuing to advocate for 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

TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Late start Wednesdays for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year

There will be a 90 minute late school start on the following dates:

February 2022: 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2022: 2, 9, 23, 30

April 2022: 6, 13, 20, 27

May 2022: 4, 11

Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

February is here and so is another window of assessment data. Elementary students have taken mid-year assessments in both math and reading. This data is used in a variety of ways. The elementary's building leadership team set building goals for the 2021-2022 school year this fall. Goal 1: Increase the percentage of students proficient on the grade level FAST literacy assessment to 70% by the winter benchmark and 80% by the end of the school year. Goal 2: Increase the percentage of students proficient on the ISASP math assessment by 10% from the previous year in grades 3-6. Assessments are still in progress so there is no update at this time but look for updates

in future Tigerhawk Talks. So, what's next? Elementary collaborative teams continue to focus on math and literacy weekly during meetings. The focus is on what all students are getting daily in our Tier 1 level. Many times as educators we focus on interventions which is our Tier 2 level of support.

We want to keep in mind the big picture of how our system is doing and use professional development opportunities to support our goals and students.

In addition to literacy & math, data is also collected on our social/emotional goals created by the building leadership team. Goal 1- increase the number of students from 260 to 273 in our school who can identify a trusted adult, according to our winter minute meeting data. Goal 2- have 100% staff participation in implement-

ing the SOAR Buck reward system by November. We are discussing our data for this goal and looking to create a new goal for February. The school counselors at the elementary have just completed winter Minute Meetings and are compiling the data to share with staff. The next step is to take the data and look what's next in the world of social/emotional.

- Success Team & Building Leadership Team dig into the data & make a plan
- Meet with school counselors & review classroom lessons.
- Review implementation and expectations of our PBIS system.
- Get feedback from families.
- Increase awareness of areas of concerns with all staff including teachers, para-educators, and others.

Jasper County Conservation Programs

By Adrienne Flattery, Deb Hainer and Brenda Rice

We are fortunate to be able to have the conservationists from Jasper county (Greg Oldsen and Katie Cantu) come to



our classrooms to explore science related topics. In November we studied about Bats. Students studied the lives of both local and exotic bats through several hands-on activities. Students learned what different bats eat. They discussed echolocation and looked at bat skeletons. In December we introduced animal adaptations through the program Animal Superpowers.



Students created superheroes with animal adaptations for superpowers. Students shared how these superpowers would be beneficial to the animal they created. During the month of

January we learned about penguins. Students compare their height to the height of an emperor penguin. We also discussed how difficult it is to be an emperor penguin dad. First graders look forward to Greg and Katie coming to see us!

Fourth graders study Civil War



By Brittany Johnson

Students in 4th grade have been diving into the Civil War, looking at what life was like for different groups of people. Now, we have begun to read about the Underground Railroad and the different ways slaves es-

caped. Recently we dug into codes and messages slaves used to help them find their way to freedom. Freedom Quilts were quilts with patterns that had secret meanings such as following the North star or following ducks and geese North in the

spring. Students were able to create their own quilt pattern that they think would help the slaves on their quest to freedom. Some used already created symbols, a combination of symbols, or completely came up with their own!

Jr/Sr High School News

Honor Roll

First Semester A Honor Roll

Seventh Grade — Dakota Allen, Nathaniel Endersbe, Fisher Grove, Layne Keller, Maleah Kertels, Macie Porter, Katelyn Steenhoek, Makenna Westercamp

Eighth Grade — Emmalyn Buchman, Luke Padgett

Ninth Grade — Emily Bushbaum, Denise Castro, Kaylee Collins, Sydney Harter, Harrison Rhone, Trinity Smith, Madison Stackhouse, Audrey Thomas, Shae Wilkins

10th Grade — Ashton Byal, Caleb DesPlanques, Charlotte Donahue, Logan Exley, Ellie Hunsberger, Mickayla Lind, Merritt McConeghey, McKynna McDermott, Adalai Schroeder, Cassidy Smith, Lynnsey Solasberry, Rachael Uecker

11th Grade — Cale Duffy, Carter Gibson, Brooke Pease, Holland Robinette, Carley Underwood, Maxwell Vandusseldorp

12th Grade — Kirsten Frier, Kyra Lester, Danica Linn, Justin Myers, Rhiannon Nichol, Maggie Schroeder

B Honor Roll

Seventh Grade — Grace Allen, Hope Allen, Allan Bregar, Alexandra Camp, Arianna Horras, Asher Knutson, Lindsey Patten, Krissy Snow, Victoria Woods, Brooklyn Yanske

Eighth Grade — Kaydence Andersen, Evalyn Anderson, Brooklynn Audas, Lily Brenner, Sean Craven, Lilyan Hadsall, Britney Keeney, Cadence Linn, Myli McDonald, Raymond Purk, Reese Richards, Sean Sickels, Alex Teed, Kyle Wood, William Zook

Ninth Grade — Sean Ament, Emma Cook, Layla

Miller, Ava VanMaaren

10th Grade — Danielle Black, Alice Brown, De Andre Jackson, Brandon Kite, John McGill, Emilyanne Mills, Aspin Wilkins, Lio Winklepleck

11th Grade — Joslyn Chadwick, Breanda Hall, Addison Kochheiser, McKenna Pleima, Abigail Rawlins, Felicity Woods

12th Grade — Grant Alexander, Coleman Craig, Jay-Lynn Donahoo, Kylie Doty, Kaleb Lincoln, Colton Lind, Seth Martin, Samantha Pierce, Katie Schlosser, David Strohmeyer

2022 Baseball season has started!

We want to continually WELCOME, any and all wanting to share the field with us, this 2022 baseball season

We meet Tuesday/Thursday's at 6AM now through May.

A preview of our practice: We turn on some upbeat music, wake up the body properly with light running/dynamic stretching; work some agility and base running, warm-up arms while learning proper throwing/pitching mechanics with our new J-Band and Driveline Plyo Ball Armcare+ Routine, throw the baseball a while, then we play a mini game/competition with teammates & cool down with J-bands to finish up. We end practice around 7:15ish; allowing time to get

ready for school.

We need to continually thank a combination of our school, booster club, local businesses, and community for our 2022 season; They've help provide 30 new uniforms, new hats, indoor pitching mounds, field updates (New on the field mound, lights, and more to come!) bats, catcher gear, batting helmets, J-bands, Driveline Plyo Balls (the pros use), RMT clubs, flat mitts, and much more for our 2022 season. THANK YOU

We encourage you to talk with someone you see in the photo or on our Facebook page, & come share the experience with us! Also if you are interested in being a manager this season, please continue

to let Coach Otto know via email or message on the FB link below, OR come to our work-

outs! Even if you want to give it a shot for a day or two, come on out and check out the

new program!
Hope to see you soon!
Coach Otto

C-M High School Girl's Wrestling Team

The Colfax-Mingo High School Girl's Wrestling Team competed in the 4th IWCOA State Championships from 1/21/22-1/22/22 and took 2nd place as a team and came away with six placewinners. Below is how everyone finished.

Lily Webster - 8th place
 Riely Wright - 0-2 overall
 Mariah Webster - 3rd place
 Danica Linn - 8th place
 Kylie Doty - 6th place
 Kirsten Frier - 3-2 overall
 Shyann Steck - 2-2 overall
 Melany Vry - 4-2 overall
 Maggie Schroeder - 5th

place
 Katie Schlosser - 4th place
 Lily Arndt - 1-2 overall
 Emma Cook - 1-2 overall
 It was not just about the six place winners. This was a whole team accomplishment. From the girls who competed, to our managers who

helped all season, to coaches and to the boys on our team who helped prepare the girls for this weekend. Everyone played a role and can take some credit. Thank you to everyone for their support. The girls felt it each match and it showed!



Kylie



Lily W



Maggie



Team Trophy



Mariah



Danica



Placewinners



Girls state



Katie

Colfax-Mingo Dance Team shines at state competition

Cassidy Booher

Colfax-Mingo Dance Coach

The CMDT took on the ISDTA Competition December 1st and 2nd. We were just excited to attend in person. Only 3 team member had ever competed on the State floor, but not a single member had attended the competition since the new format of soloists and teams competing on the same days. We had a blast and improved immensely even with being in harder categories than last year! Results:

Class I Contemporary- D1 and 2nd Place out of 8 teams and improved last

years score by 4 points!

Class II Novelty - D1 rating and our first time competing in this category for many years, tough competition, but they worked so hard to get that D1 rating!

Class III Solos - ALL SEVEN SOLOS RECIEVED A D1 RATING! Congratulations to Brooke Pease for placing TENTH! All of our soloist placed in the top half of our category which had 64 soloists! We moved up a Class in solos so this is a HUGE accomplishment. Brooke, Mickayla, Abi, Ashton, and Aubrey were all within 5 points of each other, that's

how tight the competition was! Riely and Kaylee were right behind within another 5 points. These soloists ROCKED it and I couldn't be more proud!

Class IV Pom - D1 rating and 4th Place out of 12 teams, TOUGH category and HUGE accomplishment made here!

Thank you to everyone who was able to watch from home or in person and everyone who has supported us throughout the season. We love being Tigerhawks and representing Colfax-Mingo at State! Now we prepare for our Winter Showcase on February 26th!



Winter Showcase

February 26



FEBRUARY 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 90 Minute Late Start	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 90 Minute Late Start	10	11	12
13	14 C-M School Board meeting	15	16 90 Minute Late Start	17	18	19
20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL	22	23 90 Minute Late Start	24	25 2 ND TRIMESTER ENDS	26
27	28					

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 February 2022 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 B - Breakfast Pizza Pig in the Blanket Tater Tots Baked Beans Applesauce Milk	2 B - Grab n Go Soft Shell Taco Mexi Corn Veg Choice (HS) Rice Pineapple Milk	3 B - Cinnamon Roll Chicken Alfredo Spinach Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mini Carrots Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	4 B - Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Cheeseburger/WG Bun Potato Smiles Green Beans Apple Brownie (HS) Milk
7 B - French Toast Sticks Popcorn Chicken Vegetable Choice Broccoli Wheat Roll Mandarin Oranges Milk	8 B - Coffee Cake French Toast Sausage/Egg Hashbrown Cucumber Slices Strawberries Milk	9 B - Grab n Go Pasta Bake Mixed Greens Salad Mini Carrots Garlic Bread Pears Milk	10 B - Breakfast Sandwich Fish Sticks (K-6) Fish Sandwich (7-12) French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Orange Wedges Milk	11 B - Long John Pork Chopette Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Baked Beans Sliced Bread (7-12) Peaches Milk
14 B - Mini Cinni Corndog Waffle Fries Green Beans Mixed Fruit Dessert Milk	15 B - Mini Donuts Super Nachos Bean/Cheese/Salsa Corn Rosy Applesauce Milk	16 B - B - Grab n Go Chicken Wrap Garden Salad Cucumber Slices Macaroni Salad (7-12) Banana Milk	17 B - Breakfast Pizza Cheese Steak Sandwich Seasoned Wedges Mini Carrots Pineapple Milk	18 B - Muffin & Yogurt Breaded Chicken Patty Curly Fries Broccoli Apple Milk
21 No School	22 B - Mini Waffles Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Peaches Milk	23 B - Grab n Go Cooks' Choice	24 B - Donut Garlic Cheese Bread w/ Marinara Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Grapes Milk	25 B - Mini Bagels Grilled Cheese & Soup Fresh Vegetables Fruit Choice Dessert (9-12) Milk
28 B - Cereal/Toast Pizza Tossed Salad Vegetable Choice Mixed Fruit Milk		*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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