

Tigerhawk Talk



May 2022

Tigerhawks!!



**Erik Anderson
Superintendent**

As we finish this year strong, we are excited for the opportunities this year has brought our Tigerhawks! All sorts of emotions and thoughts wrapped up into the year. Without a doubt, our kids and staff have been amazing once again this year!

Our teachers have again been asked to pivot, redesign, rethink, and

completely overhaul their curriculum and teaching practices. They have done this for the betterment of our students. Our teachers have stood up to the winds of change and made this work for our kids. May 2 - May 6 is Teacher Appreciation week. Please take time to share with our teachers how much we appreciate them. Take time to reach out to them individually or as a group. Every word and note makes a difference to our teachers! Thank you, teachers!

Our Board of Directors are unpaid volunteers that put their own name and reputation on the line for our students while receiving no pay and often little to no thanks. The direction they give guides the day to day movements of

our system. Directors often do not have educational backgrounds, but do all have a huge heart for students and for Colfax-Mingo. The decisions they make are extremely difficult. Still, they show up to meetings and make the best decision they can for our kids. May is School Board recognition Month. Please take time to send a note of thanks to our Directors for the work they do. Thank you, Directors!

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

Remember, this is Tigerhawk Country!

Take care,
Erik Anderson

**2022 BASEBALL
BEGINS MAY 2ND**

**2022 OFFICIAL BASEBALL
PRACTICE BEGINS
MONDAY MAY 2ND**

**MEET IN THE HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA 6PM**

**LET'S HAVE A
GREAT SEASON!**

Play ball!

By Coach Otto

Our 2022 official season begins Monday May 2nd, 6PM in the High School Cafeteria.

We will practice from approximately 6-8ish PM or daily after track/golf practice.

All newcomers are welcome; we are still looking for 2-4 managers for the team.

For anyone interested, please contact me at dotto@colfaxmingo.org or show up this week to practice.

We're excited to get this 2022 baseball season underway!

Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

The 2021-2022 school year is winding down as we prepare for a busy month of May. The month begins with a couple of our regular assessments. FAST testing will occur in grades K-6. This includes aReading and reading fluency testing. The first week of May will also include ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) for grades 3-6. Students will be tested over Reading, Language Arts/Writing, and Math. In addition to those three tests, 5th grade will also do a science test. Below is the schedule for testing.

The elementary is busy preparing for our summer school program. The program will run from June 6th to July 1st. Students will be assigned a 45 time slot for individual or small group

instruction. Session will meet Monday through Friday between 8:00-12:00. Transportation will be provided but only before 8:00 and after 12:00. Staff will be on site to provide programming for students that are here the entire time. Lunch will also be provided for free this summer. We are also planning to have the elementary library open during summer school hours for all students to stop and check out books.

The first ever Pk-12 Track & Field/Carnival Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th with a rain date of Wednesday, May 18th. The plan is to use the new stadium for Track & Field Activities. We are still in the planning stages for the carnival. Elementary classes will be paired with secondary students for the day. One half of the day will be Track & Field while the other half will be the carnival.

The fifth grade is preparing for their annual trip to Quarry Spring Park. Their Quarry Springs Adventure is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday May, 24th. The students will have an opportunity to explore the park and what it has to offer. Activities will include GPS, archery, survival skills, furs & track, fire building, rocketry, water quality, pollinators, fishing and Using our Senses. We would like to thank the Quarry Springs Staff and volunteers for their amazing support to this event. We would also like to thank Jasper County Conservation, Jasper County Extension, Kyle Ament (water quality), Josh Williams (pollinator program) and all the generous parents that volunteer their time to lead programs and chaperone. A special thank you goes out to Lila Maher for making lunch for the students!

Opera Iowa performs for Colfax-Mingo Elementary



Opera Iowa visited Colfax-Mingo Elementary on Monday, April 25th. The opera performed Rusalka: The Littlest Mermaid. Colfax-Mingo would like to thank Larry Ladd and Shirley Ladd Hanson for generously sponsoring the event. As you can tell by the pictures, the students had a great time.

Elementary students are working on strong bodies

By Jeff Lindsay

Starting the new year, after Christmas break, grades 3-6 tried a different type of activity that would cover from January 18th thru March 9th. A “Sit-up Challenge!” Our goal was to try to get 75% of the total students to get or pass 35 sit-ups in 1 minute. We would practice this by starting each PE class partnering up and timing them. I would write down their scores so the students could see their progress. My goal for the students was for them to understand the importance of a strong body core and how anyone can improve

themselves if they work at something consistently and honestly over a period of time and not just a week or two. I was proud of the effort and enthusiasm the students came with each day. It was fun to see the changing of the attitudes from those who were timid and unsure, to confidence and ready to continually improve that they are now doing them on their own time at home. Every student has improved from the first day we started. When we got to our last day and did the final tally we had a whopping 91% of the students get 35 or above. Awesome job!

When we got back from Spring Break we took another week off and then dove in for one last challenge this year. The 3rd and 4th grade are working to get 40 or higher and the 5th and 6th attempting 45 or more. We again are aiming for the 75-80% this time around. Also, the K-2nd grades are having a “Laps Challenge!” Each grade has 3 sections(A,B,C) and they will compete against each other until May 20th. Each time a class comes to PE, they get a partner, one person will run for 2 minutes and the other counts. When that time is done they switch.

I then record both scores. When we get to the end date I will tally each sections total laps to see which section in each grade ran the most. My goal here was for the students to be responsible as counters, teamwork, sportsmanship, and overall fitness. They’re doing great!

We’ve also played many different activities this year as well. A few different activities the students experienced were badminton, bowling, and pillow polo. The kids really enjoyed these. We will finish up the year with the Fitness Test and the exciting Track and Field day!

Music Department

By Fallan Stark

April was a big month for the Elementary Music Department! We started the month with the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade music and band concert. They sang partner songs and rounds which are important to bridge the gap in singing 2 part harmony songs.

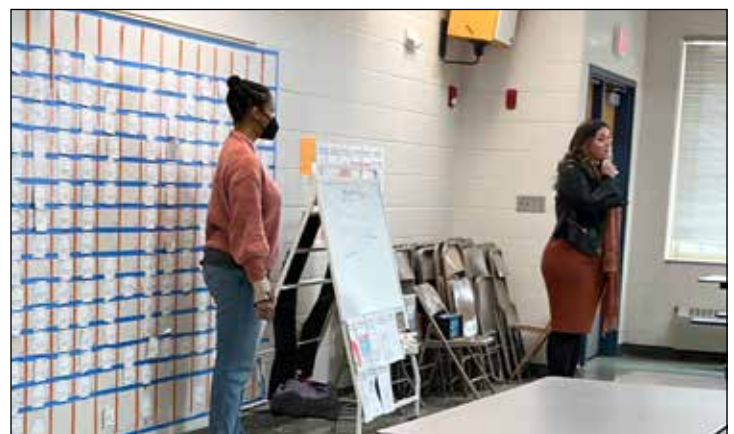
They also played instruments. The kindergarten and 1st grade had their very first Fine Arts Night on April 21st.

We concluded the month with the whole elementary gathering in the gym to see the Des Moines Metro Opera’s performance of “Rusalka” (The Littlest Mermaid), which pictures

are attached. The sixth graders went to a workshop about setting up the set and learned the behind the scenes. The third grade went to a workshop about how to put an opera together. They asked 3rd grade to come up with characters, settings, and a plot. From there, they improvised a scene in an opera given the

prompts! Ask the 3rd grade about it- they had some funny prompts! We are so grateful to Larry and Shirley Ladd for making this event possible and exposing our musicians to the world of opera.

Catch us at our next event- Parade of Bands on May 13th, 6pm, HS!



Girls Open Wrestling Practice

Who: ALL girls interested in giving wrestling a try!

What: Learn the basics of wrestling. Give live wrestling a try to see if it's something you'd be interested in being a part of when the season rolls around!

Where: The high school cafeteria.

When: Sundays from 5-6:30pm - May 1st - May 29th

Why: To continue to build the number of girls wrestling at all age levels at Colfax-Mingo! See, feel and be a part of the experience!

Cost: FREE



Practices will be run by current high school wrestling coaches as well as current HS girls wrestlers and former wrestlers now competing in college!

Girls Wrestle Too!

2019 2nd Place Team Finish, IWCOA State Tournament

2020 6th Place Team Finish, IWCOA State Tournament

2021 3rd Place Team Finish, IWCOA State Tournament

2022 2nd Place Team Finish, IWCOA State Tournament

1 State Champion

21 State Placewinners

5 Academic All-State

2 Iowa/USA State Freestyle Champions

5 Iowa/USA State Freestyle Place Winners

3 USA Fargo Qualifiers

Jr/Sr High School News



Alex Lancaster
Jr/Sr High School
Principal

From the Desk of Mrs. Lancaster:

Hello Tigerhawks! We have made it to Spring! As Spring approaches, we are continuing with our planning of graduation and the end of the school year. Spring sports are in full swing and our student athletes are working hard in the classroom and on the field. We have finished all district-wide assessments for the year! We are down

to the final countdown and want to cross the finish line strong and proud of the accomplishments from this year. Please encourage your student to maintain focus this last month and discuss with them some strategies to end the academic year with a strong finish.

Students registered for courses over the past couple of weeks. I invite you to have your student show you their requested courses through Xello on their Chromebook.

If you have any questions about courses or academic plans, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

On May 17th we will hold a preschool through 12th grade track and field day. More information will be coming out regarding this day. Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 22nd in the high school gymnasium.

Communication is vital to student success, and we strive to connect to our students, families, and the

community each day. We will continue reaching out to you with weekly emails, progress reports, and announcements. We also encourage you to visit our website and follow our Colfax-Mingo Facebook page for announcements, information, and snapshots of our daily activities within the school building.

As always, please reach out at any time with any questions, concerns, or comments. I am looking forward to finishing the year strong!



Iowa Star finalist: Mia Gibson-Iowa FFA president, Erin Hume, Ashley Shultze-Becks, Mike Rupert, Kenny Schlosser, Mollie Schlosser



Iowa Degree recipients: Left to Right: Kenny Schlosser, Kirsten Frier, Grant Alexander, Katie Schlosser, Justin Myers

State FFA Convention

The Colfax-Mingo FFA Chapter had 15 members attend Iowa's 94th state FFA conference in Ames, Iowa on April 11th and 12th. FFA members that attended include: Katie Schlosser, Kenny Schlosser, Kirsten Frier, Grant Alexander, Justin Myers, Morgan Vandyke, Destiny McBride, Kinser McDermott, Joe Earles, Cael Bracewell, Tate Carlson, Emma Cook, Ava VanMaaren, Lily Webster, and Elise Engle.

The chapter agenda included: leadership development contests, animal science tour, 2 sessions, talent show, ISU ambassador bbq, fun night at ISU campus and career fair. Receiving the ambassador award for Colfax Mingo was Katie Schlosser. This is based on support for the Iowa FFA Foundation.

The highlight of the convention was 5 members receiving their Iowa FFA degrees and Kenny Schlosser being recognized for FFA star production. To receive your Iowa FFA degree you have to make at least \$1500 in an ag-related area, keep records, fill out an application and be in at least 10 FFA activities.

Grant Alexander sae was based on working for his family and working at Colfax tractor. Kirsten Friers sae consisted of showing sheep and mowing lawns, Justin Myers sae was based on bottle calves and working at Countryside Sales. Katie Schlosser sae consisted of raising cattle and helping out at the farm with swine and grain production. Kenny Schlosser's sae was based on working at farm, raising cattle, and working for Bell. The last member to be recognized for their FFA degree was Calvin Schlosser in 2018.

There were over 6000 members and guests who attended State FFA convention this year. Currently the Iowa FFA association has over 18,000 members.

Colfax-Mingo Dance Team

By Cassidy Booher

We recently had our show on February 26 and welcomed dancers from K-8 in our clinic, coed dancers, the PCM Dance Team, Wilson Dance Company, the North Mahaska Dance Team, and Steppin' Out Dance and Tumbling Studio.

We celebrated the successes of our year including 7 Division 1 State Soloists with Brooke Pease placing 10th in our class, a 2nd place Contemporary placement, 4th place Pom placement, and Division 1 rated Novelty routine.

We had 3 dancers on the All-Iowa Honors Dance Team at the beginning of March, Junior Brooke Pease for the second year in a row along with Junior Aubrey Rawlins and Sophomore Riley Wright joining for their first year.

We had the opportunity to help the



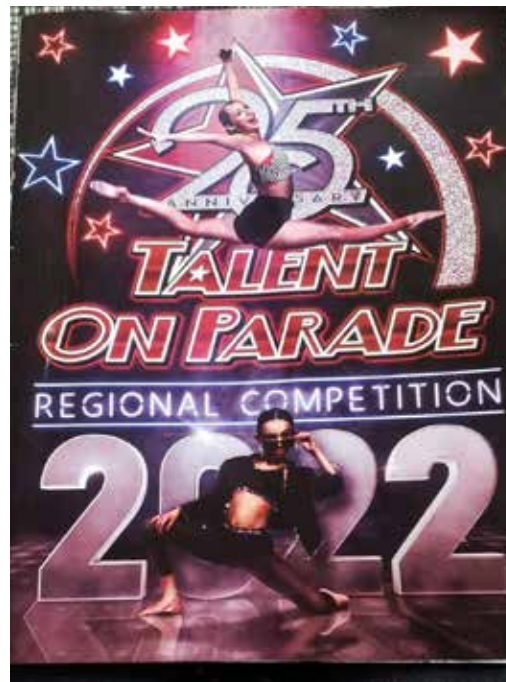
Baxter dance team celebrate another great season on April 9th, we love celebrating our neighbor's successes!

We have tryouts coming up in May for the 22-23 season, more details to come!

Out of school dancing



Photo courtesy of Norma Rawlins



Aubrey Rawlins, Ashton Byal and Brooke Pease participated in the "Talent On Parade" dance competition recently at the Event Center in downtown Des Moines. This is a huge competition and companies travel over several states to put on these events. This particular competition had 28 dance studios from Iowa, Missouri & Nebraska competing. Aubrey, Ashton and Brooke all placed at the top of this competition. Brooke received a double diamond award and top Startz Award, Aubrey Rawlins and Ashton Byal received diamond awards.

Brooke Pease and Aubrey Rawlins danced for Wilson Dance Studio. Ashton Byal danced for Kasey Leigh Dance Studio in this competition.

MAY 2022

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
|--|--------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 90 minute late start | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 90 minute late start | 12 | 13 5 TH & 6 TH GRADE BAND CONCERT @ JR/SR HS 6 PM | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 ELEMENTARY TRACK AND FIELD DAY AT HS. RAIN DATE MAY 18. ELEMENTARY CARNAVAL | 18 HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT AT HS GYM 6:30 PM | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 1:00 PM | 23 | 24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-SCHOOL | 25 | 26 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 MEMORIAL DAY | 31 | | | | |

Please note: Athletic events have not been included on the Newsletter's monthly calendar as there are changes from day to day. To keep current with Athletic events, they are now posted on the School's webpage under EVENTS..

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 May 2022 Menu</i> | | | | |
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| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> |
| 2 B - Cereal/Toast Pizza Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Seasoned Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk | 3 B - Mini Donuts Mr. Rib French Fries Broccoli Banana Milk | 4 B - Grab n Go Garlic Cheese Bread Garden Salad Mini Carrots Grapes Choc Chip Cookie Milk | 5 B - Donut Walking Taco Lettuce/Tomato Cheese/Salsa Corn & Black Beans Rice (7-12) Pineapple Milk | 6 B - Biscuit & Gravy Cheeseburger/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Apple Milk |
| 9 B - Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Quesadilla w/ salsa Tossed Salad Refried Beans Mixed Fruit Milk | 10 B - Long John Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Biscuit Peaches Milk | 11 B - Grab n Go Hotdog/ WG Bun Tater Tots Cucumber Slices Macaroni Salad (7-12) Strawberries Milk | 12 B - Cinnamon Roll Chicken Strips Potatoes Au Gratin Fresh Veg Salad Wheat Roll Fruit Choice Milk | 13 B - Muffin & Yogurt Beef Burger Seasoned Wedges Corn Pears Milk |
| 16 B - French Toast Sticks Chicken Patty/WG Bun Potato Smiles Mini Carrots Peaches Milk | 17 B - Coffee Cake Corndog Vegetable Choice Mixed Vegetables Apple Dessert Milk | 18 B - Cereal/Toast Mr. Rib Baked Beans Waffle Fries Banana Milk | 19 B - Breakfast Sandwich Italian Dunkers Garden Salad Broccoli Salad Applesauce Milk | 20 B - Mini Cinni Pulled Pork Sandwich French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Milk |
| 23 B - Mini Donuts Pork Fritter/WG Bun Curly Fries Corn Orange Wedges Milk | 24 B - Breakfast Pizza Cheeseburger/WG Bun Vegetable Choice Pears Milk | 25 B - Choice Cooks' Choice | 26 B - Choice Cooks' Choice Last Day of School | 27 |
| <p>*Milk (skim, choc skim & 1%) *Menu is subject to change * Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. *Additional options at the JH/HS. <i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</i></p> | | | | |

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