

# Tigerhawk Talk



April 2022

## Tigerhawks!!



**Erik Anderson**  
Superintendent

in 2023. The projects and plans will be

Thank you to our patrons that went out to vote for the recent Voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (VPPEL). We are appreciative of the support our school receives from our community. The new funding from the vote will start

able to get started planning now so we can hit the ground running in a year from now. The opportunities for our students were greatly impacted by this outcome. Thank you Colfax-Mingo residents!

We strive for transparency and consistency of messaging out to our communities and parents/guardians. As such, we would appreciate the opportunity to find out more about why our patrons voted the way they did. Earlier I sent out a survey requesting information to help us grow and improve. If you would still like to send in your thoughts, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/4yb6f8ub>. Thank you for your consideration.

Please take some time to celebrate the accomplishment our Tigerhawk students and staff have accomplished this year. Celebrating even small achievements will continue to move us forward through the end of this pandemic. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

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

Remember, this is Tigerhawk Country!

Take care,  
Erik Anderson

## APRIL BASEBALL



**HITTING - TUESDAY & THURSDAY @ ELEM 6AM**

**ARMCARE+ WEDNESDAY @ HIGH SCHOOL 6AM**

**OPEN GYM - SUNDAY @ HIGH SCHOOL 6PM**



The 2022 Tigerhawk baseball season starts May 2nd; here's what April looks like to get Ready.

We've been preventing injuries since January by using our Armcare+ program to "on ramp" our arms for the season. Now; it's time to continue armcare, but also need to put those runs on the scoreboard. Time to start hitting; For the month of April there will be 8 morning opportunities, and 4 weekend opportunities for our players to get prepped for the 2022 season. See the schedule for the details. Feel free to email me with any questions! [dotta@colfaxmingo.org](mailto:dotta@colfaxmingo.org)

Coach Otto

# Elementary School News



**Brian Summy**  
Elementary  
Principal

Spring has arrived and everyone is looking forward to the improving weather! Students are beginning spring sports and activities and the days are getting longer. April is always a busy month with plenty of activities across the district and at the elementary.

Students in grades 3-6 will participate in the annual Conditions for Learning Survey. The Iowa Department of Education includes the data from this survey as part of the plan for the federal education law, Every Student Succeeds Act, for identifying schools for improvement and support.

Schools use the survey to improve safety, student engagement and the overall learning environment so that all Iowa students have optimum condi-

tions for learning. The elementary will give the survey to students during the week of April 11th.

The fine arts program will be very busy during the month of April. This will be the first fine arts night

for these students in over 2 years. We are very excited to once again be putting our music and art programs on display for the public. Please come enjoy our students. In addition to the fine arts piece, the Colfax-Mingo Educational Foundation will be once again sponsoring a cookie walk during our programs. While you're enjoying the program, purchase some cookies to support our local educational foundation that supports our students.

**Program Dates:**

- Thursday, April 7th: Grades 4-6 (music/band) 6:00 pm at the jr/sr high school.
- Thursday, April 21st: Grades K-1 (music/art) 6:00 pm in the elementary gym.
- Monday, May 2nd: 5-12 Parade of Bands 6:00 pm at the jr/sr high school.

In addition to these performances, The Des Moines Metro Opera will be performing "Rusalka: The Littlest Mermaid" at the elementary on Monday, April 25th. We would like to thank Larry and Shirley Ladd for generously sponsoring this wonderful opportunity for our students.

We are excited to announce that we will be having our first ever Pk-12 Track & Field Day in May. We are planning to use the new stadium. It is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th with a rain date of Wednesday, May 18th. Watch for a more detailed schedule of events in the May newsletter.

## JCC visits the third grade classrooms!



**By Emilee McAtee and Kristen Hainer**

The end of February and beginning of March the third graders enjoyed a presentation by Katie Cantu on two different topics. The first topic in February was all about fossils. Students learned how fossils are made, what they tell us of the past, and how to identify fossils here in Iowa. The second topic was about first impressions of animals. Learning that there is a difference between the stereotypes/myths and actual facts of animals. Students got to meet Cupcake, which is Katie Cantu's pet snake.

# Jr/Sr High School News



Alex Lancaster  
Jr/Sr High School  
Principal

Spring has arrived, which means there are a lot of events on the horizon! Our MAP testing is wrapping up at the beginning of April, and we will begin our ISASP testing on April 22nd. Prom will also be held on April 30th to round out the month!

As we think about testing, it is a great opportunity to discuss with your student

## From the Desk of Mrs. Lancaster:

the importance of trying their best, having a positive mindset, and being prepared (fully rested, healthy breakfast, charged chromebook). Please remember these tests are only one piece of data used to form the big picture of a student's growth and academic progress throughout the school year. Looking at multiple data points helps teachers and staff plan instruction as well as place students in appropriate classes the following year.

Spring is also the time we

start to look ahead to the next school year. I am excited to announce that we will have 14 courses that offer dual-enrollment for college credit for the 22-23 school year (currently 10)! Our English and Social Studies departments have also revamped their course offerings for next year as well to provide more variety and options for students. Your student worked on their academic plan, which includes selecting courses, at the end of March. Feel free to

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

As we enter into the final quarter of this school year, I want to continue our positive momentum and finish the year strong! We continue to see a decrease in the number of tardies each month as well as an increase in student grades and learning. Let's make the most out of these last 8 weeks!

## FFA News — Kenny Schlosser

Kenny Schlosser has been selected as an Iowa State FFA Star finalist in the area of Agriculture production. Kenny will be recognized on April 12th at Hilton Coliseum. He is receiving this award based on his supervised agriculture experience, record book, degree application and FFA involvement over the past 4 years. Kenny's SAE consists of cow calf ownership, feeder cattle ownership, and working with various areas of livestock and raising crops at Schlosser farms. Kenny has been involved in over 21 activities the last 4 years. Kenny will be interviewed Tuesday afternoon for judges to make final selection. There are 5 other FFA members that he will compete against that are also finalists State Star. There are over 17000 FFA members in the state of Iowa. There will be over 5000 members and guests present at state convention. The only other 3 members to be recognized for this award in the 73 year chapter history are Calvin Schlosser, Brent Magg and Brad Magg. Kenny's parent is Mollie Schlosser who will also be on stage with Kenny.



## History of April Fools' Day



April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved

pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees. In 1985, Sports Illustrated writer George Plimpton tricked many

readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich. Google notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from "telepathic search" to the ability to play Pac Man on Google Maps.

# APRIL 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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3	4 Board Work Session 6pm	5	6 90 Minute Late Start For School	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 90 Minutes Late Start For School	14	15	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL Regular Board Meeting 6 pm	19	20 90 Minute Late Start For School	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 90 Minutes Late Start for School	28	29	30

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 April 2022 Menu*

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
				1 B - Long John Cooks' Choice
4 B - Breakfast Pizza Pork Fritter/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	5 B - Cinnamon Roll Chicken & Rice Broccoli Salad Mixed Vegetables Egg Roll (7-12) Pineapple Milk	6 B - Grab n Go Meatball Sub Mixed Greens Salad Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit Milk	7 B - Coffee Cake Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Applesauce Dessert (7-12) Milk	8 B - Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Garlic Cheese Bread w/ Marinara Garden Salad Corn Pears Milk
11 B - French Toast Sticks Cheeseburger/WG Bun French Fries Green Beans Peaches Milk	12 B - Muffin & Yogurt Pig in the Blanket Tater Tots Baked Beans Apple Wedges Milk	13 B - Grab n Go Soft Shell Taco Mexi Corn Black Beans Rice Pineapple Milk	14 B - Mini Donuts Chicken Alfredo Spinach Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mini Carrots Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	15 B - Cereal/ Toast Cheese Steak Sandwich Seasoned Wedges Broccoli Orange Wedges Milk
18 No School	19 B - Mini Cinni Super Nachos Bean/Cheese/Salsa Corn Rosy Applesauce Milk	20 B - Grab n Go Chicken Wrap Vegetable Choice Seasoned Peas Banana Dessert Milk	21 B - Pancakes Pasta Bake Tossed Salad Broccoli Salad Garlic Bread Grapes Milk	22 B - Mini Bagels Pizza Green Beans Garden Salad Pears Milk
25 B - Mini Waffles Corndog Potato Smiles Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	26 B - Donut French Toast Sausage/Egg Hashbrown Cucumber Slices Strawberries Milk	27 B - Grab n Go Spaghetti Mixed Greens Salad Seasoned Peas Breadstick Peaches Milk	28 B - Biscuit & Gravy Cooks' Choice	29 B - Breakfast Pizza Grilled Cheese Soup Fresh Vegetables Fruit Choice Dessert (9-12) Milk

\*Additional fruit choice is offered daily \*Milk (skim, choc skim & 1%) \*Menu is subject to change  
\* Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. Additional options at the MS/HS.  
*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

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