

Tigerhawk Talk

November 2022



Change is in the air

Fall is upon us as we have wrapped up the first 9 weeks of school and finishing up our first round of extra-curricular events. We have seen great growth in our students, both in the classroom and through completion. As the temperatures begin to drop, we continue to move forward with ongoing projects, wrapping up one and focusing on another.



Tim Salmon
Superintendent

As an administrative team, we have begun focusing our work on specific goals for the district, in the realm of

collaboration, social emotional learning, curriculum and attendance. We know that if we create a safe learning environment, collaborate as a team, focus on our curriculum and increase attendance that our students will thrive. We are proud of the success on statewide assessments and the Iowa School Performance Profile, but we also know that we still can improve and provide the very best opportunities for our students.

Our SIAC committee will meet in November and again in the spring, helping provide guidance and input in areas for the district. We are currently

looking for community members to serve on this committee that meets only two times. A great opportunity to give back, provide a voice, and help move the district forward. This committee includes: staff, students, parents and community members. Please contact me if you would like to serve.

Be on the lookout for some surveys coming in the near future as we begin future planning and need your input to guide our work. Our goal is to make Colfax-Mingo the envy of other school district.

Be proud, cheer loud and support our TigerHawks!

Knowledge Bowl



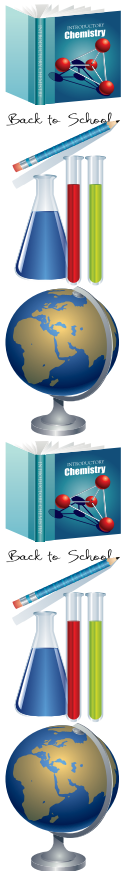
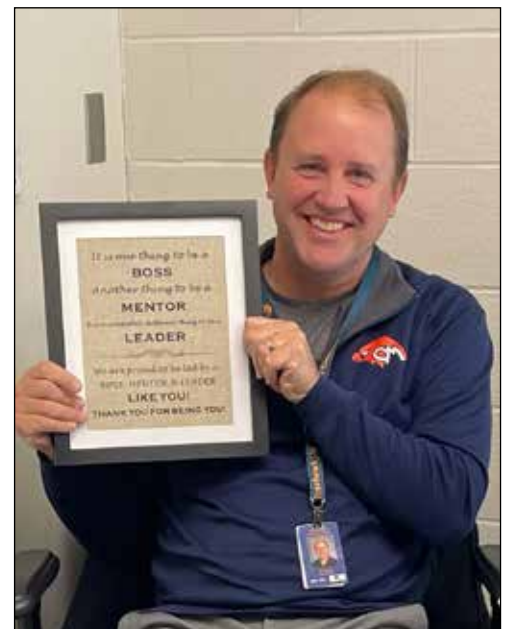
By Bobbi Boggs

On Thursday, October 20, the Colfax-Mingo Knowledge Bowl team of Ashton Byal, Sean Craven, Rachael Uecker, and Cassidy Smith participated in the live rounds of the Iowa Knowledge Bowl after qualifying as one of the top 12 teams in the Division II (small school) online competition. After a written exam and six live round robin matches, the team scored enough points to compete in the final showdown of the top three at the end of the day. They ended the round in third place, getting medals to acknowledge their accomplishment.

Congratulations to the team on a great day!!

“Happy Boss’ Day Supt. Tim Salmon”

Central office staff presented Superintendent Tim Salmon with a framed gift for Boss’ Day.





2nd Annual Tigerhawk Throwdown Saturday, November 12th, 2022 - 5:00pm

Hot Shot Challenge

- Divisions - 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, Junior High

Free Throw Contest

- Divisions - 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, Junior High, High School, Staff/Alumni

3 Point Contest

- Divisions - High School, Staff/Alumni

Staff/Alumni 3-on-3 Tournament

- Create your ultimate Tigerhawk team and compete in the 3-on-3 double elimination tournament!

Join us at the high school on Saturday, November 12th at 5:00pm to kick off the 2022-23 Tigerhawk Basketball season!

Admission - 1 non-perishable food item.

All items will be donated to the Colfax-Mingo Area Food Pantry.

Please contact Coach Grant (pgrant@colfaxmingo.org) to sign up!

DEB HODGSON RETIRES

Deb Hodgson, Colfax Mingo Board Secretary/Business Manager retires after 22 years.

A potluck dinner was held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 in recognition of Deb Hodgson's retirement after serving 22 years in the CM school district. Family, friends, staff members, school board and former superintendent's and their families were in attendance

We would like to wish Deb a "Very Happy & Relaxing Retirement!"





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Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

November is here and is always a busy month around the elementary. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 10th and Thursday, November 17th. The Scholastic Book Fair will be on-site during conferences. There are three early out days in November that coincide with Parent-Teacher Conferences. November 10 & 17 for elementary conferences and Tuesday, November 15th for jr/sr high conferences. November also brings the end of the first trimester at the elementary. The trimester ends on Friday, November 11th and reports cards will be shared with families on Friday, November 18th .

The elementary has added Building Wide Intervention time this year. These groups meet on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Tuesdays are dedicated to progress monitoring. Students are put into small groups using all staff available in the building. Grade levels with the highest need get the highest amount of support.

For example- Mr. Summy has a small group of 8 students from second grade and they are working on repeated readings for thirty minutes. It's a great way to get all staff involved while working to improve all of OUR students.

Colfax-Mingo participated in Unity Day on Wednesday, October 19th. Unity Day focuses on showing unity for kindness, acceptance and inclusion and sends a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.

Activities included making messages around the building and signs, creating an orange paper chain in each classroom,

and the popular honk and wave along Walnut Street. All students met on the playground to put their chains together and create a visual link to show unity. I want to give a big thank you to our Student Success Team for organizing this amazing event.

PIE Monday Wars were held during October. Each classroom had a jar to raise money for our PIE group.

Dollar bills were positive and change was negative toward the class total. Overall, the students raised \$850.62 for PIE. The top winners were: 3rd place Mrs. Breckenridge, 2nd place Mrs. Dannels, 1st place Mrs. Johnston. Thanks for supporting our PIE group. In addition, a membership drive was held in October and PIE generated over \$1000. Thanks to our five new "Tigerhawk Partners".

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, Nov. 1st: PIE meeting in elementary media center @ 6:00 PM

Monday, Nov. 7th: No School- Staff Professional Development

Thursday, Nov. 10th: 1 hour early dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences (Elementary & Secondary)

Friday, Nov. 11th: Annual Veterans Day Celebration

Tuesday, Nov. 15th: 1 hour early dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences (Secondary only)

Thursday, Nov. 17th: 1 hour early dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences (Elementary Only)

Monday, Nov. 21st: 5th grade to JA Biztown.

Wednesday, Nov. 23-Friday, Nov. 25th: Thanksgiving Break

6th Graders Visit Mariposa

By Mr. Teed and Miss Johnson

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

Students participated in many activities at Mariposa that aligned with the Iowa Core science standards - Earth and Human Activity and Engineering Designs. Students took a bus tour around the outside of the park where they learned about the watershed and how it affects 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 the

lake and conducted water tests to determine the water quality at Mariposa. The students also enjoyed doing a pond netting activity in which many unique creatures were collected from the lake. Students were able to identify those creatures and learn how they are affected by the water quality at Mariposa.

Multiple improvements have been made at Mariposa the past few years. Some improvements include a complete renovation of the lake, a silt pond, additional restrooms, a boat ramp, and a nature playscape. Our students were able to enjoy some time in the playscape, and all students agreed that Mariposa is a place where they would like to visit again with their families.



Unity Day

By Kristjana Smith

Our elementary and secondary students came together on October 18th to recognize Unity Day. It is a day dedicated to showing unity for kindness, acceptance and inclusion to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. All students participated in a “Share the Sugar” activity where they were given a piece of candy to share with another student, while also sharing a kind word with that student.

Orange is the color identified for Unity Day, nationwide. Our students & staff wore orange and created orange signs communicating the need for acceptance and inclusion of all. In addition, every elementary student decorated an orange paper link with their words and pictures of kindness. These links were put together to create an all-school kindness paper chain. The secondary students came down to the elementary to help with the projects. We ended our day with a group picture on the playground and then lined the sidewalks of Walnut Street for a “Honk and Wave for Kindness” with community members driving by.

Check out CMCS D Facebook page for fun pictures of Unity Day. And for more information about Unity Day, please visit: <https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>

Go Tigerhawks!



Greetings from The Dannels Crew and The Gaumer Gang!

October has been a fun-filled month! In social studies we have continued the Civil War unit and learned about the causes of the war. Students learned how people lived in the time of war.

In math, students have been doing very well learning about place value and about base 10 equations.

Fourth grade writers have been researching, debating and deciding whether they believe animals should live in zoos; and if zoos are useful or harmful.

Each student wrote an essay stating their opinion and defending it in an attempt to persuade others to believe as they did. The papers were very interesting and the arguments were very well made. — I'm not sure anyone changed their mind, but everyone had a lot of things to think about.



Unity Day pictures: Students joining in unity on the playground and cheering during the honk and wave



1st grade students beginning a unity with clay and practicing with modeling clay.



High School sports teams joined the elementary for the Friday Welcome

NOVEMBER 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 NO SCHOOL TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL DAY	8	9 90 Minute Late Start	10 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR ELEMENTARY & JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	11 1 ST TRIMESTER ENDS	12 2 nd Annual "TIGERHAWK THROWDOWN" 5 pm at Jr/Sr High School
13	14	15 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	16 90 Minute Late Start	17 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FOR ELEMENTARY	18	19
20	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	26
27	28	29	30 90 Minute Late Start			

Updated school activities & athletic events can be monitored on the school webpage under "EVENTS."

Colfax-Mingo CSD November 2022 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 B - French Toast Sticks Italian Dunkers Garden Salad Steamed Broccoli Grapes Milk	2 B – Grab n Go Pulled Pork Sandwich French Fries Creamy Coleslaw Mandarin Oranges Apple Crisp Milk	3 B - Breakfast Sandwich Walking Taco Lettuce/Tomato Cheese/Salsa Corn & Black Beans Rice (7-12) Pineapple Milk	4 B – Mini Pancakes Hot Ham & Cheese Baked Beans Hashbrown Pears Milk
7 No School	8 B – Breakfast Pizza Pork Fritter/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Orange Wedges Milk	9 B – Grab n Go Chicken & Rice Broccoli Salad Mixed Vegetables Egg Roll (7-12) Pineapple Milk	10 B - Mini Donuts Spaghetti Mixed Greens Salad Seasoned Peas Breadstick Peaches Milk	11 B – Biscuit & Gravy Meatball Sub Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit Dessert (9-12) Milk
14 B – Mini Bagels Hotdog/WG Bun Tater Tots Baked Beans Apple Milk	15 B – Coffee Cake Soft Shell Taco Mexi Corn Refried Beans Rice Grapes Milk	16 B – Grab n Go Pizza Crunchers Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Strawberries Milk	17 B – Mini Cinni Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Rosy Applesauce Pumpkin Bar Milk	18 B – Breakfast Bar Cheeseburger/WG Bun Waffle Fries Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
21 B – Long John Chicken Sandwich Mixed Greens Salad Sweet Potato Fries Pears Milk	22 B – Choice Cooks' Choice	23 No School	24 Thanksgiving No School	25 No School
28 B – Breakfast Pizza Mr. Rib Potato Smiles Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Milk	29 B – Donut Chicken Alfredo Spinach Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mini Carrots Garlic Bread Banana Milk	30 B – Grab n Go Pork Chopette Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Sliced Wheat Bread (7-12) Peaches Milk		

*Milk (skim, choc skim & 1%) *Menu is subject to change
 * Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. Additional options at the JH/HS.
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