2023 brings new projects and programs

It's hard to believe that we are nearly half way through the school year as second semester is just around the



Tim Salmon

corner. I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season and that this new year brings everyone a new start and prosperity.

I'm very excited about our initial Community Resource Night that the Superintendent district will be hosting on January 26th from 5:00-

7:00 pm at the Colfax Historical Society building. In addition to a free dinner, our attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local, county and state resources that provide a variety of services. This includes: counseling, addiction services, educational materials, connections to food services and much more. Our goal with this event is to help our families connect with the wide variety of services that are available, most of them at no cost. It also allows our community and the school district work together to strengthen our communication and provided needed support.

We will also begin working on preparing for the next school year and assessing where we are currently as a district. This includes preparing the schedule for next year, having our SIAC committee continue working on providing input on issues such as bullying and harassment, and establishing our staffing plan for next year.

We are extremely excited with our full day Preschool program that we are piloting this spring, with the intention of expanding it next year to additional classrooms. We are also in the initial planning stages for before and after school care at our elementary building. We will be sending our further information and seeking feedback from the community to determine the need.

We are also seeing the end in sight for our construction projects at the High School. Phase 2 (arena) is on schedule to open late March/early April as well as the track surface being installed in March. This will allow our track programs the ability to not only practice on a high quality surface, but also host track meets this spring. Our plans for graduation include hosting it in the new arena. The new arena includes an indoor track and wellness center. Information about public access to those areas will be coming in the near future.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out and connect with me. It's a priority of mine to improve communication and seek input from our community to help our district become the envy of others. A happy new year to everyone and let's go Tigerhawks!

Poulter honored for commitment to **Colfax-Mingo Schools**

DES MOINES — Colfax-Mingo board member Mary Poulter was honored with an Individual Achievement Award through the IASB Annual Board Awards program. This award is given to individuals who dedicate time and effort to learning, advocacy, leadership and service projects to expand their knowledge and skills for better governance.

IASB Board President Jim Green commended Poulter for her hard work. "Learning and leadership truly makes a difference at the board table and for students. This group of award winners went the extra mile to ensure they are informed and capable as they strive to improve outcomes for students," Green said.

This acclaimed award was presented to 112 school board and area education agency (AEA) board members. A full list of winners is available on the IASB website.

About the Annual Board Awards: Annual Board Awards highlight commitment to professional growth. Individual board members, board teams and superintendents/chief administrators/community college presidents can earn credits for these awards through participation in IASB learning opportunities, a desire to take on leadership roles and engagement in service and advocacy. Learn more on the IASB website



IASB President Elect Liz Brennan is shown presenting the award to CM Board member Mary Poulter, her 7th award.

C-M to host Community Resource Night

Dr. Wendy Anderson Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Soon you will see some posts on social media and in newsletters about the upcoming Community Resource Night, scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 5-7

p.m. at the Historical Society. (A second date of January 30 has been set aside in case of inclement weather on the 26th.)

The goal is to unite the community and showcase the support and resources that are available in a number of areas, including mental health, physical health, diversity/inclusion, disabilities, academics, food/clothing supply, etc. We will have multiple representatives, speakers, and information available, as well as a free meal and child care.

Your attendance on that night and spreading the word about this event will be helpful as well. Thank you for your support!



U.S. Baseball Academy's Spring
Training Program is a unique concept
that provides young players an opportunity to take their game to the next
level. USBA camps are designed to
develop skills in all facets of the
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MAKE THIS SEASON, THE BEST SEASON!

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*Price subject to price increase after early registration period

- A national baseball program with a local touch operated by Drew Otto, Head Coach, Colfax-Mingo HS.
- With a low player to coach ratio, each player gets plenty of individual attention in a small-group atmosphere.
- Scan QR Code to Register! Scan QR Code with your cell phone camera to go to registration website.

For a complete description of our program and session times, call us now at 866-622-4487 or visit www.USBaseballAcademy.com

Elementary School News



Brian Summ Elementary Principal

Welcome to the new year and the 2023 portion of the school year. The first five months of the school year have gone by quickly. I would expect nothing different from the remaining five months. January is a time to refresh

and reset. Staff will begin the new year by reviewing our SOAR building-wide expectations and classroom routines and procedures. SOAR stands for S-show self-control, O- offer kindness, A-act responsibly, and R- respect everyone and everything. The building will also continue to talk about our building theme: Ride The Wave To Success. There have been many successes with the first part of the year that include assessment data, the elementary's High Performing rating on the Iowa School Performance Profile, and our social emotional data. The social emotional data includes our school counselors *Minute Meetings*, Conditions for Learning data and our behavior data collected by staff.

As we begin January, the elementary will continue to focus on <u>The Science of Reading</u> during the late

start of professional development time. January is also the second window for our FAST assessments. This includes fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and math. The data collected is used during our weekly Collaborative Learning Time at each grade level. The data is also used at the building level to review instructional practices and strategies. The building has implemented a building-wide intervention time for all grade levels at 9:30 three days a week. I've been working with a second grade fluency group and it is one of my favorite times of the day.

4th-6th Grade Band/Choir Concert







Student Leadership Team (SLT)

This group of leaders has been busy these last few months. These leaders were chosen by their peers and staff. They had to deliver a speech to their grade level peers and any staff that were available to listen. They were provided an outline to guide them through their speech and an opportunity to show their leadership skills and express themselves as well through that interaction. They are also responsible for their actions in and out of the classroom. They reflect upon themselves weekly among one another and rate themselves accordingly. They created their rubric and guidelines and adhere to them accordingly.

In addition to the above, they also are responsible for a monthly "community service project", daily announcements, community meetings, school wide incentives, SOAR Store and so much more! We thank them for their leadership and dedication to making Colfax-Mingo the envy of rural communities.







SOAR Store Up and running at the end of Sept and we thank you all for your continuous donations! The students have been provided with about an every 4 week shopping experience. The K-2 students still have the store brought to them by the 6th grade SLT students. The 3-6th graders get to shop online using our PBIS Rewards online program. They have the option to purchase things like a VIP lunch, pizza party, game time with a friend, classroom pizza or popcorn party etc. This year we also added a ticket to a catered VIP Thanksgiving Day lunch. Sheepgate provided their wonderful meal and catered it for them. They were treated with not only a home cooked meal, but home made cranberry juice, sparkling apple cider and pumpkin pie! What a great way to use SOAR Tickets.









UNITY Day (Oct Community Service) Wednesday, October 19th

Our district was a part of the Nationwide Unity Day celebration. Both buildings participated in activities throughout the day and then came together to celebrate one another and our community by designing and decorating posters, spending time together, and spreading joy through the community by holding a Honk and Wave kindness parade. The students of the elementary and JR/SR High lined the street with our posters while cars drove by (some several times) and honked and waived at all of us spreading kindness. It's always a great day!











November PBIS Assembly Tuesday, November 22nd

The SLT is also in charge, in part, of our almost monthly PBIS assemblies. We celebrate our accomplishments, set our next goals and just get to be together. We were able to dance, sing our school song, celebrate our White Ticket Winners, play Nuke 'Em and pie some teachers in the face! It was a great day!







Drake Character Counts Girls Basketball Game Thursday, December 1st

The 6th grade students were invited to attend a basketball game on Dec. 1st at the Knapp Center. We also were awarded a \$100 credit for busing due to being a PBIS School and applying early. We also invited the 7th and 8th Grade student council to join in the fun and assist the teachers with concession stand runs and bathroom breaks. They were a great help and everyone enjoyed the Drake Girls Win!







Toys Drive and annual SLT outing Wednesday, December 7th

The SLT was asked to run a toy drive this year instead of Adopt a Family and they definitely took that to heart. They were given a budget to spend and we were able to fill our toy bin full of toys for all ages. Mr. Summy and Mrs. Surprenant took them to the Outlet Mall in Altoona to shop and then they were able to eat together at the Burger Shed to end the day thanks to PIE for sponsoring that. This is always an outing that the team looks forward to as well as the adults that get to participate.





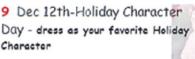




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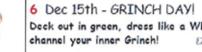
The PBIS Committee and the SLT decided to have a new focus for the month of December and that was to focus on the class as a whole and not individual SOAR bucks. Everytime a student receives a special White Ticket (for exceptional display of our SOAR Expectations) they also get to color in a box on a graph for their class. The class with the most white tickets will win a pizza party when we get back from break! We loved watching individual students get excited about earning their ticket as well as contributing to the classroom incentive as well. December also brought forth the 9 Days of December countdown dress days! We all had fun with those!

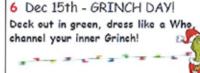


Dec 13th -Let it Glow -Dress in your best BRIGHT Colors, or lights, tinsel, or Whatever you feel to brighten the day!



7 Dec 14th - DREAM A LITTLE DREAM - Relax in your school appropriate pajamas, slippers, robes etc.





5 Dec 16th - Mad About Plaid Flannel Friday! wear your favorite flannel shirt suit, whatever you'd like!



4 Dec 19th - Winter Team Day -Who's your favorite team? Support them by wearing something that represents them!



3 Dec 20th - ONESIE DAY wear your school appropriate ONESIE to enjoy your last Tuesday in 2022!



2 Dec 21st - Ride the Wave - Show your WARM spirit in the middle of winter and we'll ride the wave together!

1 Dec 22nd - UGLY SWEATERS find the most ugly sweater you can find and rock it out all day long!



Have a Great Break and we'll see you in 20231

JA Biztown 2022

Once again, our fifth grade students ran a town for a day! This year's JA Biztown was a huge success. The CEOs of each business made sure their employees worked hard and paid them well! Every one of the businesses paid off their loans and fun was had by all!

This year our curriculum for JA Biztown started in October. The first big step was to apply for jobs and go through a mock interview process. We had a lot of nervous 5th graders that day! After the interviews, we had to elect a mayor. This year's mayor

was Natausha Victor. Following the elections, the HR department of Johnston and Brecht hired all the other positions. We had some good leaders as CEOs, solid math students as CFOs, and really hard workers in the other jobs.

Then we spent some time with each business, meeting together to develop advertisements. The CFOs had to fill out a business cost sheet so the CEOs knew how much of a loan to request from the bank. We did a lot of check writing practice and how to keep track of checks and deb-

its in their check register. On November 21, all their hard work paid off...literally! We finally made the trip to the Junior Achievement building in Des Moines to run JA Biztown. Each business had an adult volunteer, or two, to guide the kids through their different responsibilities.

The students were paid twice throughout the day and they were expected to shop with that money! They did their part to be responsible citizens and help the town succeed.

Our CEOs gave speeches

to introduce their businesses and employees. The CFOs did an amazing job handling payroll and paying bills. We had a town physician, a DJ, great financial advisors, a busy restaurant full of workers, and so many other valuable people in our town!

The kids had a great day. We are so proud of the hard work they put in. And, hopefully they learned a little bit about a day in the life of an "adult". Thank you to everyone who made this day a huge success for our students! We couldn't do it without you!







Jr/Sr High School News

Dance Team has the right moves at state

Wow! I don't have enough great things to say about State 2023! This year we moved up a class in Pom, competing against larger and stronger teams. We also had an incredibly tough Lyrical and Novelty Class... and these girls stepped it up and owned that floor!

- Class V Pom- D1 and 4th out of 12
- Class II Novelty- D1 and 7th out of 12
 - Class II Lyrical- D1 and 3rd out of 10
 - Soloists- all 5 D1 ratings!
 - Brooke 5th
 - Mickayla 12th

- Aubrey 13th
- Ashton 14th
- Abigayle 16th

TOP 16 OUT OF 63 GIRLS!!

I cannot say enough how PROUD I am of this team. 3 alternates stepping in a week before state. Injuries. Lots of illnesses. And yet they still persevere!! I think this has hands down been the most special state as a coach yet

Seniors! You went out with a BANG! Congratulations

Shoutout to Andrea and EVERYONE that puts on a great competition year after

year! We are grateful for you guys and the countless hours, days, and weeks you put into making it happen!

A huge thank you to everyone that came out to support, especially our superintendent

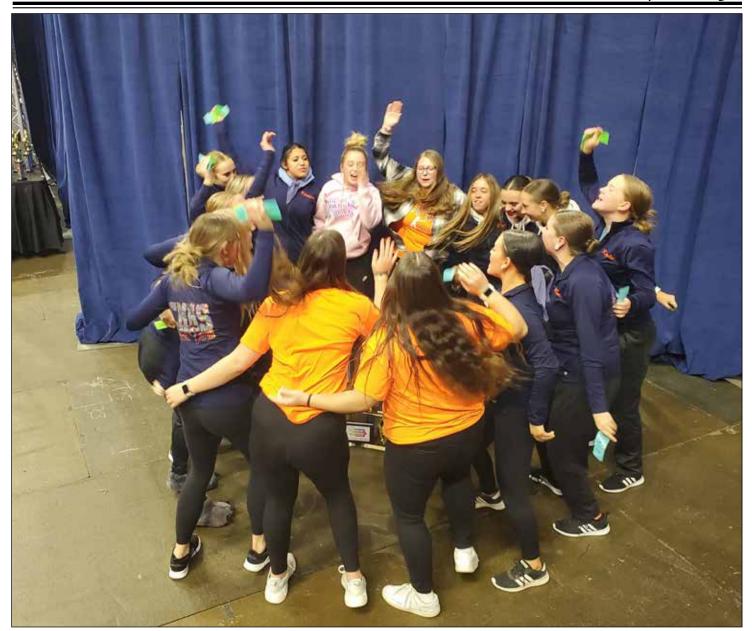
Also huge thank you to my managers for always being at my beck n call and alumni Rylie Walker for helping us out all season.

Could never thank Chrystin Bojack and Lisa Booher for sticking by my side these last 2 days. You guys have no clue how grateful I am for all your support















Colfax-Mingo

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JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fríday	Saturday
NEW YEARS DAY	No School 2	SCHOOL RESUMES	4	5	6	7
No School						
8	9	10	Athletic Booster Club Mtg 6 pm Webster's Rm/HS	12	2 ND Qtr Ends 1 ST Semester Ends	14
15	TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DAY NO SCHOOL REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MTG 6 PM CENTRAL ADMIN OFFICE	17	. 18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Educ Foundation Mtg 5:30 pm Central Admin Ofc	26 Community Resource Night 5-7 pm at Historical Society (inclement weather date Jan 30)	27	28
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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 Home page of the school website along with bus leave times.

Colfax-Mingo-CSD January 2023 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fríday
2	3	4	5	6
	B – Cereal & Toast	B - Grab n Go	B – Donut	B – Breakfast Pizza
No School				
	Corndog	Mr. Rib	Salisbury Steak	Cheeseburger/WG Bun
	Vegetable Choice	French Fries	Potatoes & Gravy	Curly Fries
	Steamed Carrots	Broccoli	Green Beans	Baked Beans
	Applesauce	Mixed Fruit	Wheat Roll	Fruit Cup
	Milk	Milk	Peaches	Milk
			Milk	
9	10	11	12	13
B - French Toast Sticks	B - Coffee Cake	B – Grab n Go	B - Breakfast Sandwich	B – Mini Pancakes
Chicken Patty/WG Bun	Walking Taco	Pulled Pork Sandwich	Chili	Hotdog/WG Bun
Potato Smiles	Lettuce/Tomato	French Fries	Cinnamon Roll	Steamed Broccoli
Mixed Vegetables	Cheese/Salsa	Creamy Coleslaw	Fresh Vegetables	Hashbrown
Pears Milk	Corn & Black Beans	Mandarin Oranges	Applesauce	Fruit Choice
MIIK	Rice (7-12)	Milk	Milk	Cookie
	Pineapple			Milk
	Milk			
16	17	18	19	20
	B - Muffin & Yogurt	B – Grab n Go	B – Long John	B – Breakfast Bar
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No School	Quesadilla w/ Salsa Tex Mex Salad (7-12)	Sloppy Joe/WG Bun	Chicken Strips	Cooks' Choice
	Refried Beans	Seasoned Wedges	Potatoes Au Gratin	
	Mexi Corn	Baked Beans	Fresh Vegetable Salad Wheat Roll	
	Mixed Fruit	Pears Snickerdoodle Cookie	Banana	
	Milk		Milk	
23	24	Milk 25	26	27
B – Breakfast Pizza	B - Mini Donuts	B – Grab n Go	B - Biscuit & Gravv	B – Mini Cinnis
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Pork Fritter/WG Bun	Chicken & Rice	Meatball Sub	Spaghetti	Chicken Drumstick
Waffle Fries	Broccoli Salad	Tossed Salad w/	Mixed Greens Salad	Mashed Potatoes
Baked Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Romaine	Seasoned Peas	Green Beans
Orange Wedges	Egg Roll (7-12)	Sweet Potato Fries	Breadstick	Biscuit
Milk	Pineapple	Apple	Grapes	Applesauce
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B - Waffles	B – Mini Bagels			
Pizza	Soft Shell Taco			
Garden Salad	Mexi Corn			
Seasoned Peas	Black Beans			
Strawberries	Rice			
Milk	Mandarin Oranges			
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*Milk (skim_choc skim &	1%) *Menu is subject to c	hange		

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^{*} Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. Additional options at the MS/HS.

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