

Tigerhawk Talk

February 2023



We are always planning ahead

As we enter the second half of the school year, it's hard to believe that we are beginning the planning for the 2023-24 school year.



Tim Salmon
Superintendent

I've had an entire semester to observe, interact and spend time with our students, staff and community members. I'm thankful for the welcome that I have received and the great conversations that have occurred. It's been extremely helpful as we continue to look for areas to improve, determine our strengths and help take our district to the next level of success.

Our students are our greatest resources, and through my conversations with them, it's obvious that they love

our district. They also have views on how we could improve. I really appreciate the input that they have provided and their viewpoint helps us think about how we do things. I will continue with these conversations and include our students in helping us make decisions that lead to improvement.

Our winter activities are in full force, with wrestling and basketball teams working hard and showing improvement. It's been great to watch the development of our programs, particularly as our girls wrestling program develops. I highly encourage our students to be involved in activities and we continue to look for more opportunities for them to participate. New clubs have been established this year including robotics and we are very excited about

the direction of our music program.

This time of the year is also when we begin more assessments in the classroom. As we assess our students, our teachers are looking at the data and making adjustments to instruction to meet the needs of each student. Our staff utilize weekly PLC meetings to accomplish this and grow as teachers with the assistance of our instructional coaches and building leadership. This is critical in the success of our students and the improvement of our instructional practices.

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. Let's go Tigerhawks!

Dorian Honor Choir



By Matthew Gerhold

Dorian Honor Choir featuring Briana French, Shy Steck, and Liz Audas was recently held at Luther College. The performers sang wonderfully with 950 other high school students from across the Midwest making up the largest select choir in the United States.



By Cassidy Booher

We had the opportunity to dance with the Baxter Dance Team at their showcase. We love making new friends and celebrating their successful season!

We will be hosting our final showcase of the year on February 12. We'll be performing all 3 state routines, kick, hip hop, many solos, kids clinic routines, mentor and buddy routines, and much much more! We can't wait to see you there.





Register Now!

WINTER BASEBALL CAMPS

HOSTED BY
COLFAX-MINGO HS
Sat: Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22

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 game with an emphasis on teaching proper fundamentals and techniques.

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THE BEST SEASON!**

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- **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.
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Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

February is here and we are one step closer to spring! The students have enjoyed the snow on the playground and making different snow shapes and playing on the big mound by the grass area. It's going to be a mess when it melts but we will enjoy it while it's here.

I would like to recognize our local PIE (Partners In Education). They have been donating money to buy more books for our library. We are getting ready to order our second order of books for

the year.

The PIE group has also created an Amazon Smile account. This is a simple way to support local organizations. AmazonSmile donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Colfax-Mingo PIE group. Please check it out.

Winter benchmarking has completed and the staff will begin to dig into the data. The staff will use the data to follow student growth and make the necessary changes to ensure students get what they need. This information is also used to make adjustments to our building-wide intervention groups.

The Elementary Student Leadership Team held a can drive in January to support the local food pantry. In February, the SLT will be holding a Share Bear drive. The elementary will be collecting bears to donate to our local EMS services. The bears will be shared with our local EMS to use when working with families with children. Bears will be collected at the school beginning February 13th and go through February 24th. We will share pictures of the bears collected on our social media pages. If you would like to donate a bear, just drop it off at the elementary office.

The 4-6th grade concert scheduled for March 30th has been changed.

The 4-6th grade concert has been moved to Tuesday, March 28th and is now combined with 7-8th grade concert. The 4-8th concert on the 28th will be at 6pm and will be at the elementary school.



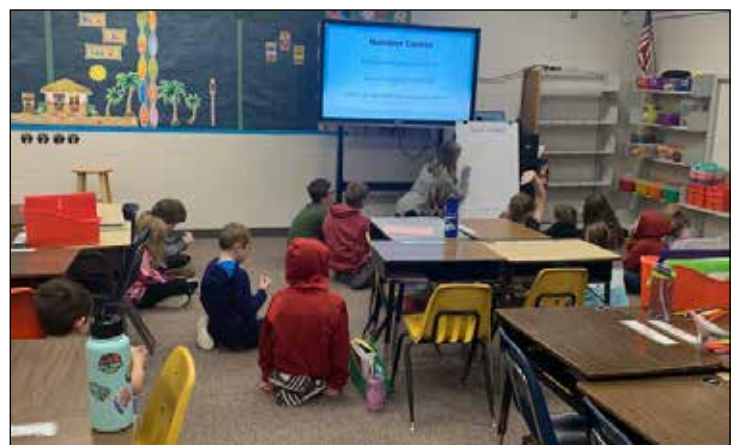
The first day of food drive collections!



These girls purchased a pizza party and catered lunch with their Soar Bucks.



Ms. Grett sharing her Morning Meeting routine during professional development.



Mrs. Simpson enjoying her first day as a third grade teacher.

First Grade Jasper County Conservation Programs

By Julia Grett

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 October, first graders took a field trip to Mariposa County Park. While there, students went on a hike and enjoyed time in the new Playscape. Greg Oldsen introduced students to animal adaptations through their program Animal Superpowers. Students created a new animal with adaptations for superpowers then shared how these superpowers would be beneficial to the animals they created. In November we explored the program Big Brown Bat. 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. First graders are looking forward to Greg and Katie's upcoming visit where they will learn about Emperor Penguins!



Jr/Sr High School News

From the Desk of Mrs. Lancaster:



Alex Lancaster
Jr/Sr High School
Principal

Secondary Attendance Updates

Improving attendance is a district goal this year. We set a goal that by the end of the 2022-23 school year, the percent of students chronically absent (by state definition - missing 10% or 18 days), will be below the state average in all grade levels and subgroups. Currently, 65% of secondary students have attended at least 90% of the school year. Across the state, 80%

of students have attended at least 90% of the school year. We still have plenty of time to improve these numbers! If your student is struggling attending school, please reach out to the school so we can help problem solve and support.

As we work on attendance, we are revisiting our attendance policy for the second semester. If a student has three unexcused absences to the same class, the student and parent/guardian will have a meeting with a member of our Student Services Team. If a student accumulates six unexcused absences to the same class,

a meeting will be required with the student, parent/guardian, and Mr. Salmon. If a student reaches ten unexcused absences, a meeting will be required with the school board to determine if the student will be dropped from the course.

Truancy (unexcused absences) is the act of being absent without a reasonable excuse. These absences shall include, but not be limited to tardiness, shopping, hunting, concerts, preparation or participation in parties and other celebrations, employment, baby-sitting, haircuts, and tanning.



FEBRUARY 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 90 MINUTE LATE START	2	3	4
5	6 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION 6 PM	7	8 90 MINUTE LATE START Athletic Booster Club Mtg 6 pm Webster's Rm/HS	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 90 MINUTE LATE START	16	17	18
19	20 ---NO SCHOOL--- PRESIDENT'S DAY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6 PM	21	22 90 MINUTE LATE START Educ Foundation Mtg 5:30 pm Central Admin Ofc	23	24 2 ND TRIMESTER ENDS	25
26	27	28 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES AT ELEMENTARY		Note: Elementary Parent Teachers Conferences Feb 28 & Mar 7	Note: Secondary Parent Teachers Conferences March 2 & 7	

Please note: Athletic events have not been included on this month calendar as there are many changes from day to day. To keep current with Activity events, please refer to the Home page of the school's website along with the leave times.

Colfax-Mingo CSD February 2023 Menu

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
		1 B – Grab n Go Cheeseburger/WG Bun Potato Smiles Green Beans Apple Brownie Milk	2 B – Mini Cinni Chicken Alfredo Spinach Salad w/ Cherry Tomatoes Mini Carrots Garlic Bread Peaches Milk	3 B – Breakfast Sandwich Pig in the Blanket Tater Tots Baked Beans Orange Wedges Cookie (HS) Milk
6 B – Mini Waffles Italian Chicken Sandwich Mixed Greens Salad Sweet Potato Fries Pears Milk	7 B – Donut Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Vegetables Banana Milk	8 B – Grab n Go Mr. Rib Waffle Fries Vegetable Choice Grapes Banana Bar (HS) Milk	9 B – Biscuit & Gravy Crispito w/ Cheese & Lettuce Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	10 B – Breakfast Pizza Pork Chopette Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Biscuit (7-12) Peaches Milk
13 B – Muffin & Yogurt Corn dog French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	14 B – Long John Super Nachos Bean/Cheese/Salsa Corn Rosy Applesauce Milk	15 B – Grab n Go Cheese Steak Sandwich Seasoned Wedges Mini Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	16 B – Cinnamon Roll Pasta Bake Tossed Salad Broccoli Salad Bread Stick Mixed Fruit Milk	17 B – Cereal & Toast Chicken Melt Curly Fries Green Beans Apple Milk
20 No School	21 B – Mini Pancakes French Toast Sticks Sausage/Egg Hashbrown Cucumber Slices Strawberries Milk	22 B – Grab n Go Garlic Cheese Bread w/ Marinara Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Grapes Milk	23 B – Coffee Cake Hotdog/WG Bun Tater Tots Corn Banana Apple Crisp Milk	24 B – Mini Bagels Cooks' Choice
27 B – Grab n Go Pizza Crunchers Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Mini Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	28 B- Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Chicken Wrap Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Pasta Salad Pears Milk	<p>*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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider</i></p>		

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