

# Tigerhawk Talk

May 2023



## Summer is just around the corner

We have entered the last few weeks of the school year, and it's been quite a ride this year. Thinking back over the



Tim Salmon  
Superintendent

past school year, it's been a learning experience, with new initiatives beginning, finalizing projects and continuing to grow. Most importantly, I really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know our community and finding the passion that exists. I'm really looking forward to things that we have in the works for the upcoming year.

One exciting bit of news is that graduation will be held in our new gymnasium. We have made tremendous progress on phase 2 of the overall project and we will get to celebrate

our graduates in the new facility. Soon after, we will have an official grand opening of the facility and that will be followed up with information regarding the community usage as well. This has been a long process, but the end result will provide our students and community the finest facilities of any district across the state.

Through multiple conversations this year, it became clear that we needed to re-engage our community within our schools and students. I'm very excited about a mentoring program that we will be starting up in the fall, TeamMates. This will pair community members with students and they will serve as a mentor, staying with them until they graduate. This will benefit our students and also provide an op-

portunity for community members to be more involved in our schools. Be on the lookout for more information coming out in regards to this, as we will be looking for mentors to match with students.

As we wrap up the school year, I want to thank the community for the welcome that I have received this year along with the patience that has been needed as well. We have a great future ahead of us here in Colfax-Mingo and we will continue to strive to be the best district in the state. 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!

## Registration for the 23-24 school year is now open!

New and Existing Families may register and update their information for the 23-24 school year. The online registration process provides parents with the opportunity to submit information and upload relevant documents directly to the district, including immunization records and address verification. The online registration process will streamline the registration process.

Information regarding registration, enrollment requirements, and updating existing student information can be found on our website. [www.colfax-mingo.k12.ia.us](http://www.colfax-mingo.k12.ia.us). Click on District>Registration to access this information.

If you need assistance with the registration process, please contact Missy Daft at 515.674.3328 or email: [mraft@colfaxmingo.org](mailto:mraft@colfaxmingo.org). We can set up an appointment for you to come in to the office and complete the process.

## Colfax-Mingo Graduating Class

- Senior Awards Night will be May 17th at 6:30 at the High School
- Seniors last day of school is Thursday, May 18th
- Graduation Walk for Seniors at the Elementary will be at 8:00 AM on Friday, May 19th. Students will need to bring their cap and gown.
- Graduation practice will follow immediately at the High School after the Elementary walk at 9:00 AM.
- Graduation will be at the new High School gym on Sunday, May 21st at 1:00PM.

## Central Office staff celebrated Supt. Tim Salmon on his birthday!



## Elementary School News



**Brian Summy**  
Elementary  
Principal

May is here which means we are wrapping up the 22-23 school year and preparing for the 2023-24 school

year. May is a busy time for everyone as the weather gets a little warmer. The elementary hosted a preschool/ kindergarten parent meeting in April. Registration for the 23-24 school year is set to open on May 1st. Registration will be open for new and returning students. There will be a link on the district website and also a link in the elementary Friday Note.

Assessment time is

wrapping up at the elementary. ISASP testing was the last week of April and FAST testing will be the first two weeks of May. Students in grades 3-6 also took the Conditions for Learning Survey.

Summer school will run through the month of June for students in grades Pk-6. Classes will begin on Monday, June 5th and conclude on Friday, June 30th. Students will have a 45 minute individual or small group tutoring session. They are welcome to stay the rest of the morning and enjoy group activities. The school will not be offering the summer hot lunch program but will provide a snack.

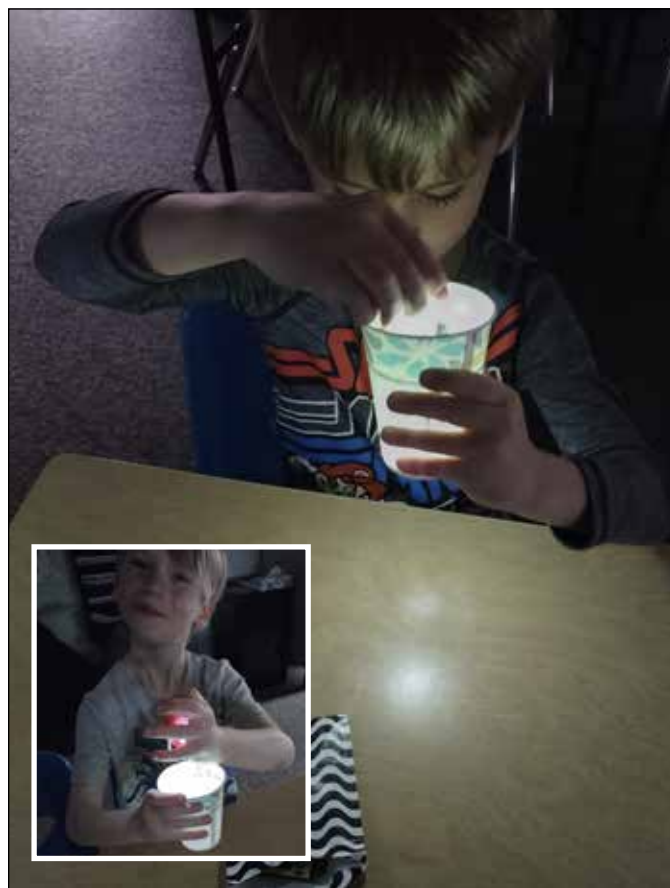
### Upcoming Events

- 3rd-6th ISASP Tuesday, April 25th-Friday, April 28th.
- Thursday, April 27th: Drake Relays- Elementary Shuttle Team: Elijah Perry, Kingston Grove, Bree Bucklin, Bradee Bucklin
- Thursday, April 27th: 6th grade to Colfax Historical Society
- Spring FAST testing begin the week of May 1st. Testing should be completed by Friday, May 12th
- May 3rd: Career Day Panel 10:00-11:30 grade rotations.
- May 8th: Second grade to Jacob Krumm Park (Jasper County Conservation)
- May 11th: Kindergarten to Jacob Krumm Park (Jasper County Conservation)
- May 19th: Senior Walk at the elementary
- May 22nd/23rd: 5th grade Quarry Springs Adventure
- May 22nd: Preschool track & field day
- May 24th: K-12 Carnival/Track & Field Day. (all activities at the Jr/Sr High)



## First Grade Science

First grade students recently finished their science unit on observing patterns of the sun, moon, and stars. Students participated in many hands-on activities. They enjoyed creating constellations using cups and flashlights as well as representing the phases of the moon with Oreos!





## Elementary PE News

When starting the new school year last August we did pretty much the same as we do each fall. Get outside as much as we can for activities, fitness testing, and class inside if the weather isn't cooperating. Doing this helps the students settle into a routine and gives us an opportunity to start building relationships. As we approached winter, and being inside more, I wanted to work on more hand-eye coordination with the younger students(K-3). We did work with learning how to catch. Holding their hands the proper way and catching with their hands and not the body. We also worked on how to throw a ball overhanded and which foot to properly step with. We have also done other activities with partners working on hand-eye coordination as well. When learning something different it took some time but overall I was happy with the effort and progress. I could see improvement in these areas when we would do other activities.

A second area I wanted to work on with all grades, but at different levels, was teamwork and strategies of play. Individual and team. This started with the basketball unit and has continued up to the present time. K-2 worked on partner teamwork. The students were paired up with a partner and had to work together physically and mentally to figure out how to complete the task given to them. The basic tasks gave them a chance to start learning how to strategize with others to complete the task. Grades 3-4 have worked with partner and team tasks and grades 5-6 primarily team tasks. It's very rewarding to see where we start out each year with our skill level and then how much we improve it. This can only be done with hard work and effort and great attitudes by the students. Great job kids! Also, Track and Field Day, May 24th!



## Learning About Empathy

Colfax Chief of Police, Jeremy Burd-ess joined the fourth graders at Colfax-Mingo Elementary Tuesday morning. The two classes presented the Chief with a large tub of stuffed animals – over forty of them. The stuffies were provided to the police department to be used as gifts for children who are experiencing a trauma situation such as a car accident, house fire, or other difficulties. As the students gathered the cuddly animals, they learned about empathy and shared stories about people who had been hurt but were encouraged by people they didn't even know. This project allowed our fourth graders to learn about helping those who hurt and are in need. Through the efforts of our students and their generous parents, the Colfax Police will be able to help children in our community.



# Jr/Sr High School News

## From the Desk of Mrs. Lancaster:



**Alex Lancaster**  
Jr/Sr High School  
Principal

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 Infinite Campus on their chromebooks. Another option is to open the Infinite Campus Parent App, select "Academic Plan," and you can see their courses selected for next year as well. If you have any questions about courses or academic plans, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

On May 24th we will hold our second annual Kindergarten through 12th grade Track and Field & Carnival Day! More information will be coming out regarding this day. Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 21st in the high school gymnasium. Seniors last day will be Thursday, May 18th, but we will have a

mandatory graduation practice the morning of Friday, May 19th. Please have your seniors check their emails for important graduation reminders as well!

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!

## 2023 PROM





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## Boys and Girls golf teams

The Colfax-Mingo Boys and Girls golf teams have been hard at work this year. The girls have gotten off to an undefeated start to the season. Charlotte Donahue, Lily Brenner, and Holland

Robinette have all finished 1st overall this year. The boys team has won 2 meets in a row including a season low score of 199! Cason Fitch took home first place at our last meet. Great job

golfers on the continued hard work! This year, we started the Middle School Golf Club which allows middle school students the opportunity to start golf in 7th and 8th grade. They

have been learning the game of golf and learning how to hit the ball. We are very excited for the growth of our program and the momentum we are building into the postseason.





# C-M WRESTLING



## Varsity Letter Winners

Cason Fitch, Sullivan Wilkins, James Cherveney, Seth Brant, Tate Carlson, Davion Long, John McGill, Austin Lane, Isaiah Baucom, Donovan Baucom & Jermaine Cross

## Fastest Falls:

- 1) Conavan Bausom .44 (Ben Squires Lynnville-Sully)
- 2) Seth Brant .43 (Peter Stout North Mahaska)
- 3) John McGill .27 (Hunter Bazyn HLV)
- 4) Cason Fitch .26 (Jackson Overton PCM)

## Hardest Workers:

- 1) Isaiah Baucom

- 2) Cason Fitch
- 3) John McGill

## Biggest Upset:

- 1) Davion Long over Dayson Long Lenox (won by fall 5:13) @ Sectionals
- 2) James Cherveney over Dominic Garringer EV (won by fall 2:39)

## Most Improved

- 1) Sullivan Wilkins (Work Ethics/Not Missing Practice)
- 2) Jermaine Cross (Work Ethic/Will- ingness to bump)
- 3) Austin Lane 15-14 (52%) to 26-16 (62% 10% increase win%)
- 4) Seth Brant 5-10 (33%) to 26-26 (50%) 17% increase win%
- 5) Tate Carlson 1-15 (6%) to 10-13

- (44%) 38% increase win%
- 6) Isaiah Baucom 4-9 (31%) to 25-23 (52%) 21% increase win%

## Captains

- 1) Isaiah Baucom
  - 2) John McGill
  - 3) Cason Fitch
- State Certificates
- 1) Cason Fitch
  - 2) John McGill

## TEAM MVP's

- 1) Cason Fitch 113 (40-11-24 Falls) Freshman Record for season wins & falls in season
- 2) John McGill 160 (47-8 37 Falls) -6th in State & Junior Record & School Record for falls in season (37)



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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 FAST testing begins  School Board Work Session 6 pm	2	3 90 MINUTE LATE START	4 SICL Art Show 8 am-6 pm at Iowa Valley HS	5	6 State Large Group Contest at Woodward Granger HS
7	8 Teacher Appreciation Week	9	10 90 MINUTE LATE START  Athletic Booster Meeting 6 pm Webster's Room at HS	11	12	13
14	15 Regular Monthly School Board Meeting 6 pm	16	17 90 MINUTE LATE START  Senior Awards Night 6:30 pm at the High School	18 Seniors Last Day of School.	19 Graduation Walk for Seniors at the Elementary 8 am  Graduation practice will follow at 9 am at the HS after the walk at the elementary	20
21 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 1 PM NEW HS GYMNASIUM	22	23 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL 6th Grade Transition Day	24 <u>NO 90 MINUTE SCHOOL DELAY TODAY</u> REGULAR SCHOOL START TIME  K-12 Track & Field Day/Carnival All day	25 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2 Hour Early Out	26 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	27 2023 Summer School Session will start June 5 and conclude June 30

## Colfax-Mingo CSD May 2023 Menu

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1 B – Mini Waffles  Pizza Garden Salad Mini Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	2 B – Donut  Crispito w/ Cheese & Lettuce Mixed Vegetables Refried Beans Pineapple Choc Chip Cookie Milk	3 B – Grab n Go  Mr. Rib French Fries Broccoli Grapes Milk	4 B – Breakfast Pizza  Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Biscuit Peaches Milk	5 B – Biscuit & Gravy  Walking Taco Lettuce/Tomato Cheese/Salsa Black Beans Corn & Rice Pineapple Milk
8 B – Sausage & Pancake on a Stick  Quesadilla Refried Beans Mexi Corn Salsa Mixed Fruit Milk	9 B – Cinnamon Roll  Beef Burger Seasoned Wedges Green Beans Strawberries Milk	10 B – Grab n Go  Chicken Strips Potatoes Au Gratin Broccoli Salad Wheat Roll Applesauce Milk	11 B – Long John  Spaghetti Mixed Greens Salad Seasoned Peas Garlic Bread Banana Milk	12 B - Muffin & Yogurt  Hotdog/ WG Bun Tater Tots Mini Carrots Pears Snickerdoodle Cookie Milk
15 B – French Toast Sticks  Cheeseburger/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Apple Milk	16 B – Mini Donuts  Chicken Patty/WG Bun Potato Smiles Cucumber Slices Orange Wedges Milk	17 B – Grab n Go  Deli Sub Tossed Salad Mini Carrots Peaches Milk	18 B – Breakfast Pizza  Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Applesauce Dessert (7-12) Milk	19 B – Mini Pancakes  Cooks' Choice
22 B – Mini Cinni  Pizza Crunchers Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk	23 B – Cereal & Toast  Pork Fritter/WG Bun French Fries Broccoli Banana Milk	24 B – Choice  Cooks' Choice	25 B – Choice  Pizza Vegetable Choice Fruit Choice Milk  Last Day	26

\*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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