

Tigerhawk Talk



December 2023

It's almost upon us



Tim Salmon
Superintendent

As we turn the calendar over another month, it seems like December crept up on us this year. The weather has been pretty mild this fall, but we all know what is coming. When winter approaches, our teams have already prepared for what is coming, making sure that we get our students and staff safely to school and keeping them warm. Many hours of preparation time go into making sure that we are ready for whatever Mother Nature sends our way. I always prioritize safety over being in session, so when the day(s) come and the weather is not looking safe, I will make the call to close, delay or let out early, depending on when and how severe the forecast is. We will get the messages out as soon as possible through messenger, social media and the local television stations.

This past month brought out a great turnout for the school board elections. We had more candidates running for positions than most can remember. Listening to the candidates, one thing was clear, they value education in our community and want the best for our staff and students. Now that the new board is in place, we will get to work on several items

including: facilities, staffing, expanding programs and more. We have many great things happening in the district and the work that our board will do in the next few months will help guide and expand the progress.

As we get closer to the Holiday Season, it's critical that we take care of ourselves and others. This time of the year we see changes in student behaviors and demeanor as this time of the year can be very difficult for some. We often think that this time of the year is joyous, but many families struggle with a variety of issues, many which are outside of their control. Take the time to reflect on the good things that are happening, check on each other and continue to have positive, open communication. Together we are so much stronger. If you are struggling, please reach out as we have access to resources that can support family needs.

We have so much to be thankful for in our district. Our building statewide assessment scores show that our students are progressing and performing well, but also provide us data to that will help us improve. We have set high expectations for student performance and will continue the work as a district to meet those goals. The hard work that our staff continue to put in on a daily basis along with the resiliency of our students will combine to improve the academic and social experience for all of our students.

Colfax-Mingo School Board



Thank you, Mardell Tomlonovic for 17 years of service to the Colfax-Mingo board. Mardell is pictured receiving a plaque from Board, President Patrick Utz.



Congratulations to Shannon Herbold-Boehm on her election as president of the Colfax-Mingo school board



WINTER KIDS DAY

December 16th

All kids aged 3 to 12 are welcome!
1:30-5:00 @ Colfax-Mingo High School
Games, Crafts, and Snacks are included!

\$15 for the first child
\$10 for each additional child

Register at <https://shorturl.at/aAT06>



Recognizing those who served

Veterans Day to honor our local veterans was held at the Colfax Mingo Junior Senior High School on Friday, November 10.

Breakfast of biscuits and gravy, mixed fruit, sausage and egg on a biscuit, juice, coffee and milk was served to the veterans before the ceremony. The veterans were escorted into the gym by the Boy/Cub Scouts leading with their separate military flags. The ceremony was held in the new Colfax

Mingo gym with all classes & staff attending. Kindergarten students joined Supt Salmon along with the crowd reciting the 'Pledge of Allegiance' to begin the ceremony.

Twenty-three veterans were in attendance for the ceremony.

The band and chorus performed for the veterans. Supt Tim Salmon introduced the veterans individually along with their military status and years serving. David Bracewell presented a

video along with some interesting facts and information regarding the armed services. Students who were members of the veterans family were asked to join their family veterans on the floor for a photo.

A drawing for the Veteran Quilt, which was made by Cassidy Smith, was held. 103 year old Andy Conn was the lucky winner of the quilt.

THANK YOU CASSIDY FOR DONATING THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT!!!





Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

December is here and we are ready for the first elementary performances of the year. The first concert will be Monday, December 4th. The 4th-6th grade bands will perform at the jr/sr high school cafeteria

beginning at

6:00 pm. Later that week, the kindergarten/first grade classes will have their

concert on Thursday, December 7th at the elementary school beginning at 6:00 pm. The Colfax-Mingo Education Foundation will be sponsoring a bake sale both evenings. Stop by and purchase your goodies for \$10/dozen. All proceeds will go directly back to our Colfax-Mingo students.

I would like to thank the elementary families for great attendance during parent-teacher conferences. We had 93% attendance this fall. In addition, there were

9 classrooms that had 100% attendance this fall.

December looks to be a busy month for our SOAR store. In addition to purchasing items from the physical SOAR store, students are excited to purchase items such as movie/popcorn, VIP lunches and reading the daily announcements. 6th grade students will be attending the Drake Women's Character Counts game on Friday, December 8th.

Assembly Time!



Third to sixth grade November assembly. Students playing Turkey Toss. Mrs. Weber's 6th grade class won!



Pk-2 Assembly for November. We sang the Character Strong- Responsibility & Respect songs. The classes also played Turkey Toss. It was a competitive race between Ms. Bunce's 4 year old preschool class and Ms. Grett's first graders with Ms. Grett's class winning in a photo finish!

Jr/Sr High School News

National FFA convention

Six members from the Colfax-Mingo FFA chapter attended the 96th National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention took place from November 1st -4th.

The members who attended include: Elise Engle, Emma Cook, Joe Earles, Shane Hostetter, Tate Carlson, and Gus Engle. Members said one of the highlights of the trips was seeing and meeting all the different FFA members throughout the United States. The group left Wednesday morning and traveled to Indianapolis for convention on Thursday and Friday.

At convention we went through career fair and the 1st and 3rd sessions which presented many different awards and speeches. The members went to Louisville on Friday and participated in tours. In Louisville the chapter toured Harvest Hill dairy farms, Churchill Downs, attended the Mega Caverns and went on a history walk in Old Louisville.

On Saturday the chapter traveled back through St Louis and visited the Cahokia Mounds and traveled up the Gateway Arch. There were more than 69,000 members and guests present at the convention.



Tate, Gus, Elise Ema Shane Joe at Churchill Downs



Gus, Tate, Elise, Emma, Shane Joe Zip Line at mega caverns

Career Day

On Friday, November 11th, the Colfax-Mingo High School hosted their annual career fair in the new gym for our high school students. There were approximately

55 colleges and organizations in attendance that day representing career clusters such as military service, agriculture, industrial trades and manufacturing, STEM,

business and finance, education, law enforcement, health sciences, hospitality, human services, and transportation. This provided students the opportunity to talk with

people in different careers about their postsecondary options and plans. Thanks to one of our school counselors, Amber Joyce, for organizing this event!



DECEMBER 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2 COCOA & CAROLS Colfax Country Carols At Senior Citizens 5-7 PM
3	4 Grades 4-6 CHOIR & BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT Jr/Sr HS Cafeteria 6 PM	5	6 90 MINUTE LATE START	7 K-1 HOLIDAY CONCERT Elementary Gym 6 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13 90 MINUTE LATE START Athletic Boosters Meeting 6 pm HS Industrial Tech Room	14 Grades 7-12 CHOIR & BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT Jr/Sr HS Cafeteria 6 PM	15	16
17	18	19	20 90 MINUTE LATE START	21	22 2 HR EARLY DISMISSAL	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	27 Winter Break NO SCHOOL No Foundation Meeting this month	28 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	29 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	30
31			Jan 1 Winter Break NO SCHOOL NEW YEARS DAY	Jan 2 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	Jan 3 CLASSES RESUME	

Colfax-Mingo CSD December 2023 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 B - Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Chicken Wrap Green Beans Vegetable Choice Fruit Choice Dessert Milk
4 B – Mini Pancakes Garlic Cheese Bread w/ Marinara Mixed Greens Salad Corn Apple Milk	5 B – Cereal/Toast French Toast Sausage/Egg Hashbrown Cucumber Slices Strawberries Milk	6 B – Grab n Go Chicken Patty/WG Bun Waffle Fries Baked Beans Grapes Choc Chip Cookie Milk	7 B – Breakfast Sandwich Pizzaburger Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Seasoned Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	8 B – Mini Waffles Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Vegetables Pears Dessert (9-12) Milk
11 B – Breakfast Pizza Cheeseburger/WG Bun Curly Fries Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	12 B – Long John Crispito w/ Cheese & Lettuce Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	13 B – Grab n Go Mr. Rib French Fries Broccoli Banana Milk	14 B – Biscuit & Gravy Chili Cinnamon Roll w/ Saltines Fresh Vegetables Applesauce Milk	15 B – French Toast Sticks Hotdog/ WG Bun Tater Tots Mixed Vegetables Orange Wedges Milk
18 B – Muffin & Yogurt Quesadilla w/ Salsa Refried Beans Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	19 B – Mini Donuts Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Biscuit Peaches Milk	20 B- Grab n Go Chicken Strips Potatoes Au Gratin Fresh Vegetable Salad Wheat Roll Pears Milk	21 B – Cereal/Toast Cooks' Choice	22 B – Choice Pizza Vegetable Choice Fruit Choice Milk
25 No School Winter Break	26 No School Winter Break	27 No School Winter Break	28 No School Winter Break	29 No School Winter Break

*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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