



The Knight Times

North Cedar Community School District

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The North Cedar CSD Board of Directors has approved the association's priorities for the 2024 legislative session, which begins January 8. The North Cedar Board of Directors needed to submit their focus on two to four of the twenty-two 2023 legislative resolutions that would have the most positive impact on our local schools. The North Cedar Board of Directors formulated the platform during our regular meeting in July of 2023. With the upcoming session starting in January, I wanted to share our priorities with the staff and community. The state priorities will be voted on in November at the IASB Convention and then be advocated for during the 2024 legislative session.

DROPOUT/AT RISK

School boards strive to provide every student with the services they need to remain in school, progress, and graduate to become productive citizens. We support state policies to:

- Include dropout prevention and funding for at-risk students in the formation formula and the socio-economic status as a factor in determining a student's at-risk status.
- Equalize the ability of all districts to generate dropout prevention funds.

MENTAL HEALTH

Student mental health issues are increasing and impacting student achievement. To address these concerns, we support state policies that would establish comprehensive school and community mental health systems to offer preventative and treatment services to:

- Increase access to in-school and telehealth services.
- Increase access to mental health professionals via in-person or telehealth visits.
- Improve awareness and understanding of child emotional and mental health needs through ongoing teacher, administrator, and support staff training.
- Integrate suicide prevention and coping skills into existing curriculum.
- Support the mental health needs of educators and staff.
- Provide a comprehensive mental health resources clearinghouse for schools and community providers.
- Expand training that includes a referral plan for continuing action provided by mental health professionals outside of the school district.

Message from Principal Horman

It's Fall Y'All

It's hard to believe we have been in school for over a month now. Students and staff have been hard at work getting into the "routine" of school again. It's been a great month and I look forward to what the month of October will bring.

Happy Fall!

Apple fun in Mrs. Petersen's Kindergarten
Students graphed apple colors and even made applesauce, yum!



Miss Clark's class has been able to celebrate following expectations with two purple ticket parties. They have been working so hard. Here are some pictures from our stuffed animal day. The kiddos got to teach their stuffed animals what a day in kindergarten looks like!



In Mrs. Weber's first grade, we have been learning about the life cycle of an apple. We also enjoyed playing math games with partners.



Message from Principal Carlson

This report will highlight some of the current things occurring in the building. As we enter into the month of October, we now are over a month into the school year. October 10th and 12th are parent-teacher conferences at the building. It is a great time for parents to connect with their teachers and see how things are going for their children at school. Parents will be emailed a link to sign up for conferences using PT Connect. Please contact the office if you have any difficulties signing up.

Academics

We completed MAP tests at the end of September and are currently finishing up make-up tests for students who were not in the building. Believe it or not, quarter 1 ends October 27th and quarter grades will be sent home at that time. This will be the first official report of student grades that all parents and students will receive. This is also a great time to discuss with students the current state of grades they are receiving at the building. As a reminder, all students 7-12 will be receiving a letter of A, B, C or F on their quarter grades. This year, middle school grades have been changed to align with the high school.

Activities

The fall sports are nearing the end of the season. Some activities will begin postseason play this month. We host the TRC volleyball tournament finals at home this year on Saturday, October 14th. Our last home contests for multiple sports will be played in the month of October, so come out and support the Knights!

Professional Development

With the change in scheduling due to the student count day being October 2nd, we will have Professional Development on October 16th and 30th. Our staff will continue with the work we did last year with our teacher leadership teams. This year's groups will consist of PBIS, Academic, and Culture as the three main teacher leadership groups. We are also trying to personalize PD this year to meet the needs of each individual teacher in regards to their professional development. The three different main categories that teachers will break into are: Content Area/Instructional Practices, Behavior, and Skills for Learning/Relationships. There will be subcategories breaking off from these main categories, but teachers will be given some choice regarding the path that they feel they need to continue to work on for professional development.

As always,

LET'S GO KNIGHTS!

Tanner Carlson
7-12 Principal

North Cedar
Senior Class Fundraiser

MILL CREEK
**HAM BALL
TAKE OUT**


MILL CREEK CAFE
517 LOMBARD ST. CLARENCE, IA

Thursday, October 19th, 4:00 - 6:30 pm

Meal (\$10) - Includes one ham ball, cheesy hash browns,
and buttered corn with a s'mores bar.

\$5 for each additional ham ball

Preorder requested, but not required
Fill out the google form
(using the QR Code or link)
<https://forms.gle/roZYCRQ5ndmtZs27>
or email carterhorman@north-cedarstu.org



Superintendent Dohmen's Message

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- Designate a categorical funding stream for mental health professionals serving students and ongoing teacher, administrator, and support staff mental health training.
- Support development of a mental health workforce to provide services to children.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION

- Developing effective teachers and keeping them in every Iowa school district is crucial to student success and can be supported through state policies that:
- Provide teacher leadership and quality professional development programs.
- Provide beginning teacher mentoring programs.
- Use the management fund to offer retention incentives to maintain a high-quality teacher workforce.
- Allow flexibility and resources to pay school staff market competitive wages.
- Provide resources to school districts for ongoing cultural competency training.



SUPPLEMENTAL STATE AID

The school aid formula is the biggest driver in providing resources for a high-quality education that translates to a successful future for our students and economic growth in our state. A school's general fund supports a high-quality teacher workforce, critical for student achievement. We support state policies on supplemental state aid rate that:

- Sufficiently supports the ability of local districts to meet parent and community expectations and provide a world-class education for all students.
- Provide the resources to recruit and retain a high-quality teacher and staff workforce.
- Incorporate inflation and cost-of-living increases to minimize the negative impact on a district's general fund from these increased costs.

Remember, all twenty-two legislative resolutions would have a positive impact on North Cedar Schools, but these four the Board felt would focus on our current work and vision. Please be supportive and share these with your representatives in the state legislature.

September Board Meeting Highlights

Each month the North Cedar School Board shares a few highlights of our monthly board meetings. These takeaways are messages that the board collectively feels are important for the public to know. Here are the highlights from the September 18, 2023 regular meeting:

- Thank you to the Choir & Ms. Broring. Chamber choir members sang the National Anthem at the school board meeting. They did a great job! Thank you to Ms. Broring for all the work you do.
- Lowden Daycare Building. The board has agreed to purchase the daycare building in Lowden. This building is being purchased with SAVE funds and won't affect the general budget.
- Calendar Change. Due to state regulation and count day, the calendar had to be amended. Monday, October 2 will now be a full day with students. Monday, October 30 will be a full PD day without students. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

To view the full agenda and attachments of North Cedar School Board meetings, click the Online Board App button at <https://www.north-cedar.org/board-of-education/>. Meeting minutes are also posted online following each meeting.

We have been hard at work in Mrs. Havill's second grade. In literacy, we have worked on finding the main idea and details in our reading passages. We have also worked on summarizing the beginning, the middle, and the end of a story. We enjoyed hearing Flat Stanley, writing out a story map for our favorite chapter, and coloring our own Stanley. In math, we have worked on addition strategies along with practicing our addition facts, so we can get fluent. In science, we have been working on understanding that all living things have a different life cycle. We had fun learning about kangaroos and butterflies. Learning about plants is next! In social studies, we are finishing up learning about what a big world we live in and how many places we are a part of. The "fun stuff" so far has been getting to see the football players on Fridays, taking part in the walk-a-thon, earning a purple ticket reward, and learning about yoga!



Mrs. Snyder's third grade earned a Purple Ticket Party for showing their Knight Pride! They showed respect for themselves, others, and property. For their reward, they chose to go for a walk around Lowden. It was a beautiful fall morning for a walk. The kids even got stickers from American Trust and Savings Bank!



Miss Drevline's class has been acknowledging when we see greatness in others with a class shout-out. We write them on sticky notes, share it with the person/class, and put it on our door!



The North Cedar Elementary students were busy collecting pledges for their walk-a-thon, helping the North Cedar Elementary Boosters, and our mission of working together to support our students and staff. They had great weather for walking together on the walking paths at each school, minus a quick rain in Mechanicsville. The sixth grade classes created shirt designs and our shirt printer narrowed them down to three options. The elementary students voted for their favorite. This year's walk-a-thon design winner is Paige Rottman. Congrats, Paige! Each student received a walk-a-thon shirt, with every grade in a different shade of purple, teal or grey. Special thanks to our shirt sponsors: Cedar Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic, Inc.; Clarence Telephone Company; Lowden Dental Associates, PLLC; Lowden Lions Club; Scheer Insurance, LLC; Tenley Farms 2.0, LLC; Weiland Trucking; and Xerxes Corporation.



Thank you to all who helped make the North Cedar Elementary Walk-A-Thon a success!



These past few weeks have been exciting in fifth and sixth grade band! Students have worked hard to learn how to play the first five notes on their instruments. We're currently learning how to play together as a group and preparing for our first concert that's about a month away.

North Cedar Lunch & Activities Calendar

October 2023

Calendar is subject to change.

Mon., Oct. 2:
Lunch: Pizza
6pm JV Football vs East Buchanan @ Stanwood

Tues., Oct. 3:
Lunch: Hot Ham & Cheese
4pm JH Volleyball vs Easton Valley
5:15pm HS Volleyball vs Easton Valley

Wed., Oct. 4:
Lunch: Tacos
Jr/Sr High Picture Day

Thurs., Oct. 5:
Lunch: Elem.: French Toast Sticks; Jr/Sr High: Hot Turkey Sandwich
4pm HS Cross Country @ Grace Lutheran Camp
4pm JH Volleyball @ Lisbon HS
4:30pm JH Football @ Starmont HS
5:15pm HS Volleyball @ Lisbon HS

Fri., Oct. 6:
Lunch: Breaded Chicken Patty
Picture Day @ Elementary Buildings
7pm HS Football @ Postville HS

Mon., Oct. 9:
Lunch: Orange Chicken
6pm JV Football @ Postville HS

Tues., Oct. 10:
Lunch: Sloppy Joes
1:25pm Early Dismissal–Parent/Teacher Conferences
4pm HS Cross Country @ Little Bear Country Club

Wed., Oct. 11:
Lunch: Breaded Chicken Drumstick

Thurs., Oct. 12:
Lunch: Corn Dog or Cheddarwurst
1:25pm Early Dismissal–Parent/Teacher Conferences
4pm HS Volleyball Tournament @ TBA
4:30pm JH Football @ East Buchanan HS

Fri., Oct. 13:
No School
9am-11am Cheer Camp @ Jr/Sr High Gym
7pm Varsity Football vs Clayton Ridge @ Stanwood
Youth Cheer will perform at halftime of the football game.

Sat., Oct. 14:
All State Cheer Tryouts @ Huxley
10am HS Volleyball @ TBA

Mon., Oct. 16:
No School
4:30pm JH Football vs North Linn @ Stanwood
6pm JV Football @ Lisbon

Tues., Oct. 17:
Lunch: Elem.: Walking Tacos; Jr/sr High: Nacho Bar

Wed., Oct. 18:
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets

Thurs., Oct. 19:
Lunch: Chicken Alfredo

Fri., Oct. 20:
Lunch: Louisiana Chicken Breast

Mon., Oct. 23:
Lunch: Breaded Chicken Strips

Tues., Oct. 24:
Lunch: French Dip

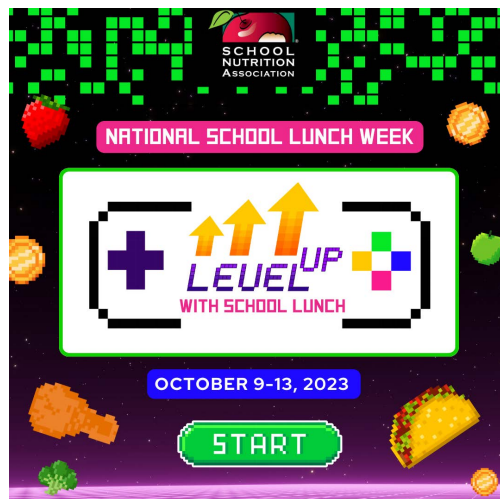
Wed., Oct. 25:
Lunch: Elem.: Mini Corn Dogs; Jr/Sr High: Chicken Wings

Thurs., Oct. 26:
Lunch: Pizza

Fri., Oct. 27:
Lunch: Chicken Bacon Club

Mon., Oct. 30:
No School–PD Day

Tues., Oct. 31:
Lunch: Crisпитos





NAVIGATE & EDUCATE



Available Food

- **1st or 2nd Friday** of the Month - 3:30-4:30 Mobile Food Pantry Drive Thru at First United Methodist Church, 607 Lynn St, Tipton
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays** of the Month - 4:00-6:00 Food Pantry @ Peace Church, 414 Maple St, Bennett
- **2nd Saturday** of the Month - 10:00-12:00 Food Pantry @ Zion UCC, 402 Main St, Lowden
- **2nd & 4th Wednesdays** of the Month - 3:30-5:30 Food Pantry @ First UCC, 600 Mulberry St, Tipton
- **2nd & 4th Saturdays** of the Month - 11:00-11:45 Shared Blessings Free Meal @ First United Methodist Church, 607 Lynn St, Tipton
- **2nd & 4th Thursdays** of the Month - 6:00-7:00 Bring Photo ID, UMC, 307 E First St, Mechanicsville
- **3rd Tuesday** of the Month - 3:30-4:30 Mobile Food Pantry @ West Branch Fire Dept, 105 S 2nd St, West Branch
- **3rd Saturday** of the Month - 9:00-10:00 Food Pantry Drive Thru at Foursquare Church, 1100 N Hwy 38, Tipton
- **Every Wednesday** - 5:30-6:30 Food Pantry @ St. John's UCC, 320 9th Ave, Clarence

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Pumpkin Fest



October 25th from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Cedar County Courthouse Lawn

FREE Family FUN!



FREE Hot Dogs, Chips, Bottled Water, & S'Mores Games, Pumpkin Decorating, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating, Fun Carnival yard games and Bouncy Houses!

Trunk or Treat @ the Tipton City Park

Sunday October 29 (1-2:30pm).

The bowling alley is hosting a FREE activities for kids after Trunk or Treat!

Tipton Fall Food Truck Fest 2023

Wednesday, October 11th From: 5-8 pm

- TONS of FREE Giveaways for adults and kids!
- Fun Activities, Wes the Balloon Guy, Hayrides, Temporary Tattoos, Chili Cook off Voting Contest, Favorite Food Truck Voting Contest

Holiday Food Pantry

St. John's UCC in Clarence will be hosting a Holiday Food Pantry Night on December 20th 5:30-6:30. Sign up is required. To Sign Up, Call: (563) 452-3022.

If the person is unable to attend themselves, they can have someone pick up for them, just let UCC know when registering. If you would like to order a holiday meal, but are unable to attend/pickup your food - Please contact Ms. Emily (Work Cell: 563.886.4711; esmith@north-cedarstu.org).

Cedar County Public Health Flu Clinic Schedule

- The cost is \$30 payable by cash or check
- No out-of-pocket expense for those who present a Medicare, Medicaid, United Healthcare (with the exception of plans provided by John Deere) or Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance card.
- Children 18 & under who present a Medicaid card or are uninsured will receive the vaccine at no charge through the Vaccines for Children program



DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, September 26 th	3:00-5:00pm	Bennett Fire Station
Thursday, October 5 th	12:30pm-1:30pm	Lowden-City Hall Council Room
	2:00pm-3:00pm	Stanwood-Park Shelter
	3:30pm-4:30pm	Mechanicsville-Memorial Building
Wednesday, October 11 th	7:30am-6:00pm	Tipton Drive Through Clinic-Tipton Courthouse Lawn
West Branch and Durant Clinics TBD		

Questions? Contact - Ms. Emily: esmith@north-cedarstu.org

The mission of North Cedar Community School District, in partnership with its community and staff, is to ensure a safe and caring environment for each student, providing the essential knowledge, values, skills, and attitudes to create lifelong learners who are responsible, contributing, and productive citizens in a changing and increasingly diverse world.

Everything we do at NCCSD is for our students, and we encourage them all to take part in the enrichment and extracurricular opportunities for which they are eligible.

- Athletics for junior high school and senior high school students
- Fine arts activities for 5th through 12th graders
- Extracurricular clubs and organizations for junior high and senior high school students
- Counseling services for all grades

An active, supportive community strengthens NCCSD. Parents and patrons who elect to get involved and support our students and their activities aid the district.

- Athletics Boosters bolster our student athletes and the athletics programs
- Encore Club supports our fine arts programs
- Knights Community Organization fosters the relationships between parent, student, staff, and community
- North Cedar Education Foundation provides financial support to help broaden the district's education opportunities

Postal Customer

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