



The Knight Times

North Cedar Community School District

Under the Dome

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Throughout last week, both chambers of the Legislature engaged in robust floor debates, delving into contentious issues as well as bipartisan initiatives garnering support from all members. With the second funnel deadline looming just under two weeks away, the legislative agenda is swiftly progressing.

In a significant development, the House approved the AEA proposal on Thursday, marking a notable improvement from its initial legislative proposal. This legislation primarily focuses on ensuring the seamless provision of special education services to school districts by AEAs, addressing a critical concern. Under this bill, school districts will continue to receive all necessary services for students, now transitioning education and media services to a fee-for-service model provided by AEAs.

While the Senate advanced several uncontroversial education bills, the House was particularly active, passing numerous education-related measures, albeit with varying degrees of bipartisan support. Among these were bills mandating curriculum changes, spanning subjects from social studies to human growth and development. However, the fate of these bills remains uncertain in the Senate.

Meanwhile, the House continued to advance its proposal to raise minimum teacher salaries and wages for education support personnel. The proposal garnered unanimous support in the House Appropriations Committee and is now slated for consideration by the full House.

Bills that have a cause to rally behind and advocate for our legislators in the area of education: the elevation of minimum teacher salaries and wages for education support personnel. Show your support for HF 2630 for the following reasons:

1. It raises the minimum teacher salary to \$50,000 over a span of two years and allocates \$14 million towards augmenting the salaries of education support staff to \$15 per hour.

2. It empowers districts to attract and retain top-tier teachers and staff members.

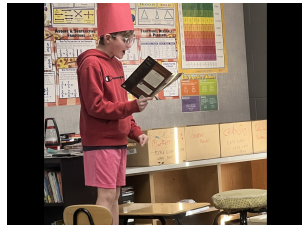
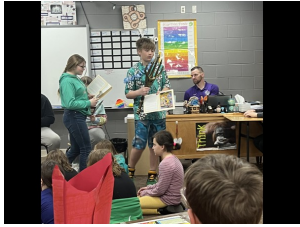
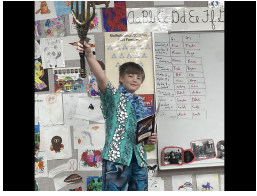
3. Competitive wages serve as an effective solution to combat the scarcity of teachers.

4. This proposal presents a feasible and sustainable approach for districts to implement.



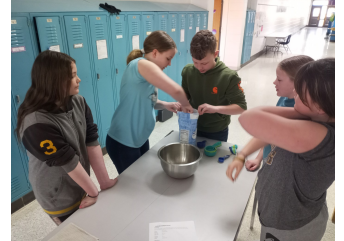
Message from Principal Horman

Mr. Helgerson's Sixth Grade Reader's Theater



Mr. Behren's Fifth Grade

Two of Mr. B's reading groups made bread with his sister. The "Math to Munch On" group made the banana bread recipe out of their book and "Chemistry in the Kitchen" made a 2 hour crockpot recipe white bread.



Mrs. Rouse's First Grade

We brought in a collection of 100 items for 100 days, made a crown, traced hands to count by 5s to 100, made a chain of 10 colors with 10 links to count by 10s to 100. We also learned about transparent, translucent, and opaque in science class and made some sun catchers.



Mrs. Snyder's Third Grade

We had so much fun celebrating the 100th day of school! We found how many claps, hops, names, alphabets, stand/sits, blinks, and counting we could do in 100 seconds. The kids also got in groups to see if they could write a total of 100 nouns, verbs, kind words, and number sentences that equal 100. We ended the day by putting a 100 piece puzzle together.



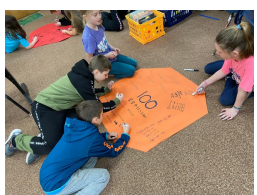
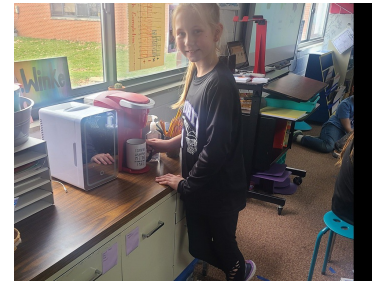
Mrs. Horman's Title 1 Reading

Reading in a tent to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday!



Mrs. Anderson's Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has had a lot of excitement in the last several weeks. The students have earned 2 purple ticket parties. We have worked on word study on the sidewalk with chalk. Students have become experts at their classroom jobs. Shout out to our classroom barista who even made coffee for Mr. Dohmen! The 4th graders have really taken ownership of their classroom through their superior execution of their classroom jobs. Currently, students are working on inferencing and drawing conclusions. They are very excited about taking on the role of a detective to solve the classroom leprechaun case file using their skills with evidence and inferencing!



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Message from Principal Carlson

We are approaching spring break at North Cedar, the year seems to have flown by so far. The students will return to school for a week after spring break,. Then the following week consists of Parent-Teacher Conferences, as well as, ISASP Testing at the building.

Academics

As previously mentioned, ISASP Testing will be completed during the week of Parent-Teacher Conferences. We will have an adjusted schedule that will soon be shared with all teachers and students for that week. Parent-Teacher Conference sign-up will be completed through PT Connect, as it has previously been done. The link will be sent out to parents in the very near future. If you have any questions regarding sign up, feel free to contact the 7-12 office.

Activities

Spring sports and activities are underway. The high school boys and girls had their first indoor track meets on March 4th and 5th already. We are looking forward to watching our Knights on the track this spring!

The band and choir had their combined concert at the end of February. It was a great performance to attend! The students also got the opportunity to throw a pie at some of their staff members' faces, including myself, as an incentive for one of their fundraisers. Overall, the night was filled with a bunch of great musical performances and a lot of fun was had by students and all of those in attendance.

Kiah Wendt participated in the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team at the Girls State Basketball Tournament. Please congratulate her on her accomplishment. Haley Farrington will participate in the All-State Cheerleading event on March 8th in Des Moines. Please congratulate her on this accomplishment as she has participated in this event for the 3rd time now.

Professional Development

The end of the year professional development will consist of continuing the work that we have been doing throughout the school year with our committees, child studies, as well as preparation for the conclusion of the school year. With this being our first year of full day professional developments, we feel we have a system in place now moving forward that we will make some adjustments to what we are currently doing, but feel that things have gone very smoothly in year one of full day professional developments.

As always,

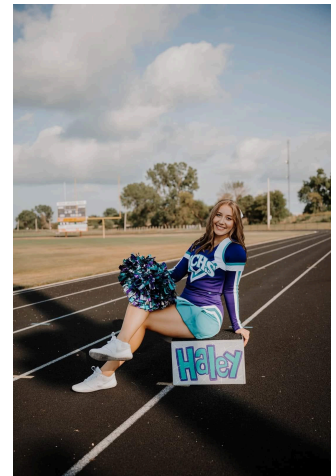
LET'S GO KNIGHTS!

Tanner Carlson

7-12 Principal



Kiah Wendt participated in the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team at the Girls State Basketball Tournament.



Haley Farrington will perform at All State Cheer on March 8.

Your support plays a vital role in ensuring that every student in our district has access to quality education, resources, and opportunities that will prepare them for success in the future. Your support helps us maintain high standards of academic excellence, provide enriching extracurricular activities, and foster a nurturing learning environment for all our students.

With your continued support, we can continue to innovate, adapt, and meet the evolving needs of our students and community. Your belief in the power of education to transform lives inspires us every day, and we are honored to have you as valued partners in our mission.

Once again, thank you for your dedication to public education and the North Cedar CSD. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our students and community.

Warm regards,

Mark A. Dohmen
Superintendent
North Cedar CSD

February Board Meeting Highlights

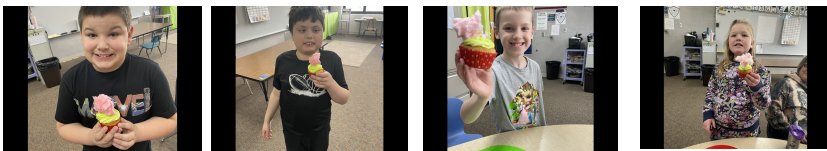
Each month the North Cedar School Board shares a few highlights of our monthly board meetings. These takeaways are messages that the board collectively feels are important for the public to know. Here are the highlights from the February 19, 2024 regular meeting:

- Passing the PPEL is an investment in the excellence of our educational system. For someone who owns a home assessed at \$135,000, their PPEL contribution is just 25-cents a day. The collective contributions of everyone in the district allow the PPEL to make a big difference. Without it, upgrades to make our buildings safer, purchasing buses and vehicles, replacing computers, buying new kitchen equipment, and other building maintenance and repairs would likely have to come out of the district's already constrained general fund.
- As we bid farewell to some of our esteemed colleagues, it is with mixed emotions that we announce their well-deserved retirements. With a blend of joy for their future endeavors and a hint of sadness at their departure, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mark Norton, Autumn Reiling, Laura Schroeder, Angie Wood, Sharon Rouse, Diane Martinson, Julie Brissette, and Scott Kasik. Throughout their career with us, each of them has played an invaluable role in shaping the North Cedar CSD into what it is today. Their dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment have not only contributed to the success of our district, but have also left a lasting impression on each one of us.
- We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of the athletes and participants who took part in the winter sports activities this season. Your dedication, hard work, and passion have truly shone through, making this season a memorable one. Your achievements, both on and off the field, do not go unnoticed. Whether you reached personal bests, earned medals, or simply enjoyed the camaraderie of being part of a team, each of you has contributed to the success of our winter sports program. We also want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the coaches, volunteers, and supporters who have dedicated their time and energy to help our athletes succeed. Your guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support have been instrumental in shaping our athletes into the remarkable individuals they are today.

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.

Mrs. Walker's Class

Mrs. Walker's students celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by creating Truffula tree cupcakes and sharing them with their teachers.



Mrs. Jackson's Third Grade

Teresa Bohlmann from the Cedar county extension and outreach program visited, doing another Agriculture in the Class activity in February. Topic of discussion was pork. We looked at careers in the pork industry as well. We love her visits! We were super excited that Mr. Groundhog did NOT see his shadow. This led us to writing opinion letters to him about reasons why we wanted an early spring versus six more weeks of winter. This was a super fun writing activity that led to awesome drawings of groundhogs by the third graders. Kindness was in the air and floating around the week of Valentines. We enjoyed gifting each other and also celebrating the 100th day of school by writing out 50 acts of kindness from third graders. We talked about kind things we can say and do. We are learning about fractions in math. We continue to participate in monthly yoga with Mr. H. We are reading as much as we can in our free time. We ended February by making origami dogs and cats with Mrs. Brady. Super fun!



Mrs. Brissette's PreK

Preschool is celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday in the dramatic center!



Mrs. Green's Second Grade

Mrs. Green's second grade class received a bag full of Valentine's Day treats from their sweet friends. The class enjoys the indoor toys donated by the North Cedar Foundation over the years. We are grateful for the opportunity to play with them when we can't go outside. Thank you to the NC Foundation for your generosity.



Miss Drevline's Fifth Grade

On Valentines day, we had the best time passing out valentines and receiving them as well. We even got to relive the glory days of being a little kid by watching Bluey and Mickey Mouse. Every month we meet up with our kindergarten buddies. This month, we did a chocolate box craft where students wrote down the things they love in their chocolate box. We are on week 4 of *Plan the Moon Challenge*. We have one radish plant thriving in the lunar soil. Unfortunately, the rest have died so we will be replanting soon.



Miss Clark's Kindergarten

We've had a busy month in our Kindergarten class. We got to celebrate Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school!



North Cedar Lunch & Activities Calendar

March 2024

Calendar is subject to change.

Fri., March 1:
Lunch: Pancakes & Sausage Links

Mon., March 4:
Lunch: Orange Chicken

Tues., March 5:
Lunch: Sloppy Joes

Wed., March 6:
Lunch: Totally Tacos

Thurs., March 7:
Lunch: Breaded Chicken Drumstick

Fri., March 8:
Lunch: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup
All State Cheer @ Wells Fargo Arena

Sat., March 9:
9am District Individual Speech

Mon., March 11:
No School—Spring Break

Tues., March 12:
No School—Spring Break
6pm Elementary Booster Meeting @ Jr/Sr High Library

Wed., March 13:
No School—Spring Break

Thurs., March 14:
No School—Spring Break

Fri., March 15:
No School—Spring Break

Mon., March 18:
No School—PD Day

Tues., March 19:
Lunch: Savory Breaded Chicken

Wed., March 20:
Lunch: Nacho Bar
8am-1pm Student Council Blood Drive @ Debbie Harms
Theatre, Clarence

Thurs., March 21:
Lunch: Homemade Lasagna

Fri., March 22:
Lunch: Pizza
4:30pm TRC HS Boys & Girls Co-Ed Indoor Track @ Dubuque

Mon., March 25:
Lunch: Chicken Bacon Club
9am All State Individual Speech @ Northern Iowa

Tues., March 26:
Lunch: French Dip Sandwich
All-State Festival Individual Events @ Cedar Falls
Early Dismissal
1pm-8pm Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wed., March 27:
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets

Thurs., March 28:
Lunch: Corn Dog or Cheddarwurst
Early Dismissal
1pm-8pm Parent-Teacher Conferences
4:30pm HS Girls Track @ Mapleleaf Athletic Complex, Mt.
Pleasant

Fri., March 29:
No School



Students enjoyed celebrating National School Breakfast Week.

March 2024

NAVIGATE & EDUCATE

Monthly Newsletter

Foot Clinic

Cedar County Public Health

March 7th
April 4th
May 2nd
June 6th & 27th
August 1st
September 5th

PLEASE NOTE
THE CHANGE
IN LOCATION!

8:30–11:00 a.m.

Cedar County Emergency
Management Agency
1410 Cedar Street
Tipton, IA 52772

Please bring your own basin and towel

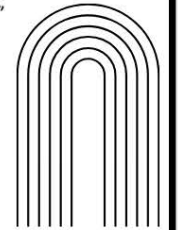
***If you are diabetic, you MUST have an order
from your doctor!***

Call 563-886-2226 with any questions!
\$10 donation requested at time of service

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: School Resource Navigator Ms. Emily
Work Cell: 563.886.4711; esmith@north-cedarstu.org

Available Food

1st Friday of the Month - 3:30-4:30pm Mobile Food Pantry Drive Thru at First United Methodist Church, 607 Lynn St, Tipton
Tuesdays - 3:45-5:15pm @ 300 Cedar St. Bennet
2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month - 10:00a-12:00p Food Pantry @ Zion UCC, 402 Main St, Lowden
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the Month - 3:30-5:30pm Food Pantry @ First UCC, 600 Mulberry St, Tipton
2nd & 4th Saturdays of the Month - 11:00am-11:45am Shared Blessings Free Meal @ First United Methodist Church, 607 Lynn St, Tipton
2nd & 4th Thursdays of the Month - 6:00-7:00pm Bring Photo ID, UMC, 307 E First St, Mechanicsville
3rd Tuesday of the Month - 3:30-4:30pm Mobile Food Pantry @ West Branch Fire Dept, 105 S 2nd St, West Branch
3rd Saturday of the Month - 9:00-10:00am Food Pantry Drive Thru at Foursquare Church, 1100 N Hwy 38, Tipton
Every Wednesday - 5:30-6:30pm Food Pantry @ St. John's UCC, 320 9th Ave, Clarence
1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month - 10:00am-1:00pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month - 3:00-7:00pm, Hein Manor bottom level 807 3rd St. Durant
Every Monday - 5pm-6pm Food Pantry @ St. Paul's UCC, 315 North Main St. Wheatland
2nd & 4th Saturdays of the Month - 9:30-10:30am @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 102 W. Church St. Oxford Jct.
Every Friday - 8:30-10am @ United Presbyterian Church 401 Main St. Lost Nation



Recipe Generators

UNSURE WHAT TO COOK?

Here are a few websites that will generate recipes with the ingredients you already have at home. SuperCook.Com & MyFridgeFood.Com

Street Outreach Program

How can we help?

Advocacy: Education, Employment, Identifying Documents, Physical Health, Mental Health, Shelter, Housing
Basic Needs Items: Hygiene Products, Weather Safety Gear, Access to Food, Referrals to Support Services



What do we offer?

Individual Case Management
Site-Based Drop-In Support
Group-Based Education
Peer Mentorship
Services Available in Johnson, Washington and Cedar Counties

How can you get involved?

Must be 21 or under in one of our service counties
Come to a drop-in site to get connected
Opt into school based education groups
Submit an online referral to set up a 1:1 meeting at:
unitedactionforyouth.org/tlp



SOP

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM



who?

- Young people 21 and under who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of experiencing homelessness

what?

- Connect to basic needs
- Gain education about housing resources
- Work with an advocate who can help

Where?

- Johnson, Washington, and Cedar Counties
- Learn More: unitedactionforyouth.org/tlp

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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