



The Knight Times

November 2025 Issue

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North Cedar Community School District

From the Desk of Superintendent Dohmen

Dear North Cedar Community,

On behalf of the North Cedar Community School District, I want to sincerely thank you for your overwhelming support of the General Obligation (GO) Bond and SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) Extension.

On November 4, voters authorized improvements at Lowden Elementary and the North Cedar Jr./Sr. High School, including a new two-story addition at Lowden and a multipurpose activities space at the high school to support both fine arts and athletics.

Your approval reflects a deep belief in the value of education and a shared commitment to the future of our students. By passing these measures, our community has ensured that North Cedar students will have modern, high-quality learning environments and equitable opportunities, all without increasing property taxes.

These projects are the result of careful planning, guided by a community-led facilities committee and a full assessment of our schools. Funded through a combination of SAVE funds and a GO bond, North Cedar's tax levy remains one of the lowest in the region, ensuring these improvements come responsibly and sustainably.

This bond and SAVE extension represent more than just new facilities—they represent our community's belief in the power of education. We are deeply grateful for the trust and partnership of our residents. Together, we are building a stronger, brighter future for our students.

We look forward to sharing updates, renderings, and timelines as design and construction move forward at north-cedar.org/bond2025.

Thank you again for investing in our students' futures.

With appreciation,
Mark Dohmen
Superintendent

Thank You



Design Concept

Message from Principal Carlson

Celebrations at the Jr./Sr. High

The fall semester at North Cedar has been full of excitement! Our fall sports seasons wrapped up strong, and clubs and organizations rose to new challenges, showing creativity, dedication, and school spirit. Quarter two is underway for our students academically, and JH students have now rotated to their next set of exploratory classes which they end their days with.

A special congratulations goes to our Drama Department for their incredible Haunted House during Halloween week. Nearly 550 community members attended over two nights, helping the department raise nearly \$1,900 to support upcoming shows and events, including the fall musical, competitive speech, and spring play. Our performers are now hard at work preparing for the Fall Musical, and we can't wait to see their talents shine on stage. The musical is November 7th and 8th at 7:00, please come out and support these students.

Our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students also had a busy and exciting month. Along with leading fundraising efforts by selling hamball meals in collaboration with Mill Creek Cafe, they connected with peers and learned valuable skills at the SFLC Leadership Conference—bringing back inspiration to enrich our school community.

Looking ahead, November has many events and opportunities for our students. The junior-senior high will hold a food drive from November 10–17, and on November 11th, our National Honor Society will host our Veteran's Day assembly to honor all who have served. The public is invited to attend, with a complimentary meal following the program.

Thank you for supporting our students, staff, and programs, and for helping make our school a place where every student can grow, thrive, and feel valued.

As always,
LET'S GO KNIGHTS!

Tanner Carlson 7-12 Principal



North Cedar Fine Arts Presents

ONCE

The Broadway Musical
November 7th and 8th at 7:00 p.m.
Debbie Harms Theater

Tickets can be purchased
at the door.
\$5 for students and adults.

VETERANS DAY

11.11.2025

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

NOV. 11, 2025. 10:30 A.M.
NORTH CEDAR JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
400 BALL ST, CLARENCE, IOWA 52216

VETERANS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO STAY
FOR A COMPLIMENTARY MEAL FOLLOWING THE
ASSEMBLY. PLEASE CALL 563-452-3179 BY NOV. 4TH
RSVP IS REQUESTED, BUT NOT REQUIRED

NORTH CEDAR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Mrs. Jackson's 3rd Grade

In October, Mrs. Jackson enjoyed meeting with parents at conferences to discuss student progress. The 3rd graders are progressing in math, recently exploring division with candy corn, and will soon move on to number sense. They continue practicing reading fluency, enjoyed Halloween Reader's Theater, and read a total of 6,260 minutes for the October Reading Challenge with Sir Reads A Lot.

Classroom highlights included Peer-to-Peer with Mrs. Walker, picture day, a fire and smoke presentation, story walks with Dr. Kate, Ag in the Classroom with Ms. Teresa, the Halloween Boo Parade and party, and plenty of fall-themed reading and writing.



Kindergarten Class T-Shirts

American Trust and Savings Bank, in Lowden, has donated t shirts to our kindergarten class in both Lowden and Mechanicsville for several years. Below are pictures of students proudly wearing their class shirts. Go class of 2038!



Mrs. Rouse's Lowden Library

Public and school libraries collide! Ms. Ann Harms from the Lowden Public Library came to visit on Library day in Lowden to discuss an activity she was doing in town which was a Duck Hunt. However, the ducks invaded the Lowden Elementary, the Lowden Public Library, and the Clarence Public Library.

One duck remains in the Lowden Elementary and may still be in the Public Libraries! Kids got to adopt the ducks. Some ducks represented an instant prize and some a grand prize!

The grand prize will be Pizza with the Principal!



Mrs. Eichinger's 4th Grade

4th graders reached their Sir Reads A Lot goal with over 10,000 minutes and celebrated with a movie and camping day. We had our Halloween and purple ticket party combined, with costumes and treats!

Students have loved getting to use technology in their specials.



Mrs. Havill's 2nd Grade

The 2nd graders had a blast at their combined 3 Purple Ticket Party Day! They wore pajamas, brought stuffed animals, watched a movie, and enjoyed popcorn and hot chocolate. In Music class with Mrs. Haker, they are also learning how to play the bells.

Additional North Cedar News

Here to Support Our Community — School Resource Navigation Website

The School Resource Navigation website includes a wide variety of information about services and support in our local area.

Including: Basic needs (Food/Housing), Mental/Behavioral Health, Physical Health, Healthcare, Crisis Lines, Homelessness, Domestic Violence, Grief, a Virtual Calming Room to help regulate emotions, and MORE.

The website is live on the North Cedar School District Website.

Under Departments - Simply Select: "School Resource Navigation"

Parents — Keep Informed With the Remind App!

Want to stay up to date on news from your school? Download the free Remind App today to stay informed on your student's events, school closures, and more. If you haven't signed up yet, please make sure to join Remind, as all notifications are sent through this platform. For families with children in multiple buildings, be sure to subscribe to updates from each school. More information can be found at north-cedar.org/remind-app.

Other Celebrations

Halloween BOO Parade

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's Elementary BOO Parade! Students at both schools showed off their costumes, enjoyed festive classroom activities, and had a fantastic time celebrating all day long!



Fire Safety Week

Fire Safety Week (Oct. 5–11) was celebrated at North Cedar with a visit from local first responders! Students explored a fire truck and ambulance while learning the importance of safety.



NORTH CEDAR HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

NORTH CEDAR SCHOOLS - NOV 2025 FOOD DRIVE

WHEN?
NOV 10th–17th

UNEXPIRED & NON PERISHABLE FOOD

YOUR DONATION HELPS PROVIDE MEALS AND GROCERIES TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST.



MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Soup
- Canned Pasta (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc)
- Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Hamburger Helper
- Ramen Noodles
- Tuna Helper
- Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken etc.)
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned Chili beans
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Tomato Juice
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Jelly/Jam
- Peanut butter
- Jell-O
- Pudding mix
- Pancake mix & maple syrup
- Muffin mix
- Brownie & Cake Mix
- Cereal
- Granola Bars

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES BEFORE DONATING



DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

North Cedar Jr/Sr High School
400 Ball St. Clarence, IA
Main Office Entrance



Lowden Elementary School
703 Park Avenue Lowden, IA

Mechanicsville Elementary School
609 125th Street Mechanicsville, IA

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Elementary News Continued

Mrs. White's 5th Grade

5th graders had a blast at their Halloween/Purple Ticket Party, creating fun, flavored candy drinks to celebrate!



Mrs. Schroeder's Mechanicsville Library

Thank you to all who supported the Library by buying books or donating funds through "Share the Fair" at our Scholastic Book Fair in October. We've already been able to purchase some new books for the kids, they are so excited! Our annual elementary library Reading Challenge has begun. We are just finishing up October and will soon have our first celebration for those students/classrooms that reached their goal! We appreciate the encouragement you provide at home helping students reach their monthly personal goals! The students and I, together, are coming up with some fun celebration ideas during library time at school!



More information about this will be coming in the future newsletters.

Just a quick reminder, Library is every Thursday, so your help getting those books back to school would be greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Snyder's 3rd Grade

3rd graders explored agriculture by creating a farm web! They also celebrated the fall season with festive activities, including spooky snacks and slime-making fun.



Mrs. Kent's 4th Grade

Throughout September and October, Ms. Kent's 4th graders completed a State in a Bag project. Each student researched a state and chose an item for six categories—economics, natural resources, history, tourism, geography, and sports, fitting everything in a paper bag, which they also decorated and labeled with information.



Mrs. Fuller's 6th Grade

Ms. Fuller's class decided to have class outside (before it got cold) to celebrate getting their first 15 purple tickets.

Ms. Lovell's 6th Grade



Mrs. Weber's 1st Grade



Little Knight's Cheerleaders



November 2025 Calendar

Mon., Nov. 3:

Lunch: Crispito

Tues., Nov. 4:

Lunch: BBQ Rib or Fire Braised Chicken

Wed., Nov. 5:

Lunch: Cheese Ravioli

Thurs., Nov. 6:

Lunch: Louisiana Chicken

4pm 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Prince of Peace

4:30pm JH Boys Wrestling @ East Buchanan

5pm 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Prince of Peace

Fri., Nov. 7:

Lunch: Pizza

7pm Fall Musical @ Debbie Harms Theater

Sat., Nov. 8:

7pm Fall Musical @ Debbie Harms Theater

Mon., Nov. 10:

No School

4pm 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Marquette HS

5pm 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Marquette HS

Tues., Nov. 11:

Lunch: Mandarin Chicken

4pm 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Springville

4:30pm JH Boys Wrestling @ Edgewood-Colesburg Elem.

4:50pm 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs Springville

Wed., Nov. 12:

Lunch: Homemade Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup

Thurs., Nov. 13:

Lunch: Lowden: Turkey; McVile & Jr/Sr High: Totally Tacos

4pm 7th Grade Girls Basketball vs Easton Valley

4:30pm JH Boys Wrestling @ Starmont HS

5pm 8th Grade Girls vs Easton Valley

Fri., Nov. 14:

Lunch: Chicken Patty

Mon., Nov. 17:

Lunch: Sloppy Joes

4pm 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Cal-Wheat

5pm 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Cal-Wheat

6pm School Board Meeting @ Stanwood

Tues., Nov. 18:

Lunch: Lowden & McVile: Chicken Sticks;

Jr/Sr High: Turkey

4:30pm JH Boys Wrestling @ East Buchanan

Wed., Nov. 19:

Lunch: Lowden: Meatball Sub; McVile: Turkey; Jr/Sr High: Chicken Sticks

Thurs., Nov. 20:

Lunch: Walking Tacos

4pm 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Lisbon

4:30pm JH Boys Wrestling @ Lisbon

5pm 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Lisbon

Fri., Nov. 21:

Lunch: Mac & Cheese

6pm JV Boys Basketball vs Louisa-Muscatine

7:30pm V Boys Basketball vs Louisa-Muscatine

Mon., Nov. 24:

Lunch: Lowden: Chicken Strips; McVile & Jr/Sr High: Chicken Nuggets

4pm 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Prince of Peace

4:30pm JH Boys Wrestling @ Maquoketa Valley HS

4:30pm V Girls Wrestling @ Columbus HS

5pm 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Prince of Peace

5:30pm V Boys Basketball @ North Linn

Tues., Nov. 25:

Lunch: Corn Dog or Cheddarwurst

3:30pm V Girls Wrestling @ Midland HS

Wed., Nov. 26:

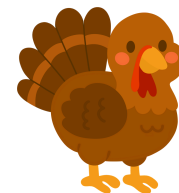
No School-Thanksgiving Break

Thurs., Nov. 27:

No School-Thanksgiving Break

Fri., Nov. 28:

No School-Thanksgiving Break



Stay Informed!

North Cedar CSD shares school news, updates, success stories and more to keep families informed! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

[Facebook.com/nccsd](https://www.facebook.com/nccsd)
[Twitter.com/northcedarcsd](https://twitter.com/northcedarcsd)

NAVIGATE & EDUCATE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025



ECIA's Regional Solution For Safer & Healthier Homes



Grant Funding Available

LEAD PAINT & HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM (LPBHH)

Homes or rental properties built before 1978 are eligible for the Lead Paint and Healthy Homes program. Homeowners or tenants are eligible to apply, especially those with children 5 or younger that live or visit the home. If lead is found, the home will be made lead safe. There is additional money available to make improvements to the home to make it safer and healthier for children. Some homes/rental properties receive new windows, siding, and other improvements. Available in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, Jones, and Scott Counties.

OLDER ADULT HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM (OAHMP)

Older adult homeowners can stay living in their homes, thus "aging in place" rather than moving into an assisted living facility. The Older Adult program provides low-cost, high-impact modifications to the home to help reduce the risk of falling, such as installation of hand railings or non-slip strips on stairs or in showers/baths. Available in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson Counties.

HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM (HH)

The Healthy Homes grant makes our community's housing stock safer by addressing commonly seen deficiencies. Our focus is on water infiltration/mold, indoor air quality, trip and fall hazards, pest infestations, minor electrical and plumbing deficiencies, minor roof repair, etc. We will inspect a property and can address any issues we see that fall within HUD's Eight Principles of a Healthy Home. The eight principles are: Keep it dry, clean, safe, well-ventilated, pest-free, contaminant free, well maintained and thermally controlled. Available in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque and Jackson Counties.

APPLY TODAY!

EMAIL US:
homerepairs@ecia.org
CALL US:
563-690-5776
eciahomerepair.org



THE
science
OF parenting

ONLINE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

Understanding Research and Reality* November 3rd | 8:00pm

Register: <https://go.iastate.edu/BAFRNS>
Discover how research can guide your parenting approach while addressing real-life challenges. Learn practical techniques to navigate parenting realities.

Understanding Temperament* November 10th | 8:00pm

Register: <https://go.iastate.edu/29KJLG>
Every child is unique! Explore temperament traits and understand how they shape your child's emotions and behaviors.

Children's Ages and Parenting Stages* November 17th | 8:00pm

Register: <https://go.iastate.edu/UVBIO>
Kids grow, and so do parents! Learn how to adapt your parenting style to fit your child's age and developmental stage.

Positive Discipline* November 24th | 8:00pm

Register: <https://go.iastate.edu/KNFT7F>
Turn guidance and discipline into an opportunity to strengthen your relationship with your child. Learn the key differences between discipline and punishment.

Workshops are funded by
Health and Human Sciences
Extension and Outreach for
ALL PARTICIPANTS!

REGISTER NOW!



<https://go.iastate.edu/FAMTL2>

Questions?

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* approved for foster parent credit

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Health and Human Sciences County Extension Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/legal. HS 59 December 2024

CDW Education

LEARN ABOUT CHILDREN AND SOCIAL MEDIA

WITH STACY BEHMER

As an experienced educator and technology leader, Stacy Behmer has spent her career helping school districts and teachers effectively integrate technology into the classroom.

Beginning as an elementary and middle school teacher, she later transitioned into district-level roles, including technology director. Her expertise, which is supported by master's degrees- one in curriculum and instructional technology and another in educational leadership—led her to the position of Coordinator of Digital Learning at Grant Wood AEA. In that role, she led a team of digital learning consultants, providing crucial support and training to teachers and administrators statewide.

Now, as the CDW Amplified for Education Academy Manager, Stacy leads a team that delivers professional training to school district IT staff. She is a Google for Education Certified Innovator and Certified Trainer, and her dedication to educational technology was recognized with the ISTE Making it Happen award.

JOIN US: NOVEMBER 19, 2025
AT 7:00PM
MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM - 850 E OAK ST.,
MONTICELLO, IA

- Understand the current social media landscape
- Provide practical strategies for managing screen time and content
- Equip parents with a "Digital Citizenship Toolkit" to teach their children

Have
Questions?
Need Food?
OR other
Support?

Visit NC
District
Website
Click
Departments
then Click
"School
Resource
Navigation"

FREE Dads Focus Group



Thursday, November 6, 2025 • 5:00-7:00 PM

Virtual

Zoom Link • <https://tinyurl.com/Dadsfocusgroup>



What We Provide:

- Connect with other dads
- Share your experiences, fears, and successes
- Learn coping strategies
- Focus on self-care techniques
- Prioritize your well-being



children & families of iowa

Questions? Contact Ms. Emily
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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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