

WILDCAT PRIDE

November NEWSLETTER



Welcome to December!! It's hard to believe the school year is nearly half over. It has been a different year here at Cedar Bluffs Elementary in quite a few ways. However, even with all the distractions, quarantines, staff shortages, schedules and processes, school, once underway, is still very much the same. I sent out a virtual staff meeting to the teachers a couple weeks ago and voiced a similar sentiment.

This whole year, even before the start of school this fall, has been anything but ordinary. What I reminded our staff about and what I would say to you all too, is that even with all that has happened, is happening, or will happen around us, at the core we are still doing what we have done day in and day out for years and that is teach our students. Once settled into classrooms for the day, other than doing our best to wear masks, distance and take more sanitary precautions, teachers are teaching content, how to behave, how to follow directions, work as a team, give a good effort and overall grow to become good students and great people. I wanted to remind our staff and remind all parents that at the end of the day amidst all the distractions, we are doing what we've always done and to keep our focus on that fact and not let anything else drive a wedge into our mindset, or distort what is truly taking place each day.

The year has been stressful on many in a variety of ways and for me, knowing that my own kids and all our kids are still in a safe place learning all they are learning and overall are experiencing a productive year at school makes me feel good at the end of each day. I hope all parents feel this way too and I know everyone has grown to greater appreciate what schools offer the public and a greater appreciation for the simple things we may often take for granted.

At this time of Thanksgiving and the upcoming Holiday's I felt like it would be a good time to remind ourselves of some good things we all have and appreciate the certainty of your child's education and well-being in a time of much uncertainty. I want to thank our staff for rolling with the punches this fall and our parents for trusting us with their child's education and well-being. I hope you all had a safe Thanksgiving break and take steps necessary to remain safe and healthy over the holiday break.

We will have a full day on Friday, December 18th and the holiday break will begin on Saturday the 19th. We will resume classes **Tuesday** the 5th of January. Until next month, take care and GO WILDCATS! Mr. Hansen

REMINDERS

* As stated many times in multiple resources, we are following health protocols provided to us by 3 Rivers Health Dept. The general health protocols for student illness is again attached at the end of this newsletter.

* ATTENDANCE INFORMATION...

*Attendance notices will again be sent to those who needed them after break. Notices are to be sent quarterly and after each 5 absences in a quarter, or after 10 total in a year. If you receive a notice and have any questions regarding them, contact the school. **All absences are counted as an absence whether excused, or unexcused.**

*School begins at 8:00 and students are recorded as tardy after that.

Other Information

*The K-5th grade Christmas Music Program has been cancelled and will not take place in person. Instead, Mrs. K will be recording each class this week and their performance will be posted online. She sent a letter home last week telling which day the recording will take place and for your child to dress up on that day if you wish. If you have questions regarding that, please contact Mrs. K. The recordings will be posted as soon as possible and we will send out a notification to let you know. They will likely be uploaded to our school Facebook page, our website, or linked to a Youtube channel.

***Report Cards go out quarterly. They were first given out at conferences and will again immediately after winter break.**

*ALL LOST AND FOUND items will be donated at Christmas break.

*Winter MAPS and Aims Testing will begin this week and throughout December.

*Our canned food drive was a tremendous success. **Over 4,000 items** were donated by the elementary students! Miss Walling's class donated the most and will have an ice-cream party to recognize their generosity.

Notes from the Kids First After-School Program:

Did you know the Kids First After-School Program is free with over 100 kids signed up, with an average attendance of 60 kids on any given day! This year we are grouping students into clubs. Students can take part in construction club, film club, games of strategy, cooking club, garden club, fitness club along with games and free play with classmates. We also offer homework time every day for 3rd through middle school for a minimum of a half hour, but if kids need more time they are encouraged to finish homework before joining activities. If you want your child to be a part of the Kids First After School Program or would like more information please contact Mr. Beckman at 402-628-2080 ext.3 or jeff.beckman@cbwildcats.org.

November **PRIDE** Award Winners Were:

Kindergarten: Paityn Carlson, Sophia Petersen **First Grade:** McKinley Holt, Emarie Barrett **Second Grade:** Brylee Jurgens, Gracelyn Hanson **Third Grade:** Scarlet Foley, Leo Schmidt **Fourth Grade:** Blayze Jurgens, Alice Skretta **Fifth Grade:** Steyssi Cinto, Selena Rivera-Avilla

*These students were nominated by a teacher in the building for exhibiting **INTEGRITY** throughout the month of November. Congratulations to these students for being leaders in our building and exemplifying what it means to be a Cedar Bluffs WILDCAT.

GO WILDCATS!



| School Information | | Student Information | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--|
| School Office | | Student Name | |
| School Contact | | Mother | |
| Date screened | | Phone | |
| Sent home? | YES or NO | Father | |
| Return date: | | Phone | |
| | | Guardian | |
| 2 nd time sent home: | Date: | Phone | |
| Symptoms: | | Parent Notified | |

Symptoms student currently presents with 2 or more of the following (Circle all that apply):

- ☐ Fever
- ☐ Chills
- ☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ☐ Fatigue/Myalgia
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Congestion or runny nose
- ☐ Nausea or vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhea

Presents with at least one of the following:

- ☐ New cough
- ☐ Shortness of breath
- ☐ Difficulty breathing
- ☐ New loss of taste/smell

Your child is being sent home because they are symptomatic. These symptoms are consistent with Covid-19. Based on your child's symptoms and recommendations given to us by the health department your child must stay home until they are:

- ☐ 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medication (Earliest return date would be: _____)
- ☐ 24 hours Symptom free (see above circled symptoms child presented with)
- ☐ We recommend you check with your healthcare provider due to your child exhibiting the symptoms above

***If your child returns to school still exhibiting the symptoms they were sent home for within 14 days of first being sent home, then a 10-day exclusion will be required. Your child however may return to school before 10 days have passed with proof of a negative Covid test, OR if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis and presents us with a doctor note.** Please see Doctor's return to school clearance form on the back of this paper.

*To summarize, if your child is sent home for above symptoms and returns to school still exhibiting the same symptoms within 14 days of the first removal, you will be required to keep them home 10 days unless a negative test is produced, or an alternative diagnosis is established by a doctor and a note, fax or phone call from the doctor's office is provided.