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Twin Cedars



Community School

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From the Desk of Mr. Roby

Congratulations to both our boy’s and girls’ basketball teams for having a super year despite dealing with COVID all season. The boys were able to land two boys on the Blue Grass Conference all-conference team: Kade Dunkin honorable mention and Devin Arkema second team.

On the girl’s side of things, there were many high points. Cheyanne Bruns achieved honorable mention all-conference. Rylee Dunkin made second team all BGC along with the all sophomore team by KMAland radio. She also tied a school record with ten assists in a game. Brooke Roby was unanimously named to the BGC basketball team, the all elite KAMland, and the all junior KMAland team. The team tied for third in the conference with many key players returning for next season. Great job to all coaches and players.

Our students were fortunate to hear a motivational speaker, Desi Payne, speak on the importance of resiliency. She stressed the importance of five things:

1. Always get back up
2. Take responsibility
3. Learn from mistakes
4. Never give up
5. Ask for help

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING SURVEY

COMMUNITY TALKING POINTS

The purpose of this document is to provide school districts with talking points to use with members of the school community to understand the importance of the Conditions for Learning Survey. They can be used in a letter or in verbal announcements. There may be more points than can fit into one letter, so decide which points are most important for your school community.

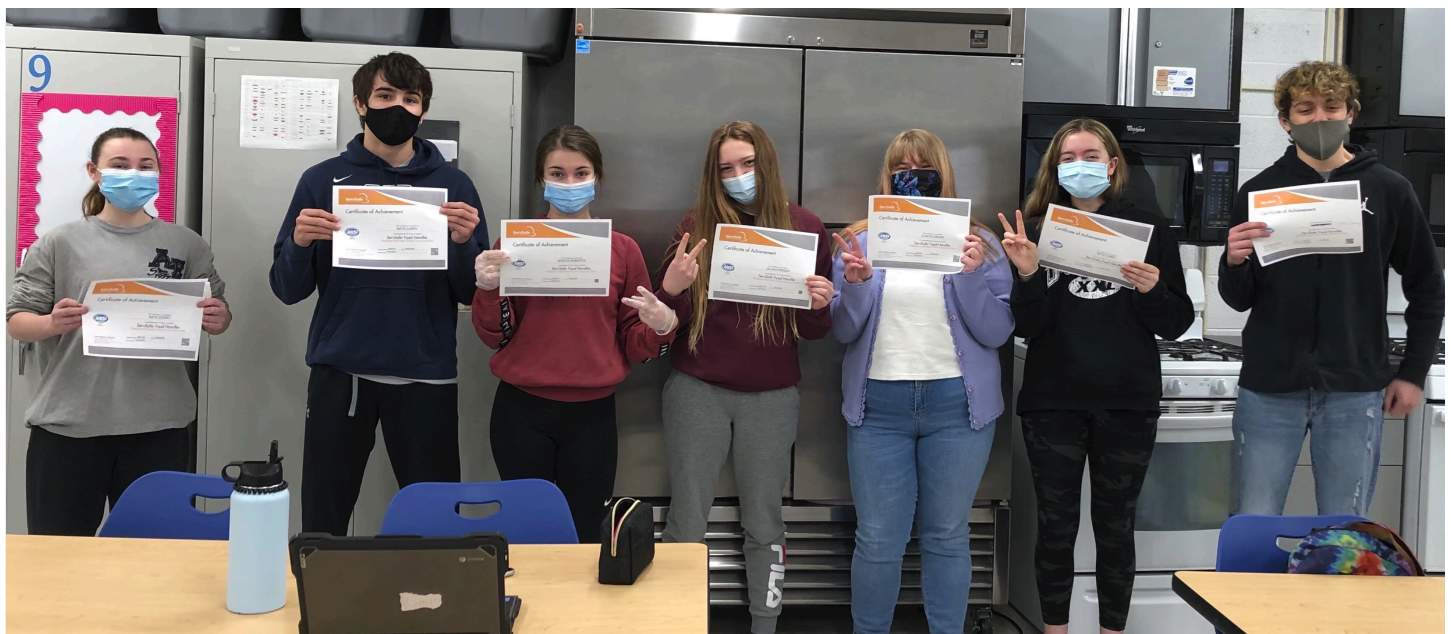
Consider using your School Improvement Advisory Committee, PTA or other core groups to introduce the Iowa Conditions for Learning Survey and explore the kinds of questions or concerns that may arise. This group could also be engaged in helping to get the word out about the survey.

It is the policy of the Twin Cedars Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district’s Equity Coordinator, David Roby, High School Principal, 2204 Hwy G-71, Bussey, IA 50044, 641-944-5245, droby@twincedarscsd.org.

- Our students in grades 3rd-12th will take a survey designed to measure their engagement in school, safety and overall learning environment on April 7, 2021.
- Our school(s) are required to administer this survey, called Conditions for Learning, annually as part of Iowa's plan to meet the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, and Iowa's plan serves as the foundation for our state's system of school accountability and support.
- While the Survey is required for 2021, the results data will not be used in the Fall 2021 accountability calculations.
- Research shows students thrive academically when they feel safe, actively engaged in their learning, and when they have positive relationships with adults and other students at school.
- Results from the Conditions for Learning survey also will serve as a great tool to help our schools, teachers, and parents identify areas of strength, as well as areas that may need attention or support.
- Our students' participation in the survey is very important to our school because results can help us build an action plan to improve the learning environment. A high rate of completion means getting the best data possible.
- For students, the survey is an important opportunity to be heard and to be part of efforts to improve their learning environment. We appreciate the community's support in communicating to students about this great opportunity.
- Survey results are confidential. No district, school, or Department of Education staff will have access to identifiable student data.
- While our students will be encouraged to answer as many questions as possible, they will not be required to answer any questions that make them feel uncomfortable.

FCS

Earlier this year, students in Foods I completed the ServSafe Food Handler certification. This is an industry-recognized certification that students can put on their resumes! Pictured are Trinity Reed, Nathan Curry, Kenzynn Roberts, Jillian French, Alexys Crook, Joanna Geremesz, and Cullen Weeks. Students in Advanced Foods also completed their food handler certification. Those students are Addison Haines, Levi Messamaker, Chole Swank, Jenna Hastings, and Lyla Essick. Congrats to all!





Congratulations to Kadyn Boyd and Ami Mockenhaupt for participating in the Marion Junior Virtual Honor Band. A recording will be made available at a later date.

Nurse News

Parents/Guardians,

In the last few weeks we have seen an increase in sickness unrelated to COVID-19. As a result here is a quick reminder of when to keep your children home from school and how long they need to stay home due to sickness other than COVID-19. Please also remember when you are called to pick up your child you need to be here in 1 hour or less unless other arrangements can be made with school staff. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 641-944-5245 ext 306 or email me at jhannon@twincedarcsd.org

Joni Hannon BSN-RN
Twin Cedars Nurse

When to keep your child home from school (Non-COVID related sickness)-

Please keep the health of others in mind when deciding on whether to keep your child home or send them to school. If they have vomited or had diarrhea within the past 24 hours, have a fever of 100.0 or higher, have an undiagnosed rash, or sore throat please do not send them to school. They should be fever free for 24 hours without the help of fever-reducing medication or have taken a prescribed antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.

When to stay home COVID related-

Stay home when:

You have been in “close contact” with someone positive with COVID-19.

Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of someone positive for COVID-19, when either person was not wearing a mask.

You have any high risk symptoms:

- New Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smells

You have two or more low risk symptoms or your symptoms are not within your “norm”

- *headache*
- *muscle / body aches*
- *fatigue*
- *sore throat*
- *runny nose*
- *fever or chills - do not come to school if you have a temp > °100 regardless if you don't have other symptoms*
- *sinus pain/*
- *congestion*
- *nausea*
- *vomiting*
- *diarrhea*



Students of the Month: January

Robert Goemaat (7th), Alli Reed (8th),
Joanna Geremesz (9th), Rylee Dunkin (10th),
Ali Mockenhaupt (11th), Kade Dunkin (12th)

Homecoming Queen, Hailey Curry,
and Homecoming King, Jace Nichols.

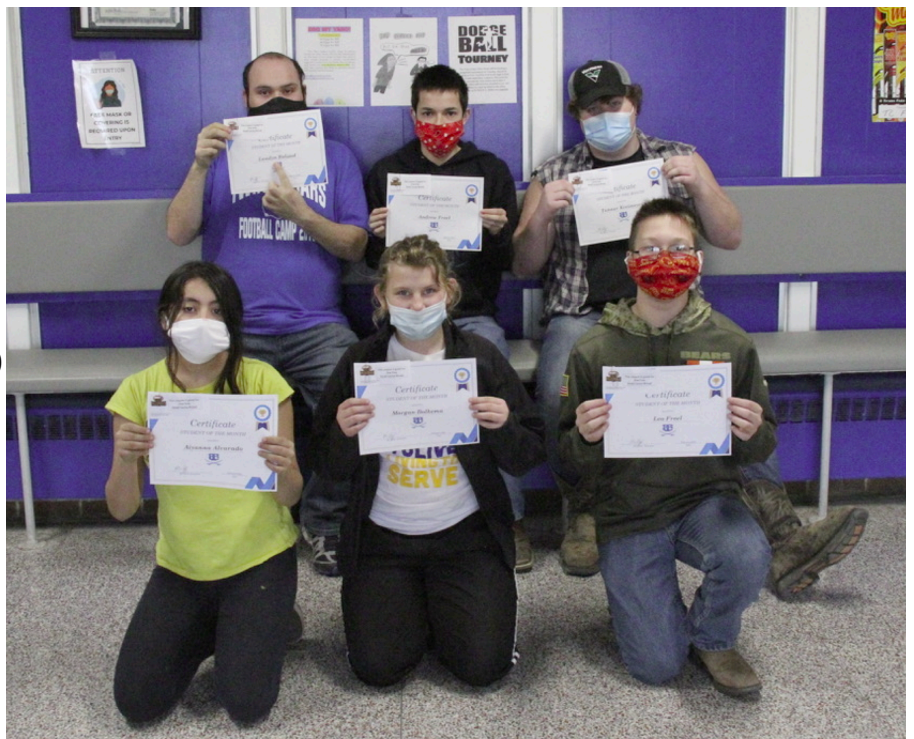
(Saber Court) Chloe Swank, Brett
Sedlock, Saylor See, Mason Sanders,
Laci Messamaker, Brody Haines, Jenna
Hastings, Kade Dunkin.





Saber Queen, Saylor See, and Saber King, Brett Sedlock.

- 7- Aiyanna Alvarado
- 8 - Morgan Bolkema
- 9 - Leo Freel
- 10 - Landyn Roland (Mr. Parker subbing)
- 11- Drew Freel
- 12 - Tanner Kreimeyer



Minutes of Meeting

Twin Cedars Board of Directors

March 8, 2021

5:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Twin Cedars Board of Directors was held on the above date.

President Kelly Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Directors Mike Weldon, Heather Dunkin, Jolinda Fairchild and Steph Sterner were present. Kim and Dave Roby, Scott Bridges and Mark Bacus were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Director Fairchild and supported by Director Sterner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Dunkin and supported by Director Weldon to approve the February 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes and February 10, 2021 Special Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports were reviewed and filed for audit.

A motion was made by Director Weldon and supported by Director Sterner to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Communications

Mark Bacus shared his work list for the summer. He had gotten quotes for the geo-thermal fix. He also shared a list of things on a 5 year plan. Mr. VanderSluis let the board know about the ESSER II money that the district will be receiving. This can be used for air systems so that is one thing the district is looking at replacing the older units at the elementary that haven't already been replaced. There will be some cement work, eaves, and the normal summer cleaning going on. There will be 2 more elementary classrooms getting new cabinets, sinks, and flooring replaced.

There were questions about the cancellation of the Saber Dance and the school play being done virtually. Marion County public health guidelines are being used to help make these decisions. Prom and the Senior Trip are being planned now. There may be mitigations necessary but unless something changes, these will go on as planned. The Elementary Track and Field Day has been approved for May at this time.

Administration Reports

Mrs. Roby shared the calendar and the CTE/SIAC meeting list and agenda. The career fair is scheduled for March 24th. A virtual Family Fair will be March 30th. ACTs will be given on Tuesday and the NCRC is scheduled for April 6th. She reviewed the Summer School policy with the board.

Mr. Roby shared what the governor proposed for ineligibility. The board agreed that Twin Cedars could adopt it and drop the D's off the ineligibility check for the district for now. This will be reviewed in the summer along with the other Student Handbook items. Mr. Roby has had a couple of people interested in the assistant softball position. No recommendations at this time. There have been a couple of speakers at the high school. Desi Payne and Mike Smith have spoken to the students. Girls basketball tied-3rd for conference. Brooke Roby - unanimous first team all conference, All-Elite BGC - KMAland, All-Junior team BGC, KMAland. Rylee Dunkin - 2nd team all conference, All-sophomore team KMAland. Tied school record in assists in a game (10) Cheyanne Bruns - Honorable mention BGC. Boys basketball - Devin Arkema, 2nd team BGC. Kade Dunkin - Honorable mention BGC.

Mr. VanderSluis' report will be covered in the budget review.

New Business

Mr. VanderSluis reviewed the budget information. He gave the board a packet of financial terms and how they relate to the budget process. He gave the history of enrollment, tax rate, and Solvency ratio. The board decided on a 5% Income

Surplus with a 14.07 Property Tax rate. This will be published to the newspaper. The FY 22 calendar was shared and reviewed by the board.

Action Items

Motion made by Fairchild and supported by Dunkin to set the date and time of the FY 2022 budget hearing for April 7, 2021 at 5:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Sterner and supported by Weldon to approve the sharing agreements with Oskaloosa Community School District for Transportation and Building and Grounds Services for the FY 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Weldon and supported by Dunkin to accept Marty Duffy's resignation for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Sterner and supported by Fairchild to accept Mike Bennett's resignation for JH Football for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dunkin and supported by Sterner to accept the 2 year contract for Training Wheels for the FY 21 and FY 22. Motion carried unanimously.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Twin Cedars Community School District approves the transfer of \$17,280.92 from the General Fund to the Local Option Sales Tax Fund for expenditures that occurred between July 1, 2020 and August 11, 2020 related to COVID-19, and that the district will receive funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Act.

Motion was made by Director Fairchild and supported by Director Weldon to adopt this resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

The next board meeting will be Monday, April 12th at 5:00.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Director Dunkin and supported by Director Fairchild to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2020-21 ATHLETIC BOOSTER SUPPORTERS!!

BLUE Level (\$25-\$99)

Mike & Jolinda Fairchild

Eric & Kristen McCombs

Jolene Hackett

State Bank of Bussey *

Precision, Inc. *

Two Rivers Cooperative *

State Farm - Jay Olson Agency *

Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North
America, Inc *

Northcote Meats *

WHITE Level (\$100-\$199)

Andy & Stacie Dunkin

Jason Arkema

Jeremy & Stephanie Bailey

Kurt & Heather Dunkin

Randy & Sheila Dunkin

Dave & Kim Roby

Paul & Deb Haselhuhn

Kevin J Wadle, CPA *

Pella Motors *

Johnson & Lane Attorneys *

Raceway Tire & Exhaust *

City of Bussey *

Clow Valve Company *

SABER Level (\$200 +)

The Durian Family

Zack & Brandy Dunkin

Travis & Holly French

Steve & Kim Dixon

Knoxville Hospital & Clinics *

* denotes business sponsor

BECOME A BOOSTER SUPPORTER!

Money raised through membership supports our efforts to give back to our athletes through equipment, uniforms, facility upgrades, and much more!

Questions/Forms contact: Heather Dunkin 641-218-8865

Twin Cedars Junior-Senior High School

Senior Class Trip

We are selling boxes of 100 30-gallon black, heavy-duty trash bags for \$25 each.



Why are we selling trash bags? We are raising money for our annual Senior Class Trip to Osage Beach, Missouri in May. The money we raise will pay for our travel expenses, lodging, meals and activities.

Don't need trash bags? No problem! We still have a few other items left to purchase! There are TC bucket hats (\$5) and can koozies (\$1).

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our class sponsors:

Julie Sytsma

Jodi Swayne

jsytsma@twincedarcsd.org

jswayne@twincedarcsd.org

641-944-5243 x227

TC Little Sabers Breakfast

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 No School	2 Good Friday No School	3
4	5 No School	6 Assorted muffin	7 Egg & sausage patty	8 Mini pancakes	9 Donut	10
11	12 Breakfast pizza	13 Egg & cheese omelet	14 Funnel cake	15 Breakfast boat	16 Donut	17
18	19 Breakfast pizza	20 Confetti cookie & sausage patty	21 Pancake on a stick	22 Nutri grain bar & sausage patty	23 No School	24
25	26 Breakfast pizza	27 Mini chocolate chip French toast	28 Cinnamon roll	29 Egg & sausage patty	30 Donut	May 1st
May 2 nd	May 3 Breakfast pizza	May 4 TBD	May 5 TBD	May 6 TBD	May 7 Donut	



*All breakfast served with fruit&/or juice cup and choice of 1% white, fat free chocolate or fat free skim milk

*Other daily option is cereal bowl.
*Menu subject to change.
*3 components on your tray.
Milk, Fruit/Vegetable & Grain

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

TC Little Sabers Lunch April

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 No School	2 Good Friday No School	3
4	5 No School	6 Chicken strips Fresh broccoli Pears Fresh fruit	7 Meat balls w/marinara Garlic bread, Salad Fresh carrots Applesauce	8 Pepperoni pizza Salad Steamed corn Mandarin oranges	9 Giant soft pretzel w/cheese sauce & sausage patty Fresh cucumbers Oranges, Pears	10
11	12 Crispito w/cheese sauce & string cheese Onion rings, Grapes Fresh broccoli	13 Bbq rib sandwich Tater tots & Steamed green beans Fruit	14 Spaghetti w/meat sauce w/string cheese Breadstick Lettuce Pears & Fruit	15 Super nachos Steamed corn Cauliflower Grapes Graham crackers	16 Popcorn shrimp w/string cheese Fresh carrots Side kick Fruit	17
18	19 Taco sandwich Lettuce, Cheese slice, Tomato slice Fresh carrots Applesauce	20 Turkey gravy w/string cheese Mashed potatoes Steamed green beans, Oranges Roll	21 Popcorn chicken Fresh broccoli Baked beans Mandarin oranges Apples	22 Turkey sub Fresh carrots & celery w/sun butter Lettuce Apples	23 No School	24
25	26 Cereal bowl w/sausage patty Cottage cheese Hash brown Fresh cucumbers Juice cup	27 Chicken & noodles w/string cheese Mashed potatoes Fresh cauliflower Peaches, Hot roll	28 Chili Fresh carrots Fries Pears Cinnamon roll	29 Chicken & ranch wrap Lettuce, Cheese cup, Fresh red peppers & Carrots Apples	30 Bosco stick w/marinara Cottage cheese Fresh cauliflower Baked beans Mandarin oranges w/pineapple	May 1st
May 2 nd	May 3 TBD	May 4 TBD	May 5 TBD	May 6 TBD	May 7 Track & Field Day Sack lunch	



*2nd & 3rd Main Dish Daily Options:
Uncrustable, Yogurt w/granola or
Turkey sandwich

*Salad bar is an "extra" and does not
count as one of the daily fruit or
vegetable options.

*All lunch served with choice of 1%
white, fat free skim chocolate or fat
free skim strawberry milk.

******SALAD BAR WILL NOT BE OFFERED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE******

*Make sure you have 4 components on
your tray. Milk, Fruit/Veggie, Grain &
Meat/Meat alternate

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*All breakfast served with fruit &/or juice cup and choice of 1% white, fat free skim chocolate or fat free skim strawberry milk.

*Other daily main options:
BEC biscuit, Cereal bowl & toast, Pop-Tarts, Bagel w/cream cheese or yogurt cup w/granola.

*You must have 3 components on your tray. Milk, Fruit/Vegetable & Grain

TC Sabers Lunch

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11	12 Crispito w/cheese sauce or Beef & noodles string cheese Onion rings Grapes & Fresh broccoli	13 Bbq rib sandwich or Breakfast pizza Tater tots & Steamed green beans Fruit	14 Spaghetti w/meat sauce or Popcorn chicken Breadstick Lettuce Pears & Fruit	15 Super nachos or Cheeseburger Steamed corn Cauliflower Grapes Graham crackers	16 Popcorn shrimp w/string cheese or Chicken nuggets Fresh carrots Side kick Fresh fruit	17
18	19 Taco sandwich or Grilled cheese Lettuce, Cheese slice, Tomato slice Fresh carrots Applesauce	20 Turkey gravy w/string cheese or Pizza crunchers Mashed potatoes Steamed green beans, Oranges Roll	21 Popcorn chicken or Corn dogs Fresh broccoli Baked beans Mandarin oranges Apples	22 Turkey sub or Crispito w/cheese sauce Fresh carrots & celery w/sunbutter Apples	23 No School	24
25	26 BEC biscuit or Cheeseburger Cottage cheese Hash brown, Fresh cucumbers Juice cup	27 Chicken & noodles w/ string cheese or Beef teriyaki bites Mashed potatoes Fresh cauliflower Peaches & Roll	28 Chili or Breaded cheese sticks Fresh carrots Fries Pears Cinnamon muffin	29 Chicken ranch wrap or Biscuit & gravy w/cheese omelet, Lettuce, Cheese cup, Fresh red peppers & Carrots Apples	30 Bosco stick w/marinara & Cottage cheese or Taco stick Fresh cauliflower Steamed carrots Mandarin oranges w/pineapple	May 1st
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*3rd, 4th, 5th Main dish Daily Options:
Turkey sub, Yogurt w/granola or
Uncrustable

*You must have 4 components on
your tray. Milk, Fruit/Vegetable, Grain
& Meat/Meat alternate

*Salad bar is an "extra" and does not
count as one of the daily fruit or
vegetable options UNLESS getting as a
Daily option

**There isn't a salad bar until further
notice**

*All lunch served with choice of 1%
white, fat free skim chocolate or fat
free skim strawberry milk