

JANUARY 2021

Twin Cedars



Community School

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From the Desk of Mr. Roby

Although it’s been a challenging year, it looks like we have made it through the first semester. As always our students, staff, and community stepped up and overcome the adversity that was thrown our direction. **SABER STRONG!**

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Snow Days High School

JH/HS students should take home Chromebook, chargers and textbooks if it is predicted that the weather will cause school cancelation. Teachers will meet with students virtually on the schedule listed below.

JH/HS Schedule for Virtual Snow Days

Student attendance is required. Students can access the virtual classroom through the Google Classroom stream page of each course.

Monday, Thursday

Block 1, 9:30-10:25	(Skinny 9:30-10:00, 10:05-10:35)
Block 3 10:40-11:35	(Skinny 10:40-11:10, 11:15-11:45)
Block 5 12:30-1:25	(Skinny 12:30-1:00, 1:05-1:35)
Block 7 1:40-2:35	(Skinny 1:40-2:10, 2:15-2:45)

Wednesday

Block 1 or 2 9:30-10:25	(Skinny 9:30-10:00, 10:05-10:35)
Block 3 or 4 10:40-11:35	(Skinny 10:40-11:10, 11:15-11:45)
Block 5 or 6 12:30-1:25	(Skinny 12:30-1:00, 1:05-1:35)
Block 7 or 8 1:40-2:35	(Skinny 1:40-2:10, 2:15-2:45)

Tuesday, Friday

Block 2 9:30-10:25	(Skinny 9:30-10:00, 10:05-10:35)
Block 4 10:40-11:35	(Skinny 10:40-11:10, 11:15-11:45)
Block 6 12:30-1:25	(Skinny 12:30-1:00, 1:05-1:35)
Block 8 1:40-2:35	(Skinny 1:40-2:10, 2:15-2:45)

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@twincedarcsd.org.

Elementary

If the weather can be predicted, teachers will send home student computers and iPads with elementary children in advance of snow storms. Rather than canceling school, we will virtually meet for school activities. Below is the schedule we will utilize on those stormy days.

Elementary Snow Day Schedule

Preschool

8:00-8:45 circle time with Mrs. Duinink

Additional Seesaw activities (should take 10-15 minutes)

Kindergarten

10:00-10:30 Large Group Reading

Mrs. Burk

10:30-11:00 Small Group Reading with

Mrs. Burk, Mrs. Engle, or Mrs. Roby

1:00-2:00 Math

Mrs. Burk

1st Grade

10:30-11:30 Reading

Mrs. Micetich

2:00-3:00 Math

Mrs. Micetich

2nd Grade

9:00-10:00 Math/Science/Social Studies

Mr. McWilliams

1:00-2:00 Reading

Mrs. Schippers

3rd Grade

9:00-10:00 Reading

Mrs. Schippers

1:00-2:00 Math/Science/Social Studies

Mr. McWilliams

4th Grade

8:45-9:45 Grubb and Gangel Math

Mrs. Gangel

10:00-11:00 G and G Science/Social Studies

Mrs. Goemaat

12:15-1:15 Grubb Reading

Mrs. Grubb

1:30-2:30 Gangel Reading

Mrs. Grubb

5th Grade

8:45-9:45 Science/Social Studies

Mrs. Goemaat

10:00-11:00 Math

Mrs. Gangel

12:15-1:15 Reading

Mrs. McCarty

6th Grade

9:00-10:00 Reading

Mrs. McCarty

12:00-1:00 Math

Mrs. Gangel

1:15-2:15 Science/Social Studies

Mrs. Goemaat

Nurse News

Hello! As we approach Christmas break we know there will be students / families who have to isolate or quarantine due to Covid. The Twin Cedars Community School District is asking for your help in communicating with us via email during break. We will contact trace any positive Covid cases for students in the classroom who are symptomatic prior to Christmas break. We would also like to have names of students in isolation or quarantine prior to return to school on January 5.

If you have a student **test positive for covid**, please email Nurse Joni the answers to the following questions:

Student name

Date student became symptomatic

The school nurse has to contact trace 48 hours before symptoms start at school. Please indicate if your student was at school 48 hours before their symptoms started.

Date Marion County Public Health has determined student can return to school or resume normal activities

If you have a student who is in **quarantine due to covid exposure**, please answer the following questions:

Student name (If you have multiple in quarantine please name them all)

Date student was exposed to covid

Date Marion County Public Health has determined student can return to school or resume normal activities

Please send all emails to jhannon@twincedarscsd.org. We appreciate your communication!

Joni Hannon BSN-RN

Twin Cedars Nurse

October Student of the Month Winners:

7- Kaden Kloster

8- Elizabeth Stoops (not pictured)

9- Tyler Bailey

10- Carson Kelderman

11 - Devin Arkema

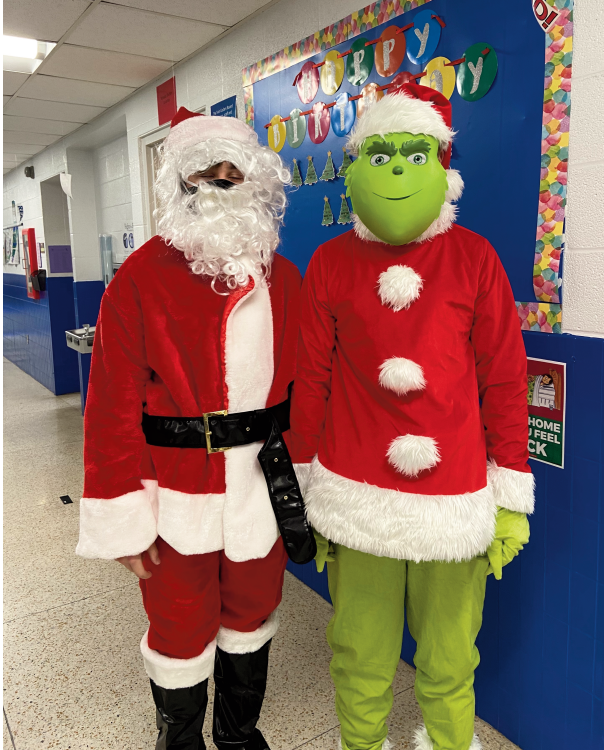
12 - Brody Haines





High School TAG sponsored a Cocoa and Canvas event for 3rd-6th grade students. Lots of cute reindeer were created. Thanks, PTO, for helping to sponsor this event.





Dallas and Devin visiting the Elementary



Kade Dunkin signing for college



November Students of the Month:

- Desirae Goemaat 7th
- Dillon Stevenson 8th
- Brenden Connett 9th
- Kail Arkema 10th
- Brooke Roby 11th
- Jace Nichols 12th

Minutes of Meeting

Twin Cedars Board of Directors

December 14, 2020

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 Heather Dunkin, Mike Weldon, Steph Sterner and Jolinda Fairchild were present. Kim and Dave Roby were also in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Director Weldon and supported by Director Fairchild to approve the November 9, 2020, regular 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 let the board know we are having issues with the geothermal system again. They will be coming out later this week to check to see if there is a leak in the same place as last year. He will have a better idea once the company can get out here to check it out. A board member was asked about the DARE program. There were also concerns about how to let people out/in between the girls/boys basketball games. There were concerns about the use of school technology that have been addressed.

Administration Reports

Mrs. Roby shared that elementary math teachers virtually attended math trainings in December. Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Sytsma, Mr. and Mrs. Roby attended Capturing Kids Hearts virtually. We will be looking to bring the training to the entire staff next semester. The Twin Cedars staff has pulled together to help 14 TC families with Christmas.

Mr. Roby said the dance team received 5th place in Pom, 8th place in Hip Hop. Nathan Smith and Hailey Curry competed in individual events. He plans to present the team with their ribbons and trophy later this week. The board asked about the food survey that was discussed at the last board meeting. Mr. Roby will put together a group to make suggestions, etc.

Mr. VanderSluis said school is dismissed on Tuesday, December 22nd at 12:30pm for Christmas break. Classes resume on January 5th. Teachers come back on January 4th.

New Business

Compliments on the new windows were shared. The board asked for prices to finish the rest of the windows on the north side of the high school and the art room windows.

The board also talked about adding the 2 cameras to the elementary playgrounds area.

Action Items

Director Dunkin introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Weldon seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

Ayes: Kelly Carlson, Jolinda Fairchild, Mike Weldon, Steph Sterner, Heather Dunkin

Nays: None

The President declared the resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION moving that the Twin Cedars Community School District withdraw from the Iowa Public School Insurance Program (IPSIP) effective July 1, 2021, and authorize Superintendent Brian VanderSluis to provide a Notice of Withdrawal to the Administrator or Chairperson of the Cooperative.

A motion was made by Director Sterner and supported by Director Fairchild to accept Becky Engle's application for early retirement and resignation at the end of 2020-21 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director Fairchild and supported by Director Sterner to approve the resignation of Taylor Gillespie Pierre from Cheer and Dance pending suitable replacement for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Director Dunkin, seconded by Director Weldon to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$94,319 for MSA for the purpose of At Risk/Drop Out. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Exempt Session – at 6:25pm the board went into exempt session.

Announcements

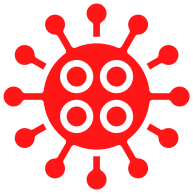
The next board meeting will be Monday, January 11th at 5:00.

Adjourn

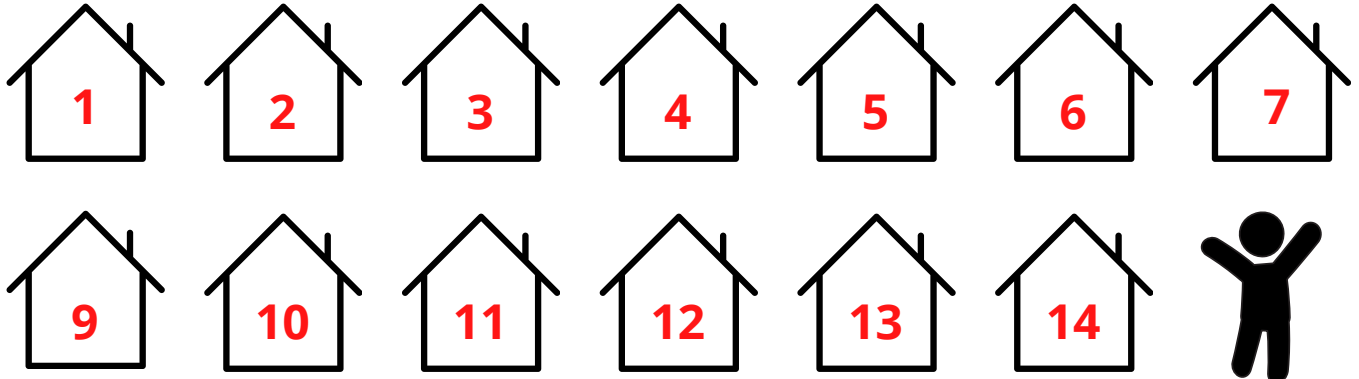
A motion was made by Director Dunkin and supported by Director Weldon to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Quarantine for COVID-19

14 day quarantine is the SAFEST and BEST way to prevent the spread of COVID-19!



Day 0
Exposure



STAY HOME AND AWAY
FROM OTHERS
FOR 14 DAYS!

Day 15: return
to normal
activities!



If you develop symptoms at any time during the 14 Days:

Stay at home and separate from others. You will need to be in isolation until you can answer **YES** to all **THREE**:

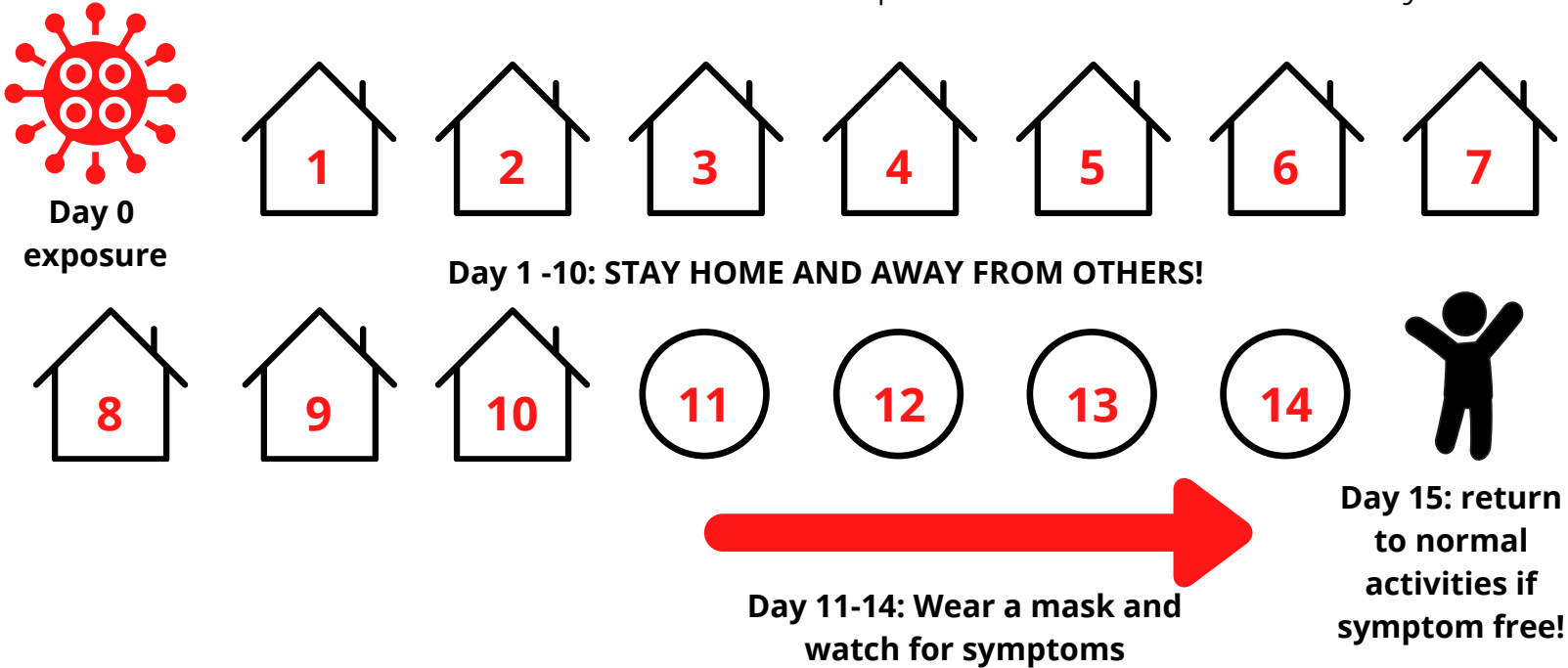
- At least 10 Days since symptoms first appeared **AND**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

Call your healthcare provider and get TESTED!

If you remain symptom free, here are two options for people WITHOUT symptoms...

Option 1: 10 Day Isolation at Home

If you are symptom free for 10 Days, you may resume activities on Day 11. It is best to limit activities and exposure to others until Day 14.



Option 2: 7 Day Isolation at Home

If you are symptom free for 7 Days AND have a COVID-19 test on Day 5 (or after) and test is negative, you may resume activities on Day 8. It is best to limit activities and exposure to others until Day 14.



TC Little Sabers Breakfast

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year! No School	2
3	4 No School	5 Chocolate chip bar & sausage patty	6 Pancakes & sausage patty	7 Graham cracker little squares & string cheese	8 Donut	9
10	11 Breakfast pizza	12 Assorted muffin	13 Egg & sausage patty	14 Mini pancakes	15 Donut	16
17	18 Breakfast pizza	19 Egg & cheese omelet	20 Funnel cake	21 Breakfast boat	22 Donut	23
24	25 Breakfast pizza	26 Confetti cookie & sausage patty	27 Mini pancake & sausage wrap	28 Nutri grain bar & sausage patty	29 Donut	30
31	Feb 1 Breakfast pizza	Feb 2 Mini chocolate chip French toast	Feb 3 Cinnamon roll	Feb 4 Egg & sausage patty	Feb 5 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 January

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year! No School	2
3	4 No School	5 Mac & cheese Fresh carrots & cauliflower Mixed fruit Animal crackers	6 Cheesy bread sticks w/marinara Steamed corn Lettuce salad Pineapple Cake	7 Pizza crunchers Fresh cucumbers & carrots Strawberries w/blueberries	8 French toast sticks w/animal crackers Little smokies Hash brown Fresh Broccoli Juice cup	9
10	11 Corn dog Baked beans Potato wedges Apples	12 Chicken strips Fresh broccoli Pears Power jell-o &	13 Meat balls w/marinara Garlic bread, Salad Fresh carrots Applesauce	14 Pepperoni pizza Salad Steamed corn Mandarin oranges Ice cream	15 Giant soft pretzel w/cheese sauce & sausage patty Fresh cucumbers Oranges, Pears	16
17	18 Crispito w/cheese sauce & string cheese Onion rings Grapes Fresh broccoli	19 Bbq rib sandwich Tater tots & Steamed green beans Fruit	20 Spaghetti w/meat sauce w/string cheese Breadstick Lettuce Pears & Fruit	21 Super nachos Steamed corn Cauliflower Grapes Graham crackers	22 Popcorn shrimp w/string cheese Fresh carrots Side kick Fruit	23
24	25 Taco sandwich Lettuce, Cheese slice, Tomato slice Fresh carrots Applesauce	26 Turkey gravy Mashed potatoes String cheese Oranges & Fruit Roll	27 Popcorn chicken Fresh broccoli Mandarin oranges Fruit Graham crackers	28 Turkey sub Lettuce Fresh carrots & celery w/sun butter Apples	29 Cheese pizza Lettuce Steamed corn Strawberries w/bananas Ice cream	30
31	Feb 1 Cereal bowl w/sausage patty Cottage cheese Hash brown, Fresh cucumbers Peaches	Feb 2 Chicken & noodles Mashed potatoes Fresh cauliflower Power jell-o, Roll String cheese	Feb 3 Chili Fresh carrots Fries Pears Cinnamon roll	Feb 4 Chicken ranch wrap, Lettuce, Cheese cup, Fresh red peppers & Broccoli Apples	Feb 5 Bosco stick w/marinara Fresh cauliflower Steamed carrots Mandarin oranges w/pineapple	



*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

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10	11 Corn dog or Breaded mozzarella cheese sticks Baked beans Potato wedges Apples	12 Chicken strips or Egg, sausage patties w/biscuit Fresh broccoli Pears Power jell-o	13 Meat balls w/marinara & Garlic bread or Crispito w/cheese sauce &string cheese Salad, Fresh carrots Applesauce	14 Pepperoni pizza or Pancakes & sausage patties Steamed corn Mandarin oranges Salad & Ice cream	15 Giant soft pretzel w/cheese sauce & sausage patty or Hamburger Fresh cucumbers Oranges & Pears	16
17	18 Crispito w/cheese sauce & string cheese or Grilled chicken sandwich Onion rings, Grapes Fresh broccoli	19 Bbq rib sandwich or Beef & noodles Tater tots & Steamed green beans Fruit	20 Spaghetti w/meat sauce or Cheeseburger Breadstick Lettuce Pears & Fruit	21 Super nachos w/string cheese or Chicken burrito Steamed corn Fresh cauliflower & Grapes Graham crackers	22 Popcorn shrimp w string cheese or Chicken nuggets Fresh carrots Side kick Fruit	23
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Turkey sub, Yogurt w/granola or
Uncrustable

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Daily option

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

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