

**MARCH 2016**

# *Twin Cedars*



# *Community School*

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*From the Desk of Mr. Roby*

Students have just finished up with their Iowa Assessments and the bulk of the students are telling me that they think they did well. Many of our students will earn individual incentives, as well as, a class-wide incentive for the Twin Cedars' grade level that demonstrates the most growth. Along with this, we still have the challenge with Melcher

for the school with the most proficient students determining the winner! As many of you know, we won the contest last year and hope to keep the trophy for another year. We will have individual results in March and will send them home with your child. Please contact us if you have any questions about the scores.

Congratulations to two special groups of the Twin Cedars student body. Our speech students competed at the district speech contest and, as always, represented us well. Ben Clark and Sarah Tuttle advanced to the next level in Cedar Rapids where they also received 3 division 1 ratings. The other group who I feel had a wonderful year is our high school wrestlers. Although they were a small group, everyone of these boys worked hard and had success throughout the season. Great job to both groups of student!

## **National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC)**

Twin Cedars Juniors recently completed the National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC). NCRC is based on ACT WorkKeys research-based work skills assessments. To earn a NCRC certificate, an examinee must successfully complete three ACT WorkKeys assessments: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information. These assessments measure a range of essential work skills, including the ability to:

- Perform basic mathematic operations relevant to the workplace
- Read and understand documents commonly found in the workplace
- Find information presented in common workplace graphics
- Set up and solve complex work-related math problems
- Determine the relevance of written information to work-related tasks
- Apply information derived from graphics to work-related problems

**Four levels of proficiency**

The ACT NCRC is awarded at four levels, based on the scores achieved on the component assessments.

- Platinum: Scores of Level 6 or higher on all three exams
- Gold: Scores of Level 5 or higher on all three exams
- Silver: Scores of Level 4 or higher on all three exams
- Bronze: Scores of Level 3 or higher on all three exams

**Benefits of the ACT NCRC**

- **Job seekers:** A valuable work skills credential with the potential to improve career outcomes.
- **Employers:** A trusted indicator that, in combination with other selection tools, can improve hiring, training, or promotion decisions.
- **Students:** A credential that helps students succeed in a variety of career pathways.

**Twin Cedars Junior Class Performance**

17% of the class scored Gold (all of these students were a point from scoring Platinum.)  
 41% of the class scored Silver.  
 17% of the class scored Bronze.  
 25% of the class did not score.

Juniors and Seniors will have the opportunity to take or re-take the NCRC on April 5.

The elementary completed its winter screening of student reading fluency and comprehension. Below are charts that compare the percentage of students at or above benchmark in fluency with our local education region and with the State of Iowa. One chart contains students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. The other chart reports just students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The Department of Education in Iowa requires Twin Cedars to screen only K-3 students, but to more adequately meet the needs of our school, we screen all of the students.

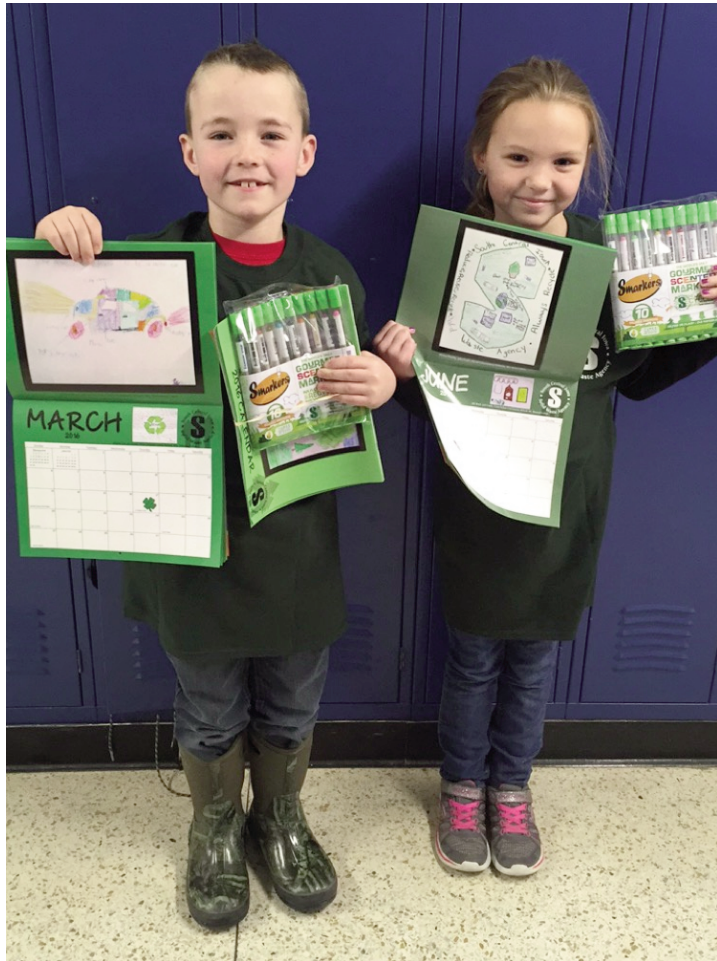
K-6 Students	Fall 2015	Winter 2016
Iowa	61.73%	67.40%
Heartland AEA	66.22%	72.98%
Twin Cedars	60.43%	71.35%

K-3 Students	Fall 2015	Winter 2016
Iowa	63.65%	69.34%
Heartland AEA	67.56%	74.06%
Twin Cedars	64.13%	72.34%

Individual information about how each child performed was sent home with students and was shared during parent/teacher conferences. If you have any questions or did not receive the information, please contact Kim Roby (kroby@twincedarcsd.org).

Third grade won the Festival of Trees decorating contest held by DeVore Homes. Thanks to all of the parents, grandparents, and friends who took time to tour the homes and donate cash for the classrooms. Thank you, DeVore Homes, for your generous donation of \$75.00 for winning first place.

South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency held a poster contest. Over 350 third through fifth graders from Lucas, Marion, Monroe, and Poweshiek counties were invited to submit a poster illustrating ways they could reduce waste from their households and schools while enriching the world around us. Only 25 posters were selected. Twin Cedars had two winners in third grade! Alli Reed's poster was chosen to appear in the month of June. Judson Beary's poster was chosen to represent the month of March. Both students received a calendar and a set of smelly markers.



The TAG students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade recently presented the play, the Emperor's New Clothes. The kids had a great time preparing and practicing for this performance. Thank-you to everyone who attended and to everyone who helped make the play a success.



## P.T.O Newsletter

Saber Students, Families & Community,

**W**e are ending February with a bang! We are hosting teen night February 19th and we have had a lot of interest in this and we are hoping it will be a big success. We have great things planned such as a Lip Sync battle, staged after the latest show, tie dye your favorite item, open gym, board games, and much more! We are excited to see the kids in action after hours!

Some P.T.O. members were approached about having a dodgeball tournament that was open to the community. If we can get enough interest in this event, P.T.O. would be happy to host. We are looking at having this tournament on Saturday March 19th at 2pm. The cost is \$40 per team of 6-8 players. Double elimination, bracket play. A waiver & entry form will need to be completed & turned into the school. We'll award prizes for overall winner, best dressed team, best team name so get your thinking caps on & get signed up. There will be concessions available at this event and it has a \$2.00 admission fee for people coming in to experience the excitement! Please completed form included in the packet and contact Ashlee Carlson 641-891-0065 or acoville06@gmail.com for more information.

In addition to the teen night and upcoming dodgeball tournament, we're also planning MORP {Prom spelled backwards}! All 7th through 9th grade students are invited to attend. This year's theme is Luau. We want to see your best Luau attire! We will have many activities and prizes to be won! It will be held Friday, April 29th from 4-8pm. We can't think of a better way to welcome in spring and way to end the school year then celebrating our students!

We also have many new things in the works that we are excited for including the start of a yearly TC calendar including all of our students. Please continue to look for letters home with your students at the elementary or in the announcements at the high school for new items!

Lastly, we are also still recruiting new members for P.T.O. If you enjoy being involved in & helping plan activities for your kids, join us on the Saber P.T.O. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a P.T.O. event, please contact one of us. Next P.T.O. meeting will be held Wednesday March 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria.

Twin Cedars P.T.O. Members

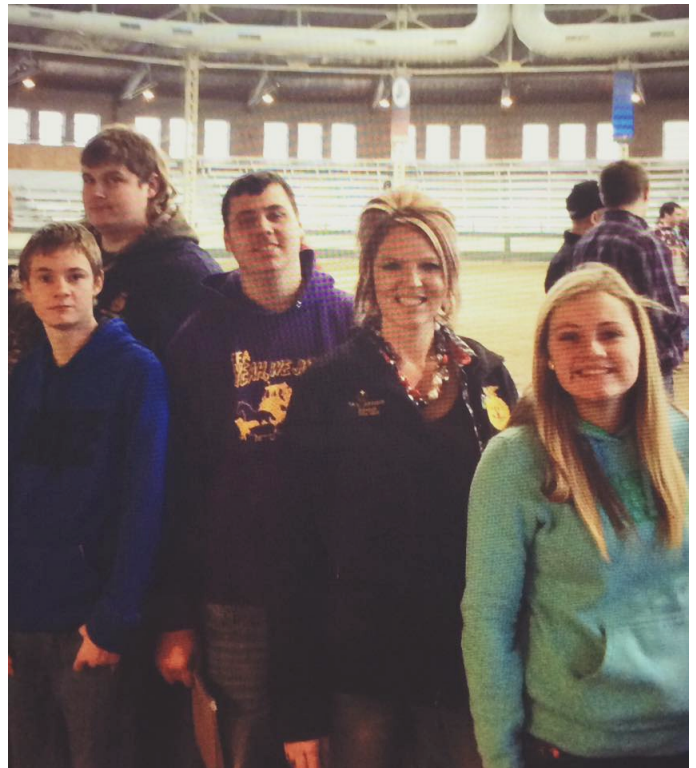
Ashlee Carlson, Deanna DeJong, Kristen McCombs, Kim Roby, Trish McCarty, Ashley Schippers, Jolinda Fairchild, Karrie Keegel, Johanna Puyear, Andrea Moore, and Carrie Micetich.

## FFA

The Twin Cedars FFA Chapter came back from Christmas Break with a bang. Five of our FFA Officers attended the legislature symposium in Des Moines at the capital on Tuesday January 26th. The officers were able to meet with Representative Heartstill and Senator Applegate. They were able to talk to them regarding how important it is for FFA to continue in the school districts and how funding needs to continue for these programs. The officers took a tour of the capital along with Representative Rozenboom from Oskaloosa. After the tour of the capital the officers watched Governor Brandstand sign the FFA Week Proclamation.

On Thursday January 28th, the FFA hosted its annual blood drive in the gymnasium of the school. They were able to receive 22 units of blood, which will benefit over 88 patients along with 5 first time donors that day! On the same day, two teams attended the swine expo in Des Moines for a judging contest at the Iowa State fairgrounds. With over 489 youth present our teams placed in the top 3rd. Way to go!

On Friday January 29th, a few members attended the 2nd annual Farm Show in Ottumwa. They were able to help register people in and help with vendor set-ups. A variety of workshops were presented that day as well including; the lum-







berjack show, how to finance a new farm and new technology available for farmers. The students had a great day.

On February 4th Spencer McCarty submitted his application and record books into the district review night for his Iowa Degree. Everything came back great! Mr. Spencer McCarty will be receiving his Iowa Degree during state convention held in Ames in April. Congratulations! On this evening, 8 FFA members attended a donkey ball competition against Eddyville staff and alumni. What a blast they had!

National FFA Week will begin on February 20. What a great week to thank a farmer for being fed and for being clothed! Our Chapter will be celebrating this week by having different dress-up days and activities planned throughout the week as well as many of us competing in sub-district contests on Tuesday! The dress-up days for this year consists of Monday: Camo Day with the activity of B.Y.O.S. (Bring Your Own Snacks) Tuesday: Blue and Gold/Official Dress Day with activity of sub-district contests, Wednesday: 80's Day and/or 80's prom day with the activity of drive your tractor or muddy truck and car to school day, Thursday: Tourist Day with a beauty

pageant taking place and Friday: Dress up, dress up Day! Dress up like your attending the Kentucky Derby with a FFA Talent Show in the afternoon.

Don't forget that our Community Appreciation Supper will be held on Wednesday February 24th from 5:00-7:00pm. This is a free will offering supper and we will have many items to place silent bids on. This is a way our FFA Chapter "Thank You" the community for your continued support.

We are also selling cookie dough in an FFA tub for our fundraiser. If you would like to purchase cookie dough please ask an FFA member today!

Upcoming Events include: District FFA Contests, Ag day at Vermeer, Science Fair, FFA Officer Interviews, State Convention, Elementary Ag Day and High School Career Ag Day and FFA Banquet!



## Athletic Boosters

Treasurer's Report: \$28, 216.72

Old Business: Banners for seniors were put up and we are asking the parents to give a \$10 donation if they would like to keep the banner. Some parents have done so.

\$3200 was sent to the American Cancer Society from the Coaches vs. Cancer game. It was discussed to have it at a later game next year.

Trish got good response from having the silent auction in the cafeteria.

Mr. Parker wanted to thank everyone for helping with the BGC Tournament

New Business:

After prom is requesting a donation. Clothing stock is down. Brandy motioned to donate \$100 to after prom. Kim seconded. It passed unanimously.

PTO is hosting a dodge ball tournament March 19 at 2:00p.m. They have asked boosters to have a concession. Andrea suggested that the junior class would run the concessions that day.

In March we will be putting out scholarship information for seniors to complete.

Maria Moore proposed that she be in charge of summer concession stand for a fee. It was agreed that a job description would be drawn up and offered.

Andrea Moore  
amoore@twincedarcsd.org

## **Yearbook**

### **\$125+**

Wallace Tire  
Hawkeye FM & RE  
L & C Photos  
Mick Furniture & Appliance  
Jim & Charlie's  
Summers Insurance  
Bluff Creek Archery  
State Bank of Bussey  
Cornerstone Dental of Albia  
Ulrich Ford Lincoln  
Quality Home Care Professionals  
Motor Inn of Knoxville  
Treasured Portraits  
Studio 92 Photography  
Kevin J Wadle, CPA, PC  
Travis J. Egesdal, DDS, PC  
Knoxville Raceway  
Spring Valley B & B  
Knoxville Hospital & Clinics

### **\$100**

H Cleaning Services  
RE Allen Trucking  
Taso's  
Raceway Tire & Exhaust  
Pearson Bros. Construction  
Todd E. Lundy, DDS, PC  
Pella Corporation



Music Booster Carnival  
Saturday, March 12  
Twin Cedars High School  
4:00-7:00p.m.

Come for the fun -**New Inflatables**

Come for the Food- Pizza Hut pizza/walking  
taco/hotdogs

Stay for the Silent Auction, raffle and prizes

Wristband \$7 if bought ahead/\$10 at the door

Tickets \$.25





**2016 Music Carnival**  
**Saturday, March 12, 2016**  
**Games and Inflatable from 4-7 pm**  
**Dinner starts at 5:00**

Wristband and tickets are available for advanced purchase this year. Wristbands are \$7 each if purchases early or \$10 each at the door. Tickets are \$.25 each. Fill out the form below and return it to the office with money if you wish to purchase early. They will be ready for pick up that night at the window. We have new inflatables for the children to enjoy. Supper will begin at 5:00. We will be serving Pizza Hut pizza, walking tacos, and hotdogs.

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I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ wristbands.

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets.

Total amount of money paid \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Last day to purchase is Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

# DODGEBALL

## TOURNAMENT



**THROW IT  
DODGE IT  
CATCH IT**

- \$40 per team, payable to PTO
- Teams of 6-8 people
- Team must include 3 females
- Double Elimination, Bracket Play
- All players must sign a waiver
- Register by March 5<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 2 P.M.**  
**Twin Cedars High School Gym**

No team? No problem! Come cheer on your family, friends & neighbors!

Concession stand will be open! \$2.00 admission fee!

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain (Player 1): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 7 \_\_\_\_\_


Player 8 \_\_\_\_\_

**Small Prizes will be awarded for:**

- Overall Winner
- Best Dressed Team
- Best Team Name


Mail or drop off form & payment to: Twin Cedars High School, Attn: Ashlee Carlson 2204 Hwy G71, Bussey, IA 50044

## March Breakfast Menu ~ 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
All breakfast served with fruit or orange juice and choice of milk. Menu subject to change	1 Pancakes	2 Egg & Sausage Toast	3 Cereal	4 Donut
7 French toast sticks	8 Waffles	9 Bacon, egg & cheese biscuit	10 Sausage on a stick	11 Egg & cheese burrito
14 Breakfast pizza	15 Pancakes	16 Egg & Sausage Toast	17 Cereal	18 Donut
21 French toast sticks	22 Waffles	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School
28 Breakfast pizza	29 Pancakes	30 Egg & Sausage Toast	31 Cereal	



## March Lunch Menu ~ 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>All meals served with choice of milk. Menu subject to change.</p>	<p>1 Popcorn chicken Cheesy potatoes Green beans Apples Mandarin oranges</p>	<p>2 Super nachos Black beans Fresh carrots w/ranch Pears, cantaloupe (9-12) Chocolate Pudding, Graham Cracker (9-12)</p>	<p>3 Breaded pork tenderloin w/gray Zucchini sticks Tator tots Blueberries Apples (9-12) Graham cracker</p>	<p>4 Macaroni &amp; cheese Grapes Salad Cookie Peaches (9-12) Green peppers</p>
<p>7 Spaghetti Romaine &amp; spinach salad Mixed fruit Fruit (9-12) Carrots</p>	<p>8 Chicken Philly Fruit crisp Fruit (9-12) Tator tots Red peppers Dried cherries</p>	<p>9 Hot beef sundae Cherry tomatoes Black bean &amp; corn salad Peaches (9-12) Banana Rice krispie treat</p>	<p>10 Cheeseburger-in-a-blanket Fresh broccoli Pork &amp; beans Pineapple &amp; mand oranges Fruit (9-12)</p>	<p>11 Cheesy garlic bread w/marinara Steamed mixed veggies Salad Fruit salad Fruit (9-12)</p>
<p>14 Hamburger w/bun Pears Broccoli w/cheese Baked beans Fruit (9-12)</p>	<p>15 Sweet sesame chicken Brown rice Pineapple California veggies Fruit (9-12)</p>	<p>16 Santa fe wrap Chips w/salsa Kidney beans Fresh carrots w/dressing Apples Oranges (9-12)</p>	<p>17 Turkey &amp; gravy Mashed potatoes Salad Roll Mixed fruit Fruit (9-12)</p>	<p>18 Elem:Cereal HS:BEC biscuit Little smokies Hashbrown Diced sweet potatoes Juice Fruit (9-12)</p>
<p>21 Bbq pork w/bun Baked beans Mixed veggies Pears Applesauce (9-12)</p>	<p>22 Beef veggie soup Bosco stick Fresh cauliflower Mandarin oranges Fruit (9-12) Crackers (9-12)</p>	<p>23  No School</p>	<p>24  No School</p>	<p>25  No School</p>
<p>28 Bbq rib sandwich w/bun Steamed carrots Pineapple Fresh grapes Salad Graham cracker (9-12)</p>	<p>29 Turkey sub w/cheese Salad Tomatoes Strawberries &amp; bananas Baked chips Pears (9-12)</p>	<p>30 Taco Cheese cup Lettuce &amp; tomatoes Black beans Applesauce Graham cracker Fruit (9-12)</p>	<p>31 Chicken nuggets Brown rice Fresh oranges Steamed corn Fresh broccoli w/ranch Mixed fruit (9-12) Graham cracker (9-12)</p>	

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 2:00 PM Community Open Gym	29	1 ICDC-SC JH Honor Choir	2 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	3	4	5
6 2:00 PM Community Open Gym	7 BGC Honor Band	8	9 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	10	11 Saber Dance	12 4:00 PM Music Carnival
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins 2:00 PM Community Open Gym	14 5:00 PM School Board Meeting	15 5th-12th Solo/Ensemble Band/Choir End of 3rd Quarter	16 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 TAG Trip 2:00 PM Dodgeball Tournament
20 2:00 PM Community Open Gym	21 8:15 AM Senior Announcement Delivery	22 2:00 PM Early Dismissal	23-25 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break			26 Dodgeball Tournament
27 Easter	28 4:30 PM B TR @ Pekin	29 4:00 PM G TR @ Centerville 4:45 PM B TR @ Pella Christian	30 12:00 PM Career Day 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	31	1 Music Trip April Fools Day	2

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Easter	28 4:30 PM B TR @ Pekin	29 4:00 PM G TR @ Centerville 4:45 PM B TR @ Pella Christian	30 12:00 PM Career Day 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	31	1 Music Trip April Fools Day	2
3 Music Trip	4	5 8:00 AM NCRC optional 5:00 PM B/G TR @ Davis County	6 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	7 4:00 PM G TR @ Eddyville-Blakesburg	8 No School - In-Service	9
10 5:00 PM School Board Meeting	11	12 5:00 PM B TR @ Chariton	13 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	14 4:30 PM G TR @ Pekin 4:45 PM B TR @ Clarke	15 Tax Day	16 11:00 AM Solo/Ensemble HS
17 4:30 PM B TR @ Wayne	18	19 4:30 AM B/G TR @ Melcher-Dallas	20 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	21 4:00 PM JH TR @ Melcher-Dallas 4:30 PM B TR @ Eddyville-Blakesburg 4:30 PM G TR @ Wayne	22 Earth Day 4:30 PM G TR @ BGM	23 9:00 AM JH TR @ Pella Christian
24 4:15 PM JH TR @ Martensdale 5:00 PM G TR @ PCM	25	26 Iowa IC User Conference	27 2:15 PM Early Dismissal	28 FFA Banquet 5:00 PM B TR @ PCM 5:00 PM G TR @ Pella	29 4:30 AM B/G TR @ Cardinal 1:00 PM Ag Day 5:00 PM MORP 7-9th grade	30