

WILDCAT PRIDE

Elementary Newsletter-March



April is here and the countdown for the end of the school year is upon us. As I write this, there are just 38 school days remaining. The older and busier I get the more the time seems to slip away and I don't like the feeling. As we turn now to April and state testing season we hope all the hard work students and teachers have put in over the year will show good test results and can affirm all their efforts. Although we like to worry about what our test scores might be and want to see them improve over time, I will always believe that although they are quite important for a variety of reasons, they are not the main reason we are here. I have written about before and continue to see and hear our staff teach beyond content. They spend a lot of time addressing student behaviors, giving hugs when needed, dispensing advice, and overall attempt to make school and the relationships they create with their students meaningful and a memorable place to have spent their time. This has been especially true over the last week and the events which took place.

We've had an interesting winter and last couple weeks. After attempting to reach out to our families in the flood areas and hearing from all staff members, it looks like we have about 5 families with some pretty severe damage and have had to be removed from their homes. We have many families who were greatly impacted, but look to be able to stay in their homes during repairs and clean up. In addition to property loss and damage, students and families share story after story about being separated from their family and home for multiple days due to all the road closures and flood waters.

As of Monday, last week, we were advised that roads and Highway 77 specifically would probably not be cleared of water until at least Wednesday, followed by possible underlying damage and need of inspection to follow. With over half of our staff and nearly half our students cut off and dealing with the impact of the flood we knew we were in a bind. In addition to that, many of our rural bus routes were in awful shape as well from the swift snow melt. Thanks for your understanding and flexibility as we weighed all kinds of different information in attempts to make the best decisions we felt we could for our student and staff families. If you have missed it, our Education Foundation is taking donations for the flood and will first attempt to help our families with total losses of property and donate anything remaining to the Red Cross. Donation forms are posted on our website under documents, there is a link on Facebook, and we have extra forms at the school in the office if you would like to donate.

I hope the warmer spring weather, which seems to have hopefully finally arrived, brings a strong finish to our school year and for the student and teachers sake, more outdoor recesses! Until next month, take care and GO WILDCATS!

REMINDERS

* **Friday, April 26th will be the Family Fun Night** for our Current Students from 5-7 p.m. There will be food, fun, raffles and games. The raffle and food will be provided by the Pink Out/We Care Committee. The dinner is **not** free and proceeds will go towards the flood relief for our families.

*Spring Music Concert for K-5th grade is set for May 2nd. Specific times will come later.

*With the missed snow days and now flood days student school days should still **not** be impacted. Days off on the district calendar and last day of school should be unchanged for students. If there were some other event to occur we maybe would need to add days, but we are still good to meet state requirements for instructional minutes. There is no school for students on March 29. There is a 1:30 early out April 18 and No School April 19 and 22 for spring break. The last day of school is also a 1:30 dismissal on May 22.

Other Information

*Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Tuesday March 12th and Wednesday the 13th. For our fall conferences, we had 96% of parents in attendance. For our spring conference this number fell to 90%. Please make every effort to attend conferences and support your child and their teacher in their daily efforts. If you were not able to attend, please let your child's teacher know of a time to meet, or conference by phone.

*Spring State Testing has started and will continue throughout April for grades 3-6. The testing dates are on the last page. Please be sure to have your child in attendance on those dates and times.

*We will again be offering summer school and the After-School Program for a portion of the summer. That information should be out by mid-April.

March PRIDE Award Winners Were: **Kindergarten:** Reno Green, Charles German **First Grade:** Sophia Johnson, Eli Ostry **Second Grade:** Keagan Chisholm, Collins Barnhart **Third Grade:** Kaelyn Wolfe, Hunter Lubker **Fourth Grade:** Jett Green **Fifth Grade:** Gracie Johnson **Sixth Grade:** Mika Price

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

****ATTENTION**** On April 3rd we will be having a practice lockdown drill. A lockdown would take place if there was a potential dangerous situation in the building. If students come home and say they had a lockdown, it is just a drill.

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2019 NSCAS TESTING SCHEDULE

DATE	TEST	CLASS	TIME
March 26	Reading Session 1	6th	9:00-10:00
March 27	Reading Session 2	6th	9:00 Until Done
April 2	Math Session 1	6th	9:00-10:00
April 3	Math Session 2	6th	9:00 Until Done
April 9	Reading Session 1	5th	8:30-9:30
April 9	Reading Session 1	3rd Neiman	8:55-9:55
April 9	Reading Session 1	3rd Brousek	10:00-11:00
April 10	Reading Session 2	5th	8:30 Until Done
April 10	Reading Session 2	3rd Neiman	8:55-9:55
April 10	Reading Session 2	3rd Brousek	10:00-11:00
April 16	Math Session 1	5th	8:30-9:30
April 16	Reading Session 1	4th	9:45-10:45
April 16	Math Session 1	3rd Neiman	8:55-9:55
April 16	Math Session 1	3rd Brousek	10:00-11:00
April 17	Math Session 2	5th	8:30-9:30
April 17	Reading Session 2	4th	9:45-10:45
April 17	Math Session 2	3rd Neiman	8:55-9:55
April 17	Math Session 2	3rd Brousek	10:00-11:00
April 24	Science Session 1	5th	8:30-9:30
April 24	Math Session 1	4th	9:45-10:45
April 25	Science Session 2	5th	8:30-9:30
April 25	Math Session 2	4th	9:45-10:45