

WILDCAT PRIDE

Elementary Newsletter-April



When this is sent out, we will have 16 school days remaining until the end of the 2018-19 school year! In case it doesn't get said in my May newsletter I would like to tell all students, parents and staff THANK YOU for all the efforts put in this year. We often don't put much thought into what it all takes and what is all done for school to be made possible, but when you do it is truly astounding. When it's all over, in the 180 days of school for our 430 students our cooks will have served roughly 154,000 meals at breakfast and lunch, our bus drivers will have driven over 600 routes and thousands of miles, teachers will have taught over 1,300 hours, custodians will have hauled trash for and vacuumed over 2,000 classrooms, K-12 coaches and activity sponsors will have coached over 400 extracurricular events (not to mention daily practices) and office staff will have dispensed dozens of students' daily prescription medicines totaling in the thousands over the year and given countless ice packs and band aides. The list could go on and on and the number of examples of the work done in a school year by all who make it possible would never be fully complete.

In addition to all done by the school, parents and students have done their fair share of work as well. Parents will have tucked their kids into bed at night, got their kids to school, helped with homework, dispensed advice, toted their kids to youth sports games/practices, and in most cases do all of this in addition to working full time jobs as well.

Students, for the most part, on most days, have worked hard to follow their teacher's directions and instruction, learned new concepts, learned to read, learned to write, completed projects, taken state tests/district tests, made friends, lost friends, been challenged, been embarrassed, been proud, laughed, cried, failed and succeeded. All of these things have made them grow, changed who they are and will hopefully make them a better, more determined and well-rounded person ready to take on even more challenges as they move through each grade level and eventually on to graduation and the rest of their lives.

There are countless jobs that get done throughout the year and when you sit back and really think about all it takes to get through a school year, it is really an amazing feat and it takes all of us working together to make it successful. I know I appreciate the efforts given by all and I always try to keep that in perspective when I think about our school and I hope you do too. We all give a tremendous amount of effort working for our children and I hope we continue these efforts and continue to get better at what each and every one of us does and is responsible for. I always have believed that you get what you put into something and that people generally get what they deserve so if we all keep working as hard as we can to make our school as good as it can be for our kids, our payout should be the development of well-rounded and hopefully highly educated young adults as time goes on.

In this last month of school, we will still have some MAPS and Dibels testing to complete throughout the grade levels and will have quite a few activities to finish up the year. Those are all listed on the next page and I hopefully have them all listed. Also, if you are still wanting to sign your child up for summer school and the summer after school program you have until Friday, May 3rd. After that, we will be creating teacher schedules and will want to have the number of students attending set. If you missed the forms sent out a few weeks ago you can get one from the elementary office, or on our website under the documents section.

Until next month, take care and GO WILDCATS! -Mr. Hansen

REMINDERS

*If you are moving, or will not be having your child attend our school for the 2019-2020 school year, please inform the office so we can keep our class lists and anticipated enrollment up to date.

*If you will have a change of address, or phone number over the summer, please contact the office so we can keep our records up to date for summer and future mailings.

*When attending the Music Program on May 2nd, there will be two sessions. K-2 will perform at 6:30-About 7:00 and 3-5 will perform at 7:30. It is generally very full for concerts and the 30 minutes in between shows is for people to exit and the next group to come in. Please do not enter until the K-2 students are done performing if you are coming for just the 3-5 performance. Thanks.

* **The last day of school is May 22 & is a 1:30 early dismissal.**

Other Information

*The 2019-2020 District Calendar is set and available under the documents tab on our website. Please reference it to help plan your trips and for events next year. Our first day is set for Wednesday, Aug 14th and is a 1:30 early dismissal.

*Report Cards are going out quarterly this year. They were given out at both conferences, after winter break and will be mailed out at the end of the year.

*ALL LOST AND FOUND items will be donated after the last day of school. If you need to come look through it, please do.

*Summer School and the Summer After School Program begins Monday, June 3rd and finishes Thursday, June 27th. It runs Monday-Thursday the month of June.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*May 2nd is the spring music program. K-2 is at 6:30 and 3-5 is at 7:30 in the high school gym.

*Talent Show 1st-5th Grades 1:00-2:00 May 6th in high school gym.

*Preschool-First Grade Track and Field Day is May 17 from 12:15-3:30.

*2nd-5th Grade Track and Field Day is May 20 from 12:15-3:30.

*Our May Wildcat PRIDE recognition party will be May 22nd at 8:30a.m. in the high school gym. If your child is selected a teacher may contact you and invite you to attend.

*Kindergarten Graduation May 21 from 1:00-1:45 in the high school gym.

*Preschool Graduation May 22 from 12:30-1:15 in the high school gym

***Last Student Day of School is Wednesday, May 22 and is a 1:30 early dismissal**

*Please add and follow us on FACEBOOK

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April PRIDE Award Winners Were: Kindergarten: Elvera Moore, Connolly Clayton First Grade: Tyler Hansen, Alesia Oswald Second Grade: Lily Windsor, Tymothy Norris Third Grade: Caedyn Hittner, Drake Egger Fourth Grade: Landyn Jurgens Fifth Grade: Kady Headid Sixth Grade: Alli Benke

*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!

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