CAREY END-OF-THE-YEAR NEWS

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As the school year comes to a close, I would like to express my great appreciation for having the opportunity to serve Carey Elementary School students, staff, and families as I will be retiring at the end of the school year. It has been such an honor and privilege to be a part of this great school, and I will miss everyone greatly. There are many exciting adventures that lie ahead ~ the future is bright! Wishing you a healthy, safe, sunny, and fun-filled summer.

With gratitude ~ Micky Bahlmann, Carey Elementary Principal

Staff Changes ~ Our congratulations and best wishes to all in your new pursuits!

Saying Farewell ~ Thank you for touching the lives and making a difference for our students; you will be greatly missed!

Micky Bahlmann ~ Mrs. Bahlmann has served W-SR as the principal for Carey and Shell Rock Elementary Schools. She will be retiring at the end of this school year.

BreAnna Berger ~ Mrs. Berger has accepted a position at Orchard Hill Elementary. She will be teaching 4th grade students as she has at Carey Elementary.

Amber Kuntz ~ Mrs. Kuntz has accepted a position as the school counselor in the College Community School District. Mrs. Kuntz and her family will be moving to the Cedar Rapids area.

Denise Meyer ~ Mrs. Meyer has served our students as an associate for the past 17 years and will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Aimee Lucas ~ Mrs. Lucas has served Carey School through the Central Rivers AEA and will be retiring to move and join her family in Winterset.

A Move ~ Moving on up!

Sarah Kyner ~ Mrs. Kyner is currently the 1st grade bubble teacher. She will be remaining in her current classroom but will be teaching the 2nd grade bubble section for the next school year.

Krista Hool ~ Mrs. Hool has served at Carey Elementary as an associate. She will be moving to the high school to continue her role as an associate for the 2023-24 school year.

Angie Steuer ~ Due to changes in the Art program schedule, Mrs. Steuer will be moving from Carey to teach art at West Cedar and Shell Rock.

Welcome ~ We are very excited to welcome the following staff to Carey School!

Suz Smolikhagen, Principal ~ Mrs. Smolikhagen will serve as the new Carey Elementary Principal. She has been an AEA Team Rep serving Southeast & Shell Rock where she has supported special education services. She is excited to begin her new role and looks forward to getting to know Carey students and families.

Jess Meier ~ Mrs. Meier will teach Art at Carey and Southeast Elementary. Mrs. Meier has been serving in 2nd grade at West Cedar. She also previously taught elementary art for many years prior to teaching at W-SR.

Christine Jacobs ~ Mrs. Jacobs has been hired to fill the new elementary librarian position. She will be serving all 4 elementary schools. She previously served as librarian in Hampton-Dumont/CAL School Districts.

Michele Doyle ~ Mrs. Doyle has accepted the elementary counselor position serving Carey & Shell Rock. Michele most recently was the elementary counselor at Denver CSD. Michele and her family live in Waverly.

Alicia Phillips ~ Mrs. Phillips has been hired to fill the 4th grade opening. Mrs. Phillips has been a 4th grade teacher in Clarksville for the past 3 years. She and her family live in Shell Rock.

Dear Carey Families ~

I wanted to let you know that my family will be relocating to the Cedar Rapids area this summer, as my husband and I have accepted positions in the College Community School District. It is hard to leave W-SR after 8 years of getting to know students, families, and staff, though we know it is the right choice for our family at this time. Thank you all for your support of me and the school counseling program as we worked together to help your kiddos succeed! W-SR will always hold a special place in my heart! *Take care, Amber Kuntz, Carey & Shell Rock Elementary School Counselor*

END OF THE YEAR DETAILS

- Report cards and supply lists will be mailed home on June 6 and will identify your child's teacher for students entering 1st-4th grade.
- **If your student had medicine on file during the year, please pick it up before 1:00 on Thursday, June 1.**
- The 2023-24 school calendar is posted on the W-SR website homepage.
- Has your address, phone, or email changed? If so, please call the Carey Office at 352-2855 to update your contact information for our records.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Mid-July: Online Registration information will be emailed

Thurs, Aug 3: Walk-in student registration is 8:00-3:00 at West Cedar Elementary

Tues, Aug 22: Open House 11:30-12:30; K-4 students and families may visit school and bring their supplies, see the classroom, and meet their teacher

Wed, Aug 23: The first day of school for the 2023-2024 year, 8:25 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Wed. Aug 23: Early Dismissal at 2:00: **In-Take Conferences** 2:30—3:45 p.m.

Thurs. Aug 24: Early Dismissal at 2:00: **In-Take Conferences** 2:30—6:30 p.m.

Fri. Aug 25: Early Dismissal at 2:00: **In-Take Conferences** 2:30—3:45 p.m.

Tues. Aug 29: School Picture Day

Fri. Sept 1: Special Early dismissal at 12:40 p.m.

Mon. Sept 4: No School, Labor Day

2023-24 Registration

must be completed online. Instructions for online registration will be emailed mid-July and will also appear on the Waverly-Shell Rock website. Walk-in registration will be available on Thursday, Aug. 3 **from 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.** at **West Cedar Elementary** , 221 15th St NW, Waverly

Registration may be paid in one of three ways:

- Credit Card online—credit card fees will be charged for this option
- Cash or check—take to Business Office during the summer, bring to Carey office **after** August 1, or bring to the face-to-face registration on August 3.
- Check mailed **before July 31** to: W-SR Business Office, Registration Materials, 1415 4th Ave SW, Waverly, IA 50677
- If you need to create an Infinite Campus account, contact Bev Brus at 319-352-2087 Ext. 169 or bev.brus@wsr.k12.ia.us

All registration materials and payments must be received by Aug 4. Registration is not complete until payment is received.

A huge thank you to the Parent Group for all the wonderful treats, food, and pampering during Teacher Appreciation week. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by the staff . Thanks to Jodi Reitmajer for coordinating the week!

FREE MEALS TO-GO

FOR KIDS IN NEED

Breakfast and Lunch

Pick up Tuesday & Thursday 11a-12p

June 6 - August 10

Trinity United Methodist Church
1400 West Bremer Ave
Waverly, IA 50677

Must be 18 or younger to receive a meal, parent or guardian can pick up meals for all children in the house.

REGISTER AT:
www.wsrunitedway.org/summerlunch

United Way
Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way

To learn more, contact:
Jill Krall
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319-352-2582

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