

WILDCAT PRIDE

May NEWSLETTER



Dear Families.

We've made it! After a turbulent couple of years, we end the 2021-2022 school year in a normal way and with a lot to be proud of and celebrate.

I know there are always ways to improve and things in the school year that don't go perfectly, but I always like to look back and reflect on all the hard work, success and efforts by everyone to make the year a good one.

Our school has some great people who work very hard every day. Our cooks, custodians, drivers, support staff, paras, coaches and teachers all do so much for our community of students. Their efforts are all for our kids and we owe them all a big thank you. Your children also worked hard, learned a lot and in general show Wildcat PRIDE in most of their actions. And parents, you too deserve a thank you for your continued support of your child's education and for your support in our school and our staff.

Here are some specific things to celebrate:

- *Over 98% attendance at both Parent Teacher Conferences
- *Over 150 students took part in youth sports
- *78% of K-5 students met AIMS Reading Benchmark (Goal 80%)
- *41 more students made AIMS Benchmark in May than in August
- *90% of 4-5th Grade Met AIMS Reading Benchmark
- *90% of kindergarten students met MAPS Math Benchmark
- *K-5 averaged a 14 point RIT score increase on MAPS Math
- *112 PK-5 students earned Wildcat PRIDE Awards
- *Students earned over 10,000 Wildcat PRIDE Tickets

The above are just a few highlights with some numbers attached to them. However, I always feel like the biggest things to celebrate are the relationships our staff makes with our students and the countless little moments which occur every day. Those small often unnoticed aha moments, the overcoming of a challenge, the learning from a mistake, and the growing from all of it are what makes school such an important part of life. Here's to a great year and a job well done by all. I hope you all feel the same way and I look forward to more next year.

GO WILDCATS! -Mr. Hansen

Other Information

*ALL LOST AND FOUND items currently in our lost and found will be donated by Friday, May 20th. If you think your child is missing something, please have them stop by the elementary office to look.

Fourth Quarter Report Cards will be given out the last day of school. Be sure to check backpacks!

*Tom Brinkman will be taking over as Transportation Director. Contact him with all transportation needs.

***We welcome back NEARLY ALL PK-5 Staff Next Fall.** Only Ashley Heisterkamp and Allison Lester will be new faces next year in 3rd and 4th Grade. We will also welcome two new paras, Jessie Adams and Ashley Holt. We are very fortunate to have so many existing staff returning!

*Next year students in grades 3-5 will be subject to **after school detentions** due to disciplinary reasons. More details will be shared in the fall, but for now, be aware of this NEW behavior policy to go into effect next fall.

*Summer School begins June 6. **If you have not signed up, you are too late, and registration is closed, and our capacity has been met.** If you are needing to communicate any changes prior to June 6 you need to immediately.

*School RESUMES in the FALL early again. Our start date is scheduled for **August 10 with a 1:30 early out.** A July information packet will be mailed out after July 20th with information regarding the new school year and open house.

REMINDERS

* Immunization Records and Birth Certificates are required to be on file by Nebraska state law. If you have an incoming kindergarten student, we must have both ASAP.

*Please notify the office **by phone** of absences for summer school each day by 8:30. If there is a change for your child in transportation, or after school plan, call before 11:00 a.m. If you contact us after that it can be difficult for the change to get communicated to all who need to be informed.

***When dropping students off in the morning. Please do so traveling west, or pull into a parking spot so kids are not crossing traffic.**

*Summer Staff is limited and schedules widely vary. Elementary office hours will be 8-12 M-Th in June. The district office (In the HS) will be open M-Th 8-2:00 all summer.

****Did you know we have Cedar Bluffs Public Schools App? It can be found in the app store and has quick links to the lunch menu, schedule, documents, staff links etc.****

UPCOMING EVENTS

*There are a wide range of various camps and open gyms taking place this summer. If you have any questions, please contact the coach leading the camp. Our office will not necessarily know all the camp dates, times and possible changes. All staff emails are first.lastname@cbwildcats.org and can also be found on our website. Head coaches are:

Tom Brinkman Football

Anna White Volleyball

Brian Dunker Girls Basketball

Jeremy Larsen Boys Basketball

Coby Amen Wrestling

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