

# WILDCAT PRIDE

## August NEWSLETTER



We have survived our first two full weeks of the 2018-2019 school year! I witness great things every day and I hope your child has come home and been able to share something positive about their year so far. Teachers and students have been busy establishing daily routines, learning classroom rules and getting to know one another. We are also taking time to assess your child in reading using our new assessment platform called aimswebPlus and after Labor Day will be testing students in math using the MAPS assessment system. We will be using data from these assessments as a check point system during the year to show us the growth of our students and to indicate individual areas students are struggling in so teachers can provide additional support in those areas. Our staff is looking forward to the year and we hope you and your child are too. Please look over the rest of this newsletter for highlights other information. Thanks! Mr. Hansen

### REMINDERS

\*If you visit the school, you must sign in at the office desk and obtain a visitor's badge. Also, if you plan on visiting please contact your child's teacher to verify the time you plan on visiting is appropriate and will not cause an interference to daily activities.

\*Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:55. After 7:55 students may be given a grab and go breakfast which may not include the main entrée. School begins at 8:00 a.m. Starting at 7:45 students not eating breakfast can go directly to their classrooms. Elementary dismisses at 3:38.

\*Please notify the office by phone of absences. If you have a change in after school transportation, or after school care call **before 2:00** in order for us to be able to communicate those changes will all necessary staff.

\*Parts of the elementary handbook are included at the end of this. Please read.

**\*When dropping kids off in the morning, please do so when traveling West, or pull into a parking spot. With on street drop offs, please be sure to wait in line and not pull around a vehicle while kids are exiting a vehicle.**

### AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

\*Cedar Bluffs Elementary has about 280 PK-6 students, 16 teachers and 9 para educators which equals an 11:1 student teacher ratio. Grade Level Sizes are: PK-40, K-44, 1st-37, 2nd-32, 3rd-36, 4th- 41 5th-22 and 6th-25.

\*Building renovations are complete. We now have two new classrooms and a wrestling room.

\*Aimsweb reading assessments have been completed and we will start MAPS testing after Labor Day.

\*CBPS welcomed 2 new elementary this fall. Miss Smeal in kindergarten and Mrs. Walling in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. All other elementary classroom teachers returned.

\*Approximately **130** students are participating in one of our fall Youth Sports Programs

\*Follow us on Facebook and download the Cedar Bluffs Public School app.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*This year we will focus on Wildcat **PRIDE** (Positivity, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Empathy) The characteristic of focus for September will be Positivity. At the end of the month we will have a PRIDE party and recognize a student from each classroom who exhibited this characteristic and caught their teacher's attention. If your child is selected at some point during the year, a teacher may contact you and invite you to attend. Our first one will be on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 a.m. in the high school gym.

\*It's LABOR DAY WEEKEND!!! **No school on Monday, September 2nd. Enjoy!**

\***Friday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** is a teacher in-service and there is **NO SCHOOL** that day for students.

\*Please visit the school website for athletic dates and times.

\*Future newsletters will not be printed, but will be on our website and Facebook page.

## Handbook highlights are below:

**Please look on our website under documents for the full handbook.**

### After School Care

Cedar Bluffs Public School contracts with the Cedar Bluffs Schools Foundation and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant to provide after school care for students. The KIDS FIRST program functions independently and is directed by Jeff Beckmann. For more information contact the school to speak with him.

### Student Conduct on Busses

Cedar Bluffs Public School provides transportation for well over 200 students to and from school, as well as for the After-School Program. Students are responsible for their conduct while being provided transportation. Misconduct on our busses may result in suspensions from transportation services or complete revocation of services for a student. Bus suspensions and revocations are determined by the transportation director and school administration. Transportation inquiries can be addressed by Myk Kuhns.

### Absence/Tardy

\*Students begins at 8:00 and students are recorded as tardy starting then.

\*Students are recorded ½ day absent if they arrive after 9:15 a.m. or leave before 2:15p.m.

### Classroom Visitations

Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit during school hours. All visitations should be cleared with your child's teacher ahead of time to verify the time you would like to visit is appropriate. Visitors must first report to the elementary office to sign in before entering your child's classroom. Children may not visit the school unless accompanied by an adult, or with previous consent by the principal.

### Accidents at School

In the event of a severe accident at school, staff will administer as much emergency first aid as possible and contact parents/guardians, or emergency contacts provided to the school. If the accident is considered severe enough the school may call 911 for support. Please keep phone numbers of all contacts up to date with the office. Minor cuts and scrapes requiring a band-aide may be addressed strictly within the school and no notification may be given.

### Exclusions from School

Children who become ill, or have possible symptoms of illness while at school may be sent home. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, emergency contacts will be notified. CHILDREN MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL FOR THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A. Known contagious diseases such as pinkeye, measles, mumps, chicken pox, etc.
- B. Suspicious skin rashes
- C. Vomiting
- D. Abnormal temperature. (A child may not stay at school if a temperature is 100 degrees or higher and may not return to school until the child is fever free for 24 hours).
- E. Head lice

A child suffering from a contagious disease and has been absent from school due to an infection, or contagious disease may be required to present a statement from a doctor before returning to school.

### Immunizations

Prior to enrollment, each student shall provide a written immunization history signed by a physician and parent/guardian, verifying that the student has received required vaccines so as to be protected by immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, polio, hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and chicken pox. Any student who does not comply shall not be permitted to enter school unless an exemption for compliance is given. The deadline for providing this is September 15.

GO WILDCATS!

