The Cedar Falls Schools Foundation Connection

Connecting You To Our Students & Schools

CFCS Foundation News:

Greetings from the Cedar Falls Schools Foundation

Keeping you in touch with the many exciting things that are happening in our schools and with our foundation. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

To unsubscribe or update your contact information, click the contact link at the bottom of the newsletter.

Donors Did This!

Expanding Learning in Classrooms



This past year, our donors' gifts helped provide grants for 43 teachers, 11 pre-kindergarten classrooms, and every student.

Excellence Grants are awarded each year to CFCS District staff for projects that provide experiences above and beyond typical classroom activites.

Subject areas for the awards included reading, science, math, music, art, technology, engineering, health, language, literacy and child development.

To read more about the 2017 Excellence Grant awards, please visit the Foundation grant page.

Alumni Class Pages

Connecting Our Alumni

The Foundation is now able to create class pages to help alumni share news, photos, memories and other information. To see what classes have shared, visit the Alumni Network.

If you would like to have a page created for your alumni class, please contact the <u>Foundation</u>.



CFCS District News:

CF Schools News



CAPS Project Leads to Meeting with Company Executives



Click on photo above to read Courier article.



Watch Justin's presentation to Springs Window Fashions execs.

Tiger Basketball Poster Night

TIGER BASKETBALL POSTER NIGHT

Saturday, January 13th

FREE ADMITTANCE for all K-6 Cedar Falls students and all Jr. Tiger players.

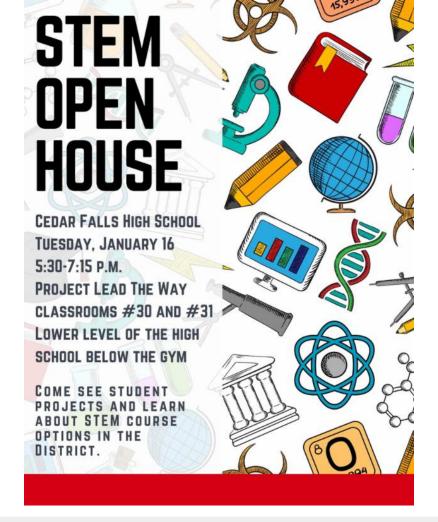
FREE POSTERS for all in attendance



5 p.m. - CF vs Marshalltown (Women) 6:30 p.m. - CF vs. Marshalltown (Men)

Both MEN'S AND WOMEN'S Tiger varsity teams will be available at the end of the night to sign posters

STEM Open House



90 Minute Late Start Chart

Please refer to the below chart for 90 minute late state bus pick up times.

Original Time	+	90 Late Time	Original Time	+	90 Late Time	Original Time	+	90 Late Time
6:45	1:30	8:15	7:31	1:30	9:01	8:14	1:30	9:44
6:46	1:30	8:16	7:32	1:30	9:02	8:15		9:45
6:47	1:30	8:17	7:33	1:30	9:03	8:16	1:30	9:46
6:48	1:30	8:18	7:34		9:04	8:17		9:47
6:49	1:30	8:19	7:35		9:05	8:18		9:48
6:50	1:30	8:20	7:36		9:06	8:19		9:49
6:51	1:30	8:21	7:37		9:07	8:20		9:50
6:52	1:30	8:22	7:38		9:08	8:21		9:51
6:53	1:30	8:23	7:39		9:09	8:22		9:52
6:54	1:30	8:24	7:40		9:10	8:23		9:53
6:55	1:30	8:25	7:41		9:11	8:24		9:54
6:56	1:30	8:26	7:42		9:12	8:25		9:55
6:57	1:30	8:27	7:43		9:13	8:26	1:30	9:56
6:58	1:30	8:28	7:44		9:14	8:27		9:57
6:59	1:30	8:29	7:45		9:15	8:28		9:58
7:00	1:30	8:30	7:46		9:16	8:29		9:59
7:01	1:30	8:31	7:47		9:17	8:30		10:00
7:02	1:30	8:32	7:48		9:18	8:31	1:30	10:01
7:03	1:30	8:33	7:49		9:19	8:32		10:02
7:04	1:30	8:34	7:50		9:20	8:33		10:03
7:05	1:30	8:35	7:51	1:30	9:21	8:34		10:04
7:06	1:30	8:36	7:52		9:22	8:35		10:05
7:07	1:30	8:37	7:53		9:23	8:36		10:06
7:08	1:30	8:38	7:54		9:24	8:37		10:07
7:09	1:30	8:39	7:55		9:25	8:38		10:08
7:10	1:30	8:40	7:56		9:26	8:39		10:09
7:11	1:30	8:41	7:57	1:30	9:27	8:40		10:10
7:12	1:30	8:42	7:58		9:28	8:41		10:11
7:13	1:30	8:43	7:59		9:29	8:42		10:12
7:14	1:30	8:44	8:00		9:30	8:43		10:13
7:15	1:30	8:45	8:01		9:31	8:44		10:14
7:16	1:30	8:46	8:02		9:32	8:45		10:15
7:17	1:30	8:47	8:03		9:33	8:46		10:16
7:18	1:30	8:48	8:04		9:34	8:47		10:17
7:19	1:30	8:49	8:05		9:35	8:48		10:18
7:20	1:30	8:50	8:06		9:36	8:49		10:19
7:21	1:30	8:51	8:07		9:37	8:50	1:30	10:20
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7:24	1:30	8:54	8:10		9:40			
7:25	1:30	8:55	8:11		9:41			
7:26	1:30	8:56	8:12		9:42			
7:30	1:30	9:00	8:13	1:30	9:43			

Six FIRST Lego League Teams Competing at State Championships



Six Cedar Falls FIRST Lego League teams will compete Saturday and Sunday during the FIRST Lego League state championships at Iowa State University. The teams are the Brick Bots, Stingray City, Shark Sharpedos, Aqua Infinity, The Evaporators and Speedsters.

The teams of 9- to 14-year-olds advanced after participating in various regional qualifiers, among about 120 from across the state. Lego League involves teams of up to 10 children guided by teachers or other adult mentors who build and program Lego Mindstorms robots. Teams work on a challenge to solve a real-world problem related to a theme, which is "Hydro Dynamics" this year. They complete tasks that follow the theme in tabletop matches

using the robots. Scores are determined by how many missions are completed as well as by presentations on the theme teams make to a panel of judges. An ability to work together and demonstrate they are upholding FIRST's core values also are important.

FIRST is the guiding organization that puts together the annual challenges. Its name is an acronym of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. Many teams are organized through schools.

Spectators are welcome at the event, which starts at 9 a.m. each day.

More information on schedules and location plus a link to watch matches live online is available at https://www.isek.iastate.edu/fll/iowa-championship.

Aldrich Elementary Construction Photos



Pineappling - Using Pineapple Charts for Professional Learning



NEISTA Honors Orchestra

Congratulations to the students who were chosen for the Northeast Iowa String Teachers Association Honors Orchestra!



NEISTA Middle School Honors Orchestra

Hansen Elementary - Abigail Sliwinski, Emma Halvorsen, Varun Gulwadi Holmes Junior High - Emma Fuchtman, Julia Magee, Kunyu Du, Preston Atkins, Sidney Atkins

Lincoln Elementary - Brooklynn Knox, Egan Taiber, Mason Munnik North Cedar Elementary - Corin Fuchtman

Orchard Hill - Mihika Iher

Peet Junior High - Carl Rekow, Elliot Purdum, Jonathan Squires, KD Waltz, Noel Thomas, Rebecca McKenzie, Sean Radke

NEISTA High School Honors Orchestra

CFHS - Andrew Mord, Cello; Annika Strohm, Bass; Christopher Sell, Bass; Emma Sliwinski, Violin; Kelly Kestner, Violin; Mallory Welsch, Viola; Meron Abebe, Violin Peet Junior High - Grace King, Karen Yasuda, Mindy Li

College and Career Planning Meeting

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JOWA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK AND CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

SOPHOMORE AND JUNIOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Did you know that 90% of the flattest-growing careers require additional education and training beyond high school? To help you prepare for your future, the Cedar Falls High School Courselors and the lowe College Access Network® (ICAN) are offering a free presentation on career and college planning. This is your chance to receive help with all your questions about the career and college planning, process and life after high school.





Incoming Kindergarten Students for 2018-2019

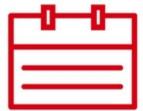
Do you have a child who will be attending kindergarten next school year? Buildings are beginning to collect contact information so that we can ensure all families receive the correct paperwork and information. Current District parents will be receiving a form to fill out to return to the secretary at your child's school. It can also be accessed here.

Please share this information with anyone you know who may not yet have children in the District!



Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. At Elementary Buildings

Aldrich Elementary meeting at District
Administration, 1002 W. First Street
Cedar Heights Elementary
Hansen Elementary
Lincoln Elementary
North Cedar Elementary
Orchard Hill Elementary
Southdale Elementary



For more information visit www.cfschools.org, Parents Tab and Registration

Information from Covenant Clinic

Covenant Clinic Nurses

As of January 1, 2018, the nurses and health assistants in the District will be provided by Covenant Clinic. The majority of staff have worked with students over the years, and students will recognize many of the associates who have provided exceptional care while in school. The schedules, services and care provided by Covenant Clinic staff will continue as normal with no changes. Nurse phone numbers have changed! Please contact the health office at each building to communicate your students health needs to the staff. Previous phone numbers for the nurses are no longer available.

Reminder on School Illness Policy

It is the policy of Cedar Falls Schools to be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to classes. Students with fever of 100 or higher must remain home until resolved for 24 hours. Students must also be free of vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

Influenza

Influenza is a highly contagious viral infection that affects mainly the nose, throat, chest and lungs. The flu may cause mild to severe illness, and even lead to death. In the very young, the elderly, and those with other serious medical conditions, infection can lead to severe complications such as pneumonia. Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine, and it's not too late! Getting vaccinated is not just about protecting yourself, but also protecting those around you: family members, friends, classmates, teachers, and others in your community.

Symptoms of influenza include:

- Fever (typically ≥100° F)
- Headache
- Extreme tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle aches
- Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea can occur but are more common in children than adults

Coming soon: Meet your nurse!

Volunteer on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley is sponsoring a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service January 15, at the Cedar Falls Public Library from 10-11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten through 5th grade students and families are invited to attend and participate in making service projects for others in the community.

For more information, please contact Jean Seeland at the Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley $\underline{319-272-2087}$ or $\underline{\text{Jean_Seeland@vccv.org.}}$

Dr. King taught us that everyone has a role to play in making our community strong.

New Menu Options for Elementary Students

The goal of the District Food Service and Nutrition Department is to plan, prepare

and serve nutritious meals according to the guidelines and requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture National School Lunch Program.

Effective January 3, 2018, the Food Service and Nutrition Department will

SCHOOL MENUS

- View helpful nutrition info
- Download our FREE mobile app!
- Print your menus

offer two main entrées daily for grades K - 6. These two choices will comprise of two different hot entrees along with the other components of a balanced reimbursable meal. The first or main choice will be offered on six





week cycle menu; whereas, the second or alternate choice will be a different option for each day of the week and will be the same each week.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Ecker, Food Service Supervisor at $\underline{319-553-2460}$ or the Food Service and Nutrition Office at $\underline{319-553-2451}$.

Daytime Food Service and Para Educator Position Openings



work 3-6 hours/day when school is in session

Perfect job for anyone who wants to be home when their children are!

Starting pay begins at \$11.20/hour, plus paid time off benefits and your summer free!

To find out more go to http://www.cfschools.org/staff/employment or Call Lori Bruns at 319-553-2443.







PARAEDUCATOR POSITIONS!

Estimated weekly hours during school year: 33.00 hours

PAID TIME OFF BENEFITS. PLUS, HAVE YOUR SUMMER FREE! STARTING PAY \$10.65

Requirements include a high school diploma or equivalent, excellent oral and written communication skills, ability to work collaboratively with staff and students, patience, empathy and basic use of a personal computer. Would prefer candidates who have experience working with children who may have special needs. Associates degree or 2 years full time post secondary education desired.

TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO

HTTP://WWW.CFSCHOOLS.ORG/STAFF/EMPLOYMENT
OR CALL LORI BRUNS AT 319-553-2443.



Parents for Great Iowa Schools

Will You Help Us Support Iowa's Kids?

Parents for Great Iowa Schools Join Us at a Meeting Near You

Why? Public schools serve 92% of Iowa's kids, but only about 5% of calls legislators get about schools come from public school advocates. We have to change that! Parents and community members need to let legislators know why public schools are a priority.

Who Can Help? Parents* for Great Iowa Schools, an all-volunteer grass roots organization, is working to "Make Iowa's Public Schools #1 Again." We need you to work with legislators from your area.

*"Parents" includes grandparents, neighbors, business leaders, and community leaders.

What Will We Talk About? Come learn how decisions made at the Capitol impact the schools in your community and how YOU can impact decisions made at the Capitol! We'll share easy but effective ways to influence your legislators.

P4GIS 2018 TOUR DATES

Johnston-Jan. 14
Decorah-Jan. 15
Cedar Falls/Waterloo-Jan. 16
Council Bluffs-Jan. 22
Clinton-Jan. 23
Norwalk-Feb. 12

Iowa Association of School Boards Day on the Hill with P4GIS-Jan. 30

WWW.P4GIS.ORG

Support Extending the State Penny Sales Tax

Please contact your legislator to give your support to extending the State Penny Sales Tax!



The one-cent sales tax for school infrastructure is known in law as Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE). This critical funding stream is set to expire in December 2029, creating an abrupt end to millions of dollars of school funding for safe and modern buildings and other school infrastructure

such as technology, while shifting the entire burden for school facility funding to property tax payers. In Cedar Falls, the extension would mean the reality of a new high school coming much sooner.

Board of Education Update



Watch the January 8 meeting.

The next Cedar Falls Schools Board of Education meeting will be January 22, 2018, 5:30 p.m. at Cedar Falls City Hall and will be shown on Cedar Falls Channel 15. Agendas, documents and materials for all board of education meetings can be found on the Cedar Falls Schools website. Watch previous meetings on the District's YouTube Channel. Meetings will be available live at www.cedarfalls.com/live. This format works best with Internet Explorer.

Fliers



CEDAR VALLEY DIVING CLUB

WHO: Boys & Girls, 2nd - 12th Grade

WHAT: Learn or develop springboard diving skills for fun or competition

WHEN: Mondays & Fridays, 4:30-6:00 PM

WHERE: Central Middle School Pool, 1350 Katoski Drive, Waterloo

COST: \$50 per month (1 practice per week) \$100 per month (2 practices per week)



FOR INFORMATION/SIGN UP CONTACT:

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS SEASON?

STARTS ON JANUARY 7th - SUNDAY'S 12:00-1:30 PM This clinic is intended for high school players that wish to improve his or her technique and improve match strategy and open to boys or girls that play on high school teams.



GET A JUMPSTART ON THE COMPETITION Sign up today at the Black Hawk Tennis Club! 319-232-7512 www.blackhawktennis.com

Hearst Center Opportunities

Spring Break Camps, Mar. 12-16 (ages K-6)

Our day camps are the perfect place to try new mediums and make projects to take home! Snacks provided in the morning and afternoon. Students must bring a sack lunch.

Time: 9 am-4 pm

Location: (ages 5-8) Rownd Classrooms (ages 9-12) McElroy Classroom Fee: \$30 (\$27)/day, \$140 (\$125)/week



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Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Report

Cedar Falls Schools Annual Yearly Progress Report

Open Positions

See all Open Positions

Calendar

Interested in knowing when events are?

Make sure to check the online calendar.



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and assisting the Cedar Falls Community Schools in the creation of a distinctive educational environment

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