

# 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.

### We Asked, You Responded Gifts Making a Difference

A tremendous thank you to our many, many generous donors that contributed to this year's Tradition of Excellence giving campaign. The Foundation's Teacher Excellence Grants, District program support, and senior, teacher and classroom scholarships wouldn't be possible without your very thoughtful gifts.



It isn't too late to send a gift. You can still join this year's campaign with an [online](#) or mailed tax deductible donation.

Thank you - together, we are making a difference for our schools!

### Alumni Network News We Can Help You Connect



Please spread the word about the fast growing network of CF Tigers by asking your classmates to register with the CFCS [Alumni Network](#).

Once registered, they will receive the Cedar Falls Schools Foundation Connection e-newsletter and Alumni Network updates about class reunions. There are no dues and all information is kept strictly confidential by the Foundation.

Go Tigers! We thank you for helping us create a permanent connecting point for our Cedar Falls Community Schools' alumni.

## Did You Know?

### Donor gifts to the CFS Foundation have:

- provided Excellence Grants to over 140 teachers
- purchased 3D printers for classrooms
- helped fund a new CAPS program for juniors and seniors
- purchased microscopes for visually impaired students
- paid for 2,000 graduating senior rehearsal breakfasts



Thank you donors, for investing in our students!

## CFCS District News:

### CF Schools News



## CEDAR FALLS SCHOOLS E-NEWS

Keeping you in touch with news, events and updates  
on all the great things happening in our District!

#tigerpride

**Good luck CF Swim Team at State! Congrats District Champs!**



The Cedar Falls swim team is sending a large contingent to Saturday's state meet in Iowa City. That group includes, back row from left, Will Sill, Dylan Moffatt, Sam Reinart, Demir Tuken, and Eamonn McCullough. Front Row from left, Benson Redfern, Brandon Berggren, Dawson Bremner and Devin Myhr.

[CF Qualifies for State in Eight Events](#)

### CFHS Student Wins ISCA Scholarship



## CONGRATULATIONS ELLEY SABINO CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

ISCA is proud to announce the winner of the 2018 ISCA Scholarship. Elley wrote her essay about her school counselor Mrs. Denholm.

Read Elley's winning essay below!

"I remember the first time I walked into Mrs. Denholm's office. I was just a sophomore entering Cedar Falls High School, with what seemed like the world on my shoulders. I remember her inviting me in with a huge smile on her face. As she motioned for me to sit down, I remember feeling like crying right there in front of her. My future was absolute chaos in my mind and I knew she was going to ask me that question. The question that you fear from the moment you realize that you have to grow up someday. When she asked me, "What do you want to do after you graduate?", I immediately panicked. I began spilling out my anxious sophomore heart with Mrs. Denholm and she just listened. My jumbled nonsense of college, nursing, scholarships, GPA, and ACT all came out in one huge tidal wave. Then, with practiced hands, she began weaving all my questions of uncertainty into a beautiful plan that I have followed to nearly the end of my high school career. Mrs. Denholm gave me calm in the midst of my hurricane of anxiety and uncertainty. Every time I had one feeling of doubt, all I needed to do was send one email. Mrs. Denholm has been there for me every step of the way. She is more than what I ever thought a counselor would be. She is caring, determined, selfless, and a woman that I am proud to call my friend."



<https://masonstrong.itemorder.com/sale>

MasonStrong Apparel  
Deadline: Saturday February 10

**Proceeds will go directly to the McCartan family.**

### Aldrich Elementary Taking Shape

#### New Elementary Taking Shape



### CFHS Jazz One Selected for IBA Conference

The Iowa Bandmasters Association (IBA) announced the 2018 Conference Performing Bands. Eight Iowa Middle and High Schools Bands are selected to perform at the Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference held annually in Des Moines. One band is selected from each of the following categories: Elementary/Beginning Band, 1A/2A Middle School, 3A/4A Middle School, 1A High School, 2A High School, 3A High School, 4A High School, and High School Jazz Band. Bands submit applications for performance in early January and are notified of selection. These bands are considered to be the premier performing ensembles in Iowa schools and selection to perform at the IBA Conference is one of the highest honors awarded in the state of Iowa.

Cedar Falls Jazz One from CFHS has been selected as the 2018 performing jazz band. This 19 student ensemble is under the direction of Mr. Kyle Engelhardt. Prior appearances at IBA by Cedar Falls High School include a performance by Cedar Falls Jazz One at the 2015 IBA Conference, and the Wind Symphony (Gerald Ramsey, conductor) was a clinic band for the Young Conductor's Symposium in 2016. The CFHS Band program is co-directed by Kyle Engelhardt and Gerald Ramsey.



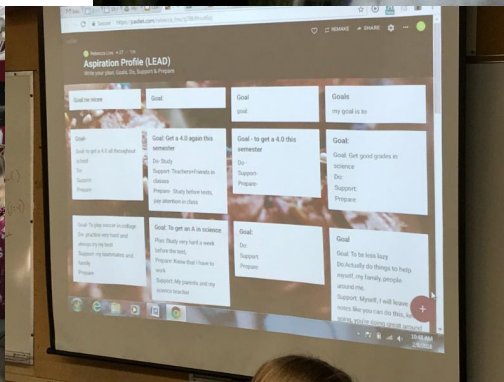
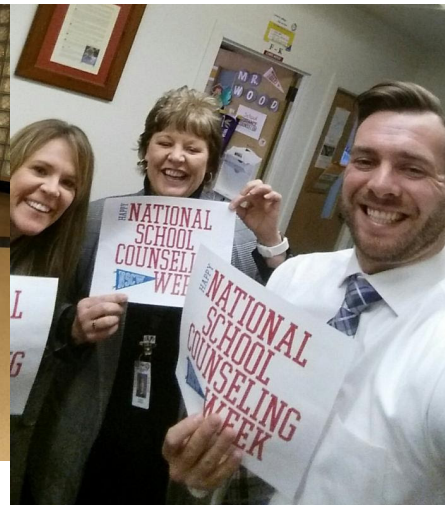
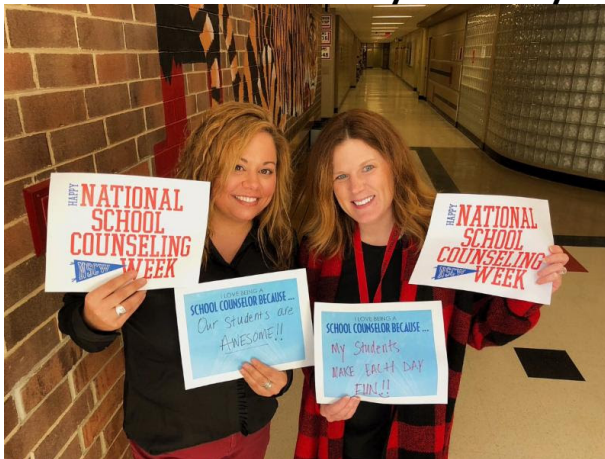
Performances will take place at the 91st Annual conference May 10-12, 2018 at the Des Moines Marriot Downtown.

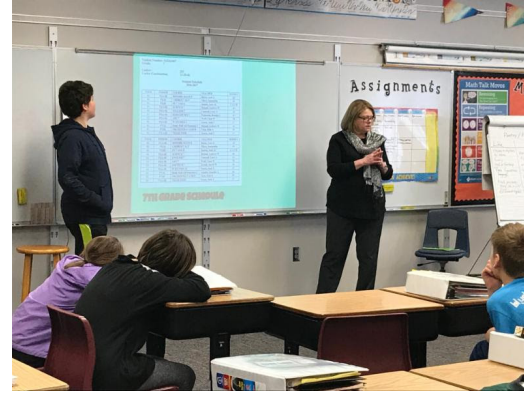
## What does Reader's Workshop look like?



## National School Counseling Week

**We are extremely blessed in Cedar Falls Schools  
with outstanding school counselors!  
Thank you for all you do for our students!**





## Support CFHS Robotis Team AND Get Some Ice Cream

The Swartdogs, CFHS Robotics Team 525, is working with Cold Stone Creamery to fundraise next Wednesday, February 14, from 6-9 p.m. The team will earn a percentage of the sales along with tips. Come enjoy some ice cream while supporting the team and tell your friends about it, too!



525 Swartdogs @525Swartdogs · Feb 7  
Stop by Coldstone in Cedar Falls on Valentine's Day to support FRC Team 525. We will be making ice cream from 6-9!



## Sacred Places, Special Places Art Show



## SACRED PLACES, SPECIAL SPACES

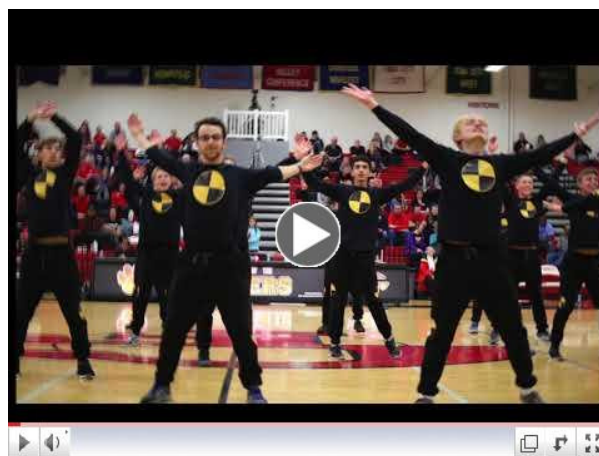
February 8 - March 24

Artwork created by 3rd - 5th graders from Cedar Falls and Waterloo schools based on a lesson written by students in Dr. Wendy Miller's Methods in Elementary Art Education course and shared with local art teachers. The lesson encourages children to be inspired by the sacred places showcased in the artwork of Mary Griep and create their own special places through mixed media collage.

Opening Reception: February 8, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Kamerick Art Building South Lobby  
University of Northern Iowa



### All-Male Dance Team



Watch the All-Male Dance Team winning performance!

### Character Counts Calls for Annual Awards Nominations



The Cedar Valley Character Counts Committee is calling for nominations for its annual Character Awards. The awards honor Cedar Valley individuals and businesses in six categories. These representatives consistently demonstrate good character through being their best self (moral character) and doing their best work (performance character). Also honored will be one student age 10 through 17 who has demonstrated what good character means to them. These awards, with the exception of the Youth Citizen award, are based on the state awards given annually by the Robert D. and Billy Ray Center at Drake University.

Categories include:

Business/Organization of Character, which is presented to an organization (including non-profit) that demonstrates a commitment to good character in its professional culture and climate;

Adult Citizen of Character, presented to a Cedar Valley resident whose actions demonstrate a continuous commitment to good character;

Youth Citizen of Character, presented to one student who has demonstrated adherence to the Six Pillars;

Educator of Character, presented to an educator or administrator who teaches and models good character and has impacted students through leadership and innovative character development;

Pursuing Victory With Honor, presented to an athletics team, coach, student-athlete or organization that demonstrates commitment to sportsmanship and good character;

School of Character, presented to a school whose faculty, staff and students practice good character; and

Environmental Steward of Character, presented to an individual or organization (including non-profit) that demonstrates commitment to preserving our environment for future generations.

The Six Pillars of Character include trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Nominees for the Character Awards must reside in the Cedar Valley area.

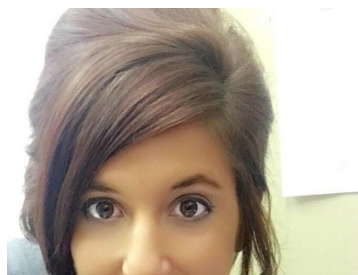
Nomination materials may be obtained by contacting Nancy Justis, [njustis@cfu.net](mailto:njustis@cfu.net);

or by going on line to the Ray Center link at <http://raycenter.wp.drake.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/95/2018/01/New-CVCC-nomination-form-2018.pdf>.

**Nominations are due by March 1** and should be mailed to Justis at: 409 Spruce Hills Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613; or emailed to [njustis@cfu.net](mailto:njustis@cfu.net).

Winners will be recognized at a banquet to be held April 16 at Hawkeye Community College-Tama Hall.

### Meet your Covenant Clinic health care team!



My name is Sarah Byerly and I'm a health assistant at Orchard Hill Elementary. Before joining Orchard Hill, I was a paraeducator in the Hudson school system and worked with kindergarten for three years, 1st grade for one year and preschool for half a year.





I went to Hawkeye Community College for professional photography and I still do photography on the side. I shot 16 weddings last year!

My boyfriend Tony and I enjoy going to the gym together and traveling. He has a three-year-old son named James and we have two 80 lb dogs that are full of energy and keep us busy!

I feel very welcomed and honored to work with everyone in the Cedar Falls School District!

## 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  $\geq 100^{\circ}$  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

Students diagnosed with influenza should not return to school or activities until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine like Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Fever free is considered to be less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Iowa Assessments March 26-30



Dear Parents:

From March 26-30, 2018, all students in grades 3-11 will be taking the *Iowa Assessments*®.

Information about your child's academic achievement is needed to help them excel and succeed. The *Iowa Assessments* make this possible by providing detailed information about your child in a variety of important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.

- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on the state curriculum as described in the Iowa Core.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* measure student growth and progress from year to year.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and identify areas that may need additional emphasis. The assessments produce information that enable sound decision making and provide a focus for teachers to evaluate their instruction.
- ✓ The *Iowa Assessments* provide information about your child's performance relative to the school, the state of Iowa, and the nation.



Señores padres:

Del 26 al 30 de marzo de 2018, todos los estudiantes en los grados 3-11 realizará las evaluaciones estipuladas por el Estado de Iowa (*Iowa Assessments*®).

El hecho de contar con información no solo le permite a usted comprender el logro académico de su niño sino también ayudarlo a que se supere y tenga éxito. Estas evaluaciones le proporcionan información detallada sobre su niño con respecto a una gran variedad de contenidos importantes, que incluyen en Lectura, Lengua Inglesa, Arte, Matemáticas, Ciencia y Ciencias Sociales.

- ✓ Las evaluaciones de Iowa (*Iowa Assessments*) permiten determinar cuál es el desempeño de los alumnos en cuanto al contenido del currículum estatal, como se describe en el Modelo de currículum de Iowa (*Iowa Core*).
- ✓ Las evaluaciones de Iowa (*Iowa Assessments*) miden el crecimiento y el progreso de los alumnos de año a año.
- ✓ Las evaluaciones de Iowa (*Iowa Assessments*) les permiten a los maestros identificar las fortalezas de un alumno y, a la vez, identificar cuáles son las áreas que necesitan atención adicional. Mediante estas evaluaciones se recaba información que permite tomar decisiones adecuadas y que les proporciona a los maestros los puntos en los que deben centrarse para evaluar su enseñanza.

Using the results of the assessment, we encourage you to work together with your child's teacher to identify and address educational needs. The results will help prepare your child for the next step on their educational path.



Las evaluaciones de Iowa ( Iowa Assessments ) proveen información sobre el desempeño de su niño con respecto a la escuela, al estado de Iowa y la nación.

Mediante el uso de los resultados de la evaluación, lo alentamos a que trabaje conjuntamente con el maestro de su niño a fin de identificar y abordar las necesidades educativas del mismo. Los resultados le ayudarán a que su niño esté preparado para dar el próximo paso en su proceso educativo.



## Board and Community Members Advocate for CF Schools

**@CF\_schools** board members, student and community members advocated for the district.



## Board of Education Update



Watch the January 22 meeting.

The next Cedar Falls Schools Board of Education meeting will be February 12, 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](http://www.cedarfalls.com/live). This format works best with Internet Explorer.

If you belong to a group or organization and would like a representative from the District to come to a meeting and present about school choice, please contact Janelle Darst at [319-553-2426](tel:319-553-2426) or email [janelle.darst@cfschools.org](mailto:janelle.darst@cfschools.org)

Parents for Great Iowa Schools

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**ESA/Voucher Bill SF2091**

At the Capitol this week "School Choice" advocates, the Iowa Alliance for Choice in Education and Americans for Prosperity (Koch Brothers) are sponsoring a variety of activities. Late yesterday, Senator Mark Cheigren introduced a bill to create "education savings grants," another name for ESAs/vouchers. We also think there are more voucher bills to come.

The goal of Senator Cheigren's legislation is to take money from public schools and other state funds to pay tuition at parochial and private schools and for home school instruction via Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)/vouchers.

Senate File 2091  
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?name=selected&general/AssemblyID&bill=SF2091>

For More information on ESAs:  
<https://p4qis.org/2018-key-issues/esa-charter-schools/>


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**TAKE ACTION**

You can voice your support for public school students now by:


1. Find your legislator here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>
2. Email or Call them NOW in support of public school students
3. Reach out to the Governor! [kim.reynolds@iowa.gov](mailto:kim.reynolds@iowa.gov) (515)281-5211
4. If you want to make a HUGE impact, please join us next Tuesday to share your support for public school students in person. Advocates say this is the most effective method of voicing your concerns. We will usher you through the process in the morning, eat lunch and then head to the Capitol.



**Watch Our Video, ESAs DON'T Belong in Iowa**



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**PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE DOES NOT BELONG IN IOWA**



- #1. WANT GOVERNMENT MONEY? FOLLOW GOVERNMENT RULES. 
- #2. IOWA STUDENTS OUTPERFORM THE STATES WITH ESAs. 
- #3. ESAs WILL HURT OUR RURAL SCHOOL STUDENTS. 

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!**



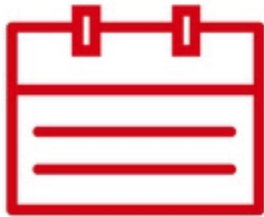
2018 KINDERGARTEN



# PARENT MEETING

**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](http://www.cfschools.org),  
Parents Tab and  
Registration

## 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.](#)



**Supporting our students ...**  
and assisting the Cedar Falls Community Schools  
in the creation of a distinctive educational environment

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