

# WILDCAT PRIDE

## Nov/December NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

Winter break is upon us, and I can't believe it. This is my seventh year here and for me it has no doubt seemed like the fastest first semester ever. I attribute this to how well our school is functioning and how well our staff and students are performing every day. Having great students, parents and staff makes my job easier and I appreciate all the work everyone puts in to make our days at school the best they can be. I hope you also feel the first semester has gone smoothly and that we have a great second half of the year!

### Upcoming Changes

There are some changes to prepare for after break. There will be a shift in the morning routine for 1st-5<sup>th</sup> grades. With our new kitchen and cafeteria set to be in use starting January 8 we will need to have an altered morning drop off and breakfast routine. If your child rides on school transportation, we will take care of the adjustments. For students who walk to school, or are parent drop off you will possibly need to adjust your routine. There may be modifications to our new plans as work gets completed over break and if so, we will send that information out. Please see the last page for new morning routines for after break.

Another change coming up is that Kate Chrisman, our current Daycare and Special Projects Director will be taking over as elementary principal next year, and I will be moving into a new role. Mr. Ptomey put out this announcement a few weeks ago, but in case you missed it my new role will be the Director of Learning. I will be working on a wide variety of school improvement projects for all grade levels PK-12. I will also be responsible for staff development, all district assessments, curriculum, and other administrative duties assigned by the superintendent. Mrs. Chrisman's first responsibilities will be to organize this year's PK and Kindergarten Roundups, manage the 2024-2025 preschool acceptance list, and will also plan and oversee summer school. I will be working with her throughout the winter and spring to help prepare her for taking over and to make sure the transition goes well and that all the great things we have going in our elementary remain stable.

I have really enjoyed my 7 years as an elementary principal here. It has been more rewarding, challenging, and fun than I ever expected. I am excited about my new role, and I have a lot of great plans to help our school continue to improve and I look forward to still working with our kids, this staff, our families, and this community. We have a great thing going on here and I've been lucky to be a part of it as principal and I find myself even more lucky to be able to expand my reach and help improve the quality of our programs on an even larger scale. Mrs. Chrisman has been with our district for over 10 years and will be a great principal for our school.

### Important Information

- \*Friday, December 15 is our Last Day for the semester. **It is a 1:30 out.**
- \*Monday, January 8 is our First Day of the second semester.
- \*Report Cards and Special Education Progress Reports will be sent home on Monday, January 8.
- \*Student Illness- We attempt to keep kids at school as much as possible. A student is required to go home with a temp. of 100 or higher. They must be removed from school for at least 24 hours and should be fever free for 24 hours before being allowed to return. We now have a Telehealth nurse and kids can be evaluated by her. Nurse Katie will now often be the one to be calling home for all student health situations.

### Other Information

- \*Download our School App found in your app store. Just type in Cedar Bluffs Public Schools
- \*There are number of field trips this year. Please be on the lookout for permission slips.
- \*Kids First After School Program and Youth Sports Director is **Jeff Beckman**. Contact him at school with anything regarding those two programs or email him at [jeff.beckman@cbwildcats.org](mailto:jeff.beckman@cbwildcats.org)
- \*Transportation director is **Tom Brinkman**. Contact him at school for all transportation related issues or email him at [thomas.brinkman@cbwildcats.org](mailto:thomas.brinkman@cbwildcats.org)
- \*I am always willing to try and assist in after school program or bus matters, but please know Mr. Beckman and Mr. Brinkman are the individuals in charge and responsible for those two areas. Any problems or concerns should first go to them for ASP and Bussing.
- \*3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Detentions have been taking place since Sept. 8. We have had just 3 students receive a detention (a.k.a. Wildcat Reflection). That is 3 less than this time last year. Remember, if your child gets one, they are served from 3:25-4:00 after school on Thursday's. You will be notified ahead of time for transportation arrangements to be made. If in detention, students are not permitted to ride the bus, attend the After School Program, or participate in any practices that night and your child will need to be picked up by an adult at 4:00 from the elementary front door. If you've missed the outlined and detailed information sent home, and would like more information, please contact me in the elementary office.
- \*\***LASTLY**, if you have not joined your classroom teacher on the REMIND app, please do. Ask them for help if you still need to do it and need help. This is how most teachers send out mass communications to classroom parents.



Below is our handbook rule for recess and a windchill factor chart from the national weather service. Air temperature to stay inside is 15 degrees or below. The windchill is left up to a little more judgment. With our longest noon recesses being at 25 minutes the combined windchill and temp would need to be in or near the -20's for frostbite in that amount of time. A sunny 10 degree day with no wind may even be nice enough to get outside for the length of our recesses. We typically follow the handbook and chart along with our best judgement on whether to hold outdoor recesses.

If a kid does not have warm enough clothes and we don't have any for them to borrow at 15 or lower, they will be kept inside. PLEASE BE SURE TO ALWAYS SEND YOUR KID WITH WARM CLOTHES.

#### Recess Weather and Temperature

Recess will generally take place outside. Rain and snow will not necessarily mean students will stay indoors. Please dress your student appropriately for the days weather. Students will be kept indoors during moderate to heavy rains, and when the temperature is 15 degrees or colder. This is air temperature and does not include the wind-chill factor. When there are significant wind chill factors of below zero students will be kept inside. We will generally go outside for recesses, so please send your child with appropriate cold weather attire.

Extreme Cold Safety	Wind Chill Warning vs Watch	Prepare for Extreme Cold	During Extreme Cold	After Extreme Cold
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## Wind Chill Chart



		Temperature (°F)																		
		Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
Wind (mph)	5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63	
	10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72	
	15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77	
	20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81	
	25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84	
	30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87	
	35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89	
	40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91	
	45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93	
	50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95	
	55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97	
	60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98	
		Frostbite Times																		
		30 minutes					10 minutes					5 minutes								
		Wind Chill (°F) = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V <sup>0.16</sup> ) + 0.4275T(V <sup>0.16</sup> )																		
		Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph)																		
		Effective 11/01/01																		

GO WILDCATS!



# NEW MORNING ROUTINES

Starting January 8, 2024 you may need to adjust your morning routines. Please abide by the following:

**\*Students riding CB transportation-** Will be directed by CB staff.

**\*1st-5th Grade Parent drop off** - For students **being dropped off prior to 7:45 and/or needing to eat breakfast**, you will need to park in one of the **yellow** highlighted areas. Your child will need to follow the **orange** path to the new cafeteria south doors. If you **drop your child off AFTER 7:45 and not eating breakfast**, you may park in the **yellow** areas and they may enter the main elementary door and go directly to their classroom.

**\*1st-5th Grade Walkers-** Students **arriving before 7:45 or needing to eat breakfast** need to use the main school sidewalk and access and follow the **orange** highlighted path to the cafeteria. Students are not walk on the blue bus lane or cut across the parking lot. The **orange** path provides a paved sidewalk all the way to the cafeteria entrance and out of the way of any possible traffic. If your child walks to school and arrives **after 7:45 and does not eat school breakfast**, they may enter the main building and go directly to their classroom.

**\*PK/Kindergarten** – All PK/K students still need to report directly to their classrooms as we have done all year. Kindergarten students should enter on their classroom's west exterior doors.



\*The **BLUE** bus lane and staff parking lot is off limits to all other traffic. With students unloading from busses and with students walking near the bus loop and teacher lot along the orange path, we do not want any other car traffic in that area. PLEASE USE THE MAIN STREET PARKING THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE. It is highlighted in **YELLOW** With a new staff parking lot, there should be ample parking in front of the building.

\*Also, from 7:15-8:00 and from 3:00-3:45, do not park on the **RED X's** on the street. These areas need to be kept clear so busses can make their necessary turns.

\*Once the enclosed link (**pink line**) is complete, all students will be able to be dropped off or walk in the main front door after 7:30 and enter the main building as we do now. At that time, PK/K will still need go directly to their rooms. There will be nothing different for those two grades all year. The link will hopefully be open sometime in February so most of the above adjustments will be temporary.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hansen