



**Cole County R-1 Schools**

**Russellville**

# Newsletter

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## **Superintendent's Letter**

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## **A Message from the Superintendent**

I hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing Spring Break! As we step into the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my appreciation for each of you. Your dedication and hard work continue to make a difference in the lives of our students, and I'm incredibly grateful for all that you do.

Spring brings a renewed sense of energy and excitement, and we have so much to celebrate! From student achievements to district initiatives, your efforts are shaping a positive and enriching experience for our school community. As always, our commitment to excellence remains strong, and I know we will finish this year on a high note.

Thank you for your continued passion and hard work. Let's make the most of these last couple of months and keep inspiring greatness in our students!

## **Priority Area 1: Teaching and Learning**

### **Knowledge Bowl Central State 8 Champions!**

On March 12, our Elementary students participated in the annual Knowledge Bowl in Jefferson City. We are thrilled to announce that they became the first-ever Central State 8 Conference Champions! This victory is particularly significant as this is our first year since transitioning from the Show-Me Conference to the newly created Central State 8 (CS-8) Conference. Congratulations to our team on this historic achievement!

## **Makeup Day Announcement**

Thursday, April 17, 2025, has been approved by the school board for use as a makeup day due to an unusually high number of weather-related closures this year.

The makeup day will follow a standard PLC early release schedule:

- High School: 8:00 AM – 2:25 PM
- Elementary School: 8:00 AM – 2:20 PM

## **Priority Area 2: Collaborative Culture and Staffing**

### **Staffing Updates**

Please join us in welcoming the following individuals to the team!

- Jeremy Amick, Substitute
- Cooper Basnett, Substitute
- Blayden Brown, Substitute
- Jason Kimminau, 2025-2026 High School Social Studies Teacher
- Cole Edwards, 2025-2026 High School Math Teacher
- Allison Hillman, Part-time Parents as Teachers (PAT) Facilitator

## WE Time Highlights

On March 6, Erin Tellman provided an insightful session on **Reading Comprehension Strategies** during our WE Time meeting. Key takeaways included:

- A structured instructional plan for student comprehension challenges.
- A visual inference skills poster for deeper text analysis.
- Hands-on inference exercises using images to enhance critical thinking.

We are grateful for Erin's expertise and look forward to implementing these strategies in our classrooms!

## Upcoming Staff Events

**OSBA Staff Presentation** - April 3rd, 2:45-3:30 PM

A discussion on district health insurance services, followed by Q&A.

## 2025 Cole County R-1 District Staff Health Fair

- Date:** Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Time:** 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM
- Location:** Russellville High School Cafeteria & Gym

Expect wellness vendors, health screenings, stress-relief activities, and giveaways!

## Priority Area 3: Funding and Facilities

### Potential Fundraising Activity

Derick Kerr has requested to use the high school parking lot on September 13th for a **Car Show** fundraiser to support school lunch costs. More details will be shared as they are finalized.

## Stellar Virtual Update

A potential partnership with **Stellar Virtual** is under consideration for the 2025-2026 school year. This initiative would allow us to host out-of-district students in a virtual program, generating additional revenue for our district while maintaining in-person instruction as our primary focus. Discussions will continue, and we will keep our community informed on this opportunity.

## Looking Ahead

**Next Board Meeting:** April 17th, 2025, at 5:30 PM

Key topics for the **April 17th meeting** include:

- **Closed Session:** Extra duty staff evaluations.
- **Open Session:**
  - Board of Education Reorganization
  - Review of potential surplus items
  - Approval of the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar
  - Approval of the 2025-2026 Career Ladder Plan

Thank you for your continued dedication to our students, staff, and community. Together, we are building a stronger, more innovative learning environment!

Dr. Jeff Jennewein,  
Superintendent

## Board Minutes


Board meeting minutes are posted to the district's website at [coler1indians.socs.net](http://coler1indians.socs.net) under the Board of Education tab. Agendas and meeting minutes for previous school years may be found under Archived Agendas in the Board of Education tab.

## Upcoming Events

### Testing Dates

ACT, EOC, and MAP testing is fast approaching!

Juniors will take the district ACT test on April 8, 2025. Please see Mr. Luke Morris for details. High school students in select courses will begin EOC (End of Course) testing on April 14. MAP testing will begin April 22.



**INDIANS,  
MAKE THE RIGHT CALL...  
JOIN US FOR OUR  
FOOTBALL  
INFORMATION  
MEETING!**

WHEN: April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: High School Gym

WHO: ALL Students and their Parents who desire to learn more about the football program for next year!

### Football Information Meeting

Open to parents and students interested in learning about youth, junior high, and high school football programs.

Spring and summer information will be provided.

Please contact Coach Tim Rulo ([trulo@coler1indians.org](mailto:trulo@coler1indians.org)) with any questions.

# KINDERGARTEN KICK OFF

## SUMMER PROGRAM

**COLE R-1 ELEMENTARY  
RUSSELLVILLE**

**MAY 21ST – JUNE 6TH  
8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

- FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
- FIELD TRIP FINALE
- AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE

**REGISTRATION  
DUE BY  
APRIL  
17TH**

**This is a great way for students  
entering Kindergarten in the fall to  
get a “sneak peek” at school life and  
ease the transition in August.**





## Kindergarten Kickoff Summer School 2025 May 21st - June 6th

Our Kindergarten Kickoff summer program is a great way for your child to get a "sneak peek" into the classroom and meet several staff members before beginning school in August. If you are interested, please complete and return the form below to the elementary office by **Thursday, April 17th**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Transportation Information

\_\_\_\_\_ Ride bus      ( ) Both      ( ) Morning Only      ( ) Afternoon Only

A.M. Pick-up address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

P.M. Drop-off address: \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from above)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Car Rider      ( ) Both      ( ) Morning Only      ( ) Afternoon Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Walk      ( ) Both      ( ) Morning Only      ( ) Afternoon Only

\_\_\_\_\_ After School Care

\* An ASC enrollment packet will be sent home to complete if this choice is marked.

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



# Cole R-1 SUMMER School 2025



**REGISTRATION  
FORMS DUE  
APRIL 17TH**

**MAY 21ST - JUNE 6TH  
8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K-6**

- Academic Enrichment
- Engaging S.T.E.A.M. Activities
- Field Trip Finale
- Free Breakfast and Lunch

**After School Child Care available until  
5:00 p.m. for a minimal fee.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COLE R-1 ELEMENTARY  
(573) 782-4814**



## Summer School Enrollment

### May 21st - June 6th, 2025

Please complete and return the form below to the Elementary Office by **Thursday, April 17th**. This date allows us to plan and coordinate the program to ensure the best experience possible for our students.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ONE SHEET FOR EACH STUDENT ATTENDING (Entering grades 1-6)**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Transportation Information

**NOTE: We cannot guarantee bus transportation if the form is received after May 9th.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Ride bus      ( ) Both AM/PM      ( ) Morning Only      ( ) Afternoon Only

A.M. Pick-up address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## COLE COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Elementary Office**—(573) 782-4814

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Russellville, MO 65074

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### CALENDAR CHANGE

Due to the unusually high number of weather-related closures, the Cole County R-I School Board has approved **Thursday, April 17, 2025**, as a makeup day. The makeup day will follow a standard PLC early release schedule, ensuring consistency for students, staff, and families.

Elementary School: 8:00am-2:20pm

High School: 8:00am-2:25pm

### Important Dates

**April 11**— Mid-Quarter

**April 17**—Makeup Day—IN SESSION

**April 18-21**—Easter Break—NO SCHOOL

**May 4**—Baccalaureate—6:30pm—HS  
Gym

**May 9**—Graduation—7pm

**May 14**— Last Day of School—12:30pm  
dismissal—NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

### SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

**Sub bus drivers needed**—Please contact Tina Weber at 573-690-3256.

**Substitute Teachers**—The Cole County R-1 School District is in need of Substitute Teachers. Must have Substitute Certification from DESE. The pay is \$100 per day. The Cole County R-1 School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Download and print the Classified application from our website ([coler1indians.socs.net](http://coler1indians.socs.net)), or you may pick up an application at the Superintendent's office. Any questions, please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.