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Superintendent's Letter

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Priority Area #1 (Teaching and Learning):

Due to the timing of the Missouri State Archery Tournament, the School Board voted to approve a revision to the district calendar. Please visit the district website to view the complete approved schedule for the 2023-2024 school year (District tab, Calendar 2023-2024 Approved).

- The handbooks for each building, athletics, and band will be posted to the school website. (Schools tab, Handbooks). A copy will also be given to each student at the start of the school year.
- Our revised Comprehensive School Improvement Plan is now posted to the District website under the District tab. The revisions are based on feedback from our administration team, Superintendent area supervisor, and to help reflect our most recent district decisions. We plan to reconvene with our CSIP committee this fall to continue our CSIP work.

Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing)

On-line registration:

As we transition from TylerSIS to Infinite Campus this fall, please watch the district website, Facebook page, Indian Texts and newsletters for updates to processes and procedures, including online registration, accessing your student's online portal, setting up your parent portal, making lunch payments, and sending and receiving messages from district staff through Infinite Campus.

New Staff:

We have several new friendly faces joining our district for the 2023-2024 school year and many others who will continue to support students as they transition to new positions within the district. Welcome to the district:

Jordan Shortt - district vocal music teacher; *Larissa Mehmert* – instructional coach; *Danielle Greubel* – junior high/high school principal; *Ryan Hedrick* – junior high/high school assistant principal; *Stephanie Marr* – district psychological examiner; *Austtin Anderson* – assistant football coach; *Kaylyn Bopp* – junior high/high school nurse; *Patty Ruether* – cook; *Cindy Iman* – cook; *Ray Eickmeyer* – 5th grade teacher; *Jordan Green* – elementary social-emotional leader; *Abby Schnieders* – junior high/high school art teacher; *Dan Sherwood* – high school language arts teacher; *Debra Schmidt* – junior high language arts teacher; *Amy Gipe* – paraprofessional; *Alex Metcalf* – paraprofessional; *Rachel Ratcliff* – Title 1 math teacher; *Dana Schad* – 3rd grade teacher; *Cheryl Groner*—Kindergerten; *Felicia Leslie*— high school language arts; *David Coplin*—Maintenance director; *Martha Francis*—cook

New Conference Update:

We had our first executive meeting on June 15th. Conference members have decided that Superintendents and athletic directors will meet monthly, and the title of Conference President would begin with Steve Combs (Harrisburg) for the 2023-2024 school year and rotate annually to each of the district superintendents. Athletic directors will continue to work on potential names for the new conference and narrow the list. Each community will have an opportunity to provide feedback, and the name will be decided by school vote. Once a name has been selected, there will be a contest open to students to create the logo for the new conference.

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Priority Area #3 (Funding/Facilities):

Upcoming Tax Rate Hearing:

- Reassessments of the district's tax rate occur during odd numbered years, so this is a reassessment year. In compliance with Missouri Statute 67.110 and Board Policy P 3320, the district tax rate hearing will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday, August 17th, before our August Board Meeting.

Facilities Update:

- Exterior elementary doors modification project- Beishir is scheduled to be on the elementary campus on Monday, July 31st through August 2nd to complete this project.
- JH/HS Connector Status: Pending floor installation and waxing, we anticipate the connector to be open for use by the start of the school year.
- Elementary Fire Alarm Status: The project is approximately 95% complete and we hope to be ready for startup by the beginning of August.
- The JH/HS Masonry project is complete and waiting for a final walk through.
- Dr. Jennewein met with Nick Raithel of Raithel Brothers Construction to explore additional options to address the high school parking lot. The district is accepting bids on the project.
- Mr. James Case began regrading the elementary playground area on July 11th. The playground equipment was donated for use at the Russellville City Park, Russellville Lion's Club and the Russellville Baptist Church. The anticipated completion for the playground installation at the elementary building is delayed due to electrical wire repair and replacement.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dr. Jeff Jennewein

Board Minutes

Board meeting minutes are posted to the district's website at coler1indians.org 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.

A Note from the Principals

Parents and Guardians, please watch your email for messages and back-to-school details and information from your child's building principal.



Pre-K & Kindergarten
August 17
6:00-7:00pm

1st-6th Grade
August 21st, 5:30-7:30pm
5th/6th grade parent mtg --
6:30pm in the gym

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

7th-12th Grade
August 21st, 6:00-8:00pm
Parent mtg in the gym --
7th grade - 7:00pm; 9th grade - 7:30pm

**PTO Food Truck
Round-up**
(see flier for details)

Food Truck Event

COME SUPPORT RUSSELLVILLE PTO!

OPEN HOUSE

Miracle Whip Mobile Cafe
Lily's Cantina
Cajun Catfish

Local Food Trucks will be located in the gravel lot next to the Elementary Building

August 21, 2023
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

IMPORTANT REMINDERS from the Nurse *Christie Murphy, RN*

Following are some reminders for the 2023-2024 school year affecting certain grade levels and all students due to current Missouri state laws.

8th Grade: Tdap and MCV4 Vaccinations: Tdap (tetanus booster with pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) vaccines are required for students enrolled in 8th grade. **The deadline to submit proof of Tdap and MCV4 vaccines is the 1st day of school in August.** If your child needs this immunization, contact your physician or clinic. Once he/she receives the Tdap and MCV4, please forward a copy of the official record from your health care provider to the school office. The vaccines may also be received at the Cole County Health Department. Bring your child's immunization record with you. For more information, their phone number is 573-636-2181.

12th Grade: MCV4 vaccinations (2 doses): Two doses of MCV4 (Meningococcal in the form of Menactra or Menveo) are required for students enrolled in 12th grade. If the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older, then only one dose is required. **The deadline to submit proof of MCV4 vaccines is the 1st day of school in August.**

Kindergarten Immunizations: A current and updated immunization record must be provided to the school before they can attend. The final set of vaccinations that Kindergarten enrollees must receive after their 4th birthday and before entering Kindergarten include: another Dtap, polio, a 2nd MMR, and a 2nd Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. If the child has had chickenpox disease, proof of disease must be provided in the form of a written statement signed by a physician documenting the month and year the child had chickenpox. Parental verification is not accepted. Immunizations can be obtained through the child's physician or by appt. at the Cole Co. Health Dept. For more information, call 573-636-2181.

District-wide Medication policy reminder for all grades: Medication must be delivered to and picked up from school by a parent/guardian or designated adult. Long-term daily prescription medications given during school hours require a written physician authorization as well as pharmacy-labeled container. **New authorization is required for the new school year even if there was no change to your child's prescription.** If the dosage changes during the school year, an updated authorization is also required. Additional rules to the medication policy are in the school handbooks. For clarification, call Christie Murphy at 782-4814.

Student health history forms: In August, your child will bring home a new Student Health Information form. All students **must** return this form each school year. Please ensure that the pain reliever and cough drop permission line is marked according to your preference for such medications to be administered to your child as needed from the nurse's supply.

Food substitutions: If your child will require food substitutions due to a medically diagnosed condition, a specific form entitled "**Medical Statement for Student Requiring Special Meals**" will need to be completed by their physician. Copies of the form are available in the school nurse's office or on the school website. Note: *This form must be in place before dietary accommodations can be made.

Nurse's section website: Check out the **Nurse and Wellness** link on the school district website home page to find medication forms, health condition forms, and the food substitution form.

Have a safe and active summer!

Attachment F

PUBLIC RELEASE

7/1/2023

Cole County R-1 School District announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519
2	25,636	2,137	493	36,482	3,041	702
3	32,318	2,694	622	45,991	3,833	885
4	39,000	3,250	750	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	879	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	1,007	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	1,136	84,027	7,003	1,616
8	65,728	5,478	1,264	93,536	7,795	1,799
Each add'l member	+6,682	+ 557	+ 129	+9,509	+793	+183

Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Households with children who are eligible under the foster, Head Start, homeless, migrant, or runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving meal benefits. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR, households will be notified of their children’s eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the **Central Office Administrative Assistant** will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the **Superintendent**. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

(Information follows on the reverse side.)

Attachment F (Continued)

USDA Non-discrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
Program.Intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**Free and reduced meal applications are available at your
child's school office and online at coler1indians.socs.net
(Resources, Family Links).**



**COLE COUNTY R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FORM**

Cole County R-1 Elementary School
13111 Park St., Russellville MO 65074
Cole County R-1 Jr./Sr. High School
13600 Rt. C., Russellville, MO 65074

THIS SECTION IS USED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
 Yes No

Parent/Guardian

By state law, all bus drivers must carry with them a roster of all students riding their bus. Please fill out the information below so that your student(s) will be included on the roster. It is the Parent/Guardian's responsibility to have your child at the designated bus stop at least 5 minutes before the morning pick-up time and drop-off time in the afternoon. This allows extra time for a safe pick-up and drop-off in case of unforeseen circumstances, road conditions, inclement weather, substitute drivers or mechanical problems.

STUDENT'S NAME	GRADE
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SIBLINGS

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	ZIP-CODE
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HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	WORK PHONE
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Does your student plan to use Cole County R-1 School District bus services throughout the year? Yes No

If yes, Cole County R-1 School District bus services will be used for the purpose of Pick up Drop Off Both

Before school my child will

Ride the bus from the following address ADDRESS

Car rider with the following person NAME OF PERSON STUDENT WILL RIDE TO SCHOOL WITH

Walk

After school my child will

Ride the bus to the following address ADDRESS

Car rider with the following person NAME OF PERSON STUDENT WILL RIDE TO SCHOOL WITH

Walk

ALTERNATE ROUTE

Students will only be allowed to ride one bus to one destination, either home or to an alternate site. We realize on occasion there will be a need for your child to ride a different bus or be dropped off at an alternate location. We ask that you attempt to keep this to a minimum. On the day that your child does need to be dropped off at a spot other than your home/babysitter, we ask that you inform the office as early as possible so personnel can prepare the bus pass. Building offices are very busy at the end of the day and waiting until then will cause delays in buses being able to depart from school. The alternate stop must be on an established route.

NAME	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
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ADDRESS	CITY
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This alternate address will be used for the purpose of Pick Up Drop Off

Each day your child will be sent home as you have indicated above. Please notify the school office with any changes that may occur in transportation and/or contact information.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE
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OFFICE USE ONLY

AM BUS #	AM PICKUP TIME	DRIVER
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PM BUS #	PM DROP OFF TIME	DRIVER
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(05-23)

Families needing bus transportation for their student(s) to and/or from school must complete a transportation form each year. Please return completed forms to Tina Weber at tweber@durhamschoolservices.com or your child's school office.



Students participating in Summer Athletic Enhancement had a fun Night of Champions with lots of PRs and lots of parents seeing what their kids have been up to all summer. It was a great way to cap off our best summer ever with an average daily attendance of over 90 student athletes each day!

Russellville Night of Champions



We are so proud of these amazing young people and excited to see how this work pays dividends for them individually and on their sports teams during the upcoming school year!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



The Cole County R-I School District is moving its student information system from TylerSIS to Infinite Campus for the 2023-2024 school year. Please watch the district website, Facebook, and email for updates and details about the switch, and information for setting up your new parent portal during this transition.



Important Dates

August 17 — Board Meeting @ 5:30pm—
JH/HS Library (use gym/superintendent's
entrance)

August 23 — FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 4— Labor Day—NO SCHOOL

September 15—Mid Quarter

September 20—Picture Day

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), or you may pick up an application at the Superintendent's office. Any questions, please contact Rachel Brizendine at 573-782-3534.