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Superintendent's Letter

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

As we step into February, I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to our schools. Together, we continue to create opportunities for every student to thrive and achieve their full potential. Let's keep working hand-in-hand to meet our district's goals and ensure every student receives the best education possible. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Warm regards,
Dr. Jeff Jennewein
Superintendent

Priority Area 2: Collaborative Culture and Staffing

Special Recognitions

Elaine Buschjost:

I want to personally thank you for the delicious red velvet cake! Your thoughtful gesture brightened our day and reminded us of the warm, welcoming, and supportive culture we cherish in our district. Acts of kindness like yours help nurture the sense of community we strive for, and your generosity is truly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference!

Abby Schnieders:

Your mural projects in the high school and weight room are absolutely transformative. These vibrant, inspiring spaces reflect the pride we all share in our schools. Your dedication and artistic talent leave a lasting impact, and your work continues to motivate students and staff alike. Thank you for your hard work and for beautifying our district!

PLC Leadership Team and Renee Bungart:

Thank you for finding a solution to create a district photo for the 2024-2025 school year. Your creativity and problem-solving ensured a meaningful and inclusive representation of our district. Your leadership and dedication to this project are greatly appreciated.

Cole R-1 Staff:

I am so proud of how each of you stepped up during our recent snow days. Transitioning to a remote professional development day on short notice was no small feat, but your adaptability and dedication ensured its success. Special thanks to:

- **Blake Call, David Coplin, and his team** for tirelessly ensuring our grounds were safe for students and staff during extreme weather conditions.
- **Tina Weber and the transportation team** for safely transporting our students despite the challenging conditions.

Your teamwork and commitment highlight the strength and unity of our district, and I deeply appreciate all you do.

WE Time Highlights (December 19th, 2024)

- **White Elephant Gift Exchange** organized by Sherri Koestner and the Culture Committee.
- **Culinary Contributions** by Mrs. Romero's food science class and the committee.
- **Staff Gifts:** District t-shirts provided by the PLC leadership team.
- **CTA Contributions:** Enhanced the festive atmosphere with thoughtful gifts.

Staffing Updates

Please join us in welcoming to our team Theresa Farris, substitute paraprofessional.

Board of Education Update

The filing period for School Board candidates closed on December 31, 2024. The following individuals will appear on the April 8, 2025, ballot:

- Elaine Buschjost
- Stephen Schnieders
- Kent Shikles

Looking Ahead

Special Board Meeting: February 3, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

Discussion topics:

- Phase 2 priorities: ADA compliance at the Elementary School, high school paving replacement, additional parking, new activities building, and Pre-K classrooms.

Regular Board Meeting: February 20, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

Agenda includes:

- Presentation by Michelle Kruse, School Safety Academy Program Coordinator (MSBA Center for Education Safety).
- 2025 Summer School calendar and salary schedule.
- Fiscal Year 2023-2024 ASBR and audit.
- Administrator evaluations.

Priority Area 3: Funding and Facilities

Facility Updates

- **High School Gym Improvements:**
Scoreboard, video board, and sound system installations completed.
Programming and training sessions held on January 14-15.
- **Elementary Cafeteria:** Sound system installation is underway.

As February unfolds, I'm inspired by the progress we've made and the opportunities ahead. Your continued involvement is essential to our success. Together, we can achieve our vision for a bright and thriving future for all our students.

Wishing you a wonderful and impactful month!

Warm regards,
Dr. Jeff Jennewein
Superintendent
Cole County R-1 School District

Board Minutes

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

Special Board Meeting

Monday, February 3, 2025

5:30pm, High School Library

Discussion on Phase 2 priorities:

ADA compliance at the Elementary School
High school paving replacement
Additional parking
New activities building
Pre-K classrooms



Art Club Creates New Murals

Junior High/High School art teacher Mrs. Abby Schnieders and the high school Art Club donated many hours of time, effort and talent during their Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks to create brand new murals at the high school building.

Below: Senior Lydia Eickhorst puts the finishing touches on the weight room mural.



IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INCOMING 8TH GRADERS OF 2025-2026

The Nurse's office would like to inform parents/guardians of **TWO** vaccine requirements for the 2025-2026 school year. Before your student can start 8th grade, he/she will need to have the following additional immunizations:

1. A 'Tdap' vaccine (a tetanus booster with pertussis) is required for students enrolled in grade 8.

Students entering the 8th and 12th grade will be required to receive the Meningococcal (MCV) vaccine.

Note: For Grade 8, one dose of MCV is required. Dose must be given after 10 years of age. By the time they enter 12th grade, a second dose will also be required.

These immunizations can be administered by your child's healthcare provider or pharmacy. Also, the Cole County Health Department accepts most private insurances and administers vaccines. The Cole Co. Health Dept. is located at 3400 W Truman Blvd, Jefferson City, MO—phone # is 573-636-2181 for more information on their hours. An immunization record is necessary in order to receive vaccines.

Once he/she receives the Tdap and MCV, please forward a copy of the official record from your health care provider to Kaylyn Henson, LPN.

Completion of this requirement early rather than later will reduce congestion of clinics normally occurring during the summer rush. An updated copy of your child's immunization record, including the current 'Tdap' and 'MCV', must be submitted to the nurse's office no later than the 1st day of school in August.

Missouri Immunization Law states "All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year for each immunization before they can attend school."

(www.health.mo.gov)

Again: All students entering 8th grade are required to receive a 'Tdap' **and** 'MCV'

before school starts in August 2025. If you would like clarification of your child's current record, please call the Jr.Sr. High nurse, Kaylyn Henson 573-782-3313.

IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT FOR INCOMING 12TH GRADERS OF 2025-2026

The Nurse's office would like to inform parents/guardians of a vaccine requirement for the 2025-2026 school year affecting all incoming **SENIORS**. Before your student can start 12th grade, he/she will need to have the following immunizations:

** Two doses of the Meningococcal (MCV) vaccine are required **unless** the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. At least one dose must be given after 16 years of age.

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 6, 2024

1:00-4:00pm, 4:30-7:00pm

We will dismiss at 12:30pm on Thursday. There will be no After School Care.

NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 7.

Junior High/High School parents/guardians are encouraged to reserve times with their child(ren)'s teachers by completing the jotform below.

<https://form.jotform.com/250157287650156>

Important Dates

February 6—Parent/Teacher Conferences—Dismiss at 12:30—NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

February 7—NO SCHOOL

February 10—Sophomore Ring Mtg.—1:00pm

February 17—President's Day—NO SCHOOL

March 3—Teacher Workday—NO SCHOOL

March 7—Third Quarter Ends

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.