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Superintendent's Letter

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Priority Area #1 (Teaching/Learning) Update:

I met with our DESE area supervisor on Friday, December 15 for our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan review. Our district received 100% and the results will reflect 30 out of 30 points on our 2024 APR.

Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing) Update:

As part of our new MSIP 6 and CSIP standards, we must administer a student and parent survey. Thirteen questions were chosen from the Panorama Survey. The following is the timeline on when the surveys will be administered:

2023-2024 Parent Survey via email in January.

2023-2024 Grades 3-5 Student Survey administered in February

2023-2024 Grades 6-12 Student Survey administered in March

We plan to have teacher, parent, and student survey results ready to present to the Board of Education and CSIP committee in April.

Priority Area #3 (Funding/Facilities) Update:

- I registered our District with the CyberGrants FrontDoor organization. FrontDoor allows users to access information from all the corporate websites that CyberGrants hosts while enhancing security to your organization's data. FrontDoor is a free service provided by CyberGrants to all eligible nonprofit organizations. Specifically, this will allow us to apply for Walmart Community Grants, which I will make available for staff to share what they would like via the Wednesday Wire so I can submit up to 25 grant applications each quarter. Each grant minimum is \$250 to a maximum of \$5,000. Quarter 1 begins February 1st. I will have a plan in the February Wednesday Wire for teachers to apply for these grants.

- We submitted a Casey's Grant application for \$40,000 for additional playground equipment for the Elementary lower playground area.
- We submitted a Community Recreational Facilities Development Grant request to the John & Vera Jo Surbeck Charitable Trust for baseball/softball field retrofit lighting services.
- We completed the Genetec Grants Support Team workbook for the upcoming COPS School Violence Grant.
- Our phone system kickoff meeting was held on December 11th, and we anticipate our new phones being installed on January 15th.
- We anticipate our intercom at the Elementary being fully installed on March 21st.

Sincerely,

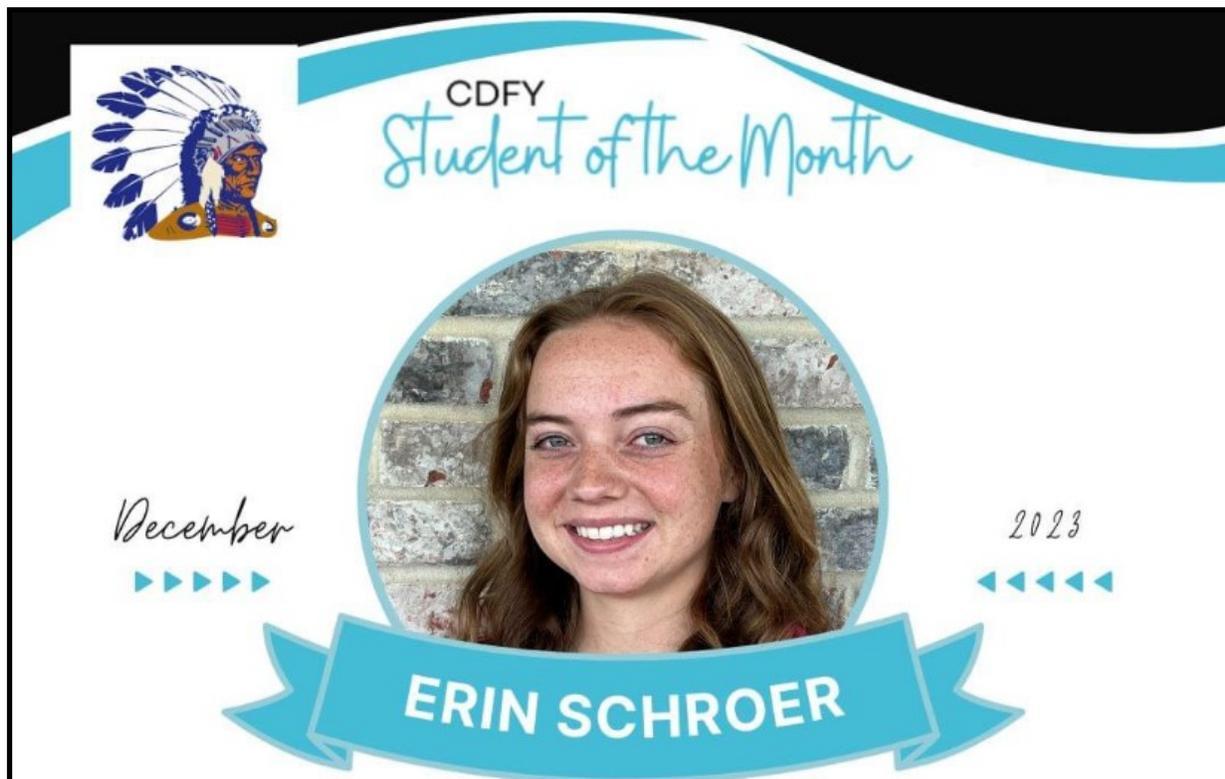
Dr. Jeff Jennewein

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.

Student News

Congratulations to senior Erin Schroer for being selected as the Student of the Month for the Council for Drug Free Youth!



"Growing up being parented by a school teacher and a man who wants better for me than he had, high expectations were set. The whole family got into the car every Sunday and went to church. Naturally, the idea of doing drugs or drinking was extremely discouraged. Learning about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol in school made me never want to get remotely close to either substances. The stories of people all around me who ruined their lives and futures due to substance abuse scared me away from it. As I matured, I was less scared of drugs and more disgusted. My Christian beliefs also impacted my opinion about using drugs. I will never use drugs or drink in a harmful way because I care about my body and my future."

Student News

Merry Liftmas with GymBro Claus and Small Falls the Elf! We finished the semester with strength, music, and fun! Merry Christmas to everyone! We'll see you in the new year!



2023 - 2024 WINTER ATHLETIC ENHANCEMENT

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------|---|---|---|------------|--------|----------|
| 7 PHASE 2 | 8 W.A.E. #9 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 9 | 10 W.A.E. #10 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 NO SCHOOL Phase 1 Steak Dinner @ 5p | 16 W.A.E. #11 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 17 W.A.E. #12 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 W.A.E. #13 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 23 | 24 W.A.E. #14 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 W.A.E. #15 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 30 | 31 W.A.E. #16 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | February 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 W.A.E. #17 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 6 | 7 W.A.E. #18 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 W.A.E. #19 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 13 | 14 W.A.E. #20 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 NO SCHOOL | 20 W.A.E. #21 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 21 W.A.E. #22 3:30p - 5:00p -T-Shirts & Shorts -Meet in Weight Room | 22 | 23 | 24 |

Student News



(Left) Congratulations to Jillian Schmidt for winning the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship speech contest at the county level. She will compete at the district level on January 14.

(Below) On Thursday, December 7, 24 students took a group tour of Missouri State University. They learned about that college, as well as which questions to ask and what to look for when choosing postsecondary options.





Russellville students were among the volunteers who helped lay wreaths on the graves at the Jefferson City National Cemetery on Saturday, December 2. Pictured above is senior Ethan Hickey.



On Monday, December 4, 39 high school groups representing National Honor Society, Operation Bugle Boy, and the creative writing class laid approximately 366 wreaths on the graves of the veterans at Enloe Cemetery.

On Thursday, November 16, 18 RHS Operation Bugle Boy volunteers participated in a Day of Caring. Students began the morning with sorting, cleaning, and labeling eyeglasses for the Lions Club at the Eyeglasses Recycling Center. They then went to the Salvation Army Thrift Store to help sort and organize donations. After that, they spent the afternoon raking yards for Operation Bugle Boy's Operation Leaf Relief.





Congratulations to the following for winning the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars:

(Pictured left to right)

Erin Schroer—2nd Place

Allie Steenbergen—1st Place

Jillian Schmidt — 3rd Place

Russellville archery practices are in full swing. Practices began November 20th. This season, there are 30 archers in grades 4-5, 45 archers in grades 6-8, and 36 archers in grades 9-12. We would like to welcome Shawn Ehrhardt and Clint Barnett as new coaches to the program. On December 20th, the team participated in a Charity Virtual tournament benefiting St. Judes. The team will officially start their season on January 5th & 6th by hosting Russellville Archery's annual tournament. This year, the tournament will be at the high school in order to accommodate more archers and schools from the area. We are excited for the season and look forward to participating in the 7 tournaments leading up to the State tournament in March at Branson. We would like to thank Weber-Millard Funeral Home and Bryant Fencing for their donations towards our new jerseys for this season.



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HUG Preschool Parents

You can now make your HUG Preschool payments online through Infinite Campus! There is a small fee charged for online transactions. For online checking payments, there is a fee of \$0.35. For debit and credit card payments, there is a fee of \$0.35, plus 4%.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Carol Koestner at (573) 782-4814, or by email at ckoestner@coler1indians.org.

Cole County R-I School District Quality Water Testing Plan

The Cole County R-I School District is implementing a water testing plan through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, please visit the District website at coler1indians.socs.net under Resources ->Community Links.

<https://coler1indians.socs.net/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/6140e97215254/Quality%20Water%20Testing%20Plan.pdf>

Important Dates

January 2—PD Day—NO SCHOOL

January 3—2nd Semester begins

**January 15—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
— NO SCHOOL**

January 31 — Mid Quarter

**February 8—Parent/Teacher Confer-
ences—Dismiss at 12:30pm**

February 9 — NO SCHOOL

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.