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Superintendent's Letter

Priority Area #2 (Collaborative Culture/Staffing)

September Exhibiting Excellence Award Winners

Our district's mission is to expect excellence every day. Excellence is the quality of being outstanding or extremely good. If you witness a staff member exhibiting excellent work, please take 5 minutes and fill out the form. The google form is attached here: <https://forms.gle/8ASdPpGVYHPp6qFt8>. The google form is also located on our school website.

- Dana Schad lead E-time with the positive post-it activity! What an amazing team building activity! What a great idea of bringing all staff together and celebrating success!
- Laura Campbell took on Mimeo support for the Elementary staff. Thanks for being such a great teammate!
- Denita Jenkins always helps with projector and other technology issues in our classrooms! We are so lucky to have you!
- Luke Morris has been amazing, helping wherever he is needed, whether it's Infinite Campus support or helping with coverage. He reminds me of a magic trick, appearing whenever he is needed.
- Devona Maharas always has the answer! She is so reliable!
- Senora Crews is always going above and beyond to help our students and leading the Sophomore RTI team! Thank you!

Staffing Updates

We have several new staff members to introduce, as well as current staff who will be supporting students in new rolls for the school year. Please welcome the following staff: *Elizabeth Kauffman*, paraprofessional; *Rena Albertson*, sub cook; *Denita Jenkins*, Assistant Track Coach; *Felicia Leslie*, Yearbook Sponsor; *Whitney Johnson*, Cook.

District Media Promotion

We had 58 total Facebook posts for the month of September as we continue to showcase all the wonderful things happening in our District. [Priority Area 2 Metrics](#)

Inclement Weather Plan

When school is canceled or a late start is called for, every effort will be made to publicize as soon as possible. Late starts will only be called the night before and will occur before 9:00 p.m.

The first notice of a cancellation or late start will be sent out through Infinite Campus as an email and/or text message. To be notified of school cancellations or late starts, you must have a portal account through Infinite Campus. Parents and guardians with students in the district should have received an email from Infinite Campus with an activation link and activation code to set up a parent portal. If you have not received that email, please check first to see if the email was delivered to your spam/junk mail folder. If you have not received an email, please contact your child's school office (Elementary – Carol Koestner at 573-782-4814. High School – Devona Maharas at 573-782-3313).

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If you do not have a child in the district and would like to receive notifications, please contact Kristen Heidbreder at kheidbreder@coler1indians.org and request an Infinite Campus portal account. To request an Infinite Campus portal account, you will need to provide the email address and cell phone number you want the notification to go to.

We sent our first test message on October 4th and ran another test message on the evening of October 18th.

We encourage you to review the school cancellation information under the Resources/Family Links tab of the school's website (or click here: <https://coler1indians.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/6140de209261b>) and your child's student handbook, and establish a plan for your children before the time comes.

Important note: Parents and guardians must have a parent portal in Infinite Campus and opt into the service in order to receive district messages. We recommend that all parents and guardians check their contact preferences in Infinite Campus to ensure they receive messages through their preferred method. To check your preferences, log in to your parent portal and follow the steps below.

- In the upper right-hand corner, click on the person icon.
- Select "settings".
- Select "contact preferences".
- Check the type of messages you prefer to receive
 - Inbox - Parent Portal
 - Email - preferred email on file with the school
 - Text

Priority Area #3 (Funding/Facilities)

Cole R-1 awarded \$100,000 Safety Grant!!

The District plans to purchase the following from the safety grant funds:

- New phones district wide which will have voice over IP services to improve communication throughout the district
- Add intercom system at the elementary building
- Add access control to front doors at high school building
- (Bleed control) trauma kits to be distributed district wide
- 3 AED Defibrillators to be distributed district wide
- Purchase a new portable radio system (Walkie Talkie) to be distributed district wide
- Replace/upgrade exterior lighting throughout our District

Russellville School Foundation Grant applications were reviewed during the October 17th meeting. Congratulations to the following teachers! They were granted a total of \$4,877 in grant funds for their respective classrooms!

- Laura Campbell
- Sydney Neuner
- Denise Crider
- Cheryl Groner
- Melissa Bungart
- Christina Pitman
- Michael Varner
- Jessie Wolfrum
- Marcy Johnson
- Sheri Koestner

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Upcoming Security Audit

The Board of Education approved to partner with Tech Electronics and Genetec to perform a security audit on our district. Tech Electronics will fill out the application for the Genetec Grant Writing program and fill in the application at the Federal Grants Office. Tech Electronics will perform a technology/security audit for the following areas:

- Property perimeter
- Current external paging and sound system for “dead zones”
- Current communication system

Once the audit is complete, Tech will create a base design with options for the grant application process and present their findings to our AC/DC committee and our Board of Education. Genetec will write the grant application based on the design chosen by our Board of Education.

Current Construction Update:

- There's been great progress over the past few weeks with the expansion at the junior high/high school building. The mason is on schedule to have load bearing block work completed this week. The structural steel is scheduled to be delivered with erection beginning next week. Clearview is slated to install roof curbs along with the steel erection. Roofing work will begin after the steel decking is in place, weather permitting. The mason will continue with brick work after the water/vapor barrier is applied to the exterior block.
- The elementary playground project is nearing completion! We have been blessed with good weather as well as the sequence of events falling into place. The turf installers have begun dropping off materials and plan to begin installing the turf on October 31st. The last portion will be to pour the concrete behind the basketball goals and the project will be complete. The students have been able to play on the equipment the past two weeks and they have enjoyed it greatly. Thank you to the school board, community and all of the individuals that made this dream come into fruition!!! Let's plan the ribbon cutting ceremony!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Jennewein
Superintendent

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 Olympics

Cole County R-1 Schools are proud to have had several elementary and high school Special Olympics athletes participate in the track & field event at South Callaway on October 19th. Congratulations to all of our athletes!

Maelyne Cartee:

Gold Medal—25 meter walk

Silver Medal—softball throw

Dustin Larimore:

Gold Medal—25 meter run

Gold Medal—50 meter run

Bronze Medal—Softball throw

Anthony Ousley:

Bronze Medal—25 meter run

Silver Medal—50 meter run

Silver Medal—softball throw

Student News

Life Skills Club

The Russellville Life Skills Club has begun and is accepting donations for food and supplies. If you are interested in donating, please contact Ms. Marcy Johnson at mjohnson@coler1indians.org for more details.



High School Girls' Golf

The Russellville Lady Indians' golf team has had a terrific season! This year, two of these young ladies, Lydia Eickhorst and Hannah Sapp, qualified for state, with Lydia placing 54th overall!

Congratulations to all of our Lady Indians golfers!



Veterans' Day Assembly

Russellville Junior High/High School will host their annual Veterans' Day breakfast and assembly on **Friday, November 10, 2023**. A breakfast for veterans and their families will be served in the cafeteria from 8:00-9:00am with drive-up, carry out, and dine-in options available. The Veterans' Day assembly will begin at 9:00am in the Junior High/High School gym.

In conjunction with the veterans' breakfast and assembly, Russellville High School will host the display Remembering Missouri's Fallen. This display features those Missourians who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror. It will include military and personal photos of the fallen. The display will be open to viewing from 8:00am-3:30pm in the entryway by the superintendent's office. Honor guards will be available throughout the day to assist visitors.

*70 YEARS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE
1953-2023*



*JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 5TH AS THE
RUSSELLVILLE-LOHMAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
CELEBRATES IT'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
FROM 12 PM TO 4 PM AT STATION 1 ON ROUTE AA
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
HISTORY DISPLAYS
FIRE TRUCKS ON DISPLAY
GOODIES FOR THE KIDS*

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Important Dates

November 10—Veterans' Day Assembly

November 15—Mid Quarter

**November 20-27—Thanksgiving Break—
NO SCHOOL**

November 27—PD Day—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.