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Dear Cedar Bluffs Students and Families,

Welcome to another exciting school year at Cedar Bluffs Schools! I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to relax, make memories, and recharge. We are excited to welcome everyone back and look forward to another outstanding year of learning, growth, and success.

Welcome Our New Staff

We are excited to welcome several new staff members and celebrate new roles within our district:

- Mr. Henry has transitioned from teaching 5th grade into our School Counselor position.
- Mrs. Dawn Hansen is our new College & Career Academy Director.
- Mrs. Samantha Nollett joins us as our Elementary Music and Middle/High School Choir Teacher.
- Mrs. Kassondra Nanfite will be teaching High School English Language Arts.
- Mr. Alex Boyer joins our staff as our High School Math Teacher.
- Mr. Boysen has moved into our Business Education teaching position.
- Mrs. Mary Tranmer & Ms. Breslynn Timmerman will join us as paraprofessionals.

Please join us in giving each of them a warm Wildcat welcome!

Exciting Changes for 5th and 6th Grade

One of the biggest changes this school year is the implementation of our new departmentalized 5th and 6th grade program.

Students will follow their own schedule and learn from the following core teachers:

- Ms. Claire Felber
- Mrs. Jace Wesely
- Mrs. Kristyn Thomas
- Ms. Keri Fredrickson

This new model allows our students to benefit from teachers specializing in core subject areas while still maintaining a strong sense of community.

As part of this transition, 6th grade students will no longer participate in the Homecoming Dance. However, they will continue to be included in Homecoming celebrations and activities alongside students throughout our district. We have many exciting activities planned specifically for our 5th and 6th grade students this year, and we know they are going to have a fantastic experience!

Registration Night

We invite all families to join us for Registration Night on:
Monday, August 17
5:00–7:00 PM

This is a great opportunity for students and families to:

- Meet teachers
- Receive high school laptops

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- Pick up class schedules
- Practice opening lockers
- Set up PowerSchool accounts
- Meet members of the Booster Club
- Prepare for a successful start to the school year

We hope to see everyone there!

ParentSquare Communication

This year we are transitioning from Remind to ParentSquare for school communication. Please watch for additional information regarding this change and instructions for getting connected. ParentSquare will become our primary platform for school and classroom communication.

School Calendar

Please take a few moments to mark the dates below on your family calendar. Whenever possible, we encourage families to schedule appointments and vacations during these breaks so students can maximize their time in the classroom.

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 19

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
MAY 21

We encourage families to use these scheduled breaks to plan appointments, family trips, and vacations whenever possible. Scheduling during these dates helps students maximize their time in the classroom and avoid missing valuable instructional time.

NO SCHOOL DAYS

SEPTEMBER
7

OCTOBER
14-16

DECEMBER-JANUARY
21-5

FEBRUARY
12

MARCH
26-29

SEPTEMBER
25

NOVEMBER
25-27

JANUARY
18

MARCH
3-5

APRIL
23

PRESCHOOL ONLY
NOVEMBER 7
JANUARY 15
APRIL 9

KINDERGARTEN ONLY
MAY 5

Our Continued Focus on PRIDE

At Cedar Bluffs, we remain committed to building a positive school culture through our PRIDE initiative. Each month, students and staff will gather for a PRIDE Celebration to recognize students, celebrate accomplishments, and reinforce the values that make our school a great place to learn.

One of our students' favorite activities last year was our weekly PRIDE challenges. We are excited to continue offering fun, creative challenges throughout the year—with prizes—to encourage students to live out our PRIDE values every day.

P – Positivity

Students display a positive attitude throughout the school day and during extracurricular activities. A positive mindset helps students stay focused, embrace challenges, and recognize new learning opportunities.

R – Respect

Students treat others with kindness and respect, even when they have different opinions or backgrounds. Respect is essential to creating a safe, welcoming, and productive learning environment.

I – Integrity

Students demonstrate honesty and strong character by making choices that reflect their values. Integrity builds leadership, encourages responsibility, and empowers students to make positive decisions.

D – Dedication

Students remain committed to their learning and personal success. Dedication encourages perseverance, creativity, and a strong work ethic.

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E – Empathy

Students understand and care about the feelings of others. Empathy strengthens relationships, builds a positive school community, and helps prepare students to become compassionate leaders.

Student Expectations

A complete list of school rules, procedures, and expectations can be found in both the Student Handbook and the Activities Handbook, available on our website at:

<https://www.cedarbluffsschools.org/>

We encourage every family to review these handbooks together. Understanding our expectations helps ensure a safe, respectful, and successful school year for everyone. If you have any questions regarding school policies or expectations, please don't hesitate to contact me.

PowerSchool & Canvas

If you need assistance accessing your PowerSchool account or would like help creating a Canvas Observer account to monitor your student's coursework, please contact the school office. We are happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Cedar Bluffs Schools.

We are looking forward to an incredible school year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences. Together, we will continue building a school community where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back!

Sincerely,

Tina Headid

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