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Mr. Robert Tews
Superintendent

WELCOME TO THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR

All of us at Cedar Mountain are looking forward to working with students, parents, and residents throughout our district. It is our goal to provide students of all ages with an opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Cedar Mountain School is proud to provide a quality education for the communities of Morgan and Franklin and the surrounding areas it serves. Our district has a long tradition of excellence and our faculty and staff looks forward to continuing to provide a caring learning environment to all students in grades K-12 with the optimal opportunity to succeed in their core academic program.

We are proud to offer a wide variety of curricular and co-curricular opportunities for students to expand their interests in fine arts, technology, foreign language, physical education, and an array of vocational offerings including agriculture, business and health careers. Distance learning technology also provides opportunities for students to access a further expanded curriculum and college level courses.

Cedar Mountain has an excellent staff who will work to provide an outstanding education to our students. Each of them brings their own special talents and is eager to contribute to our school's mission. They have great enthusiasm, energy and excitement for teaching.

Everyone at Cedar Mountain is eager to create a positive learning environment where students are encouraged to develop thinking skills and master our academic requirements.

As a school, we count on parents supporting their children and encouraging them to do their best throughout the year. The involvement of parents in academics is vital to the success of their children in school, and we encourage parents to ask questions when information is unclear. Showing an interest in school and being open-minded and respectful are other ways to ensure that this is a successful year.

Strong schools are a key component to strong, healthy communities. We are looking forward to an exciting, productive school year. Please join the Cedar Mountain staff in making this a great year of learning.

Cedar Mountain Open House

Cedar Mountain Schools will be holding their Fall Open House on Tuesday, August 26. Open House at the Elementary School in Franklin will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The High School Open House in Morgan will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

First Day of School is September 2

Classes will begin at Cedar Mountain on Tuesday, September 2nd.

SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2014-15

- Students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will receive free lunches and breakfasts.
- All kindergarten students qualify for free breakfasts.
- Elementary breakfast costs \$1.00; Elementary lunch costs \$2.30.
- MS/HS breakfast costs \$1.40; MS/HS lunch costs \$2.40.
- Menus are posted on school web page.
- There is a charge for certain additional entrees. All students (including free/ reduced) need to pay this charge.
- Additional Salad bar items are free.

Building Updates

In May, district voters approved the \$7.7 million district building and renovation project. Since then, we have been extremely busy working on many items to complete the steps necessary to actually begin the project. Here is some of what has happened:

- The bond sale took place on June 19th with six company firms submitting bids. The winning bid came in at 3.22% from Stifel Nicolaus of Memphis, Tennessee. Prior to the vote, the interest rate was estimated to be 4.15%. We were very excited to obtain this lower interest rate, as the cost savings to district taxpayers for our bonds, over the life of the loan, will be approximately \$1,350,000 less than the earlier estimate.
- RA Morton was selected as our construction manager in June. This is the same firm that worked with Harvest Land Cooperative and AgQuest in Morgan during their office expansion building project.
- During June and July, we worked on developing the design and construction documents. Bidding on the new construction is expected to begin in September, with actual construction to start during October, 2014.

Temporary Changes for the 2014-15 School Year during Construction

Because of the construction that will be taking place at the Morgan school building, there will be changes to bus drop off and pick up, parking, how people enter the gym, and general daily procedures. Student safety is our primary concern and we are asking everyone to be patient during construction. These changes include:

- Buses will load and unload on Somerville Ave. We are designating an area specifically for this.
- Student drop-offs by parents will occur south of the district office entry, which is the outside entrance by the Principal's office.
- At the end of each school day, the section of Somerville Ave in front of the school will be closed to traffic from 3:00 until 3:30, to allow for shuttle buses to unload students and route buses to load students.
- A temporary gravel parking lot will be created for students, staff, and event parking, across the street from the tennis courts behind the school. There will be access to the building through a temporary entrance on the east side of the school.
- Construction staging (fencing) will be placed around the new construction for safety purposes.
- Athletic contests will be held as scheduled in Morgan. There will be a temporary hallway through the shop area and current weight room, with access to the bleachers along the west end of the gym. Concessions will be in the gym (pop, popcorn, and candy), with existing building bathrooms available.

The primary purpose for these changes is safety of students and adults. The construction will cause inconveniences, but understand that this is temporary and the project will be completed by next year.

Bullying Procedures

The procedures to prevent and address bullying behaviors in Cedar Mountain Schools are in support of the Minnesota legislation that prohibits bullying in all Minnesota schools. The entire policy can be found in the Cedar Mountain Policy book, Policy 514.

This policy applies solely to student vs. student bullying. Behavior that occurs at school, on buses, or at school events are covered by this policy. Electronic behavior that occurs on or off school premises but substantially and materially disrupts education and learning in the school can also be disciplined according to this policy.

Bullying by definition has 4 key components:

- Bullying is intimidating, threatening, abusive or hurtful conduct.
- It is objectively offensive.
- The conduct involves an imbalance of power and is repeated or
- The conduct materially and substantially interferes with a student's education or ability to participate in school activities.

This definition creates 2 distinct categories of bullying:

1. Bad behavior that involves an imbalance of power and pattern or
2. Bad behavior that significantly affects a student's ability to participate in school, classes, or events.

All staff members in Cedar Mountain Schools must make a reasonable effort to address bullying when they see it or know about it. Investigations into reported bullying will commence within 3 days of the receipt of the report. Parents of the bully and victims will be contacted with information from the investigation.

The problem of bullying can be effectively controlled but it will take the combined efforts of the administration, staff, parents, and students of the school district. With proper education, prompt reporting, and effective interventions, Cedar Mountain Schools will be a safe and secure place for all students to learn.





Mrs. P. Machart
Elementary Principal

Elementary News

Is your family counting the days for school to start? I know the staff is busy getting ready for 2014-15!

We are excited to be welcoming several new staff members to our team! They have been at school throughout the summer getting ready for their new year! The students will be thrilled with the addition of our newest technology –40 ipads for student use. It is amazing how technology has advanced throughout the years – there is an app for everything!

We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 26. This is an important first step to a positive school year. Your children can meet their teacher, bring their school supplies, organize their desks and lockers, and visit with their friends!

As your family prepares for the new year, start thinking about the routines that you should develop.

Bedtime is an important one – research shows that children need 8-10 hours of sleep each night! Morning rituals are important too – keep the backpacks at the same spot and be sure notes and assignment notebooks are signed. Get off to school in plenty of time – students need to be in their desks ready to start by 8:20 --- which means they should arrive to school by 8:10 at the latest.

We are looking to a year filled with lots of learning and lots of fun! See you at school!

Kindergarten

Resting Towel
20 Yellow Sharpened Pencils
3 Small Bottles Of White Elmer's Glue
1 Spiral Notebook
1 Large Box Kleenex Family Size
4 Boxes Crayons-Reg. Size 24 Count
School Bag - No Wheels
Change Of Clothes
2 Pink Erasers
Adult T-Shirt For Painting in
4 Folders
Hard Plastic Rectangle Pencil Box Size 5 X 8 1/2
Gym Shoes That Do Not Tie To Be Kept In School

1st Grade

20 Yellow Pencils
2 Boxes Of 24 Ct. Crayons
2 Pink Erasers

1 Sm. Bottle Elmer's Glue
Book Bag/No Wheels
2 Lg. Box Kleenex Scissors
2 Spiral Notebooks
6 Folders
4 Glue Sticks
2 Yellow Highlighters
Headphones/Ear Buds
1 Sm Pkg Low Odor Dry Erase Markers
Gym Shoes
Change Of Clothes

2nd Grade

10 Pencils
1 Sm Bottle Glue
24 Count Crayons
Scissors
1 Family Size Kleenex
2 Folders
2 Large Pink Erasers
Rectangle Pencil Box Size 5 X 8 1/2 In.
Ear Buds
2 Highlighters

Book Bag/No Wheels
Gym Shoes

3rd Grade

2 Highlighters
20 Pencils
5 Folders
2 Notebooks
Scissors
Glue Sticks
Sm Bottle Glue
2 Pens: 1 Blue & 1 Red
1 Family Size Kleenex
Colored Pencils Crayons
Pencil Top Erasers
Markers
\$1.00 Calculator
Hand Held Pencil Sharpener
1 Lg Pink Eraser
1 Composition Notebook
2 Dry Erase Markers/Low Odor
Book Bag/No Wheels
Gym Shoes

4th Grade

2-70 Count Notebook
12 Pencils
2 Pens – Colored
1 Trapper Keeper
4 Folders With Out Prongs & 2 With Prongs For Trapper Keeper
For Total Of 6
1 Lg. Kleenex Box
Extra Erasers
Crayons – 24 Count
Calculator
Scissors
2 Glue Sticks
Colored Pencils
Markers
1 Highlighter
1 Composition Notebook
1 Sm Pkg Expo Markers
Ruler – Metric & Inches
Book Bag/No Wheels

Gym Shoes

5th Grade

3 Highlighters
12 Pencils
2 Spiral Notebooks
3 Composition Notebooks
1 Sm Pkg Dry Erase Markers/Low Odor
Protractor
Ruler-Metric & Inches
2 Red Pen
Calculator
6 Folders
Colored Pencils
1 Glue Stick
1 Sm Bottle Of Glue
1 Lg Pink Eraser
1 Lg Box Kleenex
Scissors
3 Jumbo Book Covers
1 Pkg Loose Leaf Paper
1 Flash Drive
Water Bottle
Gym Shoes



Elementary Open House

For preschool through Grade 5
(Morgan preschool held in Morgan 6:30 – 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, August 26

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Meet your teachers and classmates. Take a tour of our school building. Put money in your lunch/milk accounts, purchase assignment notebooks, activity tickets, etc. Bring your school supplies and organize your desk. Enjoy supper and ice cream treats sold in the cafeteria!



Mr. J. Schultz
MS/HS Principal

Middle / High School

Welcome back to Cedar Mountain! With the summer drawing to a close, the excitement level felt in our building is almost tangible. The custodial staff have done a wonderful job this summer getting the building looking great for the first day of school. We will welcome several new staff members this year that bring a variety of life experiences with them, as well as a host of architects, engineers, project managers, and workers that will work to design and build our new school addition and remodel some of the existing spaces. It is our plan to break ground on the new project this fall in the area around the gym, and will work diligently to preserve a high quality learning environment throughout the year. Patience will certainly pay off as this project reaches completion next summer. I hope you are as excited as I am as we are set up to have a great year at Cedar Mountain Middle and High School!



News from Mrs. Tighe MS/HS Dean of Students

September 24, 2014 9:15 a.m.: Mrs. Tighe will be taking sophomores to the Career Expo at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Bus will leave at 8:00 a.m.

October 9, 2014 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Senior Information Night for all seniors and their parents/guardians. Topics Mrs. Tighe will cover include college applications and visits; testing; and financial aid.

October 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.: Minnesota Education Fair at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Mrs. Tighe will be taking interested seniors and juniors. Bus will leave at 8:00 a.m.

Middle/High School Supply List

GRADE 6

- Pack of #2 Pencils
- 3-5 Ink Pens
- Protractor
- 4 Folders
- Scissors
- Assignment Notebook
- Five Spiral Notebooks
- Ruler (Standard & Metric)
- Calculator (Basic)
- Glue Stick
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Gym Shoes
- White Board Markers

GRADES 7-12

General Supplies:

- Folders
- Pack of #2 Pencils
- 8 Notebooks
- Pack of Black or Blue Pens
- Highlighters
- Scientific Calculator
(TI-30XIIS recommended)
- Assignment Notebook (optional)
- Physical Science – 3 Ring Binder
- Chemistry – 3 Ring Binder
- Wildlife Management – 3 Ring Binder
(at least 1")
- American History – 3 Ring Binder
- Psychology – 3 Ring Binder



All parents and students will meet in the gymnasium at 6:30. There will be time to meet your teachers, find your classrooms, and walk through a "typical" day. An important meeting for all 7th graders and their parents will follow to discuss the iPads they will be receiving and policies, procedures and care of them. The office will also be open to pay fees, put money in your lunch account, return forms etc...

FFA Update

So far this summer, Cedar Mountain's FFA chapter has continued to be active throughout the community. On July 5th, the chapter hosted a horse show at the Redwood Falls fairgrounds. Bailey Nelson and Emmily Kodet were among those that placed. On July 14th, past and present officers attended a retreat at the school aimed towards building on leadership skills and increasing enthusiasm about FFA. Coming up yet this summer for FFA is Farmfest at Gilfillan Estate. Once again, Cedar Mountain FFA members will park cars during the event running August 4-7 in addition to helping spread the farm safety message at the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids tent. Be sure to stop in and say hello!

Noteworthy and New

- Cedar Mountain FFA is now on Facebook! Be sure to like us at Cedar Mountain Agricultural Education for updates about FFA and agricultural education at Cedar Mountain Schools.
- For more information about FFA or to learn how you can get involved, contact Cedar Mountain FFA Advisor, Mr. Steve Lammers at slammers@cedarmt.org



Cougar Connection

Cedar Mountain's "Cougar Connection" group has had a busy summer. We meet from 9am to 3pm about 9 days each month in the summer. This summer we started with a three day, two night trip to Eagle Bluff near Lanesboro, MN to an environmental learning center. While there, we learned about backpack camping, geo caching, bats, coyotes, among many other team building things. We earned three pretty neat awards while we were there also. We earned a Golden Clean Plate Award for limiting our waste at meals, and even better, a "Zero Hero Award" for having absolutely no waste with our meals. We also earned an Eagle Eye Award for excellence in conserving resources, for not leaving water running, lights on or leaving electronics plugged in when we weren't in our rooms. Wow! These are all something to be proud of as a group. On our way home we toured Mystery Cave near Preston MN. This was very interesting also.



After that big trip we did some one day adventures. We picked strawberries, went on a Schell's Brewery tour and went swimming at Flandrau Park in New Ulm. We also went to Como Park and Sky Zone in the Cities. The students also did some community service for the school by painting the bike racks at the Middle School/High School site. These are just a few of the fun things we have done this summer.

As we finish out our summer program, we will be swimming, fishing, going to Valleyfair, having a bon fire/cook out, touring a winery, and ending our summer with a family cook out.

We will be starting up again after school

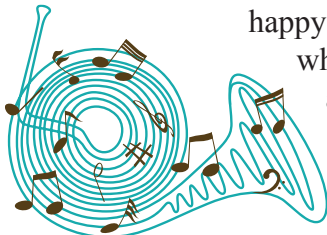
starts in September where we meet Monday through Thursday after school, Friday mornings and some Friday nights or Saturdays for field trips. All students in grades 6-12 are eligible for this free enrichment program, whether they come for socializing, academic assistance or just to learn necessary skills to be successful adults. For more information, please contact Mrs. Dawn Tietz at the MS/HS 507-249-5990 or dtietz@cedarmt.org



Greetings from the CM Elementary

Music Department

It is the start of the new school year and the Fifth graders have a wonderful opportunity to be in the Elementary Band. I would like to take this moment to remind any of those students who want to participate in Band that the first day of school is on a Tuesday which is the day that Band is held. This is the time to go to a music store and rent/purchase/tune-up your instruments. You will need to also have a lesson book which is the "Red" Standard of Excellence book with CD. If you have any questions about what instrument to get or where to go please email me at jeberhard@cedarmt.org I will be happy to help you or give you information as to what music stores are around the area. Have a great rest of the Summer and "See You In September".



Mrs. Jennifer Eberhard

Notes from the High School

Music Department

The Cedar Mountain HS Music Department is scheduled to possibly take a select group of band and choir students on a trip to Chicago, tentatively scheduled for June, 2015. This trip would include sight-seeing, as well as student performances. As plans develop, more information will be given out...stay tuned!

CMS WELCOMES OUR NEW STAFF



Jennifer Anderson • Special Ed

I live in country by Springfield with my husband Joe, and my two step sons Blaine and Brady. In November, we will be adding boy and girl twins. We have a Blue Tick Coonhound named "Rocky" and four cats that live outside. I am the new Special Education teacher at Franklin. I have a degree in Early Childhood from Southwest State in 2003 and most recently went back to college for my Special Education Degree. I love

flowers and vegetable gardening. One cool fact about me is that I have my scuba diving license.



Joe Ahrens • P.E./Health

My name is Joe Ahrens and I am a first year teacher. I am a student taught at Brewster Elementary in Brewster, MN and Fulda Area Public Schools in Fulda, MN. I attended the University of Wisconsin-Superior where I earned a degree in K-12 Physical Education and Minors in Health Education and Coaching. I played baseball for four years and coached for one during my time there. I have coached multiple different levels of

football, basketball, and baseball. I have one brother named Nick and my mother's name is Paula. They reside in Worthington, MN where I was born and raised. I really enjoy hunting, fishing, anything outdoors, exercising, playing sports, music, and spending time with family and friends. I currently play amateur baseball in the summers for the Wilmont Cardinals. I am very excited to join the Cedar Mountain school district and cannot wait to meet and get to know all the school and community members! Go Cougars!



Scott Babbitt • 4th Grade

I grew up in Watkins, MN with my parents and two sisters while attending school within the Eden Valley-Watkins Public School District. Upon graduating in 2009, I enrolled at the University of Minnesota Morris where I majored in Elementary Education. I completed my student teaching while overseas in Ireland for three months with 26 enthusiastic 4th grade students! I graduated college two weeks after I returned back to the U.S. in May of 2013. I met my fiancée Annie – RCW's newest music teacher –

during class freshman year in Morris and we have a set date to exchange vows this upcoming November! We currently reside in Redwood Falls where we enjoy being outside, cooking, spending time with our pooch Sophie, making ice cream at my family's Dairy Queen in Olivia, and especially traveling (having been to 14 countries outside the US so far). I am thrilled to begin teaching at Cedar Mountain Elementary this year and looking forward to meeting, building relationships, and creating memories with students, parents, staff, and the community! Cheers to a fantastic year!



Josh Flink • Special Ed

I graduated from Lakeville High School, I got my BS from MSU, I double majored in Social Studies and History. I moved to Mankato after high school and worked a lot of "blue collar" jobs, everything from factory and gas station work to working as a bouncer and finally owning my own pool hall. In the end, I went back to college and got my undergrad and teaching license. I worked as a para for a few years before

getting my first teaching position in Rochester. I love it when my students are able to critically evaluate what you're covering in class and make connections between that and their own lives. I look forward to joining Cedar Mountain.



David Berner • Social Studies

My name is David Berner, and I am a new Social Studies teacher at Cedar Mountain Secondary School. I will also be starting my first year as an assistant varsity football coach. I live in Redwood Falls with my wife Rachel and my two year old son Isaiah. This is our first year in Redwood Falls where my wife is also a teacher. We are excited to be in a new area, and to start our new careers.



Martha Coffland • Special Ed

Hi! My name is Martha Coffland and I am one of the new special ed teachers in Franklin. I have 14 years in education. Of those years, 11 were spent in Texas as a third grade teacher. I've also taught 6th grade and was a lead Title 1 teacher back here in MN. I am very excited to be working in Franklin. I grew up in Springfield, graduated in 1988, and attended Mankato State and moved to TX shortly after graduation where we lived for 18 years. The opportunity to move "home"

happened and I am so grateful. I have three children that attend Springfield public schools: Anna is a senior, Ellie is a 9th grader, and James is a 5th grader. Stop by my classroom anytime to visit. You will take note that I am a huge MN Viking fan by looking at my decor. I am excited to get the school year started!



James Foster • Social Studies

I am from Pine City, MN where my family still lives. I went to Bethel University and graduated with a double major in Social Studies Education and History, along with a minor in Political Science.

Before coming to Cedar Mountain, I worked as a Special Education teacher in Pine City, MN for two years where I also served as an assistant

coach in football, wrestling, and baseball. I have also worked in the Oil Fields of North Dakota for a year as a Safety Coordinator for a trucking company. I have also spent the past 4 summers as a commercial salmon fisherman in Bristol Bay, Alaska. I love the Minnesota Twins, the Vikings, the Wild, and Bethel Football. My three favorite things to do are: 1) Travel - I've been to over 27 countries as either a student, a missionary, or a traveler. 2) Hunting/ Fishing - I love spending time outdoors with friends and family! 3) Going to sporting events - I love Twins Games and Bethel Football Games the most.

I would say the thing I love most about teaching is the opportunities to help a student or an athlete learn something they don't already know. The coolest part of teaching is seeing a kid grow as a person and student.

If I could travel anywhere in the world it would be to take a trip to Australia and New Zealand. I've never been to those two countries and I would love an opportunity to travel there!

My favorite quote is, "Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value" - Albert Einstein

And if I could star in any movie, I would pick the next Expendables movie, because I think it would be great to star in a movie with all the big action stars from when I was a kid!

CMS WELCOMES OUR NEW STAFF



Beth Hill • Kindergarten

I attended high school at Bethlehem Academy in Faribault and college at the College of Saint Benedict - majored in elementary education (concentration in math), minored in coaching, and played volleyball and softball. I taught kindergarten at West Central Area Schools for four years, coached varsity girls basketball for four years, coached varsity volleyball for three years, coached softball for three years. My husband,

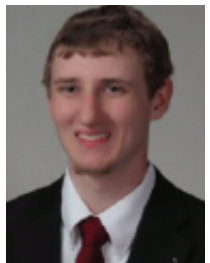
Drew and I have been married for over a year and we have a little girl, Ellie, who was born the end of June.



Barbara Knutson • 6th Grade

I have had many years of experience working with children birth – 6th grade. I have worked at St. John's Grandkids and VIK Club for the last 10 years as well as Springfield Public School as a Special Education Paraprofessional for the last 6 years. I thoroughly enjoy working with children and being a part of their successes. I have recently graduated from Bemidji State University with my Bachelor's Degree in

Elementary Education. I am anxious to get started at Cedar Mountain as I begin my teaching career. I grew up in Springfield – the youngest of three children. I now live just north of Sleepy Eye with my fiancé with wedding plans in the near future! I enjoy spending time with family and friends particularly hosting family get-togethers at our house.



Steve Lammers • Agriculture Instructor and FFA Advisor

I am a first year teacher having graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education. I have been involved in FFA and Agricultural Education for the last eight years either as a student or teacher. I graduated from Southland High School where I was very active in FFA and Ag Ed. I look forward to bringing together student,

school and community to carry on the proud tradition of Cedar Mountain Agricultural Education!



Doreen Tyler • Middle School English Teacher (7th and 8th grade)

Work Experience/Educational Background/Family Etc...: Graduated from Minnesota State Mankato with a degree in Communication Arts and Literature. Previously, I was a writer for area news, ag, and entertainment publications. Married to Steve, mother to a son and two daughters, grandma of two.



Andrea Krenz • 3rd Grade

I graduated from SMSU in Marshall with Elementary and Early Childhood Education degrees. For the past four years, I have been teaching kindergarten and 4th grade math in Milroy. I currently live in Redwood Falls with my husband, Dan, and our dog.

When I am not at school, I enjoy sewing, walking my dog, watching the Twins, anything crafty and spending time with my family. I am very excited to be at Cedar Mountain and to meet all of the 3rd graders!



Krista Polla • 4th Grade

I am very excited as I begin my first teaching position at Cedar Mountain. I graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University of Marshall in December 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education along with a Reading Licensure. From there, I was a long term substitute

at Cedar Mountain teaching reading and preschool. Then I had another long term substitute position at Reede Gray Elementary in Redwood Falls teaching math. Over the summer I have been a nanny and preparing for the school year. My husband, Ross, and I moved to Redwood Falls in December and have enjoyed getting to know the area. I love to read and go for walks whenever I have time. I look forward to the coming school year!



Michael Schmidt • Social Studies

Hi, my name is Michael Schmidt I grew up in Wadena MN, attended North Dakota State, and my major was History Education. I have military experience, serving a tour in Iraq. I also love playing baseball/softball, golf, and games. I enjoy interacting with young adults and helping them to obtain their goals. I look forward to teaching at CM Schools!

Jacob Cavanaugh • MS/HS Science

Jacob Cavanaugh comes to us with lots of experience that will be an asset to CM. He graduated from University of Wisconsin, River Falls in 2010 with a degree in Secondary Education – Broad Field Physical Science. Jacob is also a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army, holding many different leadership roles as well as serving a tour in Kuwait. His teaching experience includes teaching 2nd – 8th grade at the Torah Academy in St. Louis Park, MN. Jacob looks forward to meeting students and families here at CM.



From Jeremy Robinson - Activities Director

August 18- junior high football practice starts

August 29- Varsity Football @ Sleepy Eye (1st game)

August 19- junior high volleyball practice starts

September 18- ABC Volleyball vs. GFW (Homecoming Match)

August 25- ABC Volleyball @ Nicollet (1st match)

September 19- Varsity Football vs. New Ulm Cathedral (Homecoming)

If there are any 7-12 graders who are interested in participating in a fall sport, but need further information, please contact the district office. Remember all fees and paperwork needs to be turned in prior to starting the season. Physicals also need to be current and on file in the district office. All athletes new to school sports need physicals and then every 2 years after that.

NEW COACHES

Beth Hill – *Head Volleyball* Beth played high school volleyball at Faribault Bethlehem Academy and collegiality at St. Ben's. She comes to us after being the head coach at West Central Area in Barret, MN.

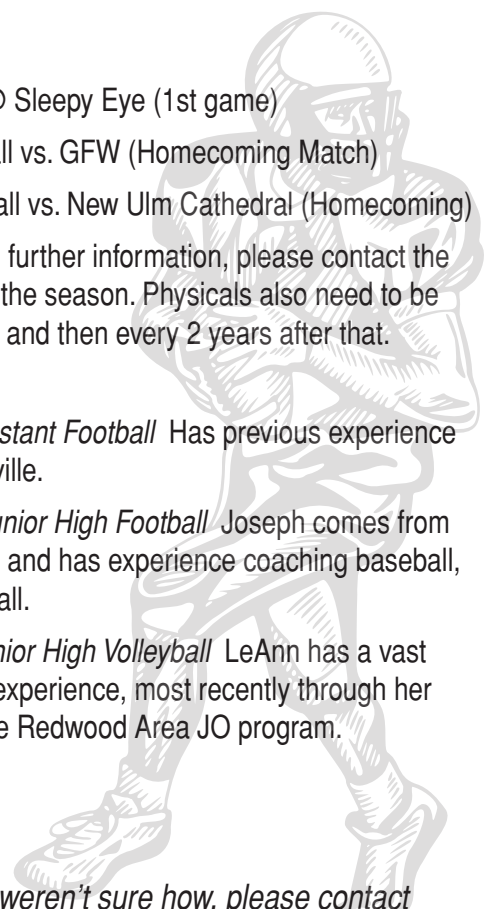
Koree Boyle – *Assistant Volleyball* Koree has been with the district and in the community for many years, but this will be her first year coaching with us. She brings a great deal of volleyball experience.

James Foster – *Assistant Football* James played college football at Bethel College and has previous coaching experience in Northwest Minnesota.

David Berner – *Assistant Football* Has previous experience at St. Michael-Albertville.

Joseph Ahrens – *Junior High Football* Joseph comes from the Worthington area and has experience coaching baseball, basketball, and football.

LeAnn Heimer – *Junior High Volleyball* LeAnn has a vast amount of coaching experience, most recently through her years of work with the Redwood Area JO program.



If you've wanted to get more involved in athletics at the high school level, but weren't sure how, please contact me at the school by phone or email (jrobinson@cedarmt.org). We are always in need of people willing to work at events. Whether it's through being a junior high referee, running the scoreboard, line judging or working the chain gang at a football game, opportunities exist and help activities for our students run smoothly.

Thank you for your help.



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Tackle Cancer Fundraiser – 2 Teams 1 Cause

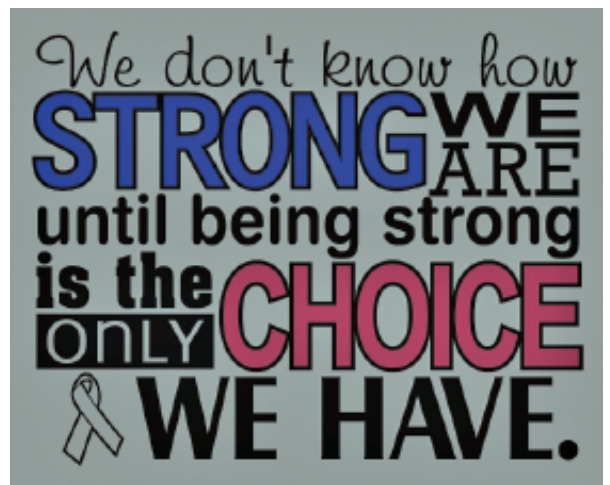
Cedar Mountain Football along with New Ulm Cathedral is teaming up to "Tackle Cancer"! During the week of September 15th, students and staff at both CM and NUC will

raise funds to help fight cancer. Funds will be used to help a player's family member (sibling, parent, or grandparent) who is currently or recently battling cancer. If no family member is in need, funds will be given to area cancer centers that serve our communities. Activities are also being planned to raise awareness of the many different kinds of cancer. If you would like more information, would like to order a t-shirt, or would like a nomination form, please contact Rhonda Lux at luxy@redred.com or Sarah Sullivan sullivan@cedarmt.org or call 249-5990.

T-Shirts available in sizes:

Youth S (6/8), M (10/12), L (14/16) & Adult S – 4XL

Cost: \$12



Back of shirt

Checks Payable to: Rhonda Lux, please write "Tackle Cancer" in memo line. Return to:

Sarah Sullivan

PO BOX 188 • Morgan, MN 56266

Early Childhood Development

What is ECFE?

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a program available to all children ages 0-5 together with their parents. Its goals are to strengthen families and to help children develop to their full potential. A variety of classes and activities are offered during the daytime and evenings. Special activities throughout the year are also planned.

What happens in Early Childhood Family Education classroom?

- Parent & child interaction time- Parents and children explore learning stations designed to help children's overall growth and development and give parents ideas for activities to do at home. This time also includes a group Circle Time of songs, stories, games etc...
- Children's classroom- While parents are in a nearby room for discussion, the children have a chance to interact with others their age and to experience a variety of activities, which promote overall growth. This class is taught by a licensed Early Childhood teacher.
- Parent discussion- While your child is in the classroom, you will have the opportunity to meet

with other parents to discuss joys and concerns in an informal setting, with a Parent Educator. Parent topics are determined by you and the other group members at the beginning of each session.

WHY START AT BIRTH?

Brain research confirms that the first three years are an extremely critical period in a child's development, especially in the areas of language, social skills, and cognitive development. An infant's daily interactions with caregivers actually determine the structures of neural pathways in the brain. Informed parents who have friends and positive connections in their communities are better equipped for the challenges of caring for infants and toddlers.

What do I do if I am concerned with my child's development?

While all young children grow and change at their own rate, some children experience delays in their development. If you have concerns about your child's talking, playing, behavior, ability to learn new things or interaction with other people, please feel free to contact Molly Lorang at 557-2251.

ECFE FAMILY CLASS

Preschoolers and Toddlers together
6 Classes- \$15.00/ includes Ooey Gooley Night
Franklin/Morgan Preschool Room

*The first class is the Fall Kickoff Ooey Gooley night in Morgan on Tuesday Sept. 23 • Time: 5:30-7:00 • Morgan Cafeteria
Ages: 0-5, Parents/Siblings are invited
Fee: \$5.00 per child/max \$15 per family*

FRANKLIN

Monday 6:15-7:30
Franklin Sept. 29 Oct. 6, 14, 20, 27

MORGAN

Tuesday, 6:15-7:30
Morgan Sept. 30 Oct. ,7, 14, 21,28

Tuesday, October 14th will be a gym night in Franklin

Help your child develop new social, physical, and academic skills while spending quality time with each other! You and your child will have the opportunity to experience circle time, make new friends, and explore a variety of materials. Parent discussion time will include topics related to raising a preschooler and toddler along with making activities for you to promote learning at home. Come and learn together.

Ooey Gooley Night

Tuesday, September 23

Time: 5:30-7:00p.m.

Morgan Cafeteria

Ages: 0-5

Parents/Siblings are invited

Fee: \$5.00 per family

Meal Provided



Babies Night Out

Age: 0-12 months/Expectant Parents
Date: Monday, November 10, 17, 24
Place: Morgan Preschool Room, 6:15 – 7:15
3 sessions: \$9.00

Start the connection with parents your baby's age by attending baby's night out! Time is spent sharing information, questions, and concerns you have about your baby. Parents and babies stay together while also enjoying activities in the areas of movement, sensory experience, music, exercise, and infant massage. You must pre-register for this event before November 8th by calling Dawn at 249-5990 or email dtietz@cedarmt.org



Early Childhood Development

What is Fun Fridays?

- FUN FRIDAYS is a literacy based program; each day will consist of a story book and specific activities revolving around the story of the day. Your child will continue to learn new skills as well as reinforce skills they may be learning in another preschool program already.
- FUN FRIDAY will run the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Classes may be held in Franklin and Morgan if there is enough interest.
- Open to ALL PRESCHOOLERS in the district (ages 3-5).
- FUN FRIDAYS is taught by a licensed early childhood teacher.
- Transportation may be available from area daycares for a fee.
- Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis with a maximum number of 18 children per site.
- Because this is not a School Readiness program, scholarships are not available.
- The cost is \$135 for the year and you may choose one of the following payment options:
 - \$135 in September
 - \$67.50 in September & January
 - \$33.75 in September, November, January & March

We are excited to offer this additional programming to our youngest learners! If you would like to enroll your child in FUN FRIDAYS please contact Sarah Sullivan at ssullivan@cedarmt.org or 249-5990.

School Readiness Preschool

Registration for our preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan are under way for the 2014-15 school year. Registration forms are available by contacting Sarah or Sandy.

Sandy Nestande – Franklin Preschool Teacher snestande@cedarmt.org 557-2251

Sarah Sullivan – Morgan Preschool Teacher ssullivan@cedarmt.org 249-5990

SCHOOL READINESS SCHEDULE

Registration Fee: \$25 (used to hold your spot and cover snack fee) • Cost: \$60/month



FRANKLIN

3 year old class	4 year old class
Mondays & Wednesdays	Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

MORGAN

3 year old class	4 year old class
Mondays & Wednesdays	Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

For a fee, transportation may be available from area daycares if space and time allows.

ECFE REGISTRATION

You must pre-register for the ECFE Kickoff, Toddler and Preschool classes before September 19th by calling or emailing dtietz@cedarmt.org or edahmes@cedarmt.org. You can also fill out and mail the registration form below.

Parents Name _____ Home Phone: _____

Address _____ City: _____

State/Zip _____

Work Phone _____

Child name _____ Age _____ Birth date _____

Class Attending _____

Check cost that applies:

_____ \$ 15.00 Family Class

_____ \$ 10.00 for each additional child

_____ \$ 3.00 Babies Day Out/each

_____ \$ 5 per child/\$ 15/family for Special events

_____ Scholarship

Please return check and form to ECFE registration: Cedar Mountain Schools, Box 188, Morgan, MN 56266.

Community Education / Youth Activities

Babysitter Training

We will cover appropriate games and activities, telephone commonsense, basic first aid, good decision making skills & much more! Participants must be 10 years old by the start of the class. Students will receive printed materials and a certificate upon class completion. Please bring a doll and a snack/lunch to class.



Saturday, October 4th

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Franklin School Library

Cost: \$45

Instructor: Kristin Dean

Registration forms will be sent home from school.

Chanhassen Dinner Theater *presents*

'Hello Dolly'

Dolly Levi is a delightfully scheming busybody who makes her living as a matchmaker in glamorous New York City. She's out to make a match for Horace Vandergelder, the "well-known half-a-millionaire," with the charming hat maker, Irene Molloy - but in the process, Dolly snares a groom for herself. Dolly masterfully orchestrates romance and adventure in a glittering mixed up night on the town.

No preorder menu requests. You will order the day of the show. **Wednesday, October 22**

\$68 (includes coach bus transportation, lunch and show)

Bus departing: **Fairfax** 8:45 am
Gibbon 9 am
Winthrop 9:15 am

Returning approximately 5 pm

Register by September 29 or until filled by contacting Sandy Pierson at GFW Community Education (507) 834-6822 or spierson@gfw.k12.mn.us

Flag Football

Join us for Flag Football for boys and girls grades K, 1, 2, and 3. Learn basic flag football skills, team building & scrimmage.

Head Coach: Mrs. Sam Prechel

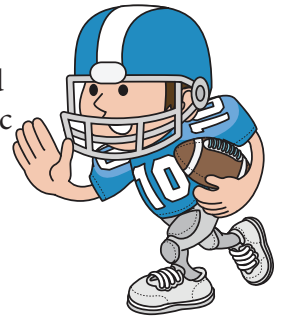
Fee: \$20 (includes t-shirt)
 \$40 cap per family

Grades: K & 1 – October 2, 6 & 8

Grades: 2 & 3 – September 23, 25 & 30

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration forms will be coming home with your child from school.



55+ Driver Improvement Program Class

If you are 55 or older, you can get 10% off your Auto Insurance, for each of the next three years, by taking this Driver

Improvement Class. If you have never taken

the classes, you must take the 8-hr course first, for your first 3 years of discounts. After that, you will need to take a 4-hr refresher, every 3 years. NO TESTS!!

This Driver Improvement Program is not just for the auto insurance discount. It will help refresh past skills, learn about the effects of age on aspects of driving and mobility, in the vehicle. We will also learn about new laws and skills, such as zipper merge, roundabouts, shared turn lanes, etc. Vehicles have also changed dramatically, in the last few years, and we will look at those features that may help you with the effects of aging. This program includes videos, power points, handouts, etc.

MORGAN

MS/HS Conference Room
 4 Hour October 13
 8 Hour October 13 & 14

FRANKLIN

Elementary Library
 4 Hour March 23
 8 Hour March 23 & 24

All classes are 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Cost: 4 hour class \$20 & 8 hour class \$25

No discount for AARP Members

Please register by sending a copy of your current driver's license along with what class you are registering for and payment to:

CM Schools
 Attention: Community Ed.
 PO Box 188
 Morgan, MN 56266

Summer School?

Not your typical summer school...this class was held to learn about fishing! The Mike Frisch Fishing School traveled to CM Elementary to teach 18 students the fundamentals of fishing and to get them excited for the sport. Boys and girls that attended received a fishing pole, tackle box, books and snacks! Cedar Mountain Community Education is hoping to bring them back this winter to teach the fundamentals of ice fishing!



Cops, Kids & Community

The Cops, Kids and Community program was a big hit again! A summer program was held in both Franklin and Morgan for youth who just completed grades K-6. Officer Ross, along with Joy Gruendemann planned outdoor games for the participants. Social skills, team building and physical activities are all a huge part of this program. We thank Office Ross for giving of his time to be a role model to our youth.



Cedar Mountain Youth Football SCHEDULE

Head Coach: Mike Freitag



Saturday, September 6 CM vs MCC – Away
 Saturday, September 13 CM vs RRC – Home
 Saturday, September 20 CM vs Wabasso – Home
 Saturday, September 27 CM vs TMB – Away
 Saturday, October 4 CM vs Redwood – Away
 Saturday, October 11 JAMBOREE @ Morgan



Canvas Painting Class for Kids!



Watch for more information coming home with your child.



CEDAR MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ISD #2754



Cedar Mountain Middle/High School
PO Box 188
Morgan, MN 56266
Phone: (507) 249-5990
Fax: (507) 249-3149

Cedar Mountain Elementary
PO Box 38
Franklin, MN 55333
Phone: (507) 557-2251
Fax: (507) 557-2116

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Elementary breakfast costs \$1.00; Elementary lunch costs \$2.30. Middle school/High school breakfast costs \$1.40; Middle school/High school lunch costs \$2.40. Your children may qualify for free meals. New this year:

- Students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will receive free lunches and breakfasts.
- All kindergarten students qualify for free breakfasts.

To apply for free school meals, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. If you don't qualify now, you may apply at any time during the school year. Your application also helps our school qualify for education funds and discounts.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:

Cedar Mountain ISD #2754, Attn: Missy Goodrich, PO Box 188, Morgan MN 56266.

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Also, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

Do foster children qualify for free meals? Yes, foster children who are the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. Complete an application identifying the children who are in foster care.

I get WIC. Can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free meals. Please fill out an application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free meals.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.

How will the information I provide be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. See the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits for more information about how the information is used.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

If you have other questions or need help, call Missy Goodrich in the District Office at 507.249.5990.

Sincerely, Robert Tews, Superintendent

Robert L. Tews
Superintendent
(507) 249-5990

Jeremy Schultz
6-12 Principal
(507) 249-5880

Patti Machart
Elementary Principal
(507) 557-2251

Barb Tighe
Dean of Students
(507) 249-5106

Jeremy Robinson
Athletic Director
(507) 249-5990

Instructions for Completing the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the *Application for Educational Benefits* form for school year 2014-15 if any of the following apply to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the *Minnesota Family Investment Program* (MFIP), or the *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program* (SNAP), or the *Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations* (FDPIR), or
- One or more children in the household are foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child), or
- Total household income (gross earnings, not take-home pay) is within these guidelines:

Maximum Total Income

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	21,590	1,800	900	831	416
2	29,101	2,426	1,213	1,120	560
3	36,612	3,051	1,526	1,409	705
4	44,123	3,677	1,839	1,698	849
5	51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
6	59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427
Additional	7,511	626	313	289	145

Children and Foster Status

- List all children in the household in Section 2. Check the box if a child is in foster care.
- Include any regular income, for example SSI, to children other than foster children. Do not list occasional earnings like babysitting.

Case Number Complete Section 3 if any household member currently participates in one of the programs listed in that section. If Section 3 is completed, skip Section 4 (adult names and incomes).

Adults / Incomes In section 4, list all adult household members, whether related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends). Include an adult who is temporarily away, such as a student away at college. Do not complete Section 4 if a case number was provided in Section 3, or if the application is for foster children only.

For each adult household member, list their gross incomes (not take-home pay) and how often each income is received. For example write in "W" for weekly income or "BW" for bi-weekly (every two weeks).

- List gross incomes before deductions.
- For farm/self-employment income only, list net income after subtracting business expenses.
- If an income varies, list the amount usually received. Include overtime if it is usually received.
- Examples of "other income" to include in the last column are farm/self-employment, Veterans benefits and disability benefits.
- Check the "No Income" column after a person's name if they have no income.

Do *not* include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, combat pay, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, FDPIR or Military Privatized Housing Initiative.

Signature The form must be signed by an adult household member in section 6.

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number The person signing the application must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number in Section 6. The Social Security number is not needed if a qualifying case number is provided in Section 3, or all children in the household who need school meal benefits are foster children, or the person signing the application does not have a Social Security number and has indicated this in Section 6.

Application for Educational Benefits
School Meal Benefits • School Year 2014-15 • State and Federally Funded Programs

1. Check here if this is the first application at this school district or nonpublic school for any child listed below.
 2. **Names of all Children in Household including Foster Children.** Attach additional page if necessary.

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth Month/Day/Year	School Grade	✓ if Foster Child*	Any Regular Income to Child Example: SSI \$ _____ per _____	3. Benefits (if applicable) If any household member receives benefits from a program listed below, write in the name of the person and case number, check the appropriate box, and skip Section 4.
				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ per _____	Name _____ Case Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) <input type="checkbox"/> Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations - <i>Medical Assistance and WIC do not qualify</i> -
				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ per _____	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ per _____	
				<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ per _____	

* Child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court. If all children applied for are foster children, skip Sections 3 and 4.

4. Names of all Adults in Household (all household members not listed in Section 2) **and Incomes**

Include all adults living in your household, related or not. Write in each gross income and how often it is received: **weekly (W)**, **bi-weekly** (every other week) **(BW)**, **twice per month (TM)**, **monthly (M)**. **Do not write in hourly pay.** If income fluctuates, write in the amount normally received. Attach additional page if necessary.

Last Name	First Name	✓ if NO income	Gross Wages/ Salaries—all jobs (before deductions)	Pension, SSI, Retirement, Social Security	Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony	Unemployment, Worker's Comp, Strike Benefits	Any Other Income, including net Farm/ Self-Employment
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____	\$ _____ per _____

5. If your children are approved for school meal benefits, this information may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs to identify children who are eligible for Minnesota health insurance programs. Leave the box blank to allow sharing of information. Do not share information for this purpose.

6. I **certify (promise)** that all information furnished on this application is true and correct, that all household members and incomes are reported, that application is made for school meal benefits paid for with federal funds, that the school may receive state funds based on the information on the application, that school officials may verify the information on the application, and that deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal criminal statutes.

Signature of Adult Household Member (required) _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
 Social Security number – last 4 digits (required if Section 4 is completed): * * * * * OR I don't have a Social Security number
 Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Office Use Only

Total Household Size: _____ Total Income: \$ _____ per _____
 Approved (check all that apply): Case Number – Free Foster – Free
 Income – Free Income – Reduced-Price
 Denied: Incomplete Income Too High Other: _____ Date: _____
 Signature – Determining Official: _____ Reason: _____
 Change Status To: _____ Reason: _____ Withdrawn: _____

Office Use Only

Date Verification Sent: _____ Response Due: _____ 2nd Notice: _____
 Result: No Change Free to Reduced-Price Free to Paid
 Reduced-Price to Free Reduced-Price to Paid
 Reason for Change: Income Case number not verified
 Foster not verified Refused Cooperation Other: _____
 Signature – Verifying Official: _____ Date: _____
 Signature – Confirming Official: _____ Date: _____

Privacy Act Statement / How Information Is Used

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give this information but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free school meals. You must include the last four digits of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the Social Security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child, or you list a number for the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security number.

We will use your information to determine if your child qualifies for free school meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Children who qualify for free school meals may qualify for Minnesota Health Care Programs. Your child's status for school meals may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs unless you tell us not to share your information by checking the box in Section 5 of the application. You are not required to share information for this purpose and your decision will not affect approval for school meal benefits.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to the Minnesota Department of Education as required by state law. The Minnesota Department of Education uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

Nondiscrimination Statement

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.) If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, [complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), found online at [USDA Complaint Filing website](#), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Children's Ethnic and Racial Identity (Optional)

Please provide the following information, which is used to determine the school's compliance with civil rights laws. If the information is left blank, a representative of the school is required to identify the ethnic and racial identity of participants for civil rights reporting.

1. Choose one ethnicity:
 Hispanic/Latino
 Not Hispanic/Latino
2. Choose one or more races (regardless of ethnicity):
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 White

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Deliver medications to school

Due to concern regarding the transporting of student medications in school vehicles, parents are strongly encouraged to deliver their child's medication(s) directly to the school. This process will ensure that medications arrive intact to their correct destination. Any questions regarding this issue can be directed to Superintendent Bob Tews at 249 5990.

Supplemental accident insurance

Parents are encouraged to review your current health and accident insurance policy to determine if your coverage is adequate for any injuries incurred by your child at school.

The school is making available supplemental accident insurance through Student Assurance Service, Inc., of Stillwater. This plan provides benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident. An explanation of the Cost and benefits is on the premium envelope, which will be sent home with students.

To purchase this insurance, follow the instructions on the envelope, detach and retain the summary of coverage, and return the envelope and your check to school within 10 days. All questions regarding the coverage should be directed to Student Assurance Service, Inc.

Student directory info

Cedar Mountain Schools have identified and selected information relating to students called directory information. This information is public. The parent or student may, however, request in writing that any or all of the information listed below not be released on that individual student. The written request must be received by the Cedar Mountain School District Office within 30 days after this official notice is published.

- Student's name
- Student's address
- Student's participation in officially organized activities and sports
- Student's degrees and awards received
- Student's pictures for school approved publications or newspaper
- Student's phone number
- Student's date and place of birth
- Student's dates of attendance
- Students previous education agency or institution

Nondiscriminatory policy

Cedar Mountain Schools are committed to providing equal education and employment opportunities to all persons and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, with regard to public assistance, disability, or any other group or class against which discrimination is prohibited by Titles VI and VII of the Civil committed Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Minnesota Chapter 363, and other applicable state or federal laws. Inquiries regarding compliance should be referred to Superintendent Robert Tews.

Annual notification of rights, protection, and privacy of student records

Pursuant to the requirements of state and federal law, the following constitutes the Cedar Mountain School District's annual notification to parents and students regarding data privacy practices.

The Cedar Mountain School District has adopted a student record data privacy policy incorporating state and federal requirements as to data privacy rights in student education records. In summary the policy provides:

Privacy rights. Educational records which identify or could be used to identify a student other than directory information may not be released to members of the public without the written permission of the parent or guardian of the student, or student age 18 or older if the student attends a post secondary institution. This general rule is subject to specific and limited exceptions which cannot beset out here due to limitations of space, but which are set out in the complete policy.

Directory information. Directory information includes the following: Students' name, student's address, student's telephone number, date and place of birth, names of the student's parents, participation in official recognized activities, grade levels completed, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most previous educational institution attended, and photo of the student, if available.

Inspection of records. Parents of a student, or a student age 18 or older, may request to inspect and review any of the student's educational records except those which are by state and federal law made confidential. The school district will comply with the request immediately, if possible, and if not, within five working days. In certain special circumstances an additional five working days may be required in order to comply. Copies of the record may be obtained at a reasonable fee as established by the school district.

Challenge to accuracy of records. A parent, or student age 18 or older, who believes that specific information in the student's educational record is inaccurate, misleading, incomplete or violates the privacy or other rights of the student may request the school district to amend the record in question.

If, as a result of this review, it is determined that the challenged record is not inaccurate, misleading, incomplete or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student, the parent, or student age 18 or older, will be notified of their rights to place a statement with the decision of the school district.

The decision of the superintendent/school board is the final decision of the school district and may be appealed under the provision of the state Administrative Procedure Act, Minn. Stat. C15, relating to contested cases.

Transfer of records to other schools: The school district forwards educational records of a student to other schools and school districts in

which a student seeks or intends to enroll upon request of that school or school district. A parent of a student who is 18 years of age may request and receive a copy of the records which are transferred and may, pursuant to this policy, challenge the accuracy of the records. The district does not, however; notify parents of students age 18 or older prior to such a transfer.

Complaints for noncompliance: Parents or students age 18 or older who feel there has been a violation of the rights accorded them' may submit written complaints to the:

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Office
U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20201.

This review of the data privacy rights of students in the educational records maintained by the Cedar Mountain` School District is intended only to be a summary of the provisions of the district policy, and applicable state and federal law.

Notice Concerning Use of Pest Control

Our district utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. Their program consists of:

- Inspection and monitoring to determine whether pests are present and whether treatment is needed.
- Recommendations for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials.
- Utilization of non chemical measures such as traps and screening; and,

Application of EPA registered pest control materials when needed. Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long term health effects on children from the application of such pest control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest control inspections and possible treatments is available for review or copying at each school office. A similar estimated schedule is available for application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds. Parents of students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of any application of a pest control material, should such as application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule.

Notification of asbestos abatement

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos containing building materials. The Cedar Mountain School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our communities youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings in the Cedar Mountain School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the Cedar Mountain School District has completed its 3 year Re-inspection required by AHERA. Your district buildings, where asbestos containing materials were found, is under repair, removal, and operations and maintenance.

Federal law requires a periodic walk through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also, the law requires for all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. This will be accomplished under contract by Airtech Environmental. Short term workers (outside contractors – i.e. telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Cedar Mountain School District has a list of the location(s). type (s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and timetable for their proper management.

Requests for copies of these policies or inquiries regarding compliance should be directed to Superintendent Robert Tews at 507-249-5990

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADA It is the policy of CM Schools to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of their disability. The ADA provides, in part, that qualified individuals with disabilities shall not be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of any program; service, or activity offered by this district. The ADA requires that all programs, services and activities, when viewed in their entirety, are readily accessible to and usable by qualified individuals with disabilities. This district must communicate effectively with individuals who have speech, visual, and hearing impairments participating in or benefiting from this district's programs, services, or activities to afford equal opportunity.

The district has completed a self evaluation and a transition plan (which examines physical barriers) of its current services, policies, and practices of nondiscrimination on the basis of disability All interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with, are invited to participate in this self evaluation process by submitting comments. Please contact your local school official or district superintendent for more information. Also, should you wish to review the ADA or its interpretive regulations, ask questions about your rights and remedies under the ADA, request a reasonable modification to this district's policies practices, or procedures, participate in the self evaluation process, or file a written grievance with the district alleging noncompliance with the ADA, please contact the district's designated coordinator:

Supt. Robert Tews • Cedar Mountain Schools
PO Box 188, Morgan, MN 56266
Ph: 507 249 5990

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS

In accordance with Minnesota Statute it is the responsibility of the district to notify students and parents of our policy regarding employment background checks. It is the policy of the district to require a background check of every new employee. It is also the practice of the district to require background checks of volunteers depending upon their nature of their volunteer position. Employment Background Check Policy 404 is also available at the district office.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATIONS FOR HOME-SCHOOLED OR PRIVATE-SCHOOL STUDENTS

In response to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA 2004), Minnesota School Districts must demonstrate that “all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located and evaluated.” This responsibility extends to children with disabilities who are educated at home or in non-public schools.

Upon request, your local public school will provide information to concerned parents on specific disabilities including information about the educational or behavioral characteristics of each disability. Parents who believe their child may indeed have a disability may request information on how to arrange for an evaluation through the district’s special education staff.

Parents of students who are evaluated and are found to be eligible for special education services will become part of a team which will develop, implement, and monitor the effectiveness of a Service Plan to meet the identified needs of their children.

If your child is home schooled and you have questions or would like to receive information about specific disabilities or an evaluation: please contact the principal of the school your child would be attending if he/she was enrolled in your resident district public school and was not being educated in your home.

If your child is being educated in a private school and you have questions or would like to receive information about specific disabilities or an evaluation: please contact the principal of the school building your child would attend in the district where the private school is situated.

Parent and student rights in identification, evaluation, placement

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students with handicaps. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you or your rights if you disagreed with any of these decisions. You have the right to:

- Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her handicapping condition.
- Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law.
- Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
- Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non handicapped students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school related activities.
- Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non handicapped students. Have your child receive special education and related services if she/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (PL 101476) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student, the evaluation data, and placement options.
- Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district.
- Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
- Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child’s identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
- Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
- A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child’s records. Request amendment of your child’s educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.
- Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child’s identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to Independent School District No. 2754, Superintendent of Schools.
- Ask for payment of reasonable attorney fees if you are successful on your claim.
- File for local grievance. For more information, contact: Barb Tighe Cedar Mountain 504 Coordinator
PO Box 188 • Morgan, MN, 56266 • 507-249-5990 • btighe@cms.mntm.org

SECTION 504 NOTIFICATION

If a student is found to be a “qualified disabled person” under Section 504, a Section 504 Plan is prepared and implemented in accordance with the regulations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The Section 504 Plan is designed to meet the individual educational needs of disabled students as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students and should be in adherence to provisions that include identification, evaluation, placement and notice. Implementation of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is one means of meeting this standard. If a student does not qualify for an IEP, they may qualify for a Section 504 Plan.

POSTAL PATRON

CEDAR MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 26	Open House
Sept. 2	First day of school
Oct 3	12:10 Dismissal – Staff Development
Oct. 16, 17	Ed Minnesota Convention--No School
Nov. 13, 18	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Evenings)
Nov. 14	12:10 Dismissal – Staff Development
Nov. 26	No School – Conference Day Make-up
Nov. 27, 28	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 23	Early Dismissal – 12:10
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4	Winter Break
Jan. 5	School resumes
Jan. 19	Teacher Workday (No School)
Feb. 16	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 13	No School – Staff Development
April 2	Early Dismissal – 12:10
April 3-6	Spring Break (No School)
May 25	Memorial Day (No School)
May 28	Last day of school
May 29	Graduation

2014-15 Food Service Prices:

ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5:

Breakfast	\$1.00
<i>(FREE to all Kindergarten students, also FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches)</i>	
Lunch	\$2.30
<i>FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches</i>	
Ala Carte Milk	\$0.35
20 punch Milk Ticket	\$7.00

MS/HS GRADES 6-12:

(FREE to all students, also FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced lunches)

Breakfast	\$1.40
<i>FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches</i>	
Lunch	\$2.40
<i>FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches</i>	
Ala Carte Milk	\$0.35



Individual Entrée Prices Posted Daily

ADULTS:

Breakfast	\$1.65
Lunch	\$3.70

All MS/HS students will be charged for seconds.

Money is deposited into each student's lunch account. Money is automatically deducted from the student's lunch account when they eat.

School Bus Service Hours

Watch your mailbox for bus route information that will be sent home later this month. If you have questions, please contact the Cedar Mountain Bus Service at 249-3136. This is an official notification that in order to promote school bus safety, students may be videotaped on school busses at any time.



School Hours

Elementary	8:20 am – 3:10 pm
MS/HS	8:10 am – 3:10 pm