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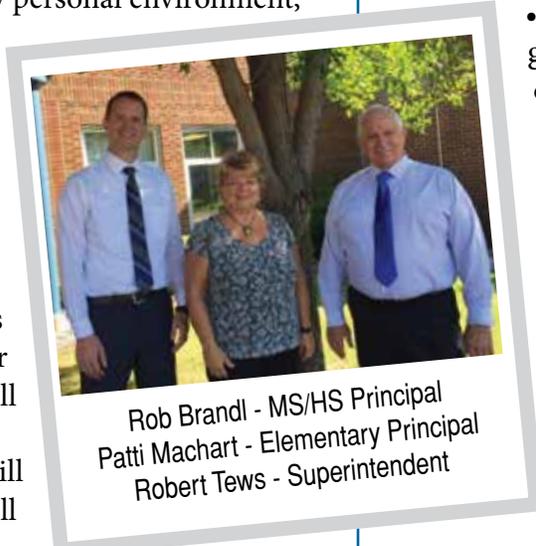
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Welcome to the 2016-17 school year cms.mntm.org

The Cedar Mountain Administrative team welcomes students, families, staff and community members to our 2016-17 school year with great expectations. While continuing the excellent tradition of a high quality education delivered in a friendly personal environment, Cedar Mountain has several changes and innovations for the current year:

- Each K-5 classroom will have an iPad cart with enough devices for each child. Teachers will be using these to enhance instruction. 5th grades students will be using an on-line book for their Social Studies class while all other courses will still be using text books. Elementary iPads will be used in school only – they will not be sent home.
- Mr. Rob Brandl will be the new MS/HS principal. Mr. Brandl started his duties in mid-July.
- Thanks to a Monsanto Grant – our elementary library will have a new look and new books!
- All students in grades 6-12 will have a Chromebook to use for their classes. The devices arrived in early July and will be distributed to the students prior to the first day of school.
- Alissa Steve is our new Technology Integration Leader. She will spend time in both buildings as a resource to staff to help them utilize technology in their classrooms.
- Be sure to check out the incredible new graphics on the gym floor in Morgan.
- Christina Kirchoefer will be teaching Music and Global Explorations in the elementary. When we interviewed

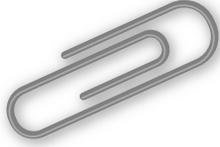


Mrs. Kirchoefer for the music position she shared with us her culture and all the countries she has lived in ---- we knew she would be a good fit for both classes! Our children will enjoy learning through all her experiences!

- Our two smaller classes this year are 1st grade and 2nd grade. We will have one classroom of each of those grades with Mrs. Tews teaching first and Mrs. Fox teaching second. Mrs. Dahmes will teach half of both classes for reading and math to maintain smaller class sizes for core subjects. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Mages will both be teaching kindergarten again this year. Ms. Thooft will be our Reading teacher for grades K-5.
- The Cougar Cub Child Care Center will be hopefully opening in November. For more information, contact

the Center Director Jody Rose at 507-276-1805.

- This is the second year with Ramp Up to Readiness program. Ramp-Up to Readiness is a school-wide advisory program that features an engaging and interactive series of activities designed to help all students graduate from high school ready for postsecondary success.
- All of the positive changes for the upcoming school year are products of our innovative team of educators!





Mr. Robert Tews
Superintendent

Welcome to the 2016-17 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 FACS. 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.

Cougar Cub Child Care Center *OPENING IN DECEMBER 2016 in Franklin*

- Open all year Mon-Fri
- Meals catered by school district
- Educational curriculum
- Brand new construction
- Family like atmosphere
- Licensed, fun, friendly staff



Now accepting enrollments for infant through pre-school ages.

For More Information, please call

DIRECTOR – JODY ROSE at 507-276-1805.

OPEN HOUSE



Cedar Mountain Schools will be holding their
Fall Open House on Tuesday, August 30.

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
Tuesday, September 7*





Elementary News

Mrs. P. Machart
Elementary Principal

We are busy preparing for a new exciting year of school! The hallways are sparkling.... the teachers have been in creating new lessons.... iPads are all in their carts.... all we need are the students! As you prepare at home for the new school year – keep in mind the ABC's of student success. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 30. This is an important first step to a positive school year. The students will feel more comfortable on the first day of school if they have already visited their room, their teacher and friends that they may not have seen this summer.

ABC's Of Student Success

A is for ATTENDANCE.

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

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ABC's Of Student Success

B is for BEDTIME.

Awwwwww Mom! Already?
Sound familiar? On average, children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. (Some doctors even believe that during sleep the brain "files away" what is learned during the day.) Encouraging quiet activities -- such as reading -- just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax. *Sweet dreams!*

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ABC's Of Student Success

C is for CHOICES.

According to Jim Fay, author of *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*, giving children choices is more effective than making demands. He suggests...
- Never give choices if it might cause problems for you or anyone else.
- Give only two options for each choice, both equally okay with you. For example, *Would you like peas or carrots?* or *Do you want to do homework now or in 15 minutes?*
- If the child doesn't decide within 10 seconds, make the choice for him or her.

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Enjoy the last lazy days of summer – and we will see you in school soon!

School Supplies for Elementary Students

Kindergarten

- Resting Towel
- 20 Yellow
- Sharpened Pencils
- 2 Small Bottles
- White Elmer's Glue
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Box Family
- Size Kleenex
- 4 Boxes Crayons-Reg. Size 24 Count
- Book Bag No Wheels
- Change Of Clothes
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 4 Glue Sticks
- Adult T-Shirt For
- A Paint Shirt
- Head Phones - Not Earbuds
- 2 Yellow Highlighters
- 1 Small Pkg. Low Odor Dry Erase
- 4 Folders
- Scissors
- Hard Plastic Rectangle Pencil Box Size: 5 X 8 1/2
- Gym Shoes That Do Not Tie

1st Grade

- 20 Yellow Pencils
- 3 Boxes Of 24 Ct. Crayons
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 2 Sm. Bottle Elmer's Glue
- Book Bag/No Wheels
- 2 Lg. Box Kleenex
- Scissors
- 2 Spiral Notebooks
- 6 Folders
- 8 Glue Sticks
- 2 Yellow Highlighters
- Headphones No Ear Buds
- 1 Sm Pkg Dry Erase Markers
- Gym Shoes
- Change Of Clothes

2nd Grade

- 20 Yellow
- Sharpened Pencils
- 2 Boxes 24 Count Crayons
- Scissors
- 1 Family Size Kleenex
- 4 Glue Sticks
- 2 Folders

- 2 Dry Erase Markers/Low Odor
- 2 Large Pink Erasers
- 1 Hard Plastic Rectangle Pencil Box 5" X 8 1/2"
- 1 Sm Bottle Elmer's Glue
- 1 Spiral Notebook
- Ear Buds
- Book Bag/No Wheels
- Gym Shoes

4th Grade

- 4-70 Count Notebooks
- 20 Pencils
- 2 Pens – Colored
- 1 Trapper Keeper
- 4 Folders
- 1 Lg. Kleenex Box
- Extra Erasers
- Crayons – 24 Count
- Calculator
- Scissors
- 2 Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 3 Expo Markers

- Ruler – Metric & Inches
- Book Bag/No Wheels
- 1 Pkg. Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- Headphones/Ear Buds
- Gym Shoes

3rd Grade

- 2 Highlighters
- 20 Pencils
- 5 Folders
- 2 Notebooks
- Scissors
- 5 Glue Sticks
- Sm Bottle Glue
- 2 Pens: 1 Blue & 1 Red
- 1 Family Size Kleenex
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Markers
- 1 Lg Pink Eraser
- Earbuds
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 2 Dry Erase Markers Low Odor
- Book Bag/No Wheels

Gym Shoes

5Th Grade

- 3 Highlighters
- 12 Pencils
- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 4 Composition Notebooks
- 1 Pkg Dry Erase Markers
- Protractor
- Ruler
- 2 Colored Pens
- Calculator
- Colored Pencils
- 4 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pkg. Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- 1 Lg Pink Eraser
- 1 Lg Box Kleenex
- Scissors
- Earbuds
- 2 Jumbo Book Covers
- 1 Plastic Folder With Prongs
- Trapper Keeper With Folders
- Water Bottle
- Gym Shoes

If you need assistance with school supplies, please contact Paula Sturm, CM Social Worker at 557-2251 or email psturm@cedarnt.org



Mr. R. Brandl
MS/HS Principal

Middle / High School



Welcome back! Hopefully everyone had a relaxing summer and is ready to kick off another great school year at Cedar Mountain. My name is Rob Brandl and I am extremely excited to be the new principal at Cedar Mountain Middle School/High School. It is an honor to have this opportunity and I am thankful for all the support I have received during my transition into this new role. I look forward to leading the students and staff as we work together towards common goals. Cedar Mountain has a lot to be proud of and I look forward to leading the MS/HS for many years to come!

Thank you to each of you for the role that you play in the education of our children. I look forward to meeting all of you during the upcoming school year.



All parents and students meet in the gymnasium at 6:30 pm. There will be time to meet your teachers, find your classrooms, and walk through a "typical" day. The office will also be open to pay fees, put money in your lunch account, return forms etc...

REQUIRED- AUGUST 17TH Chromebook Information Night

Cedar Mountain MS/HS will be providing every student with a Chromebook to use during the 2016-2017 school year. ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS will be required to attend an information session prior to receiving a device. There will be two separate information sessions that will take place on AUGUST 17TH IN THE MS/HS GYMNASIUM.

Session one: 7-7:30pm – 7th-9th Grade students

Session two: 8:15-8:45pm – 10th-12th Grade students

*6th Grade students will receive a Chromebook at 6th Grade Orientation

In order to receive a device on August 17th, students and parents will be required to attend a session, complete the necessary paperwork and pay the \$30 Chromebook fee.

Please contact Principal Rob Brandl with any questions you may have. (507) 249-5990

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GIRLS TRACK TEAM



Girls Track Team = Success

The C-CM-S (Comfrey, Cedar Mountain, and Springfield) Girls Track won a 3rd straight conference title and section 3A team runner up this past year! In addition, the 4x200 Relay Team placed 2nd at the Class A State Track Meet. Relay members included: Joci Nestande, Irene Anderson, Kylee Wells and Vishe' Rabb

Rabb also placed 2nd in 400 meter dash and 9th in 200 meter dash. Anderson placed 7th in 100 meter hurdles and 10th in triple jump.



Getting Ready for the Students...

The Cedar Mountain custodial staff has done a great job preparing the schools for another year. They have been working diligently this summer getting the school buildings in both Franklin and Morgan ready for the new school year. The students will be welcomed back to sparkly clean facilities! We appreciate all of their efforts to ensure our facilities remain in great shape.



Amy Koupal – CM Custodian
Ron Louisiana – CM Head Custodian
Sue Luna – CM Custodian

Brian Mages
CM Maintenance

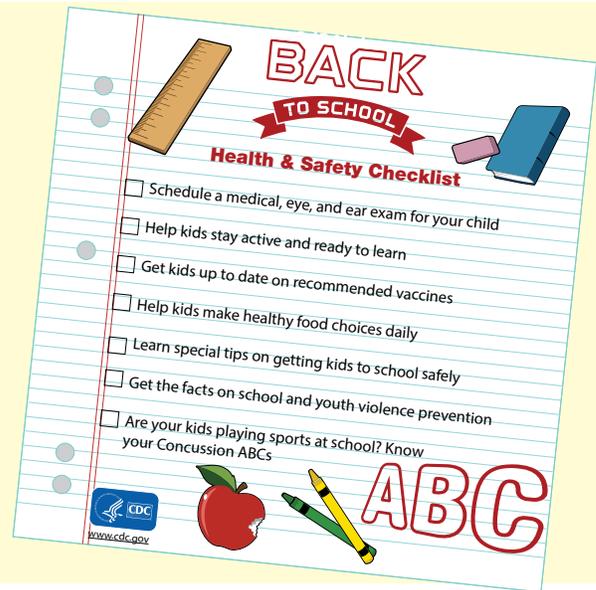
Mary Colwell – Marsden Custodian
John Timm – CM Head Custodian
Stephanie Halvorson – Marsden Custodian
Susan Bolluyt – Marsden Lead Custodian

Joe Vandenberg
Marsden Custodian

IMMUNIZATION Nurse's Nook

Reminder that Kindergartners & 7th graders need updated immunization done prior to start of school. If your child has health concerns, the Health Plans & Medication forms for current students will be sent via email, if you have not received a health plan, please contact bwolling@cedarmt.org.

Medication forms are on CM website home page under student medical information. All students that use Tylenol or Advil need to fill out the over the counter medication form.



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 (Inches & Metric)
Calculator (Basic)
Glue Stick
1 Box of Kleenex
Markers
Pack of Colored Pencils
Gym Shoes
Highlighters
White Board Markers
White Board Eraser or Old Sock

GRADES 7-12

General Supplies:
Folders
Pack of #2 Pencils
Eight One Subject Notebooks
Pack of Black or Blue Ink Pens
Highlighters
Assignment Notebook
(if you wish to use one)
Math and Science Classes:
Scientific calculator
recommended for MCA test
6 - 7th grades: TI 30XS
8 - 12 grades: TI 84
(TI30XS will work, but is not the same as the test)
Math-Notebook with no fringe
Physical Science Class-3 Ring Binder (1")

GRADES 7-12 (CONTINUED)

Chemistry Class-3 Ring Binder (1")
American History-3 Ring Binder
Art 9-3 Ring Binder (2")
Food Science: Composition Notebook
9th Grade Ag: Composition Notebook

*****Teachers will give more specifics as to what is needed for their classes on the night of Open House – August 30.**

CMS WELCOMES OUR NEW STAFF



Rob Brandl • Middle / High school Principal

Cedar Mountain is excited to welcome our new Middle School/High School Principal, Rob Brandl. Mr. Brandl was at Comfrey for several years before serving as High School Principal at New Ulm Cathedral for the past two years. Although Mr. Brandl is serving in a new position at CM, he isn't new to some of the families here, in the past, he served as head baseball coach for Comfrey-Cedar Mountain as well as an assistant football coach for CMC. We want to welcome Mr. Brandl to the Cedar Mountain family.



Kyle Krueger • Health & Phy Ed

My name is Kyle Krueger and I am the new Health and Physical educator at Cedar Mountain. I am from Prior Lake, MN and graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead in May of 2016. I am new to the Cedar Mountain area and am very excited to get to know the school, students, and community. I am looking forward to the new school year and the opportunity to become a member of the CM team as well as the community. I look forward to meeting and getting to know many of you.



Casey Hertz • Science

Hello! My name is Casey Hertz and I am thrilled to be the new middle and high school science teacher at Cedar Mountain. I am originally from a small town in Northwest Iowa much like the ones that make up the Cedar Mountain school district. I will be teaching 7th grade Life

Science, 8th grade Earth Science and 11th grade Biology. I am new to CM and this will be my first year teaching. I graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University this past May and I am eager to bring what I have learned to an already awesome school district. In addition, I will also be helping the Cougar football team this fall as an assistant coach. I am looking forward to a great first year in the classroom and on the field! Go Cougars!



Sherry Regier • Special Education

My name is Sherry Regier and I will serve the district as a Special Education Teacher. I have taught Special Education for 12 years. My husband and I live on a farm south of Comfrey and we have three boys that attend Comfrey School. I look forward to working with the students, parents, and teachers at Cedar Mountain!



**Jackie Kyllonen
Special Education**

former MS/HS Para



**Mary Nachreiner
Special Education**

former MS/HS Para



**Jennifer Eberhard
MS/HS Band & Choir**

former Elem. Music Teacher



**Nancy Blue – Success Coach
in American Indian Ed.**

Hi, my name is Nancy Blue and I will be the new American Indian Success Coach for CM. I was raised on a ranch in northern MN, worked at Mystic Lake and Jackpot Junction, been a foster parent and now working with students to make their schooling experience fun and rewarding. I'm looking forward to meeting new people and starting my job at CM.



**Michelle Thooff
Reading Intervention**

former 2nd Grade Teacher

ELEMENTARY

Christina Kirchoefer – Music & Global Teacher
Loretta Zost – Special Education Teacher
Joy Wiese – Special Ed. Para
Emily Ochs – Special Ed. Para
Ashley Ruch – Special Ed. Para
Joshua Guetter – Reading Corp Teacher

HIGH SCHOOL

Maria Angelica Longoria – Special Ed. Para
Holly Hacker – Special Ed. Para
Emily Bergman – Special Ed. Para
Ruth Olson – Special Ed. Para
Beth Christensen – Asst. Head Cook
Isaac Hildebrandt – Asst. Football Coach

*CM Welcomes
new teachers!*

NEW FACE AT CM BUS SERVICE

You will be seeing a new face at Cedar Mountain Bus Service this year, we are pleased to introduce a new manager, Julio Jiminez, who is replacing Damian Bennett. Julio began his career with Cedar Mountain Bus Service in 2011 driving as a substitute for van and bus routes as well as doing activity trips. Most of his work has been done at New Ulm Bus Lines since he began with the company. He is excited for the opportunity and has been working in his new position since July 5, 2016. Julio is married and has 3 kids and a dog. Damian will still be involved with Cedar Mountain Bus Service but not on a daily basis as he will now oversee other bus companies as well. Julio will be the day to day contact for Cedar Mountain families and staff. CM Bus Service is committed to serving the families at Cedar Mountain Schools and looking forward to a great school year!



U of M Duluth Camp

In June, several Cedar Mountain MS/HS students attended a summer camp sponsored by the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Students were exposed to real-life situations and learned basic concepts of dentistry, pharmacy, nursing and veterinarian medicine. Also included at the camp were team building activities, sea kayaking, rock-climbing and a visit to the local arcade. An Anishinaabe tribal elder taught the students about respecting each other and to follow their passions. This camp gave students the opportunity to see a different perspective about medicine as well as getting a little feel for college life.



Cougar Connection

Cedar Mountain Schools after school program, Cougar Connection, has had a busy summer. As a part of our grant we are required to meet during the summer months. We met in June and July and some of the fun activities we did were going to the WOW zone in Mankato for laser tag, mini golf and bowling. We also plan, prepare, eat and clean up after our meals at school. We picked strawberries and shared with our families also. We attended a Twins game with tickets donated through a program called "Tix For Tots." After a rain delay we enjoyed the game and watched the Twins win! In July, we purchased some tents and other camping equipment so we went camping at Camden State Park. Swimming, yard games and a bon fire were enjoyed by all. We will be meeting the rest of summer also. If you are interested in information about this fun program, contact Dawn Tietz the coordinator at 507-249-5990 or email dtietz@cedarnt.org



Sports Meetings

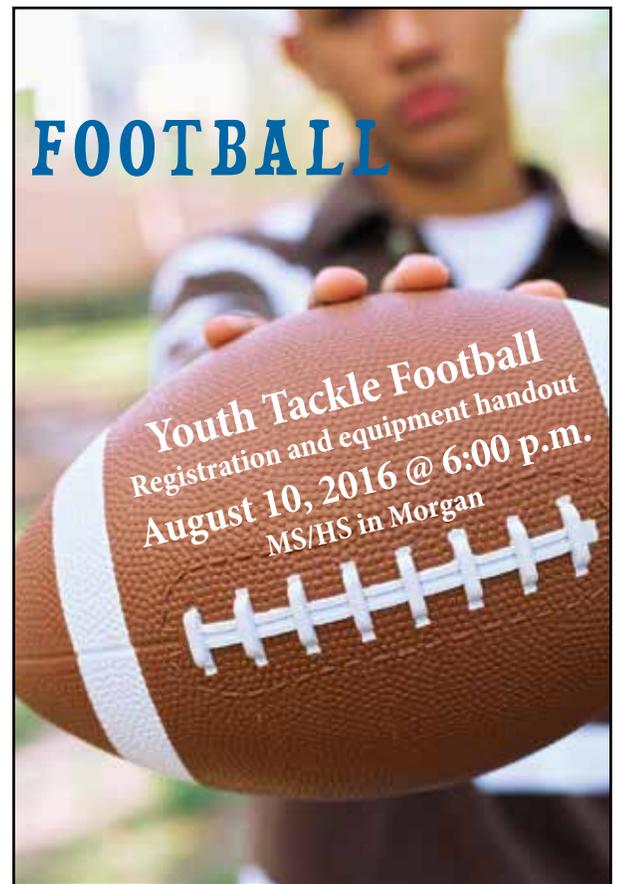
The following will take place **Wednesday, August 10:**

- ABC Volleyball Parent Meeting at 6:30 in the cafeteria.
- JH FB equipment hand out will be from 5:30-6:30.
- The office will be open to collect fees and forms from 6:00-7:30.
- Grades 9-12 Dance Parent Meeting at 6:30 in Media Center
- Families interested in 9-12 Football, and 7-12 Cross Country can stop in to get information, sign up and turn in paperwork, but meetings won't be taking place on this night.

Practice Start Dates

- 9-12 Football, ABC Volleyball, and 7-12 Cross Country will begin on Monday, August 15.
- ABC Volleyball from 8-11AM (bus from Franklin at 7:30AM)
- Football at 4PM (bus from Franklin at 3:30PM)
- Cross Country-TBD
- 9-12 Dance, JH FB, and JH VB will begin on Monday, August 22. Times TBD

Pictures for ABC Volleyball, 9-12 Football, JH FB, and Dance will be on Friday, August 26. JH VB pics will be the week of Sept. 12.



CEDAR MOUNTAIN FEES & ADMISSION PRICES 2016-2017

ACTIVITY FEES:

- 7th & 8th Grade Athletics = \$50 per athlete per sport
- 9th thru 12th Grade Athletics = \$70 per athlete per sport
- Fall Dance = \$35
- Winter Dance = \$35
- Individual Max Per School Year = \$190
- Family Max Per School Year = \$305

SPORTS ADMISSION PRICES:

- Adults = \$6
- Students Kindergarten thru 12th Grade = \$4
- Pre-School and under are free

SPORTS SEASON PASSES:

- Students Kindergarten thru 12th Grade - 10 Punch Pass = \$30
- Students Kindergarten thru 12th Grade - Annual Pass = \$50
- Adult - 10 Punch Pass = \$50
- Adult - Annual Pass = \$75
- Family - Annual Pass = \$160
- Senior Citizen (age 55 & older) 5 Punch Pass = \$20
- Senior Citizen (age 55 & older) 10 Punch Pass = \$40
- Senior Citizen (age 55 & older) Annual Pass = \$60



Cedar Mountain and New Ulm Cathedral are again "*Tackling Cancer*" together for the 3rd year in a row, the two teams will be selling t-shirts to raise funds for those affected by cancer in our area. We are looking forward to the Tackle Cancer game between the CMC Cougars and the CHS Greyhounds on Friday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. The game will be held in New Ulm at Johnson Park. Thank you to everyone who has supported this cause in the past and we look forward to another successful fundraiser!

Early Childhood Development

CAUTION



FALL KICKOFF

"Kids at Work"

Construction Night

Thursday, September 29

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

Morgan Cafeteria

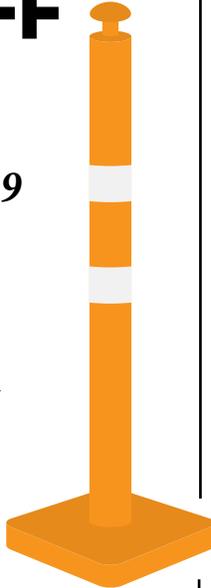
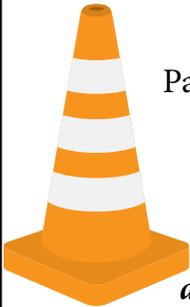
Ages: 0-5

Parents/Siblings are invited

Fee: \$5.00 per family

Meal Provided

Children must be accompanied by an adult!



CAUTION

ECFE Fall Family Class Schedule

Toddlers/Preschoolers & Parents

together

3 Classes - \$10

Franklin/Morgan

Preschool Rooms

FRANKLIN

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15p.m.

October 3, 10, 24

MORGAN

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:15p.m.

October 4, 11, 25

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.

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

Early Childhood Development

Join Cedar Mountain PreSCHOOL!

We are now taking registrations for our Cedar Mountain preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms and more information about each program are available from the preschool teachers or online on the school website at www.cms.mntm.org under the Community Programs tab. If you would like more information, please contact:

Rachel Krenz – Franklin Preschool Teacher

rkrenz@cedarmt.org 557-2251

Sarah Sullivan – Morgan Preschool Teacher

ssullivan@cedarmt.org 249-5990

PRESCHOOL OFFERINGS

School Readiness Preschool Program

Must be 3 by September 1, 2016

Cost: \$60/month

Franklin

3 year old class

Mondays & Wednesdays

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Morgan

3 year old class

Mondays & Wednesdays

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM



4 year old class

Mondays & Wednesdays

12:45 PM – 3:15 PM

4 year old class

Mondays & Wednesdays

12:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Kindergarten Jumpstart – Franklin Site Only

For those going to kindergarten in 2017-18

Every other Friday – All Day

8:20 AM – 3:20 PM

Cost: \$20/class

Fun Friday – Morgan Site Only

3 – 5 year olds (Mixed age group)

Fridays

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$30/month

If your child turns 3 during the school year, they may be able to join Fun Friday if room is available.



Scholarships are available for those that qualify, contact one of the preschool teachers to find out more information.

Coming
Soon

Cougarette Dance

Grades K-8

Check the announcements on the school website for registration information.

Instructor: Tasha Zieske

Preschool Open House

Tuesday, August 30th

Franklin 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Morgan 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come meet your teacher, see your room and receive your registration packet (forms, handbook etc...)

Preschool Supply List

- 4 Glue Sticks
- 1 Regular Size Kleenex Box
- 1 or 2 Containers of Clorox Wipes
- 2 packs of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 Small Bottle Elmer's Glue



Community Education / Youth Activities

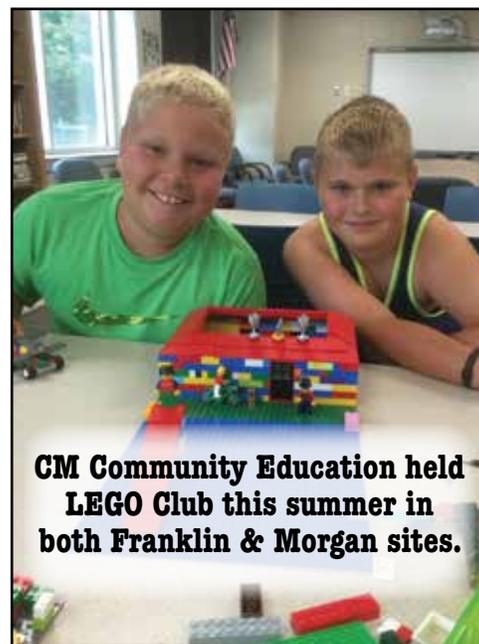


CM Community Ed hosted canvas painting classes for youth on July 14. There were 3 separate sessions held at the MS/HS in the art room and taught by Mrs. Paula Gareis, MS/HS art instructor. There was lots of creativity shown that day and fun was had by all!



Cougar Gym Gets a New Look

When students, parents, community members and guests attend a sporting event or other activity at the MS/HS gymnasium, they will be pleasantly surprised at the new look. Crews worked this summer at stripping the old floor, painting a new cougar mascot, lines, and words and then completing the project with a new finish. The "new" gym floor compliments the new bleachers put in last year in addition to the air conditioning.



CM Community Education held LEGO Club this summer in both Franklin & Morgan sites.

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 17
8 Hour October 17 & 18

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

Coming this Fall... PiYo cardio workout that combines the core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of yoga movements, all in one class. PiYo LIVE classes are designed for all fitness levels and ages, from beginner to advance. It is a low impact with high intensity workout. No equipment or experience necessary!

FREE CLASS!

You are invited to join us September 8, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. at CM Elementary School for a free class, come in your workout clothes to “test” it out. See what everyone is talking about, visit with the instructor and decide if you’d like to do more!

Students 14 years and older are welcome to attend, you must please contact Sarah Sullivan at ssullivan@cedarmt.org for a registration form for minors prior to the start of class.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Lindy at lindykaden@gmail.com or 320-295-6044



Mondays & Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m.
starting September 12th

Mondays @ CM MS/HS in Morgan
Thursdays @ CM Elementary in Franklin

Cost: \$3 per time or 10 classes for \$25
no registration needed.

Instructor:

Lindy Kaden, Certified PiYo Instructor

You may wish to bring a yoga mat
(available at Walmart, online etc....).

If you do not use a mat, you’ll want to wear
tennis shoes so you do not slip.

“Design Our Logo” Contest Winner!



Harley Christensen
9th grader

Harley Christensen, soon to be 9th grader at Cedar Mountain recently won an art contest conducted by United Acres. They held a design contest for a logo for their new farm. Information was sent to various groups and organizations that may be interested in participating in the contest, including Cedar Mountain Schools. All ages & skill-levels were encouraged to submit designs, there was no requirement for hand drawn or technology assisted designs, people were asked to just use their creativity. There were a few requirements such as max size was 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper or equivalent and must include “United Acres” in the design. The winning logo was announced recently, and it was the design of Harley Christensen, an upcoming 9th grader at Cedar Mountain. Harley will receive \$50 as well as having his design used on promotion and marketing materials for United Acres. Great job, Harley!



What is United Acres?



What started out as a small idea has grown into something remarkable. When United FCS of Olivia decided to construct a new building Pat Halbe had an idea for the three-and-a-half acres of land just to the south of the new site along Highway 212. His goal is to reconnect kids and adults alike to agriculture. His plan to do it is through United Acres, a large scale educational community garden.

From the start, interest for the garden was high in the community. Much of Renville County is considered a food desert – where the nearest access to food is 10 or more miles away. Even then, the selection of fresh, healthy produce options may be at a bare minimum. With the addition of three acres of fruits and vegetables, better access may be achieved.

A wide range of fruits and vegetables are planned for the garden, managed by local farmer Lyle Lundstrum. From fruit trees to potatoes and okra and everything in between, there will be a bit of everything in the garden.



Fifty years ago everyone had a garden. Everyone knew how things grew and took pride in the work to bring fresh food to the table. Now things are different. Large companies manufacture food in bulk. This makes production easier, but removes us from food on a personal level.

Even in this rural community there is a disconnect between how food is grown and how it gets to the plate. We know milk comes from cows and sweet corn grows in the fields. But how does it go from the farm to the table? A large part of United Acres’ vision is education.

Partnering with local groups and businesses is important for United Acres. From the start, Renville was on board to purchase local produce from the garden for use at the hospital. This arrangement is a win win. The hospital can get fresh ingredients for improved meals while at the same time supporting local jobs in the community.

The full article, written by Ashley Alsum, appeared in the Renville County Register on April 28, 2016. To view the entire article, go to <http://unitedfcs.com/united-on-ag/united-acres-ups-the-ante-of-community-gardens/>



CEDAR MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ISD #2754



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 Morgan, MN 56266
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Cedar Mountain Elementary
 PO Box 38
 Franklin, MN 55333
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Elementary breakfast costs \$1.00; Elementary lunch costs \$2.50. Middle school/High school breakfast costs \$1.40; Middle school/High school lunch costs \$2.60. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.

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.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students will receive breakfasts at no charge.

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, homeless, migrant and runaway 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.

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance 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.

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

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.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits. Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

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

Sincerely, Robert Tews, / Superintendent

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How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the *Application for Educational Benefits* form for school year 2016-17 if any of the following applies 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*
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child). *or*
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings before deductions, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Maximum Total Income

Household Size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	21,978	1,832	916	846	423
2	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Add for each additional person	7,696	642	321	296	148

Step 1 Children

List all infants and children in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Fill in the circle if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child). Please provide the requested information on ethnicity and race for each child. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to make sure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.

Step 2 Case Number Circle Yes or No to show whether any household member currently participates in any of the three assistance programs listed in Step 2. If you answer Yes, write in the case number and go to Step 4 (skip Step 3). If you answer No, continue on to Step 3. WIC and Medical Assistance (M.A.) do not qualify for this purpose.

Step 3 Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- List all adults living in the household (everyone not listed in Step 1) whether related or not, such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends. Include any adult who is temporarily away from home, like a student away at college. Attach another page if necessary.
- List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. **Do not list an hourly wage rate.** For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) that there is no income to report for these adults.
- For each income, fill in a circle to show how often the income is received: each week, every other week, twice per month, or monthly.
- For farm or self-employment income only, list the net income per year or month after business expenses. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
- Last four digits of Social Security number – The adult household member signing the application must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number.
- Regular incomes to children – If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

Step 4 Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the “Don’t share” box in Step 4.

Application for Educational Benefits – School Year 2016-17
School Meals • State and Federally Funded Programs

Step 1 List all infants, children and students through grade 12 in the household, even if they are not related. If more space is needed, attach another sheet.

Child's First Name	MI	Child's Last Name	Birthdate	School	Grade	Foster Child? (An agency or court has legal responsibility for the child.) If yes, fill in the circle.	Optional - Is the child Hispanic / Latino? If yes, fill in the circle.	Optional - Racial Identity * Fill in one or more circles for each child.						
								American Indian	Asian	African American	Pacific Islander	White		
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* The full names of the racial categories are: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander and White.

Step 2 Do any Household Members, including yourself, currently participate in any of the following assistance programs: SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR? Circle one: **Yes** **No**
Medical Assistance and W/C do not qualify. If No > Go to STEP 3. If Yes > Write in the. **CASE NUMBER** _____ here: then go to STEP 4.

Step 3 A. List ALL Adult Household Members including yourself and report all incomes. (Skip STEP 3 if you answered "yes" to STEP 2 or if all participants are foster children.)

Adults - Full Name <small>For the purpose of school meal benefits, the members of your household are "Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related." List the full name of each household member not listed in Step 1 and their income(s) in whole dollars. If a person has no income, write in 0 or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) of no income to report. Include any college students temporarily away from home.</small>	Gross Pay from Work <small>Do not write in an hourly wage.</small>			Farm or Self-Employment	Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony			All Other Incomes							
	Gross pay before deductions (not take-home pay).	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Payments received.	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Pension, retirement, disability, unemployment, Veterans benefits, etc.	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly
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B. Last four digits of signer's Social Security Number (SSN) or no SSN (required): C. Do any of the children listed in Step 1 receive regular incomes such as SSI or wages?
 X X X - X X - or I don't have a Social Security Number.
 regular incomes of children, if any:
 TOTAL \$ Weekly Bi-Weekly 2x Month Monthly

Step 4 I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and correct and all household members and incomes are reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with receipt of federal and state funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable federal and state laws. The information I provide may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs as allowed by state law, unless I have checked this box: Do not share my information with Minnesota Health Care Programs.

Signature of Adult Household Member (required) _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Office Use Only Total Household Size: _____ Total Income: \$ _____ per _____ Approved: Case Number – Free Foster – Free Income – Free Income – Reduced-Price Denied: Incomplete Income Too High Signature of Determining Official: _____ Date: _____

Is this form required?

This form must be completed to apply for free or reduced-price school meals, unless:

- (1) Your school provides free school meals to all students without applications from households (*Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2 or Provision 3*) or
- (2) You were notified that your children have been directly certified for school meal benefits based on foster care status or participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

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 or reduced-price 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 are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child, or you provide an MFIP, SNAP or FDPIR assistance number, or you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security number.

Only authorized officials will have access to the information that you provide on this form. We will use your information to determine if your child qualifies for free school meals, and for administration and enforcement of the school meal programs. We may share your information with other education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, with auditors for program reviews, and with law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. We require written consent from you before sharing information for other purposes.

Please provide the requested information about children's race and ethnic identity. This information is not required and does not affect approval for program benefits. We use the percentages of participants in each racial/ethnic category to check that our program is operated in a nondiscriminatory manner in compliance with federal civil rights laws

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 (MDE) as required by state law. MDE 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.

Information provided on this form may be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, unless the person completing this form has checked the box in Step 4 to not share information for that purpose.

Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the *USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (AD-3027)* found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or (2) fax to (202) 690-7442; or (3) email to program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Office Use Only: Verification

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 of Confirming Official: _____ Date: _____ Signature of Verifying Official: _____ Date: _____

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 2016-17 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 30	Open House
Sept. 6	First day of school
Oct. 20, 21	MEA Break--No School
Nov. 15, 17, 21	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Evenings)
Nov. 18	Early Dismissal – 12:10
Nov. 23	Early Dismissal – 12:10
Nov. 24, 25	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 23 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 3	School resumes
Jan. 20	Teacher Workday (No School)
Feb. 20	Presidents' Day (No School)
March 10	Early Dismissal – 12:10
March 24	No School
April 12	Early Dismissal – 12:10
April 13-17	Spring Break (No School)
May 29	Memorial Day (No School)
June 1	Last day of school
June 2	Graduation

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 Julio at 249-3136 or cedarmountainbusservice@gmail.com. This is an official notification that in order to promote school bus safety, students may be videotaped on school busses at any time.



2016-17 School Lunch/Breakfast Program

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

2016-17 Food Service Prices

ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5:

Breakfast \$1.00
(FREE to all Kindergarten students, also FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches)

Lunch \$2.50
FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches

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
FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches

Lunch \$2.60
FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches

Ala Carte Milk \$0.35

Individual Entrée Prices Posted Daily

ADULTS:

Breakfast \$1.70
 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.

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.

