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WE (Women Empowerment) is a mentor/mentee program for senior and eighth grade female students at Cedar Mountain. WE goals include the development of girl-to-girl relationships that are supportive and healthy, and the development of the belief that our self-worth comes from within. On November 5th, WE members traveled to Springfield Lanes for a great afternoon of bowling, pizza, and FUN! They are all looking forward to more activities in the near future.



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Long Standing Members Retire

Roger Gilland and Blair Anderson decided to retire from the school board this year. Roger completed 16 years of service and Blair served 17 years. We would like to thank both of them for their many years of service to our school.

Thank You for Your Service!



6th Graders Explore Social Studies!

It has been a busy year for the 6th graders! This year has been filled with field trips, projects, and activities. In Minnesota History, the students have been enriched with many different hands-on approaches to learning. In October, the students learned about the Fur Trade and were able to re-enact it! With furs from the Nicollet Wild Life Association and artifacts from the Traverse des Sioux Treaty site,



the 6th graders were able to become actual fur traders. This was a very energetic and exciting project that even included some 7th grade volunteers! Later on in the year, we took a field trip to the Traverse des Sioux to learn about the Treaty of 1851 and interact with many artifacts at the museum. Then we traveled to the Gustavus Linnaeus Arboretum to learn about Minnesota's biomes and explore the wildlife. The students were able to try mint and for many, this was a first. Looking ahead to the future, Minnesota History will be finished this month with the students creating a game based upon a chapter from the Minnesota textbook. Then the class moves to learning about Ancient Egypt!



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5th Grade Scientists



Our new science curriculum in the elementary has peaked students interest in experiments. Above, fifth graders Brennan Schaefer, CeCelia O'Keefe, Kaitlyn Lorang, and Megan Trebesch use graduated cylinders to measure how much water three different paper towels will absorb.

Junior High Knowledge Bowl Competition



Students that attended the Junior High Sub-Regional Knowledge Bowl Competition were: Aaron Walter, Bonnita Steinbeisser, Nereida Villegas, Logan Dehncke, Victoria Hardwick, Eden Nesburg, Natalie Hoffbeck, Sarah Daub, Lexi Eidem, Taelor Schmidt, and Jennica Hacker. They participated in the SW/WC Service Cooperative's Junior High Knowledge Bowl Sub Regional competition held on January 4, 2013 in Marshall. Forty-five teams from many school districts around the area participated in this event. A job well done by wonderful students!

Elementary News from Mrs. Machart



Ask any elementary student if they have earned a "pride paw" or if they have gotten a "pride postcard" in the mail - and the answer hopefully will be "YES!" Part of our improved school-wide behavior program is to catch and reward students for following the behavior expectations of our school. The expectations are simple:

**BE RESPECTFUL • BE RESPONSIBLE
BE PRODUCTIVE • BE SAFE**



When students receive a pride paw, it is put in a container in their classrooms. On Fridays, the teacher draws 1 student name who gets to select from a list of prizes such as: chose a friend and eat with the teacher, use the teacher's chair for a day, extra computer time and free home-work pass. All of the pride paws are collected in a large container and at the end of the quarter 5 names are selected for a Grand Prize or Grand Opportunity!! We are looking forward to the second quarter celebration coming up at the end of January. Cougar Pride Postcards are sent home to students who have gone "above and beyond the call of duty" in following the school expectations for the week. Their group picture is hung on our "Wall of Fame" and is printed in the Morgan Messenger. Another key part of our behavior program is to teach the expectations to the children for each area in the school - similar to how we teach the core subjects. We don't assume that students know how we want them to act in the cafeteria, on the bus, or in other areas. We take the time and teach it to them. For example, this fall each classroom sat on the bus while Damian and Mrs. Machart reviewed the bus rules and then conducted a safety drill. When you visit our school you will notice the Hallway Expectations, Bathroom Expectations, Bus Expectations, etc. are posted. We have noticed good changes in our student's behavior which results in more time being spent on classroom instruction. Be sure to congratulate and recognize your children when they receive a pride paw or postcard! They are all working hard to make our school a positive place to learn!

Important Dates

January 18	End of Second 9-Weeks
January 18	Early Dismissal 12:10 Staff Development
January 21.....	No School - Staff Work Day
February 4.....	Spring Pictures for the Elementary
February 15.....	Science Fair
February 18.....	No School - President's Day
February 28.....	Elementary Conferences 3:30-6:30
March 14.....	Kindergarten Connection 5:00-8:00
March 19.....	Kindergarten Connection 5:00-8:00
March 27.....	Early Dismissal 12:10
March 28-April 1.....	Spring Break
April 5.....	Grandparent's Day 1:30-3:00

**MCA Testing Schedule
printed on the back page.**



Kindergarten Connection

March 14 • 5:00-7:30 & March 19 • 5:00-7:30

Families with students who will be in Kindergarten next year are invited to learn about the kindergarten year, experience a bus ride and lunch, let your child meet and play with their new classmates and teachers, and tour our facility. You may chose one date to attend with your child. More information will be mailed to your family in February.

**Elementary
Conferences**
February 28 • 3:30 – 6:30



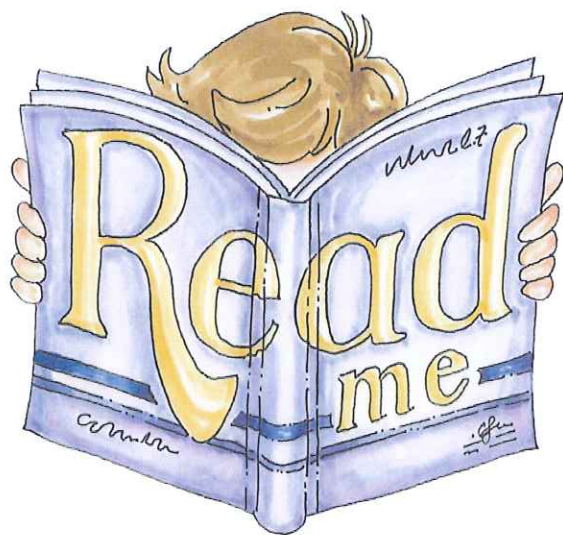
Grandparent's Day
April 5 • 1:30 – 3:00





Minnesota Reading Corps

What exactly is the Minnesota Reading Corps and what is it doing in our school? To put it simply, the Reading Corps is like the Peace Corps for education. Their mission is to have all students at their reading level by third grade. How is this going to happen? By taking students who are right below their reading level, and meeting with them one-on-one for twenty minutes a day, every day completing reading interventions. The Reading Corps tutor at Cedar Mountain is Jessica Scheuerlein. She meets with 15 students a day, every day for the entire school year. Each student completes different interventions based on his or her specific needs. These interventions are chosen by the tutor and her coach, which in Cedar Mountain is Angela Sandgren. Jessica has met with 24 students so far this year and has successfully graduated 9 students from grades 1-3 out of the program. She is very excited to start also working with Kindergarten students during the third and fourth quarters and help every child improve their reading ability and develop a love for reading!



Cedar Mountain Book Fairs

The **Elementary Book Fair** was another HUGE SUCCESS. We were able to raise \$740 for our elementary library. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who purchased something at the Fair. We look forward to seeing all of you again in the Spring.



The **Middle School/High School Book Fair** was held during parent/teacher conferences in November. Attendance by parents and students was incredible. There was a great selection of books to choose from. Over \$700 was spent which amounts to over \$430 of free books for our school library. What a great way to add books to our library and encourage reading for our students and their families.





Bob Tews
Superintendent

2013-14 Planning

Although we are only a little over halfway through this school year, planning for the 2013-14 school year is underway. We hope to have all high school students registered by the beginning of March. The school board, administration, and staff are committed to providing the best education possible from preschool through grade 12. The planning process starts early and continues through the summer.

We are working especially hard to continue providing high school students opportunities to take both college and vocational classes while at Cedar Mountain. When we finish planning for the 2013-14 school year, we want the best possible educational program for all our students. We continue to believe that the difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

Health and Safety

Cedar Mountain Schools is constantly evaluating possible threats to the health and safety of students, staff, and the community. We are conscious of the obvious health and safety concerns, such as bleacher safety and playground safety, and those that are not obvious, such as indoor air quality and radon gas. As a school, we publish specific program information as required annually in our September newsletter. We also contract with Advanced Health, Safety and Security to ensure that we are in compliance with state and federal statutes. Staff members are trained in a variety of areas. All staff was offered CPR and first aid training, and they took part in blood borne pathogen training in the fall. Our staff also takes part in specific training programs. For instance, Roger Voelz has been trained in monitoring indoor air quality. Jessica Rehak has completed machine guarding training. Jamie Berner and Kristin Erdmann have been through chemical hygiene training and developed our district's Chemical Hygiene Plan.

Nutrition Bits & Bites

Remember: Free and reduced meal applications can be filled out at any time of the school year. Please call your child's school and ask the secretary to send an application home with your child or to put it in the mail. It is a simple one page confidential application that asks for your income, your social security number and your signature.

21st Century Program

by Dawn Tietz, Coordinator

Apple dumplings, evergreen swags and quilting are just a few of the things that 21st Century Middle School/High School students at Cedar Mountain have been talking about. Our students are experiencing a wide variety of things every week that we have class. They made apple dumplings with a can of soda, which they found out tasted great! They also made their own evergreen swag after touring Hacker Tree farm and sewed their own wall hanging to give as a gift to someone special. This grant has allowed our program to continue to meet at least four days a week doing homework, playing games, and experiencing some very fun, hands on learning experiences out of the regular classroom. Academically, the students in this after school program continue to have the opportunity to get necessary assistance with homework daily. They also form some great relationships with staff and their peers while developing the necessary 21st Century skills needed in an ever changing world. We look forward to an exciting winter filled with many fun activities.





Cedar Mountain Booster Club 2013 Food Sale

Believe it or not, but it's that time of year again for Cedar Mountain Booster Club's biggest event of the year! For 2013, we are again with a family owned business out of Marshall, MN named SOUTHWEST WHOLESALE. They have been involved with our school district for many, many years. They are excited to be working with us again and have promised great quality food with great quality service. Please return your completed order form to Morgan or Franklin School Offices, or to the F & M Bank in Morgan by **Tuesday February 5, 2013**. You may pay when placing your order or when you pick up your items at your designated school on **Friday, February 8th**.

Morgan orders will be at the Morgan school between 4:00 and 5:30 pm. Franklin orders will be at their schools between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Please be generous in your order and, "CONTINUE TO KEEP JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR KIDS' LIFE". Please support our cause!!!

ORDER FORM & SELECTIONS

_____	1. Breaded Popcorn Chicken (5lbs)	\$17.00
_____	2. Breaded Chicken Strips (5lbs) <i>just like school</i>	\$19.00
_____	3. Breaded Chicken Patties (24 ct)	\$15.00
_____	4. Chicken Nuggets (5 lbs)	\$18.00
_____	5. Tyson Raw Chicken Breasts (20-4 oz)	\$18.00
_____	6. Grilled Chicken Patty - Precooked (25 ct)	\$22.00
_____	7. Chicken Kiev - 4 oz (18 ct - Broccoli/Cheese filled)	\$28.00
_____	8. Corn Dogs - All Beef (60 ct)	\$25.00
_____	9. Raw Hamburger Patties - 1/4 lb (60 ct)	\$50.00
_____	10. Meatballs - Pre-Cooked (5 lb bag)	\$15.00
_____	11. Popcorn Shrimp - Oven Ready (2 lbs)	\$9.00
_____	12. Pork Chops - individually wrapped (10 lbs - 4 oz ea)	\$25.00
_____	13. Breaded Pork Patty - Pre-Cooked (approx. 20 ct)	\$14.00
_____	14. Mr. Rib (Pre-Cooked) Flame Broiled Patty (25 - 2.5 oz)	\$14.00
_____	15. Holton Pizza Patties (10 lbs. - approx. 40 ct)	\$45.00
_____	16. Chicken & Wild Rice Soup - Add Water (52 oz bag)	\$16.00
_____	17. Broccoli & Cheese Soup - Add Water (52 oz bag)	\$16.00
_____	18. Battered Jalepeno Poppers with Cream Cheese (2.5 lbs)	\$15.00
_____	19. Battered Onion Rings (2.5 lbs)	\$11.00
_____	20. Battered Cheddar Cheese Balls (2.5 lbs)	\$18.00
_____	21. French Fries - Oven Ready (5 lbs)	\$6.00
_____	22. Hashbrowns (5 lbs)	\$7.00
_____	23. Teriyaki Beef Jerky - Great Snack (18 ct)	\$11.00
_____	24. French Toast Sticks (2 lb bag)	\$6.00
_____	25. Broccoli, Cauliflower, and Carrot Mix (2 lbs)	\$4.00
_____	26. Stir Fry Vegetables - Frozen (2 lbs)	\$5.00
_____	27. Diced Pre-Cooked Chicken (5 lbs)	\$21.50
_____	28. Cinnamon Rolls - Frozen (120 ct)	\$30.00
_____	29. Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough - 1.5 oz (approx 170)	\$45.00
_____	30. Apple Strudel Sticks (20 ct)	\$12.00
_____	31. Blueberry Muffin Mix (approx 24 muffins)	\$10.00
_____	32. USDA Top Choice Sirloin Center Cut - 8oz. (1ct)	\$4.00
_____	33. Baby Baker's Potatoes Frozen Baby Rounds - (2½ lbs bag)	\$7.00
_____	34. Diced Garlic Herb Potatoes - (2½ lbs bag)	\$7.00
_____	35. Frozen Waffles (12 ct)	\$2.00
_____	36. Frozen Bread Sticks - baked/brown & serve (12 ct)	\$4.00

_____ Total Items

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Please Mark Your Pick-up Sight: _____Morgan _____Franklin



BLOOD DRIVE

On Friday, October 26 the Cedar Mountain High School Blood Drive team joined forces with the Morgan Community to hold a super successful American Red Cross Blood Drive. The team's goal was 75 units donated and they exceeded that by collecting 82 units! The American Red Cross supervisor and team members commented on how great our students were and how helpful and responsible the student workers were. Those student volunteers are Zac Kerkhoff, Brittany Lemcke, Allison Madsen, Abby Balsley, Dylan Weidman, Syndey Kerkhoff, Breanna Walberg and Haidee Wersal.



Cedar Mountain YELLOW RIBBON CHAPTER

The Cedar Mountain Chapter of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program hosted Joyce and Megan Panitzke on December 19, 2012. Joyce and Megan shared their very personal story about their son/brother who died as a result of suicide. They also raised awareness about the symptoms of depression and the warning signs of suicide. The Panitzkes and our Yellow Ribbon members are dedicated to the prevention of suicide by removing the barriers for help.



Pictured with Joyce Panitzke and her daughter Megan are some Cedar Mountain Yellow Ribbon members. Deliliah Robles, Kalley Koupal, Joyce, Megan, Tawnee Pendleton, Brittany Johnson, Whitney Trebesch, Alexis Schouvieller, Abby Balsley, Hannah Steinhaus, Preston Maurer, Lily Steinhaus, Katlynn Fjeld, Eden Nesburg, Haidee Wersal, Danica Schweiss, Alix Hansen- Reding, Andrew Berkey, Emily Ahrens, Jennica Hacker, and Brittany Falk

Mix It Up At Lunch Day

The Blue Crue Tue worked very hard to make Mix It Up At Lunch Day a success on November 20th. Mix It Up At Lunch Day is a national campaign launched by Teaching Tolerance a decade ago. The simple act of sitting with someone new in the school cafeteria can help students cross social boundaries and encourage new friendships.



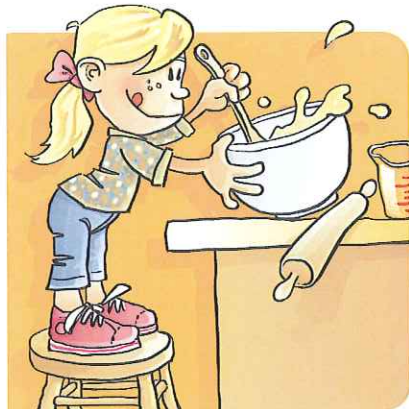
A word from

**Mr. J.
Schultz**

**Cedar Mountain
MS/HS Principal**

Half Down, Half to Go!

As we approach the end of the first semester, I am amazed at how fast this school year is going. Before this article is published and becomes another event along the speedy path, I would like to recap some of the milestones and events that have taken place during these past few months. The Fall Sports seasons ended and the Winter Sports seasons got underway, the Honor Roll breakfast was served to many well-deserving students, FFA members went to the National Convention, the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program has continued to grow, the Yellow Ribbon activities, the Band and Choir Winter Concerts, Knowledge Bowl Season, and many other wonderful opportunities for our students to show their talents. As I look forward to the next few months, I am certain that I will continue to be impressed with the number of talents that our students have and are capable of showing to their peers. With PRIDE in mind, Principal Jeremy Schultz.



ECFE WINTER
KICK-OFF:

Kids in the Kitchen

HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 22nd
(6:15-7:30 p.m.)

Morgan Cafeteria • Ages 0-5

Parents/Siblings are invited

Fee: \$5.00 per child / Max: \$15 per family

You must pre-register for the ECFE Kickoff
and family classes before January 18th

Easter Activity Night

Tuesday, March 26 (6:15-7:15)

Morgan Cafeteria

Ages: 0-5 Parents (siblings are invited)

Fee: \$5.00 per child / Max: \$15 per family



Enjoy special time with your child doing Easter activities! There will be art activities, games, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny! You must pre-register for this event before March 25th to Nancy Gehrke at ngehrke@cedarmt.org or call 249-5201.



IT'S EASY TO REGISTER

Fill out the the registration
form found on page 10

or

Email: ngehrke@cedarmt.org

or

Call: 507-249-5201

ECFE Fall Highlights

Cedar Mountain's ECFE family and infant class finished a very successful fall session and is looking forward to the winter session starting. Our "Ooey Goey" kickoff night was great fun and got us off to a really fun start and that was only the beginning. Our rooms were filled with inquisitive toddlers and talkative parents which kept everyone involved and eager to come back each week for more. Our discussions included topics such as whining, childhood fears, teething and massage among many other interesting discussions that started from those. We are looking forward to another great session starting which will kick off with a "Kids in the Kitchen" cooking night.



ECFE FAMILY CLASSES



6 Classes: \$15.00/child

(Kick-Off is included)

Franklin/Morgan Preschool Rooms

PRE-SCHOOLERS & TODDLERS

First Class is the Winter Kickoff in Morgan
on Tuesday, January 22nd

TIME: 6:15-7:30 p.m.

MORGAN

Tuesdays

Jan. 29,
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

FRANKLIN

Mondays

Jan. 28,
Feb. 4, 11, 19, 25

GYM NIGHT • FRANKLIN

Gym night will be held
on Tuesday, February 19th

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.

TO REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES: CALL Nancy Gehrke at 507-249-5201
OR EMAIL AT ngehrke@cedarmt.org OR COMPLETE AND MAIL IN THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW:

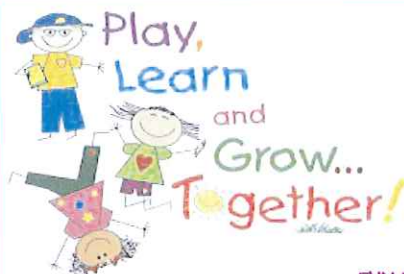
Parent's Name _____
Street/City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Child name _____ Age _____ Birthday _____
Class Attending _____

Sibling Care: Child's Name _____ Birthday _____

Check cost that applies:

_____ \$10.00 Family Class _____ \$6.00 Babies Day Out
_____ \$5.00 for each additional child _____ \$5 per child/\$10/family for Special events _____ Scholarship

Return this form and check to: Cedar Mountain School - ECCE Program
P.O. Box 188 • Morgan, MN 56266



FUN FRIDAYS

Preschool Program

"Miki loves spending time with Miss Sarah and she has new friends! I love it because she gets to learn new things and doesn't realize it!"
Joy Wiese, parent of a FUN FRIDAY student

FUN FRIDAYS is a new program offered at Cedar Mountain this year for preschool aged children (3-5 years) and meets the 2nd and 4th Friday morning of each month. This program is literacy based; each class consists of a story book for the day and specific activities that correspond with the story of the day. This is a great way to extend skills children are learning during their regular preschool classes and also a great way to introduce a child to a preschool setting who may not already be enrolled in a program. **FUN FRIDAYS** is also a wonderful way for children to interact and meet others from different preschool programs. **FUN FRIDAYS** is held in Morgan, however, all children in the district are invited to attend and transportation from Cedar Mountain Elementary is offered at no cost. This has been a wonderful addition to our early childhood programming at Cedar Mountain and has been positively received by parents and children. If you would like more information, please contact Sarah Sullivan at 249-5990.



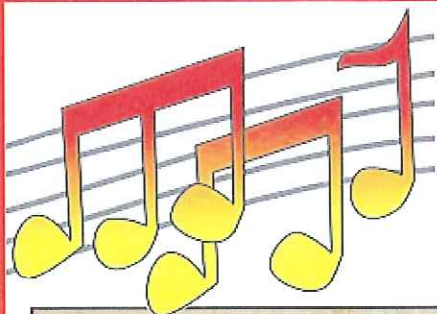
GOOD CHARACTER AWARDS

Pictured are the students who received the first quarter Good Character Award for showing respectful behavior at Cedar Mountain Elementary School. One student was chosen from each classroom for being polite, being good listeners, being kind to classmates, or for consistently following the school rules.

Row 1: Kaitlyn Lorang, Shaylee Schiller, Carole Gruendemann, Cloey Wildt, Sami Gruendemann

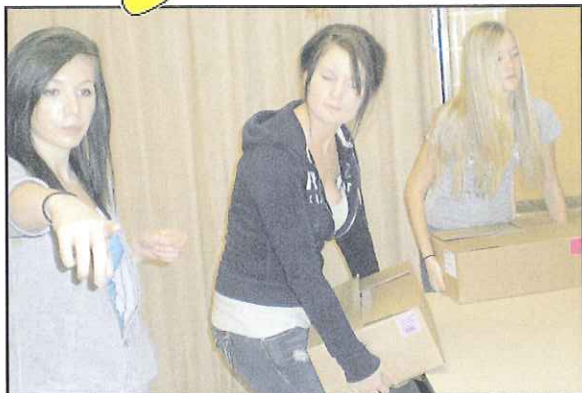
Row 2: Caleb Schulte, Hunter Madsen, Hunter Radermacher, Evelyn Schumacher, Bralyn Steffensmeier, Lauren Barringer

Not Pictured: Brittney Weatherman



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES

Cedar Mountain Music program would like to thank the community for their great response for our fund raiser in December! Students used the money to attend the Chanhassen Dinner Theater's performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie!" Money raised also provides opportunities for music program members to attend various opportunities throughout the year such as the St. Olaf Band and Choir Day Festivals, the Celebration of Music 7th and 8th grade festival, and Large Group Contest. We have also used it to buy instruments and music. Thanks again for your generous support!



Cedar Mountain FFA Happenings



Important Dates:

- **January 25th**
Ag Sales, Crops, Poultry, Small Animals Competition
- **January 26th-27th**
LTC (Leading the Challenge) Retreat
- **February 9th:** *State Degree, Proficiency and Region Officer Interviews*
- **February 14th:** *Speaking Contests*
- **February 15th:** *National FFA Scholarship Opens*
- **February 18th-23rd:** *National FFA Week*



FFA Convention:

Eight students attended National FFA Convention this year in Indianapolis, IN to attend workshops, speakers and receive our National Chapter Award. Cedar Mountain FFA Chapter was ranked as a 3 star chapter, the highest at the National Level. The students that attended National Convention were, Brandon Olson, Zach Wilhelmi, Trevor Serbus, Dakota Harmoning, Lily Steinhaus, Mary Mace, Alexis Schouvieller and Whitney Trebesch. Alexis and Trevor received the award on stage during the convention.



MEET YOUR FFA OFFICER TEAM:

President.....	Adam Johnson
Vice President.....	Alexis Schouvieller
Treasurer.....	Trevor Serbus
Secretary.....	Whitney Trebesch
Sentinel.....	Pat Wendinger
Reporter.....	Dakotah Harmoning
Officers at Large.....	Brandon Olson
	Zach Wilhelmi & Jake Christensen

Ag Educator Convention:

At the end of November our Advisor, Ms. Rehak, attended the National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE) Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Ms. Rehak attended because of winning the State Level Contest for Young Teachers. At the Convention Ms. Rehak participated in a program and received recognition at the awards banquet.



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Cedar Mountain MCA Testing Dates



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MCA On-Line Math Practice:

February 4-5.....Grade 3S (8:30-9:30)
Grade 3L (1:30-2:30)

February 19-20.....Grade 5KB (9:30-10:30)
Grade 5KS (10:30-11:30)

February 19-20.....Grade 4MG (8:30-9:30)
Grade 4JG (1:00-2:00)

MCA Reading:

April 16-19.....Grades 3, 4, 5
1 section each day during Reading Block

MCA Science On-Line:

April 22 & 23.....Grade 5 (10:30-12:00) & (2:00-3:00)

MCA Math On-Line:

May 1 & 2.....Grade 3S (8:30-9:30)
Grade 3L (1:30-2:30)

MCA Math On-Line:

May 6 & 7.....Grade 5KB (9:30-10:30)
Grade 5KS (10:30-11:30)
Grade 4MG (8:30-9:30)
Grade 4JG (1:00-2:00)

May 10.....Testing Window Closes

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL

On January 23, 24 and 25 students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 11 will be taking the Optional Local Purpose Assessment (OLPA) in Mathematics. This is a computerized test and is meant to give us a good picture of where we are at for the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment in Mathematics testing that will take place later this spring. It can also be used as a reference point to see the growth achieved by students from January through May. Please use the following testing schedule for later this spring. It will help in avoiding appointments during this time and preparing our students for this testing.

MCA Written Composition Grad:

April 16.....Grade 9 (Statewide)
April 23.....Make-Up Scheduled

MCA Reading (paper format):

April 16 & 17.....Grade 10

MCA Math On-Line:

May 6-10.....Grades 6-8 & 11

MCA Reading (paper format):

May 6-10.....Grades 6-8

MCA Science On-Line:

May 13-17.....Grade 8 & 11

May 10.....Testing Window Closes