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5th Grade Ag Day

Cedar Mountain Elementary's 5th graders attended Ag Day at Gilfillan and area farms. This event was sponsored by the Redwood Falls Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee. The morning sessions included presentations about farm safety, crops, machinery safety, poultry, alpacas, FFA, and the Gilfillan estate. During the afternoon, the students were excited to visit a cattle yard, turkey barn, and a sheep operation. Thank you to the local farmers who welcomed the students onto their farms and taught them so much about their businesses.



Regional Science Fair



Five of Mrs. Schulte's 5th grade students participated in the Regional Science Fair held at Mankato State University on April 27, 2013. (These students received a blue ribbon at the Cedar Mountain Elementary Science

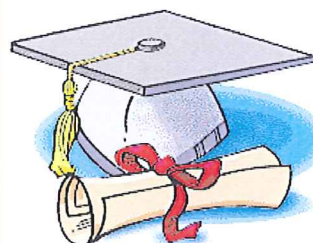
Fair held earlier this year, making them eligible to advance.) Shaylee Schiller received a purple ribbon for her project, "What Battery Lasts the Longest?" Megan Trebesch presented her project, "How Much Warm Air Can a Solar Panel Produce?" and received a red ribbon. Trista Smith brought her lizard along to present her project "What Habitat Does my Lizard Prefer?" She received a blue ribbon. Lydia Sullivan presented "What Litter Absorbs the Most Moisture for My Rabbit?" and received a blue ribbon. Kaitlyn Lorang also received a blue ribbon for her project titled "What Tissue is the Strongest?" Congratulations to these young scientists for their hard work! Pictured: Front row: Shaylee Schiller, Megan Trebesch. Back row: Trista Smith, Lydia Sullivan, Kaitlyn Lorang.

2013 Cedar Mountain High School Commencement Exercises

Friday, May 31, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
High School Gymnasium

Class Motto:

"The best revenge is massive success."
- Frank Sinatra



Class Colors:
Black, Yellow
and Silver

Class Flower:
Yellow Rose

21st Century Highlights



Our 21st Century program completed a fun filled Spring. In March families were invited for supper and the launching of the rockets the students had made. They also played some competitive table tennis to complete the evening. They also travelled to New Ulm for a movie and supper outing. April brought on team building activities which included constructing a geodesic dome from rolled newspaper. They also toured SMSU in Marshall and enjoyed eating at the new BBQ restaurant, Dickey's. Gil-Mor Manor was our next outing where we did a butterfly craft and played cards with the residents.

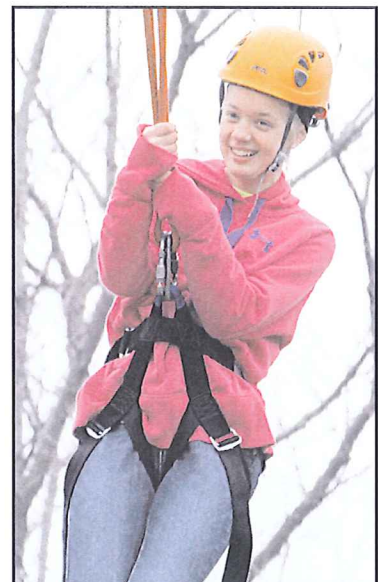
When May finally arrived we put our energy in to cleaning the school grounds and then enjoyed time at the park.

Even though we enjoyed these activities our regular class activities and homework came first. Plans are under way for a huge summer program. We will be meeting 6 hours a day, 3 days a week for 9 weeks which will keep our staff and students very busy.



A Bunch of Flying Squirrels

7th and 8th graders ventured over to Prairiewoods Environmental Learning Center to learn how to fly. Using teamwork and communication our students were lifted to great heights and learned how to overcome their fears. Relying on their team members also determined their survival in the winter survival challenge of building shelters and fire. This was a great opportunity for our students to enjoy the great outdoors, build new relationships and learn how to trust in their classmates.



Elementary News

from Mrs. Machart



Spring is finally here --- and with it comes lots of end of the year excitement! A glance at my calendar can tell you that we are very busy!

- Our Blue Crue Tue enjoyed a night at the WOW Zone as a thank you and celebration of the leadership activities they plan in our elementary.
- The 5th graders are excited to be heading to the Middle School/High School next year. They had a special orientation to prepare them for this transition.
- The Kindergarten class of 45 will have a year-end celebration on May 30 at 1:30. Parents and special guests are invited to attend.
- The Pre-School children enjoyed a trip to a farm and to Ramsey Park to end their year. They will sing and entertain us at the end of the year program on May 20.
- All of our classes have awesome field trips planned. Remember - that it is your support of our Farmer's Market that helps fund these trips.
- Our 1st-4th graders participated in a Diversity Day along with students from Redwood Falls and Springfield. A group of leaders from the Greater Mankato Diversity Council led them in workshops focusing on the concept of individual uniqueness, disability awareness, and discrimination. It was fun to be with kids from area schools and to learn about the positive aspects of our uniqueness!
- We are planning on having a summer KEYS program for students who could use some extra review on grade level skills. Be watching for fliers announcing that.
- Next year our staff will be using iPads to enhance their instruction. They will be spending the summer months experimenting with the educational apps that are available and planning how to use this new technology in their classrooms.
- You can expect a letter from your child's teacher in mid August - bus routes and information will be sent home in late August.
- Have an enjoyable summer ----- read --- -relax --- and enjoy the time with your children!!!



Study Island

The 2013 Study Island Challenge was a success! Study Island is a computer based program that prepares students for MCA tests in the Spring. Students competed in March and April for individual and classroom prizes. There was also a grand prize drawing held at the end with one person from each grade level winning a bucket full of prizes, including a gift card to Walmart!

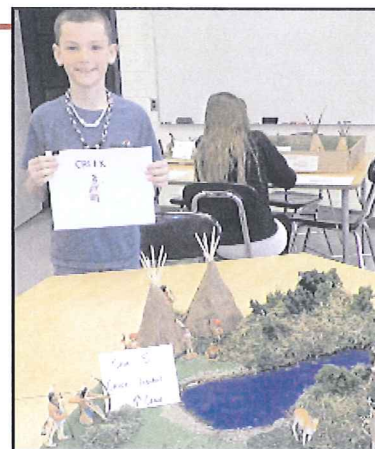


Native American Indian Project Is A Big Hit!



The students in Mr. and Mrs. Greene's fourth grade classrooms again experienced the yearly Native American Indian Project (NAIP). The project is one way to meet both Reading and Social Studies standards from the state of Minnesota.

To begin, the students researched a Native American Indian tribe of their choice. The paper has four topics; People, Food, Dwelling, and Clothing. Teaching the students the importance of not plagiarizing was also a part of this process. This part of the project is all done at school. The second part of this project was to work on a physical model of a dwelling of the Native American Indian tribe the student is studying and is completed at home. This dwelling needs to be constructed so that it looks "real". Although the requirement is to complete just the dwelling, each year new creative ideas surpass ones from previous years. Lastly, the students presented their Native American Indian Projects on Friday, May 10th. The students were very excited about their final projects and as always enjoyed working on them.



Summer Reading is Fun!



ANGELA
SANDGREN
*Elementary
Reading Teacher*

I think it is safe to say that spring is here. Summer vacation is right around the corner. It won't be long and parents everywhere will be hearing those infamous words, "I'm bored." If you were my mom you would reply, "Only boring people get bored, try reading."

Reading is a great way to cure summer boredom and another ailment that occurs during summer vacation. It is called "the summer slide." It describes what happens when young minds sit idle for 3 months.

As summer approaches, we are thinking about summer vacations, swimming lessons, baseball, etc. What we might not be focusing on is how much educational ground our children could lose during the summer break. Research has shown that most children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward and will need to be re-taught some basic skills the first month of the new school year. You can help prevent this ailment by encouraging your child to read.

Worried you might not have the time to encourage summer reading? Here are some sneaky ways to get your child to read and they won't even know they are learning.

- Leave the cereal box on the table. I realize the box is mostly filled with advertising mania and free offers, but the descriptions like "sweet raisins" and "crunchy flakes" help instill appreciation for sensory details and creative writing techniques.
- Ask your child to read you the ingredients needed for the meal you are making that evening. They will learn the importance of precise reading.
- Allow your child to assist you with a project by reading the directions to you.
- Subscribe to a children's magazine like Ranger Rick, etc. Most children like to learn about animals and love to receive mail!
- It might sound old-fashioned, but recruit a family member to help this summer by writing letters to your child.
- Realize that books can feel like a hug. When children lose a pet or suffer rejection a book can dispel the feeling that they suffer alone.
- Take your child to the library for the summer reading program. You would be amazed at the prizes they can win just for reading!

Like any lasting relationship, a love affair with reading grows naturally. With time and gentle coaxing, you could have a child who loves to read. Don't be alarmed if your child becomes a great reader. Parents of great readers go on to lead remarkably normal lives.

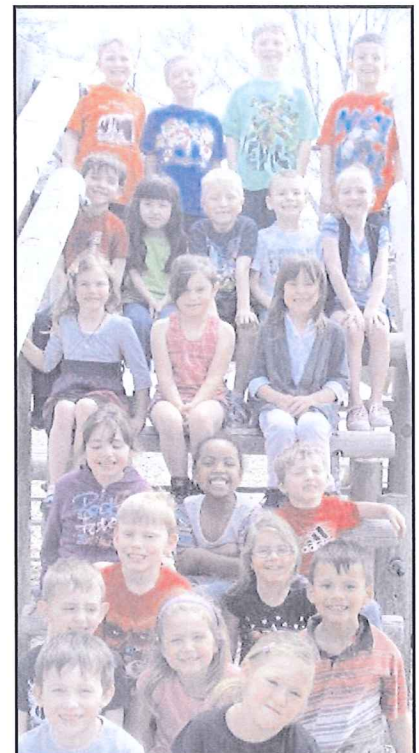
KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS



Cedar Mountain

Kindergarten Celebration!

May 30 at 1:30 p.m. • Elementary Gym in Franklin



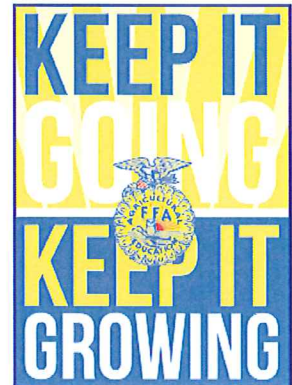


This year the Cedar Mountain FFA had 22 participants that participated in a variety of things at the State FFA Convention. Below are the results of this year's chapter.

FFA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



- The Poultry team placed as a silver team with Zach Wilhelmi being a gold individual
- The soils team placed as a silver team
- The dairy judging team placed as a bronze team
- The Best Informed Greenhands were a silver team
- Adam Johnson, Trevor Serbus, Pat Wendinger and Erin Christensen received their State Degrees
- Pat Wendinger was recognized as a Star Finalist in Production Placement
- Cedar Mountain is a TOP 10 Chapter in Minnesota and will be moving onto Nationals for recognition
- Cedar Mountain was recognized by Camp Courage for their Corn Drive and donations
- Cedar Mountain was recognized as a Top 10 Ag Literacy Chapter and a Top 10 Land of Service Chapter
- Brie Hemphill, Haidee Wersal and Eden Nesburg participated in the State Choir and Eden is submitting an Application to the National Choir
- Alexis Schouvieller will be serving Region V as the Regional reporter next year
- Jessica Rehak will be serving Region V as the Region Advisor for the next year



Proficiency Winners

- Jonathan Tauer received a first place and trip to Nationals with his diversified Livestock, 2nd in Equine and 3rd in Poultry production
- Trevor Serbus received a first place and trip to Nationals with his Fiber/oil crop, 2nd in Plant systems research and 3rd in Vegetable Production
- Patrick Wendinger Received a 3rd place in Swine Production
- Alexis Schouvieller received a 3rd place in Agriculture Education



Congratulations

class of twenty thirteen

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Emily Ahrens



Andy Berkey



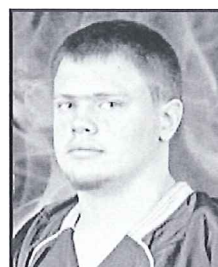
Erin Christensen



Seth Dehncke



Brittany Falk



Alex Fjeld



Cody Harazin



Brie Hemphill



Adam Johnson



Zac Kerkhoff



Paige Kwestel



Dillon Larson



Brittany Lemcke



Paige Loftus



Allison Madsen



Kelsey McCorquodale



Tia McFarland



Michael McGowan



Mitchell Norlin



Emily Ochs



Brandon Olson



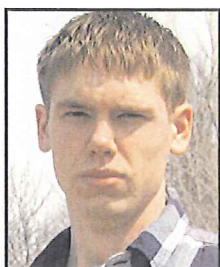
Alix Hansen Reding



John Rieke



Trevor Serbus



Shawn Sherman



Dustin Stelzer



Brianna Weinzett



Pat Wendinger



Zach Wilhelm



Kristina Wolling

Penny War

Cedar Mountain High School participated in an annual Penny War (April 2-12). Rules of the Penny War include dollar bills and pennies counting as positive values towards the ending scores, where as silver coins (quarters, dimes, and nickels) affect the end scores negatively. At the end of the Penny War the winner is the class with the highest positive score value.

At the end of this year's Penny War there were several classes with positive end values, however, there was a clear winner. The Senior Class was the overall Penny War winner with a positive value of over \$30. The total amount raised by the Penny War was \$220.05.

The amount raised will be donated to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. There the expenses would include research as well as hotel expenses for the families of Leukemia and Lymphoma patients as well as wigs for the patients themselves. The survival rates for these diseases have been increasing through the past decade making this a great cause worthy of the donation.

The Penny War was conducted by the National Honor Society Seniors Alix Hanson Reding, Brittany Lemcke, and Emily Ochs.



Finishing STRONG!

Jeremy Schultz, MS/HS Principal



Spring has sprung and everybody is feeling the effects from the change of the seasons. Students are able to get out on the golf course, baseball diamond, and track and field areas to be able to show what six weeks of practice can help them accomplish! Our students are able to sense that summer is right around the corner, and are starting to feel the time crunch in finishing up the year. Seniors are preparing for their graduation and the life that they wish to pursue after. Congratulations to all that will be graduating! For those returning to Cedar Mountain, summer break will come soon enough, as students (and staff) will get the opportunity to rest and regroup with their families before ramping back up for next fall.

We are working to have additional elective offerings, as well as more accountability in our scheduling process for students to have every opportunity to find areas for them to succeed. Our PBIS program is strong, and only getting stronger as we continually work to have students meet our expectations, and focus on the vast majority of students that exceed our expectations everyday in our school. The technology in our classrooms is increasing as more teachers will be using iPad technology to enhance the teaching of their course materials and to engage students every day.

A very big THANK YOU as this year has been a great experience as a first year principal, serving the Cedar Mountain Community with a great staff and parent support network to continually look for ways of improving our already great educational system. We have accomplished much this year, and will continue to accomplish as we are preparing for our future.

Summer office hours will be available if you would like time to discuss your child's educational or mental health needs.

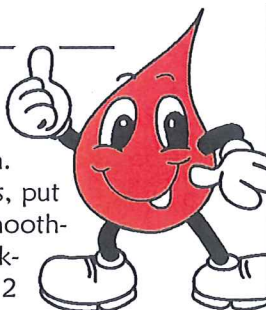
US Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award

Emily Ochs and Drew Pederson were selected as recipients for the US Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award. Mr. Schultz presented the awards to these two students because of their achievements in athletics and academics through a nomination process. Congratulations on your achievements!



Blood Drive

The May Blood Drive was held on May 1 at the Cedar Mountain High School Gymnasium. Student Blood Drive workers organized donors, put up advertisements and helped the drive run smoothly by being greeters, runners and canteen workers. The drive collected 78 pints which was 2 pints over their goal. Many new donors were present and many community members came in to donate as well. The American Red Cross supports school blood drives by offering an



incentives program which gives scholarships to Seniors. Mrs. Vote, the Blood Drive Coordinator, asks for volunteers within the Sophomore class each year to join the Blood Drive Team. After three years of service, the Senior members of the team are eligible for scholarship money. This year there are 3 seniors earning \$500 each towards their college education. Those Seniors are: Zac Kerkhoff, Brittany Lemcke, and Allison Madsen. "These seniors have been instrumental in their 3 years of service. They are true leaders who model to the other members what is expected of a Blood Drive Team Member. They will be missed next year!" says Ann Vote, Blood Drive Coordinator. Other Blood Drive Team Members are: Abigail Balsley, Hannah and Lily Steinhaus, Dylan Weidman, Sydney Kerkhoff, and Haidee Wersal.



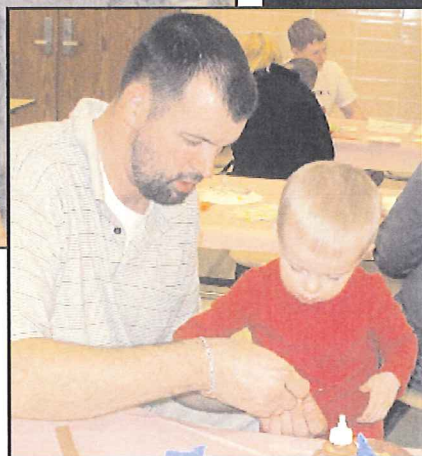
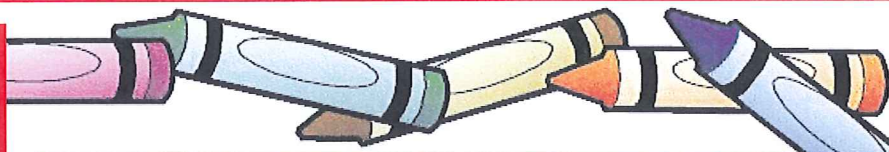
STARS

Blue Crue Tue

Blue Crue Tue members, along with Mrs. Machart, Mrs. Gregg and Mrs. Sturm. enjoyed an evening at the WOW Zone in Mankato as a reward for all of their hard work this school year.



ECFE HIGHLIGHTS



Cedar Mountain ECFE had an Easter activity night on March 26th. Many toddler and preschool age children and their families attended. We made a styrafoam chick, pop bottle flowers, a band aid butterfly and a butterfly life cycle activity among many other fun spring projects. The Easter Bunny stopped by for a visit and gave each child an egg filled with candy. Our evening concluded with making a "bird nest snack" and "a frog float." We invite all preschool age children to join us in the fall for our Kickoff. Watch for more information on the time and date of the special evening. We hope you all have a wonderful, fun-filled summer.



FUN FRIDAYS

Preschool Program



For being it's first year, Cedar Mountain's FUN FRIDAY preschool program was a huge success! Thirteen children participated in the program and met the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in Morgan. The program was open to all preschool aged children in the area and transportation to and from the schools in Franklin and Morgan was offered. If you are interested in more information or would like to enroll your child in this program next year, please contact Sarah Sullivan at ssullivan@cedarmt.org or 249-5990.

First Row: Aubrey Steffl, Mikala Weis, Devyn Haala, Colton Mages, Zachary Janke, Kynedi Plaetz Second Row: Jaydee Hoffmann, Thomas Dahmes, James Hacker, Kayden Christensen, Colton Birkemeyer, Ayden Steffensmeier Missing: Brayden Blomeke

Pre-School Registration

Registration for our preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan is now being held for the 2013-14 school year. Registration forms are available in the offices at both the Franklin and Morgan schools or call Sarah or Angela for more information.



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Franklin Preschool Teacher
asandgren@cedarmt.org
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Sarah Sullivan
Morgan Preschool Teacher
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SCHOOL READINESS SCHEDULE

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

FRANKLIN

3 year old class
Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

4 year old class
Mondays & Wednesdays
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

MORGAN

3 year old class
Mondays & Wednesdays
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

4 year old class
Mondays & Wednesdays
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

FUN FRIDAYS Preschool Program

Cost: \$135/year

This program is held the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in Morgan from 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM. You have the option to have your child transported between the Franklin school and Morgan school free of charge. This program is open to all preschool aged children in the Franklin and Morgan areas.



History Day 2013

Turning Points in History: People, Ideas and Events

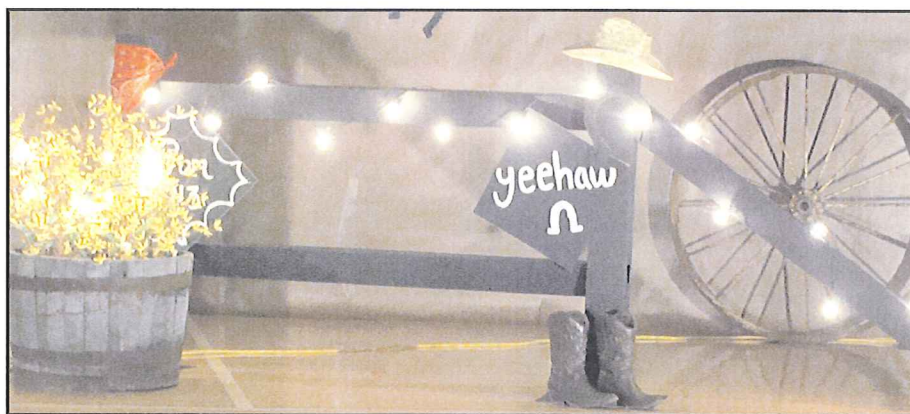
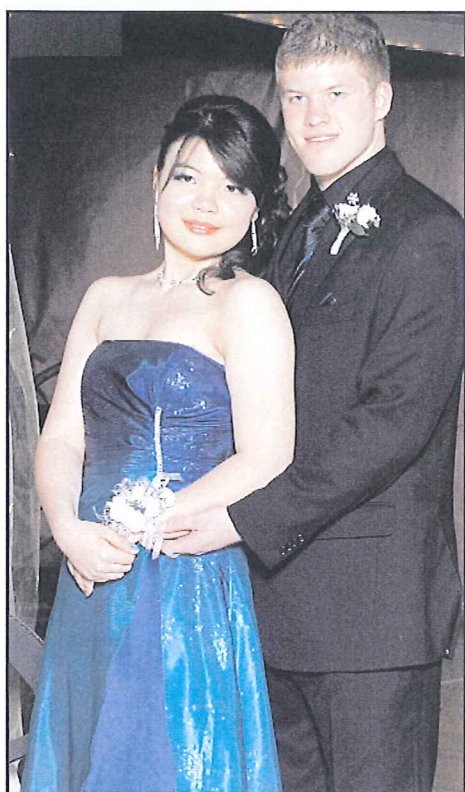


All students in grades 7 and 10 took part in History Day. Mrs. Vote brings History Day to Cedar Mountain as part of her curriculum for her U.S. History classes. Students get to pick a topic that fits the year's theme. They then research their topic and analyze how it fits the theme. Students then have the choice of making an exhibit board, website, documentary, skit or paper about their topic. Competition for History Day started back in March with a Local History Day Fair which took place in the Cedar Mountain Auditorium. From there selected students go to Regional History Day at SMSU in Marshall. This year's regional competitors were: Peyton Lokken, Cathren Messenbrink, Emma Auslam, Mya Bengsten, Kylie Wersal, Erica Bock, Makenzie Kerkhoff, Taylor Rose, Abby Jemmings, Jordan Kevelin and Ciel Zhang. Students who competed at Regionals

and then won their way to the State History Day Competition were Josh Wolling, Sarah Daub and Lauren Zeug. Josh's project was about an American soldiers' escape from a WWII Prisoner of War Camp called Stalag Luft III. Sarah and Lauren did their project on Yellowstone National Park.

Prom 2013

Despite the late April snowstorm the 2012-2013 prom went on as planned. Extra forces were called in to complete the prom decorating to make the evening special for the attendees. "Rounding-Up" their year the three foreign exchange students celebrated the evening in "style". The after prom party was equally well attended and enjoyed by all.



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BOXHOLDER

School Census: If you are new to the Cedar Mountain area or recently have had a new baby, please be sure to call the school and put your children's names on our school census. Thanks!

2013-14

School Calendar



August 27..... Open House
Sept. 3..... First Day of School
Oct. 17-18..... No School
Nov. 14 & 18..... Parent-Teacher Conf.
Nov. 27-29..... No School
Dec. 20..... 12:10 pm Dismissal
Dec. 20-Jan. 1..... Winter Break
Jan. 2..... School Resumes
Jan. 20..... No School
Feb. 17..... No School
April 17..... 12:10 pm Dismissal
April 18-21..... Spring Break
May 26..... No School
May 29..... Last Day of School
May 30..... Graduation

CEDAR MOUNTAIN BOOSTER CLUB 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dacotah Ridge Golf Club • Mon., June 10, 2013

3 person Scramble Format (A, B, and Ladies Division)
\$65 includes 18 holes of golf with a cart,
\$5 Pro Shop Credit and use of Driving Range.
12:00 noon - Registration & Rules • 1:00 p.m. - Tee Off
Lunch & Supper both available for purchase at the course.



Sign up at F&M Bank and Morgan Grain & Feed starting in early June.
Proceeds from the tournament help support athletic programs at Cedar Mountain H.S.

Fall Sports Information

PARENT MEETING: Monday, August 5 @ 6 PM
PRACTICE START DATES:

- 9-12 FB/VB/CC Monday, August 12
- JH Football Monday, August 19
- JH Volleyball Monday, August 26

FIRST FOOTBALL GAME: Friday August 30 vs. Sleepy Eye 7 PM

FIRST VOLLEYBALL GAME: Monday, August 26 vs. Nicollet
"C" @ 4:45, "B" @ 6PM



Summer Hours

Elementary and MS/HS Offices

OPEN
8:00am - 3:00pm
June 3-21
July 15-Aug. 16

CLOSED
June 24-July 12

District Office

OPEN
8:00am - 3:00pm
June 3-Aug. 16

CLOSED
July 4

AUGUST 19TH RESUMING
REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

REPORT CARDS

Students or parents may pick up report cards
at the school office starting June 7th.

- Report cards will be in the office of the town you reside in.
- Fairfax and Morton students pick up your report cards in Franklin.
- Redwood Falls and Lower Sioux students pick up your report cards in Morgan.

Remember to return all library books and pay all bills prior to requesting the report card.

