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NEWSLETTER

COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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The start of the year here at C-FC has reminded me how much I love my career, due largely to the people of this district who make the work enjoyable! I have also realized how much I still must learn. Luckily, there are numerous people on staff, in the community, and on the school board along with professional colleagues and organizations that have been extremely supportive.

The lesson here is that it is important for everyone, and especially our students, to realize that learning never ends. Another great lesson is that with all the information available, we must be willing to ask for help and develop the skills to know where to find information when it is needed. No one can ever know everything, but to be able to get the information you need in an efficient and productive manner, and then apply it, is an invaluable asset.

Expanding your mental capacity and aptitude is something that we can continue to do for a lifetime. Our students have more opportunities to gain knowledge than any of us could have ever dreamed of. It is our job to motivate them to pursue this knowledge and to never stop learning!

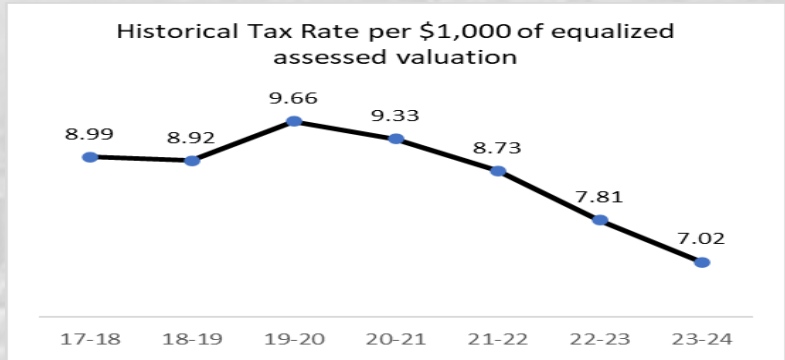
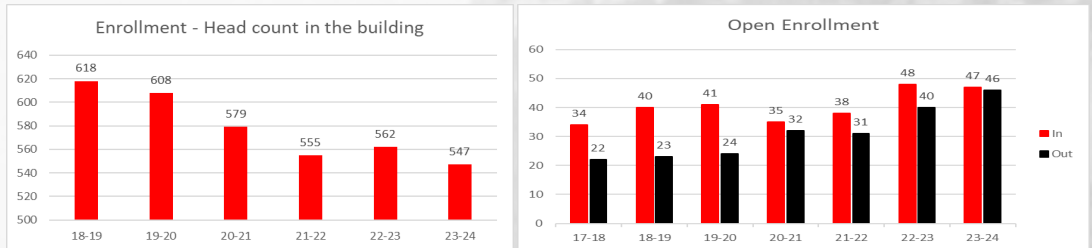
Sincerely,
Troy White



Superintendent Cochrane-Fountain City School District

Budget Hearing 10/23/2023

Community members were presented an overview of the district budget. The meeting booklet and PowerPoint presentation are available to download from our website. Highlights include:



Special School Board Meeting 10/24/2022

The board adopted the 2023-24 total school tax Levy of \$3,924,622. The mill rate for this levy will be 7.02 per \$1,000 of equalized assessed home value. This includes a maximum fund 10 levy of \$2,887,209, fund 39 levy of \$890,263, and a fund 80 levy of \$147,150.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
April 2, 2024

Election Details

An election is to be held in the School District of Cochrane-Fountain City, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
School Board Director	Don Baloun
School Board Director	Allen Bollinger



Office Terms

The term of office for school board member is three years or one year for the vacancy beginning on Monday, April 22, 2024. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

For Candidates

A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the office of the school district clerk.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

It's difficult to believe we are a quarter of the way through my second year as Superintendent. I have been blessed to be apart of the C-FC school and community. The incredible staff, parents, school board, and community members make everyday a joy to come to work. To guide our efforts this year the school board and I have established the following goals.

Goal 1: Foster a supportive, positive, and effective district-wide climate and culture. The ability to reach high levels of performance occurs best in a culture of trust and a climate built on valuing everyone's input. Student surveys and group discussions along with employee surveys, professional learning communities, and school improvement teams have provided a valuable guide to areas needing attention as well as areas to celebrate and build upon. The administrative team is committed to collaboration, all opinions being heard, and providing timely feedback.

Goal 2: Establish the "Portrait of a Pirate" readiness indicators district wide. Students learn in a variety of ways. They should be able to demonstrate readiness in a variety of ways. Our "Portrait of a Pirate" readiness indicators are developed from research, more accurately reflect the educational landscape of the 21st century and define students as more than a test score. Our three readiness pillars include attendance, grades, and co-curricular involvement with other pillars for college, career, and life readiness.

Goal 3: Focus organizational efforts on expectations and engagement to fuel student and staff success. To ensure instruction is occurring at high levels, we have made a commitment to verifying the essential learning outcomes, aligning them with the standards and establish quality assessments. We recommitted to collectively holding everyone accountable to the rules and expectations while meeting those levels with equal engagement of students in the learning process.

Goal 4: Cultivate public trust, commitment, and confidence through open, honest communication. We believe community involvement and engagement are essential. In this pursuit, we have expanded our efforts on Facebook to showcase our students and staff. We have also increased our presence as a staff at school and community events to engage stakeholders and show our pride.

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Superintendent Cochrane-Fountain City School District

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Staff, and Community members,

As we enter the winter months, I felt it important to communicate our district's procedures for closings or delays and request your understanding as we begin the winter months. As a school district, our 2023-2024 school calendar has three (3) days built into the required state clock hours for potential closures, so we will not be making up the first three days. However, different this year, the school board decided to have the next three days that school is canceled to be made up in person on the in-services days, sequentially, in March, April, and May. Any additional days will be providing virtual learning days on the day of closure.

On days we are aware of or anticipate inclement weather, district transportation personnel will be assessing the situation in all areas of our school district beginning around 4:45 a.m. Which includes inspecting roads, speaking with Department of Transportation personnel, and, at times, I will drive the roads myself to get a better feel for the conditions. In most circumstances, the decision to close or delay will be made by 5:30 a.m.

Our school buses are very safe for children, they are heavy, well-maintained, and driven by well-trained and qualified individuals here at Cochrane-Fountain City. In inclement weather conditions, students are much safer in buses than in cars. Additionally, snow itself rarely closes school. The fact that there is a snowstorm approaching shouldn't be overly concerning. Visibility, road conditions, ice build-up, and the status of plowing are more important issues to consider.

The district understands that many families need to make alternate arrangements for their children when school is delayed, canceled, or dismissed early. These are stressful times for many parents. The whereabouts and safety concerns of children are paramount for parents and educators. The best advice I can give is to work on developing a network of support that can react and adjust to changing conditions when the weather becomes a problem. I want to reiterate that parents are the final authority as to whether or not they believe it is safe for their child to go to school. If you feel it is too cold, the snow is too deep, or the weather is too unsettled, your decision may be to keep your child home.

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Superintendent Cochrane-Fountain City School District

Elementary Portrait of a Pirate

C-FC staff believe that students are more than just a test score. For the past 3 years teachers have been working on identifying what this means for our elementary students - the Portrait of a Pirate. One aspect is student character, and we have expanded and defined Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn to incorporate the values we believe in for our students and school community.

This year we are putting these values into our everyday experience. In our Elementary each morning our students participate in discussions and activities centered around these values. Students set personal goals for what they individually need; staff give weekly student shout out's for achieving their goals or exemplifying that value; a student in each class is recognized for their individual accomplishments with bimonthly rewards with Mrs. McKay; and our school community celebrates our student progress each quarter. All C-FC staff have been reinforcing, reminding, and reteaching so these values are part of our students' everyday life.

Our first Portrait of a Pirate whole-school celebration for students was on November 1. We have seen personal growth in each of our students, in academics and character, and are excited to acknowledge their hard work and successes.

We have also modified our Elementary report cards to reflect the character values in our "Portrait of a Pirate". Please review these with your child and thank you for supporting your child's education. We look forward to working with you to continue to develop the positive character in our young Pirates!

Mrs. Sue McKay, Elementary Principal



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2023-24 Cochrane Fountain City School Calendar

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August 16 & 17– New Teacher Staff Development

August 21, 22, 23, 24– Staff Development - **No Students**

August 23 – Open House PreK-12

August 28 – First Day of School for Students

September 4 – Labor Day – **No School**

September 18-22 – Homecoming

October 20 - Staff Development - **No Students**

November 7 & 9 - P/ T Evening Conferences PreK-12

November 10 – Staff Development - **No Students**

November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break - **No School**

December 25 – January 1 Winter Break - **No School**

January 22 - Staff Development - No Students

February 16 – **No School**

February 19 – Staff Development – **No Students**

March 15 – Staff Development – **No Students** (Snow Day)

March 25 & 26 – P/T Evening Conferences PreK-12

March 27 - April 1 - Spring Break – **No School**

April 26 - Staff Development – **No Students** (Snow Day)

May 25 – Graduation

May 27 – Memorial Day – **No School**

May 30 – Last Day of School

May 31 – Staff Development Day – **No Students** (Snow Day)

School Day (M, T, R, F) 8:00 – 3:21

Wednesday Early Release at 2:54 p.m.

Parent / Teacher Conference 3:30 - 7:30 pm



First / Last Day of School

Teacher Professional Development Days - No Students

No School / Holiday

Parent / Teacher Conferences

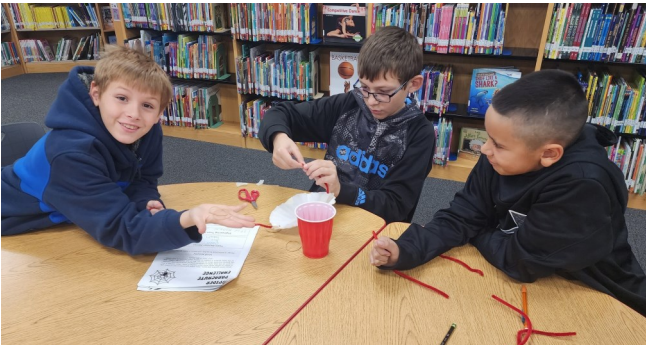
* The calendar may be revised during the school year depending on emergency days missed or other circumstances.

* Inclement weather days:

- The first 3 days will not be made up.
- The next 3 will be made up in person on in-service days, sequentially, in March, April, and May.
- Any additional days will be conducted a virtual learning days.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Launching into the world of science with #CFCPiratePride sixth graders!



#CFCPiratePride kindergarteners had a blast with their pizza transformations!



#CFCPiratePride sixth-graders took a journey to the past with their annual Civil War camp.



Fifth-grade #CFCPiratePride engineers embarked on an exciting challenge!



#CFCPiratePride Spanish 2 students and art classes recently went on a fantastic field trip.



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#CFCPiratePride Halloween Fun!

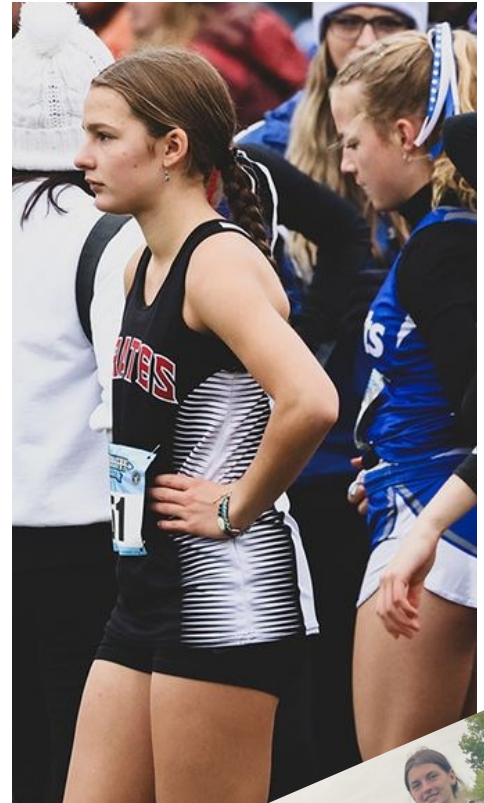
Check out these spooktacular snapshots, the creativity, costumes, and smiles were in abundance for Halloween!



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FALL SPORTS



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NEWS FROM THE PIRATE KITCHEN

The foodservice department is back in full swing! The cooks are trying some new recipes that have been well received and more scratch cooking is taking place. Thank you for all the extra effort the staff does each day!

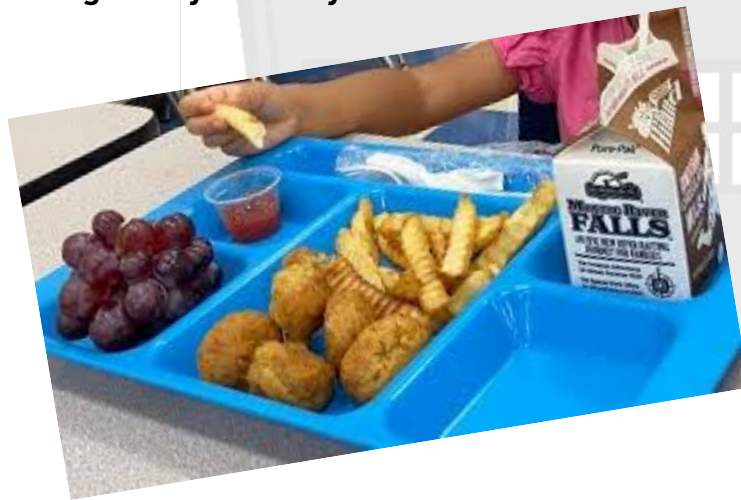
A few quick reminders for parents and staff, the State of Wisconsin requires the school nutrition staff to provide meals that meet state guidelines. The three-component breakfast meal consists of a student taking one grain and a ½ cup of fruit or vegetable and a third component choice from milk, meat/meat alternate, an extra grain, fruit, or a juice. A three-component lunch meal must consist of a meat/meat alternate and a ½ cup of fruit or vegetable; the third component may consist of milk, a grain, and extra meat/meat alternate, or an additional fruit or vegetable. A student has the option of using the daily salad bar to meet the ½ cup fruit or vegetable requirement. If a student does not meet the required guidelines set by the State of Wisconsin, the meal must be charged at full adult price. Please help us educate students on the state guideline requirements.

Free and Reduced Meal applications are available at any point during the school year. All families are encouraged to apply. An application can be picked up at the Main Office, by contacting Amanda Brakke, or by following the link below.

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/free-reduced-meal-application.doc>

CFC's meal account policy states that any family lunch account that falls negative \$50 will be froze. No charges will be allowed, and meals will have to be sent from home until the Balance is brought back to a positive balance.

Thanks for a great start to the school year! We are looking forward to serving healthy meals to your children!



Amanda Brakke
Food Service Director
Cochrane Fountain City School
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608-687-8866

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Holiday Band & Choir Concert
December 11th – Grades 5–8 @ 6:30 PM
December 18th – Grades 9–12 @ 6:30 PM
C–FC Auditorium

No School	
November	20 th - 24 th
December	25 th - 29 th
January	1 st & 22 nd
February	16 th & 19 th



**Holiday
Craft Fair**
@ C-FC Schools
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 2nd

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The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. If any person believes that the C-FC School District or any part of the school organization has failed to follow the law and rules of s.118.13, Wisconsin Stats, and PI 9, Wis. Admin. Code, or in some way discriminates against pupils on the bases listed above, he/she may bring or send a complaint to the District Administrator, C-FC Schools, S2770 State Highway 35, Fountain City, WI 54629, 608-687-7771



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