



# NEWSLETTER

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# WELCOME BACK!

AUGUST 2024

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer break. As we gear up for the upcoming school year, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued dedication and support as a member of the Cochrane-Fountain City School District. The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, filled with anticipation and new beginnings. I am personally motivated and encouraged by the hard work and commitment of everyone involved in preparing our facilities for the upcoming year. From completing important projects such as asbestos abatement and new flooring in seven elementary classrooms, to roof maintenance, new siding, tuckpointing, front entrance banners, the veteran hall of fame, and the wall of honor, our team has truly gone above and beyond.

I am also thrilled to welcome new additions to our C-FC family this fall. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Amy Schaefer, who will be joining us as the new elementary principal and Kelly Demers as our full time psychologist/special education director. We are also excited to have Trevor Derksen as our new Science teacher, Clarissa Webb as our new English Teacher, Mikayla Gretebeck as our new 5th-grade teacher, Emily Henderson as our interventionist, and Paige Allemann as our speech pathologist. Additionally, we have some familiar faces taking on new roles, including Chris Ritscher as our Agriculture teacher, Amanda McKitty in the 2nd/3rd-grade blended classroom, and Heidi Noll as a 1st-grade teacher. I am confident that their expertise and passion will greatly contribute to our student's growth and success.

In today's ever-changing educational landscape, we face numerous challenges. However, our mission remains unchanged - to equip our students with the necessary skills and knowledge to thrive in an increasingly complex world. We must encourage our students to think critically, foster their understanding of fundamental concepts, and ignite their curiosity to explore the unknown. To achieve this ambitious goal, we will continue to implement our "Portrait of a Pirate" initiative, which recognizes the unique goals, skills, and interests of each student. We firmly believe that students are more than just test scores, and we consider their overall educational journey, including coursework, extracurricular activities, standardized test scores, academic grades, employment experiences, and community service, as well as their ability to demonstrate essential soft skills both inside and outside the classroom. By focusing on this holistic approach, we aim to increase student engagement, set higher expectations, and empower our students to take ownership of their learning.

Once again, I want to extend a warm welcome to the new school year. I am truly excited to collaborate with each and every one of you to create a safe and productive learning environment that fosters student success. Together, let's make this a great year!

Sincerely,  
Troy White, Superintendent  
Cochrane-Fountain City School District



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# NEW FOR 2023-2024

## NEW FACES & NEW PLACES

### New Faces

- Amy Schaefer, ES Principal
- Clarissa Webb, English
- Trevor Derksen, Science
- Makayla Gretebeck, 5th Grade
- Emily Henderson, Interventionist
- Paige Allemann, Speech Pathologist

### New Places

- Chris Ritscher, Agriculture
- Amanda McKitty, 2nd/3rd Grade
- Heidi Noll, 1st Grade
- Kelly Demers, Full time



## PRESCHOOL



The C-FC School District has expanded its educational and play-based curriculum to offer **five days a week to all three- and four-year-old children.**

The 4K program for next year will continue to be available to all children who turn four by September 1, 2024, and reside within the

C-FC school district or accepted through open enrollment. Our preschool program for next year will be available to all children who turn three by September 1, 2024, and reside within the C-FC school district at a rate of \$25 a day, plus meals. Families can apply for tuition reduction, based on the free and reduced guidelines provided by the state.

## ENROLL TODAY!

Contact our school office at 608-687-4391 or stop in to receive the application paperwork with the necessary forms. You will need the following information:

- ✓ Household information – address and phone numbers.
- ✓ Parent information – work number, cell phone numbers, and email address.
- ✓ Student information – demographic and health/medication information.
- ✓ Emergency Contact – addresses and phone numbers.
- ✓ Student vaccination record.
- ✓ Name and address of last school attended (if applicable).
- ✓ Most recent report card or high school transcript (if available).

Students enrolling in school for the first time will need to also provide the office with the following documentation:

- Birth Certificate

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# OPEN HOUSE

2024-2025 Open House & Registration  
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 1:00 – 6:00

## All students:

- ◆ Update
  - Registration information
  - Parent and emergency contacts
  - Health information
- ◆ School pictures with Jostens
- ◆ Meet your teachers
- ◆ Drop-off your school supplies
- ◆ Free & reduced lunch applications
- ◆ Transportation information



## Grades 7-12 only

- ◆ Junior High Orientation 6:00 pm in the Auditorium (Grades 7 and 8).
- ◆ Find your locker, try the combination to open and drop-off your school supplies.
- ◆ Learn about and sign up for Athletics and Activities.
- ◆ Chromebooks will be distributed on the first day of classes.

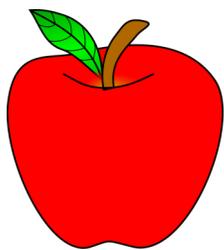
## Three and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten

- ◆ Parent/Guardian classroom visit, Monday, August 26th.
  - \* Families will be contacted to schedule a 1-hour classroom visit to:
    - Bring in all of your child's supplies.
    - Meet the teachers and paraprofessionals.
    - Become acquainted with their classroom.
    - Pay for milk break.
- ◆ 3K and 4K students' first day of school will be August 27th.

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# STUDENT INFORMATION



**Office Hours** - The school office will open at 7:30 in the morning. Students may enter the building beginning at 7:45 a.m. Students must check in or out of school for the day through the office. The office closes at 4:00 p.m.

**Student Access** - Students should arrive after 7:45. Note that the main entrance

to the building will open at 7:30 a.m., and any student arriving prior to 7:45 will wait in the school commons.

**Student/Family Handbook** - The Student-Family Handbook is available on our website. All students and parents are encouraged to become familiar with the policies in the handbook. Each family is required to sign a form indicating your family read the handbook. Students will not be allowed to participate in co-curricular activities or field trips until this form has been turned in.

**Homework Requests** - Requests for homework to be collected and sent home on days of absence must be made before 8:45 a.m. in order to assure the notification of all teachers. Parents are encouraged to ask for homework for absences of more than one day.

**Leaving School During the Day** - When it is necessary for a child to leave school during the school day, the parent is requested to provide a written notice or to call the office. Once notified of the pending departure, the student is provided a "Permit to Leave the Building" slip. Parents may pick up their child at the main entrance to the building or in the designated Pick Up Lane in the parking lot.

**Clearing Absences** - Parents should call the school on the day of the student's absence to clear it. You may also email the office secretaries regarding the absence, (mbagniewski@cfc.k12.wi.us) & (kpehler@cfc.k12.wi.us). Please email both secretaries to ensure notification. All absences should be cleared with the office by a parent/guardian within 2 days. An absence is considered to be unexcused until we hear from a parent/guardian.

**Student Visitors** - C-FC is a closed campus. Non-enrolled students are not allowed to visit school at any time.

**Bus Transportation** - Bus transportation is provided for all students. C-FC will only allow students to go to and from school from their designated destination. There will not be any bus passes to other locations given unless there is an emergency. The school establishes bus routes yearly and all students will have assigned seating

## ELEMENTARY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Grades K-6** - The kick off to the school year will start on Monday August 26th. Any students who have not received a room assignment should report to the main office. Elementary classes start at 8:10 a.m. and are dismissed by grade level from 3:05 to 3:12 p.m. depending on grade level.

**Phones & two-way communication devices** - Personal electronic devices, such as cell phones, ear buds, smart watches, etc., should not be brought to school without written parent permission in the school office. A parent may request, in writing, using the form from the school office for their child to have a personal electronic device with them at school. The device must be off and put away once the student has arrived at school and may not be accessed until after dismissal from the school day.

## JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

**Grades 7-12** - Students in grades 7-12 will meet in the auditorium at 8:00 for a welcome and update on policies on August 26th. Students will then break into class meetings to discuss class activities for the year. Following the meetings, students will proceed through a shortened period schedule for the day. High school classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:14 p.m.

**Lockers** - All 7-12 hall lockers have built-in combination locks on them. Physical education students are issued a lock for their locker at no cost. Only school-issued locks are allowed on PE lockers. Students who damage or fail to return a school lock will pay \$4.00 to purchase a new one.

**Backpacks** - Students may use backpacks to transport school materials to and from school, but backpacks will not be used to transport materials between classes. Backpacks in the classroom have created an unsafe walking area in classes and some students are carrying an unneeded amount of weight during hallway passing.

**Phones & two-way communication devices** - Students who bring cell phones to school will be required to keep them in their assigned locker during classes. Students must have administrative permission to use their phones during scheduled class time.

**Chromebooks** - All 7-12 students receive a Chromebook on the first day of classes, for academic use in research and completing assignments. Students are responsible for the use and care of their Chromebook. Parents and students must sign the Technology Use Agreement form prior to receiving a Chromebook.



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## 2024-25 Cochrane Fountain City School Calendar

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- August 14 & 15 – New Teacher & Staff Float Day
- August 19 - 21 – Staff Development / **No Students**
- August 21 – Open House PreK-12 & Head Start
- August 22 – Staff Float Day
- August 26 - 29 – **Kickoff Days for Students**
- August 30 – **No School**
- September 2 – Labor Day / **No School**
- August 26 – **First Required Day of School**
- October 4 – Homecoming
- October 8 & 10 – P/ T Evening Conferences PreK-12
- October 11 – Staff Development / **No Students**
- November 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break / **No School**

- Dec 23–Jan 1 – Winter Break / **No School**
- January 20 – Staff Development / **No Students**
- February 17 – Staff Development / **No Students**
- March 24 & 25 – P/T Evening Conferences PreK-12
- March 26 – Staff Development / **No Students (Snow Day)**
- March 27 - 29 – Spring Break / **No School**
- March 31 – Staff Development / No Students
- April 18 – No Students (Snow Day)
- May 23 – Graduation 7:30 pm
- May 26 – Memorial Day/ **No School**
- May 30 – Last Day of School Early Release 12:30 pm
- Staff Development 1:00 - 4:00 PM (**Snow Day**)

School Day (Mon - Fri) 8:00 – 3:14

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 the following staff development days:  
January 20th    February 17th    April 18th
- Any additional days will be conducted as virtual learning days.

# STUDENT FEES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH TYPE OF FEE.

## CO-/EXTRA-CURRICULAR FEES

**Co-/extra-curricular fees are to be paid PRIOR to a student participating in co-/extra-curricular activities.** The form is available to complete and/or print from our website under the C-FC Manuals and Forms link. This form should be completed, checks made out to the school for the correct amount and both the form and fees turned in to the school office. Fee payment status will be updated on a daily basis.

If a student participates in only one co-/extra-curricular activity, the per-activity fee of \$35.00 should be paid. A student participating in two activities would pay \$70.00 and a student participating in three or more activities would pay a maximum of \$105.00 for the year. There is a \$150.00 family maximum.

## ELEMENTARY MILK BREAK FEE

Beginning with the first day of school, white or chocolate milk (1/2 pint), will be available at break for students in grades 4K-6 at a cost of \$0.60 per carton or \$25.00 per student per semester. Families may pay by the year or by the semester. Break money will be collected by the child's teacher on the first day of school. Students will be allowed to participate only after payment has been received. Parents may make one check payable to C-FC School for all participating children in the family. Students in grades 3K-5th grade, who qualify for Free & Reduce meals are able to have free milk break.

Please make **separate** checks for milk break and lunch

## CO-/EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

### Athletics

- Football
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Hockey
- Track
- Baseball
- Softball
- Trap

### Activities/Clubs

- FBLA
- NHS
- FFA
- Choir/Band
- Student Council
- Forensics
- International Club
- Robotics
- Math Team
- Skills USA
- FCCLA
- Drama/Musical

## DAIRYLAND CONFERENCE ATHLETIC EVENT ADMISSIONS

The Dairyland Conference has changed the admission policy for conference games/meets. Students/children will no longer be charged an admission fee. Senior citizen passes issued by a school district will be accepted at all schools.

Seniors (age 62 and older) who do not have a pass can request one through the main office.

We will only have one season pass...for adults...for \$40.00. If you plan to attend more than 10 events, this is great way to save money.

Passes will be available at the ticket table the first few home games.

## DAIRYLAND CONFERENCE ATHLETIC EVENT ADMISSIONS

**Adult ~ \$4.00 Students are Free.**

Senior Citizen are free for conference athletic events.

Please note that non-conference events and WIAA playoffs events may have different prices.



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# STUDENT MEALS

## FEE AND REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATION FORMS DUE IN ASAP

Each family in the district with school-age children should have received a free and reduced price meal application in the mail. Please look over the information, complete the application and send it to school. Return the application in a sealed envelope and label it ATTN: Food Service. In order for children to receive free or reduced price meals beginning with the first day of school, application forms should be turned in to school PRIOR to the first day students are in school.

### MEAL PRICES SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25

Breakfast: Elementary=\$1.65 Jr/Sr High=\$1.95.  
Lunch: Elementary=\$3.00 Jr High=\$3.15 Sr High=\$3.15

Families whose income changes to make them eligible during the school year may apply at that time by calling the Food Service office (608-687-8866) or downloading the application from our website: <http://www.cfc.k12.wi.us>.

All submitted information is totally confidential.

Please take the time to review the free/reduced price meal application to see if your family is eligible. If you qualify for free or reduced price meals, there are many benefits for you, your children and the school!

\*Families who qualify for free or reduced price meals may request to have the co-curricular fees waived. This could add up to a savings of \$150 per family.

\*The federal and state government uses the total participant numbers in the free and reduced lunch program when they award Title I funding. Participation in this program can also result in the availability of other grant dollars as well. What that means is that our school gets more money in aid for every student who is enrolled in the free and reduced price meal program.

### Online Payments for Meal Accounts

Payments can be made using a credit or debit card, a checking account or a savings account to deposit funds in your child(ren)'s meal account. This service is available 24/7 via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Information is available on our website under Auxiliary Services/Food & Nutrition or in print in the main office.

Questions regarding how to set up online payment on the portal or regarding your family's meal account or balance should be directed to Amanda Brakke at 687-8866 x208.

## SCHOOL MEALS ACCOUNT POLICY

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has jurisdiction over the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and Breakfast Program (SBP). They require each state/local school district to institute and clearly communicate a meal charge policy which informs parents and students who pay full or reduced price cost for their meals how they will be impacted by having insufficient funds in their account to purchase a meal. USDA guidelines give jurisdiction to state/local school districts to set policies that allow schools to impose a limit on charges, offer alternate meals, or allow neither negative meal charges nor offer alternate meals.

Students whose family accounts are approved for free meals will always be served a planned menu meal without charge. They can, however, be restricted from making any charges to their account for additional food options. An application for free/reduced price meals can be submitted at any time throughout the school year. Once a child is approved for free or reduced price school meals, their eligibility status remains in effect for the duration of the school year and 30 operating days into the following school year or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first.

School Board Policy 763 and Rule 763 cover school meal charges and collections information. Once a family account reaches a balance of -\$50.00, an alternate meal option will be provided. Alternate meals will consist of a peanut butter or cheese sandwich, a fruit or vegetable and a milk.

Any student with any size negative balance in their family lunch account will not be allowed to:

- purchase items not associated with planned menu items for the day;
- double punch at breakfast or lunch time (eat more than one planned meal or meal item);
- purchase ala carte items;
- sign up for an after-school lunch; until the account balance is brought back to a positive balance.

Please review the policy in its entirety in the Appendix of the Student/Parent Manual.

The logo for 'My School MENUS' features the words 'My School' in a green, cursive font and 'MENUS' in a bold, green, sans-serif font below it.

are available online at  
<https://cfc.nutrislice.com/>

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# NEWS FROM THE PIRATE KITCHEN

As the summer is starting to wind down, I would like to share a few quick notes from the food service department. Please reach out if you have any questions regarding the following information!

- Free and Reduced Meal applications are available now. All families are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found on our website, picked up at the main office, and will be available during open house, by contacting Amanda Brakke, or by following this link. <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/doc/free-reduced-meal-application.doc>
- A reminder for students requesting special dietary needs: The food service department is only allowed to make substitutions with a signed medical statement. The appropriate form can be found following this link. <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/medical-statement.pdf> Please reach out to me or the school nurse to make sure there is one on file.
- I am excited to share that CFC Elementary received the WI School Breakfast Expansion Grant for the 2024 and 2025 school years! With the help of this grant, we will be able to improve the nutritional quality of school breakfast foods by reducing sodium, and added sugars while increasing whole grains, fruits, vegetables, and meat/meat alternates. We will be offering from-scratch cooking multiple times a week. Watch next year's breakfast menu for items labeled "From Scratch".
- CFC's meal account policy states that any family lunch account that falls negative \$50 will be frozen. No charges will be allowed, and meals will have to be sent from home until the balance is brought back to positive.

Hoping to see everyone at the Open House. I am so excited for this next school year and will see you all soon!  
Amanda Brakke, Food Service Director, [abrakke@cfc.k12.wi.us](mailto:abrakke@cfc.k12.wi.us)

## MESSAGE FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### High School Athletes, Fall Sport Start Dates:

Football: August 6th  
Girls Golf: August 12th  
Cross Country: August 19th  
Volleyball: August 19th

### Junior High Athletes, Fall Sport Start Dates:

Football: August 19th  
Cross Country: August 19th  
Volleyball: August 19th

Please refer to [www.cfcpirates.com](http://www.cfcpirates.com) for all athletic information. Register for Fall Sports can be found on the Athletic Web page under registration. Payment for athletics is by check or cash to the mail office (\$35 per sport, \$105 individual max, and \$150 family max).

Concussion Testing: All 7th, 9th, and 11th graders need to take their baseline ImPACT test this year. This Test needs to be completed every other year. 6th grade students who are going out for Cross Country, Wrestling, Track and Golf need to take the ImPACT tests, as well.

Athletic Forms: All registration needs to be completed online in order to participate in athletics. If you have any questions or concerns send an email to [tnelson@cfc.k12.wi.us](mailto:tnelson@cfc.k12.wi.us).

- Tim Nelson, Athletic Director



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# MEDICAL INFORMATION

## STUDENT ILLNESS & RETURN TO SCHOOL

Students need to be fever free without taking fever reducers for 24 hours before returning to school. Recommendations for returning to school vary greatly depending on the health issue. C-FC follows the guidelines established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services. Please contact the school nurse with questions regarding any health concerns.

### DENTAL, HEALTH, VISION EXAM & IMMUNIZATIONS

**EXAM:** All first time entry 4K and/or Kindergarten students are asked to complete dental and physical exams with their practitioners. The State of Wisconsin requires schools to request vision exams for entering kindergartners. This exam can be completed by your child's physician; however, the recommendation is to have a more thorough exam with an optometrist or ophthalmologist. If funding is an issue, please call the school nurse for more information regarding assistance for vision exams. All forms are to be submitted upon entry to school.

**IMMUNIZATION:** Wisconsin currently requires students to either be immunized or have a signed waiver in order to attend school. There are minimum requirements at each grade level. A chart listing these requirements by grade level can be accessed on our website or on the Department of Health's website (listed below.) The school nurse can also provide you with a chart and paperwork to complete these requirements. In addition to your child's provider, immunizations can be given by Buffalo County Public Health in Alma. They can be reached at 608-685-4412 to make an appointment.

### MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

State Statute 118.07(3)

Meningococcal Disease (MD) is a serious illness caused by a bacteria. It is a leading cause of bacterial meningitis in children 2-18 years of age in the United States. Meningitis is an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It also causes blood infections.

MD is often misdiagnosed as something less serious because early symptoms are similar to common viral illnesses. Symptoms of MD may include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, confusion, exhaustion and/or a rash.

MD is spread through direct contact with respiratory and/or oral secretions from infected persons (kissing or sharing drinking containers.) It can develop and spread quickly throughout the body, so early diagnosis and treatment is very important. Even with immediate treatment, the disease can kill an otherwise healthy young person within hours of the first symptoms. Of those who do survive, up to 20% may endure permanent disabilities which include brain damage, deafness and/or limb amputations.

Anyone can get Meningococcal Disease, but it is most common in infants less than one year and people with certain medical conditions such as lack of a spleen. Also at risk are college freshmen who live in dorms.

Although not yet required by Wisconsin, the initial vaccination to protect your child(ren) from this can be given at age 11.

### INFLUENZA

Influenza is a contagious disease that is caused by the influenza virus. It affects the respiratory tract in humans (nose, throat, and lungs). Influenza is different from a cold and is not what most people refer to as 'stomach flu.' Influenza usually comes on suddenly and may include the following symptoms: fever, headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, body aches.

The single, best way to prevent the transmission of influenza is to be immunized.

### CONTAGIOUS AILMENTS

Listed below is an overview of three common highly contagious ailments that children (and adults) can contract. The best prevention to avoid these ailments is to wash hands using soap several times daily, keep the environment around you clean and don't share drinks, exchange hats or share mascara or other makeup. Children who contract any of these ailments will be required to stay home from school until they have been properly medicated and are no longer contagious. Parents who recognize any of these symptoms in their child should keep their child home until the symptoms are resolved.

**HEAD LICE** \*Symptoms: Itchy scalp, tiny white eggs or nits firmly attached to hair. \*Prevention: Do not share combs, brushes, hats or hair accessories. \*Treatment: Using a prescription or over the counter lice shampoo. Comb with a fine toothed comb to remove nits. Wash clothes and bedding in hot water and dry on high heat.

**MONONUCLEOSIS** \*Symptoms: Fatigue, fever, headache, sore throat, swollen glands in the neck and near ears. \*Prevention: Don't share beverage containers with an infected person. Some people can be carriers without having an active infection so don't assume someone not showing symptoms is clear. \*Treatment: Mono is a viral infection that can last from 2-8 weeks. Get plenty of rest, drink a lot of fluids, and avoid strenuous activity.

**PINKEYE (CONJUNCTIVITIS)** \*Symptoms: Inflammation of the eye that causes the eye to be red and itchy and produce discharge that crusts over during sleep. \*Prevention: Use a clean washcloth and towel daily. Wash hands thoroughly and keep them away from eyes. Avoid sharing makeup. \*Treatment: Pinkeye can be viral or bacterial. Antibiotic eyedrops will be prescribed.



## TAKING MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Any child requiring medications/procedures during school hours or during co-/extra-curricular activity times will need to have the pink medication form completed by parents and a physician on file prior to the school's administration of the medication or procedure. The pink form must be completed and medications must come in prescription labeled containers or the original over-the-counter container. Please send only a small container of the medicine; you can inform the pharmacist the medicine is for school administration and the container needs to be as small as possible. Although all self-administered medications (i.e. asthma inhalers) with doctor's approval can be carried by the student, they must also be registered in the nurse's office with the same pink medication permission form.

For More information:

<https://www.cfc.k12.wi.us>

Families/Students

Health Services

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## WEATHER CLOSING & DELAYS

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., and a notice sent to the following locations:

### Internet / Social Media

- C-FC Website
- C-FC Facebook
- Infinite Campus Message

### Television

- WEAU TV - 13/Eau Claire
- WKBT TV - 8/La Crosse
- WXOW TV - 19/La Crosse
- WCCO TV - 4/Minneapolis

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, the 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.

Sincerely,  
Troy White,  
Superintendent Cochrane-Fountain City School District



## C-FC BUDGET HEARING

Monday, October 28th  
Budget Hearing, 6:00 p.m.  
Annual Meeting follows budget meeting.  
C-FC School Library



## Makeup for School closure



The district calendar includes 3 snow/inclement weather days. Instruction will not occur on the first 3 days. The next 3 snow/inclement weather days will be made up, sequentially, on the in-service days. Remote learning will occur on any additional snow/inclement weather days. This will maintain compliance with Wisconsin Statute 121.02(1)(f) which specifies the number of hours of instruction a school district must provide during a school year.

## PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

3:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
October 8th and 10th & March 24th & 25th.  
All 3K-12 Conferences are held in classrooms.  
Watch for details at the Open House.

## Staff and Student Parking

Student Parking: Students driving to school will park in the front lot and enter the building using the main entryway.

Staff Parking: Staff will park in the secure lot by the football field.

## Join the PTO

No experience necessary... just a willingness to share your skills with an organized group helping the school.

Facebook.com/cfcpto or ptogroup@cfc.k12.wi.us

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## DROP OFF/ PICK UP

Parents are still welcome to drop-off/pick-up their students. Drop-off/pick-up will remain where it is currently on the sidewalk of the front lot (south side of building). To avoid children walking in the lot and between cars, please pick your student up by the sidewalk. Please be aware that student drivers will be parking and driving in the front lot. Because the buses will be using the circle, no cars are allowed in the circle during drop-off/pick-up times.



## CAN YOU SUBSTITUTE?



Interested in bus driving? How about teaching? Being a teacher aid?

If you would be interested in substitute bus driving, working in the kitchen or substitute teaching/aiding, please call, 608-687-4391

Bus: Randy Fetting - ext. 139

Teacher/Para: Megan Bagniewski - ext. 101

Food Service: Amanda Brakke - ext. 208

## SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures, taken by Jostens Photo, will be held for all students on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 pm – 6 pm.

All students should have a photo taken regardless of whether ordering pictures. They are used for infinite campus, the yearbook, the photo ID, and for the lunch card.

Parents wishing to order pictures will need to complete the order form and enclose a payment for the correct amount.

**Jostens encourage you to order your picture packages online. Look for the packets online at:**

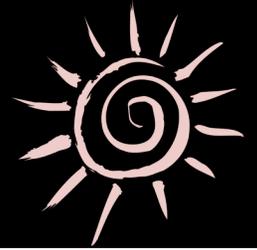
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# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING DURING SUMMER BREAK?

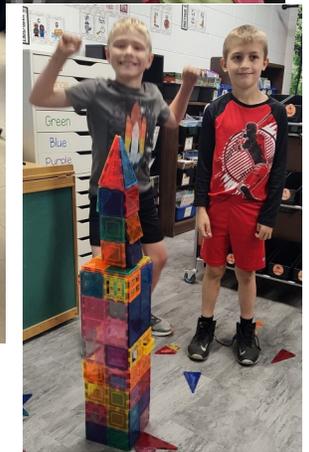


## FFA had a great convention this year!

- Kaleb Ellis finished as the State Runner Up for the Star Farmer, this is one of the biggest accomplishments at the State level.
- Andrea Stolz, Kaleb Ellis, and Janelle Wolfe received their State FFA Degree.
- Proficiencies: Corbyn Weber was first in the Food Service Proficiency, Kaleb Ellis finished 1st in Diversified Ag. Production, and Janelle Wolfe placed fifth in Organic Agriculture.
- Corbyn Weber created the C-FC Scrapbook which was the overall winner in the State.
- Corbyn also was chosen to be a National FFA Choir member and was a part of the State FFA Chorus
- Ana Knecht participated in the State Band.
- Joette Wolfe competed in the Discussion Meet.
- Mya Stanton competed in the Employment Skills.
- Alyvia Arneson, Corbyn Weber, Samantha Bork, Annie Bork, Andrea Stolz, and Mya Stanton competed as a team in Parliamentary Procedure.
- Callie Speltz, Kaylee Schultz, Annie Bork, Alyvia Arneson, and Mya Stanton competed in the High School Quiz Bowl contest.
- Jorja Wolfe and Maeva Noeldner served as our chapter delegates.



## SUMMER SCHOOL



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# Cochrane-Fountain City School District

## 2023-24 Annual Notices

Each year Wisconsin school districts are required to inform parents/guardians of annual notices. These notices require they be delivered in many different forms. These annual notices are available on the district website <https://www.cfc.k12.wi.us/district/annual-notices.cfm>. The listing below provides links to annual notice webpages and/or sites or the information directly. Please note you may receive some of the notices in a different format (U.S. Mail, newsletter, etc.) as required by federal and/or state statute. If you would like paper copies of the annual notices or have any questions regarding these notices, please contact the Superintendent at 608-687-7771.

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### General Student Nondiscrimination

The Cochrane-Fountain City School District prohibits all forms of unlawful discrimination against students and other persons in all aspects of the District's programs and operations. Accordingly, consistent with section 118.13 of the state statutes, no person shall unlawfully be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, sexual orientation, race, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, or physical, any mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other legally-protected status or classification.

The District likewise requires and enforces nondiscrimination in a manner consistent with the rights and obligations established under all applicable federal civil rights laws, including the current provisions of Titles IV and VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race, color, religion, sex, or national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (disability), the Americans with Disabilities Act (including Title II of the ADA, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in state and local government services), the Age Discrimination Act (age), and the civil rights provisions associated with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the District's participation in federal meal programs.

The District's commitment to nondiscrimination and to responding appropriately to any report, allegation, or confirmed incident of unlawful discrimination against any student is further addressed in the School Board's policies, including but not limited to Board Policy 113, Board Policy 411, and Board Policy 411.1. As further required by the Board's policies and applicable law: The District provides legally-required accommodations and appropriate educational services or programs for students who have a qualifying disability, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. The District also provides for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held **religious beliefs** with regard to examinations and other academic requirements.

Pursuant to the current provisions of **Title IX** of the Education Amendments of 1972 and under the regulations set forth in Chapter 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("the federal Title IX regulations"), the District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that the District operates. A more comprehensive notice covering the application of Title IX to the District is available on the District's website at <https://www.cfc.k12.wi.us/district/title-ix.cfm>. The District's Title IX notice identifies each of the District's designated Title IX Coordinators and includes additional information on how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of sexual harassment under Title IX, and the manner in which the District will respond to such reports or complaints.

District shall provide children of **homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth**, as identified under federal law, with equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including the provision of comparable services, as the District provides to other children and youth who reside in or otherwise attend school in the District.

All District **career and technical education** opportunities are offered to students on a nondiscriminatory basis. Additional information regarding such program offerings and the applicable admission/participation criteria can be obtained by contacting any school's guidance office.

The contact information for the District's primary nondiscrimination coordinator for student matters is as follows:

Amy Schaefer, Elementary Principal  
S2270 State Hwy 35  
Fountain City, WI 54629  
608-687-4391 x 106  
aschaefer@cfc.k12.wi.us

The nondiscrimination coordinator identified above is authorized to receive any student discrimination complaint, including any complaint arising under Chapter PI 9 (student nondiscrimination under state law) or Chapter PI 41 (accommodation of students' religious beliefs) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. The coordinator identified above also serves as a District Title IX Coordinator, as a District ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, and as the District's liaison for homeless children and youth.

Board Policy 113 further provides that an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment under the federal Title IX regulations, or a parent or guardian who has a legal right to act on behalf of such an individual, may file a formal complaint of sexual harassment. Any such formal complaint of Title IX sexual harassment shall be submitted in writing or as an electronic submission to a District Title IX Coordinator in person, by U.S. mail, or by electronic mail.

Formal complaints alleging Title IX sexual harassment will be processed using the District's designated Title IX grievance process for such complaints. Unless applicable laws require the use of other processes (e.g., for certain special education matters), any other reports or complaints of prohibited student discrimination or prohibited retaliation will normally be processed under the complaint procedures that the District has established under Board Policy 411. For a complete copy of such complaint procedures, refer to 411-Rule 1 on the District's website.

Questions concerning this notice, the District's nondiscrimination policies, the application of student nondiscrimination laws to the District, or the District's complaint procedures may be directed to the nondiscrimination coordinator identified in this notice.

By following all required procedures and timelines of the applicable non-District entity, complaints of unlawful student discrimination may also be filed externally with an appropriate state or federal court or agency. Such courts and agencies independently determine the extent to which any given complaint falls within their scope of authority.

# Cochrane-Fountain City School District

## 2023-24 Annual Notices

### **Annual Notice Of Special Education Referral and Evaluation Procedures**

Upon request, the Cochrane-Fountain City School District is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting the Director of Special Education.

### **Cochrane-Fountain City School District Notice of Education Options**

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 115.28 (54m) & 118.57(1), notice must be provided regarding the educational options available to all students who are at least three years old, but not yet 18 years old who reside in the district. Each of the following areas represent educational options for Wisconsin students.

The Cochrane-Fountain City School District is a public school whose primary educational pathway and instructional program for students involves a progression from 4-year-old kindergarten through 12th grade, leading to a high school diploma.

The District's schools, and each school's most recent state-assigned performance category, are listed below:

Institution	State Rating	Level
District	Exceeds Expectations	4K-12
C-FC High School	Meets Expectations	7-12
C-FC Elementary	Exceeds Expectations	4K-6

The full version of the District's most recent school and district accountability report, as issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction under section 115.385 of the state statutes, can be accessed via the following page <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/home>.

Some of the specific education programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending the District's schools include the following:

- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old but not yet school age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English language learner services
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming
- Youth Apprenticeships.
- Alternative education program(s)
- Individualized program and curriculum modifications
- Summer school programming
- Virtual/Online learning
- Independent study (High School)
- Work Study
- Early post-secondary options for high school students including:
  - Transcribed classes (High school courses with concurrent enrollment in institutions of higher education)
  - Advanced Placement (AP) courses

Student may participate in early post-secondary opportunities by enrolling in off-site courses at higher education institutions as allowed under state law to advance in their academic and career pathways. These opportunities may be accessed through the Start College Now program for Technical Colleges and the Early

College Credit Program for UW System institutions, private non-profit higher education institutions, and tribally controlled colleges in the State of Wisconsin. Students may not participate concurrently in both the Start College Now and Early College Credit Program in the same term as defined in statute.

### Early College Program

- High School students in grades 9 through 12 may participate in the Early College Credit program and enroll in UW System institutions, private non-profit higher education institution, and tribally controlled colleges in the State of Wisconsin to take courses which lead to credit granted toward high school graduation, or for college credit only if they are not comparable to a course offered at the high school.
- Provides opportunities to take up to 18 credits under this program;
- If the course is non-comparable to a course at the high school and satisfies a high school graduation requirement there is no cost to the family except for the responsibility of transportation.
- If the course is non-comparable to a course at the high school and is for college credit only there is a 25% cost to the family in addition to the responsibility of transportation

### Start College Now Program

- Eleventh and twelfth grade students may participate in the Start College Now and enroll at Wisconsin Technical Colleges to take courses which lead to credit granted toward high school graduation.
- Provides opportunities to take up to 18 credits under this program;
- Is subject to state and local eligibility requirements, including that the course is non-comparable to a course at the high school and satisfies a high school graduation requirement.
- There is no cost to the family except for the responsibility of transportation.

Additional educational options for children who reside in the District that involve full-time enrollment/attendance at a school, program, or other educational institution that is not a school or instrumentality of the Cochrane-Fountain School District include the following:

- High school students meeting certain age and other eligibility requirements may be permitted to attend a technical college or certain other programs for the purpose of completing a program leading to a student's high school graduation or to a high school equivalency diploma.
- A child with a disability who meets the program's specific eligibility requirements may apply to attend an eligible, participating private school under a scholarship awarded through the state's "Special Needs Scholarship Program," as established under section 115.7915 of the state statutes.
- Enrollment in a private school of the family's choosing (at the family's own cost, as applicable)
- Enrollment in a home-based private educational program as provided under state law.
- athletics and other District extra-curricular activities as provided under section 118.133.

Educational options for children who reside in the Cochrane-Fountain School District but who are enrolled in and attending a private school or home-based private educational program include the following:

- Private school students in the high school grades have the opportunity to apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in a District school, pursuant to section 118.145(4) of the state statutes.
- Attend summer school classes/programs.
- Attend community education classes/programs.

Students who are enrolled in a home-based private educational program have the opportunity to:

- Apply for approval to take up to two courses per semester in public schools as provided under section 118.53.
- Participate in District interscholastic athletics and other District extra-curricular activities as provided under section 118.133.

For more information about any of the educational options listed in this notice, please contact the School's Main Office at 608-687-4391.

# Cochrane-Fountain City School District CHILD CENSUS

(Please print information)

The Cochrane-Fountain City School District collects census data.  
Please read and complete the information below as it pertains to you.

\*\*If you live in the Cochrane-Fountain City School District and your children will attend Cochrane-Fountain City School, please complete the information below for any children ages 5 and younger.

\*\*If you live in the Cochrane-Fountain City School District and your children will attend a school other than the Cochrane-Fountain City School, please complete the information below for ALL of your children.

Legal names of children (no nicknames, please)		
<i>Child's Name (first, middle, last name)</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Gender</i>
_____	_____	M F

### Parents or Guardians Who Live in the SAME household:

Father/Custodian Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Custodian Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address/City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle your town of residence:

Village of Cochrane

City of Fountain City

City of Buffalo City

Town of Lincoln

Town of Milton

Town of Belvidere

Town of Montana

City of Alma

Town of Buffalo

Town of Waumandee

Town of Cross

Date of Form Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:  
**Cochrane-Fountain City School District Census**  
S2770 State Road 35  
Fountain City, WI 54629

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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



# NEWSLETTER

COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The C-FC newsletter is available on the school website at [www.cfc.k12.wi.us](http://www.cfc.k12.wi.us). The newsletter is mailed in August to all postal patrons and additional issues to subscribers. If you would like to receive other C-FC newsletters by mail, subscribe at [mbagniewski@cfc.k12.wi.us](mailto:mbagniewski@cfc.k12.wi.us), or call 608.687.4391, ext. 101.

If your address changes, please notify us immediately. We are charged for each newsletter that is returned as undeliverable. You will be taken off the subscriber list if we receive this notice and charge.

Subscribers who change residences for the winter or who have their mail stopped while on vacation or during winter months should notify us to hold their subscription during that time.



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