



CN NEWS

Fall 2025

Dates to Know

Thanksgiving Break / Nov 26-28

K-4 Music Concert / Dec 8 / 6:30 PM

5-12 Winter Concert / Dec 15 / 6:30 PM

Winter Break / Dec 24 - Jan 2
School Resumes / Jan 5

Hall of Pride Induction / Jan 17

Winter Formal / Jan 31

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The Colo-NESCO Community School District is committed to guiding and nurturing the academic, emotional, physical, and social development of all students, while promoting lifelong learning and citizenship in today's rapidly changing world.

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Soils TEAM

Congratulations to our Colo-NESCO Soil Judging Team on their performance at the FFA State Soil Evaluation contest Oct. 9.

They were #1 in soil pit evaluation in the state and placed #2 overall, earning Reserve Champion.

By placing in the top five, they have advanced to the National FFA Soil Evaluation Contest in Oklahoma City May 4th-8th.



Advisor: Todd Frohwein

Coach: Jerry Strand

Team:

Blake Obrecht

Gavin Larsen

Emma Lennie

Audrey Campbell

Well Done!

FFA BREAKFAST



Gavin Larsen, Hope Heidemann and Andrew McMillen prepare the griddle for pancakes.

The Colo-NESCO FFA held their 2nd Annual Community Breakfast on November 15 at the Colo Community Center. The proceeds from this event will go toward sending our Soils Evaluation team to Nationals May 4th - 8th in OKC.



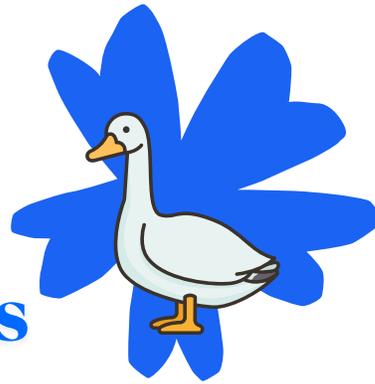
NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Tracy Porter will be sworn in during the December meeting of the Colo-NESCO school board to fill the seat left vacant by Katy McKinney at the close of her term. Congratulations, Tracy, and thank you, Katy, for your service!

Tracy is pictured at left along with board members, John Fuller and Justin Walker, and CN superintendent, Marc Snavelly.



Glenda the Good Goose and the Royal Values



At Colo-NESCO Elementary, our mascot Glenda the Good Goose helps remind students to follow our Royal Values: Relationships, Learning, Integrity, and Safety. Glenda represents kindness, responsibility, and doing things “the Royal Way.”

Students have been working hard to show these values all around the school! When teachers “catch” students demonstrating positive behavior, they hand out golden eggs along with a note describing what they did. These eggs are part of a classroom-based value system that encourages teamwork and good choices.

Each month, the class with the most golden eggs earns a special surprise with Mr. Boeve! So far, we’ve had two winning classes, Mrs. Anderson’s Kindergarten Class, who enjoyed an extra recess in September, and Mrs. Jones’s Fourth Grade Class, who celebrated with an ice cream party in October.

Our students are excited and motivated to earn those golden eggs and continue showing their Royal Values every day!



Mrs. Bower’s first graders are always thinking of ways to earn Golden Eggs!

Mrs. Anderson's Kindergarten class finds a place for Glenda to join in after they earned the most golden eggs and an extra recess in September!



Mrs. Jones's fourth grade class earned an ice cream party after having the most golden eggs in October!

Keep Up the Good Work, Royals!



CN STAGE



Back: Bailee Knott, Landrey Hamis, Jazmine Martinez, Danika Wilkins, Ella Speake & Natalie Walker
Front: Tyler Jones, Grace Cerka, Anthony Jones, Robbie Larsen & Gavin Larsen (Not pictured: Haylee Jackson)



The Odd Couple

The cast and crew of "The Odd Couple" presented two shows Nov. 7 and 8, under the direction of Kendra Breitsprecher. This was a new experience for most of this cast!



Business Corner

Submitted by Kim Heidemann

Students in business classes have been busy! Besides participating in the College/Career Fair on Nov. 3rd, they have been busy participating in job shadows. We have students lined up to work with Freightliner, Story County Conservation, Ames Ford, Live Aligned Chiropractic, Mary Greeley Medical Center and many more. We appreciate the willingness of so many companies to partner with us on this program.

CTE Enterprise News:

The CTE Enterprise Program is a program that intentionally gives students in Agriculture, FCS and Business hands-on opportunities. This is the program that is producing and selling the metal CN signs and pumpkin pies. Besides continuing to build out the program to include other items to create and sell, we are going to create a class within the Business area that will include working with outside organizations. We are currently trying this out in working with the Reed-Niland Committee (a Colo based non-profit). This program is unique to CN in the Story County area and has been an area of interest and growth for the students. Thanks to all that purchase items from the students, as well as the items and money donated towards the program.



Reece Fulton
and Wyatt
Sigler take
advantage of a
job shadow
opportunity at
Freightliner in
October.

FCCLA

Colo-NESCO FCCLA members attended the Heartland District Meeting at DMACC on Nov. 3. They toured the FCS related programs, heard from Tori's Angels, and contributed 356 packs of Hot Chocolate to the Ronald McDonald House!



Ana Rivera Garcia, Katie Ritland, Nyla Goodner, Danika Wilkins, Ella Speake, Sophia Eckhoff, Haylee Jackson, and Britney Jacobs

Veterans Day at CN



Staff Sergeant Stacie Halverson was the guest speaker at the Colo-NESCO Veterans Day program Nov. 11.



This event was a student-led program and included letters written and read by our 5th and 6th graders.



FALL SIAC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *By Beth Heller*

Colo-NESCO hosted the fall meeting of the School Improvement Advisory Committee on Monday, November 3, 2025. The purpose of the SIAC meetings is to gather stakeholders to review data and make recommendations for student achievement, long-range district goals, and student character and well-being. Thirteen people were in attendance and represented administration, staff members, and parents.

Highlights from the discussion include:

- The district's school performance profile results were shared. The middle/high school building improved their score and exited targeted status. The addition of the CTE student enterprise helped boost our work-based learning scores. The elementary school saw a drop in their score due to lower performance on state testing.
- The committee discussed the differences between proficiency and growth on student achievement measures. Both are tracked by the district and are included in the district's strategic plan. Data is a big focus at the state level right now. The annual community report has been updated and may be found on the "Curriculum" page of the district's website.
- Social emotional learning continues to be a focus in both buildings. The elementary staff shared some of the new initiatives they are working on, and the middle/high school building is working on expanding some of their work into the upper grades. This is a focus for the MTSS team in the secondary building.
- College and career readiness is being expanded in the middle / high school building to include fifth and sixth grades. The secondary staff is continuing to bring in community speakers and attend career exploration events with the students.

In light of the data and discussions, the committee identified three areas of focus in addition to the academic goals set by the board. The first area of focus is developing practices and experiences for students to get more comfortable with being uncomfortable. The committee would like to see students stretch themselves in all areas of their lives. The second area of focus is helping students practice and master employability skills. Effective communication, both verbal and non-verbal, is an important skill for the workplace. The third area of focus is AI. AI has an ever-growing presence in today's world. Students need to be taught appropriate ways to use AI and how it might become part of their careers in the future. The committee will meet again in the spring to review progress made towards these goals. Please reach out to the district if you are interested in joining the committee or want to help with any of our focus areas.

Kindergarten Olympics!

This year, our kindergarteners kicked off the new CKLA reading curriculum with a unit all about Nursery Rhymes! Over the past few weeks, students learned classic rhymes, explored who the main characters were, and discussed the main events in each story. To celebrate their learning, we hosted our very own Nursery Rhyme Olympics!

Students rotated through a variety of fun, hands-on stations inspired by their favorite rhymes:

- **Humpty Dumpty:** Students worked together to complete a giant floor puzzle of Humpty Dumpty.
- **Jack Be Nimble:** They jumped through a hopscotch course and leaped over a “candlestick” at the end!
- **Hickory Dickory Dock:** Students followed a clock-shaped floor maze while reciting the rhyme.
- **Ring Around the Rosie:** Everyone joined hands and sang while spinning in a big circle.
- **Jack and Jill:** Outside, students raced up a hill with cups of water to fill their buckets at the bottom—just like Jack and Jill!

It was such a fun way to bring our nursery rhymes to life while practicing teamwork, movement, and memory skills. The smiles and laughter said it all, kindergarten learning can be both educational and exciting!



Submitted by Mrs. Anderson

Photo by Sandy Cutler

Vocal Music NEWSLETTER

October 2025



Message from Mr. Ward

This is our first Vocal Newsletter of the year. I will send these out quarterly with upcoming dates, as well as any news from our program.

We are off to a great start so far this school year. Grades 6-12 have already had their first concert, which went well. All grades will have a concert in December. Please make sure to mark down those concert dates from below. All dates may also be found on Bound.

This is also our music trip year for grades 9-12. Dates for the Florida Trip are March 19th-24th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

Mr. Ward

2nd Quarter Dates

Iowa Star Conf. Festival (HS)

November 17th

K-4 Winter Concert

December 8th

5-12 Winter Concert

December 15th

All-State Auditions

This year, Colo-NESCO had one student audition for the Iowa All-State Chorus: Taylor Murrell (12th). Taylor was the first to audition for the All-State Choir in 7 years. All-State auditions are a high honor and an extreme amount of work to prepare. Taylor began working on his All-State music in August, and put in hours of work every week since then.

On Saturday, October 25th, Taylor traveled to Indianola HS for auditions, which is the South Central district in Iowa. The South Central district is by far the most difficult in the state. While Taylor did not make All-State, he still learned a lot, and grew tremendously as a musician and as a singer.

New choir risers and shell

Last spring, we received new choir risers and a new choir shell. Purchase of these items were possible through the district's PPEL fund. Our previous risers and shell were very old, and needing replaced. Thank you to our School Board, administration, and Bill Lytle for the purchasing of new concert equipment.



COLO-NESCO

Hall of Pride
CEREMONY

2025 INDUCTEES:

Shayla Dean

Scott De Jong

Josh Gaedke

Christian Reischauer

THE INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL TAKE
PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE JV/V
BOYS' AFTERNOON GAMES ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Fall SPORTS



Iowa Star South
Honorable Mention

Cheers to
Haylee Jackson
Volleyball

2025 ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM



AIDYN SHORT



JACK ANGELL



PRESTON VOELKER



ETRA MUNTZ

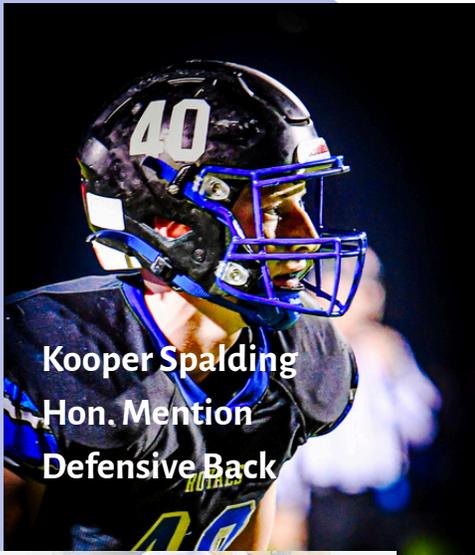


NOAH MATTESON



LANDON GJERDE

*Congratulations
Royals!*



Kooper Spalding
Hon. Mention
Defensive Back



Jack Angell
1st Team
Returner



Jayden Swanson
2nd Team
Punter



Preston Voelker
1st Team
Defensive
Line



Colin Grundlingh
1st Team Linebacker



Noah Matteson
2nd Team Running Back



Robbie Larsen
2nd Team
Defensive Line



Brady Handsaker
Hon. Mention
Tight End



Landon Gjerde
1st Team
Fullback

ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL

2025 IFCA



ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM

Preston Voelker and Jack Angell

SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE CROSS COUNTRY



HAYDEN HENDRICK

COLO-NESCO CROSS COUNTRY SEASON REVIEW

The team started practices back in August. The runners came into the season ready to be part of a team after having worked out on their own all summer. We participated in 10 regular season meets along with the State Qualifier and State meet bringing home several medals throughout the season. Runners continued to improve throughout the season, running some of our best races in October.

Highlights from the season include an 11-day stretch where we competed in 5 meets due to rescheduling. We came home with 11 individual medals. Three runners received all conference honors at the Iowa Star conference meet in Waverly and both of our high school girls qualified for State at the qualifying meet in Jewell.

Iowa Star All Conference: Ethan Harnage, Elizabeth Erickson, Hayden Hendrick

Medal winners this season include:

Elizabeth Erickson: 1st-2, 3rd-4, 5th-2, 7th-2, 8th

Hayden Hendrick: 2nd-2, 4th, 6th-3, 7th, 9th, 10th, 12th

Ethan Harnage: 9th, 10th, 22nd

Connor Perisho: 13th

Hayden Hendrick posted a time of 20:11 at the Dike meet, moving her into the 2nd fastest time on our record board in the 5k race.

The 1A State meet in Fort Dodge was on November 1st. Elizabeth Erickson made her 3rd consecutive trip to state, placing 41st with a time of 20:37. Hayden Hendrick placed 28th with a time of 20:17 to finish off her freshman campaign.

With no seniors on our squad this season, we look forward to taking this year's success and continuing to improve on it next season!

Congrats to all our runners on a successful season!



Ethan
Harnage
placed 10th at
Conference
this year.

State CROSS COUNTRY



Hayden Hemdrick



Elizabeth Ericksom

2025



Congratulations to our State XC Qualifiers!



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