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Upcoming Events

Christmas Break

Dec. 22 - 1:30 dismissal

Dec. 23 through Jan. 1: NO SCHOOL

School resumes Monday, Jan. 2.

Our School

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.

#RoyalWay

Congratulations!

FLAG TEAM PLACES 6th AT STATE

Colo-NESCO's Flag Team competed at the ISDTA State Dance Championships on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, where they received a Division 1 rating and placed 6th out of 11 other color guard teams. Their routine was to Harry Styles' song, "Treat People With Kindness". The flag team members are Katie Rouse, Gemma Bower, Cheyanne Davison, Mailey Short, Cerra Muntz, and Annabelle Heller.



National Honor Society

submitted by Karissa Rempe, sponsor

On November 8th, at academic awards night, National Honor Society held inductions. These students applied and were chosen by the selection committee as students that represented the four pillars of National Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

Pictured: Front Row (Left to Right): Hannah Matteson, Erynn Dulaney, Cerra Muntz, Jasmine Johannes, Katie Spalding.

Back Row: Lucas Frohwein, Sarah Brinkman, Riley Handsaker, Abigail Kettwig, and Annabelle Heller



Stalzer Retires from XC after 11 Years



The Colo-NESCO athletic department would like to recognize and thank coach Tony Stalzer for his commitment to the Colo-NESCO cross country program. Coach Tony Stalzer officially announced his retirement from cross country after this season! Coach Stalzer led the junior high and high school co-ed cross country team for 11 years. During his time as the head coach, Stalzer coached 6 state qualifiers and one top ten finisher. Coach Stalzer coached 2 state qualifier girl teams in 2015 and 2016. He also coached 2 conference championship teams for the girls and 1 runner up for the boys!

The Colo-NESCO athletic department and athletes have been lucky to have a coach with the knowledge Tony possesses and the passion that he has passed down to his runners. Thank you, Coach, for all of the effort, time and commitment you have given the cross country program over the past 11 years.

--submitted by Travis Owens, AD



FCCLA Fall Fundraiser

On Saturday, October 8th, the Colo-NESCO FCCLA chapter held their annual "Haunted High School." The Haunted High School started out with an hour of trick or treating for children. All 20 helpers were stationed around the school with candy to give out to the kids. It was free for the little kids to come through. After that, there was a half an hour break until the scary part started. During the half hour, the helpers got set up in their areas and all the lights were turned off. They had a blackout part along with a hospital, circus, witch and scary spider area. It is estimated that around 200 kids and adults came through the scary part. People were charged five dollars for the first time through and two dollars every time after that. At the end of the night, the FCCLA chapter made 1,000 dollars. This money is going to help members go to the state conference in Cedar Rapids. At the state conference, students will be competing in about anything and everything that has to do with FCS. - submitted by Katie Rouse, CN Junior

Pictured left to right; Row 1- Lexi Peterson, Hannah Matteson, Annabelle Heller, Libby Seyller, Katie Spalding and Natalie Harnage. Row 2- Jadyn Niemeyer, Katie Rouse, Cerra Muntz, Gemma Bower, Annabelle Nessa, Mailey Short, and Landon Short. Row 3- Sydney Ingle, Lily Stalzer, Laine Golly, Erynn Dulaney, Jessie Duran, Mary Bower, Sarah Brinkman, Abbie Kettwig, Mark Bower, and Gannon Short. On the shoulders- Jack Seyller.

Family Literacy & Math Night

The Colo-NESCO Elementary hosted a Family Literacy and Math Night on Nov 10, 2022. Preschool through 4th-grade students and their families were invited to the school to have a free pizza dinner and have fun with reading and math. Teachers along with Iowa Public Television PBS, ISU Extension, and the local Zearing and Colo libraries provided programming and resources for the night. Events included acting like an illustrator with familiar fairy tales, playing math and reading games, making math learning tools, a photo booth, and free games and books for families to enjoy. The school would like to thank the CN Booster Club for donating pizza, drinks, and raffle prizes for students.

--Submitted by Hannah Bain, Third Grade Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 10-YEAR CN EMPLOYEES:



Brandon Kelley

Jackie Dunlap

Andrea Ward

Amanda Breer

(Pictured with Supt. Snavelly)

Not Pictured: Robin Thomas



Colo-NESCO Food Pantry

Hello Colo-NESCO family! We want to welcome you to take advantage of our Colo-NESCO Food Pantry.

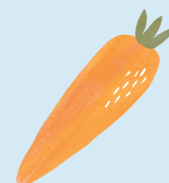
There are several ways for you to choose the supplies that you would like. Here are a few options:

- You may call the school at 641-377-2282 and ask to speak with Mr. Boeve or Mrs. Kinser, or you may email us at mboeve@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us or kkinser@colo-nesco.k12.ia.us. We can then set up a time that is convenient for you to stop by and pick up the supplies you need.
- We are willing to deliver the supplies you need to your home. We will pack a box or two and set up a time to drop them off at your residence.
- If you have another idea, we are very flexible and will work to set something up that works for you.

The Colo-NESCO Food Pantry has been open for over two years now, and the usage has been great. We just wanted to re-reach out to everyone and let you know of this great resource we have available to anyone within our district. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We want to establish a culture of caring for each other in our community, and this includes sharing our resources with each other.

Sincerely,

Mr. Boeve, Dean of Students and Mrs. Kinser, Guidance Counselor



From the ELO/TAG and Business Corner by Kim Heidemann

These past several months have been busy ones for the ELO/TAG and Business students. A highlight in our Business classes has been welcoming several guest speakers into our Financial Literacy classes. We have had professionals from banks, mortgage lenders and real estate come in and share their knowledge. It's been a great learning experience for the students! We will also be working with Story County Extension Service to bring a week of activities into the classroom. Thanks to all the community members that have been a part of our work!

The ELO/TAG team recently met to consider data for inclusion of students into our ELO/TAG program. I am pleased to announce that we have all grades, K-12, operating with their own meeting times each week. We were able to get the testing done much earlier this year (compared to last school year), which in turn helped us to get our program off the ground sooner.

This year the HS TAG group has elected to focus on developing leadership and career ready skills. One way to learn these skills is through real world application. We are using the concept of problem solving as a way to learn (and teach) some of these skills. The group has come up with a list of issues/problems/concerns they see in their community. Some of the issues the group will be looking at are: cat overpopulation, the issue of retaining associates in our schools, and creating a Safe Haven - just to mention a few.

One of our HS TAG students, **Kaydence Reyes**, is participating in a special program this year. It's called Iowa Youth Congress. There was quite an application process that Kaydence had to go through in order to be selected. I know you all join me in saying: Kaydence - we are proud of you for representing Colo-NESCO in this prestigious program! Below, in her own words, Kaydence describes the Iowa Youth Congress and what she has learned from it.

*"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."
Franklin D. Roosevelt said exactly that eighty-two years ago— and to date it remains true.*

Recently, I have joined a program that took his very words to heart. Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) is a program that collects eligible high school students that are willing to advocate for change within our state concerning youth issues. Their logic is simple: who knows youth best, and what they need most other than youth themselves?

Modeled closely after the House of Representatives; 100 Iowa high school students are selected through an application process for a yearlong program, thus allowing resource, knowledge, connections, and a voice on a state-level. Going through the process of attempting to pass a bill per district, and what that looks like. As well as a multitude of other incredible opportunities such as going to the capital, debating one another respectively, and the ability to talk to the critical people in our state's legislature.

When I was initially told about this program by Ms. Heidemann, I was quite tentative. Looking further into it, I realized what a great opportunity it was to get to know not only other students my age that were interested in advocacy, but also the inner workings of my very own state government. So naturally, I applied, and I'm beyond grateful I did so. I'm so very humbled to have been told of it to start with. Matter of fact, since being accepted it's been a completely transformative process, and it's only the beginning.

That being said, I encourage all high school students to experience something similar this '22-'23 school year. Whether you're a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior— it's never too late, and it's never too early. Go out, do something far out of your comfort zone, fail, learn, and try again and again... and when next school year comes around— while you're still in high school— apply for Iowa Youth Congress! I'd love to see a familiar face at district and state orientations!

In Memory...

Colo-NESCO lost one of our own this fall. Christian Oswalt was a beloved sophomore student-athlete who will be remembered for his contagious smile and his love for fun. Christian was a friend to many in the area from several different schools and churches. He enjoyed youth group and was a force to be reckoned with on the CN football, basketball and track teams. He ran the opening leg of the varsity sprint med relay this past spring that broke the school record. Christian was also awarded the All-District Citizenship Award for football at the completion of the season this year. Colo-NESCO is proud of Christian and his accomplishments, and extends our deepest sympathy to his family.



FOREVER A ROYAL

2022 ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL

First Team:

Trenton Beard, LB
Breckin Clatt, RB / Special Teams MVP
Lucas Frohwein, DE
Kaleb Gray, FB
Nolan Smith, TE

Academic All-District:

Jamen Cochran
Kaleb Gray
Jasmine Johannes
Nolan Smith
Lucas Frohwein
Hunter Moeller

Second Team:

Spencer Hansen, QB
Jamen Cochran, OL

Honorable Mention:

Lucas Daggett, DB
Austin Danielson, Punter
Isaac Harrington, OL



IFCA Academic All-State: (Senior Starter w/ 3.7 or higher GPA)

Jamen Cochran
Kaleb Gray
Nolan Smith

Honor Band

- Submitted by Kristi Heinberg, Band Director

On Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, five junior high band students attended the Project Bluejay Honor Band at Bondurant High School. Students spent the day in rehearsals and presented the concert that evening. Other schools in the honor band were Bondurant-Farrar, Carlisle, Gilbert, North Polk, Roland-Story, and South Hamilton.



Jr. High Participants: Kaylee Eubanks, Natalee Harnage, Ella Ganzer, Sam Harrington, and Nora Seyller

On Monday, November 14th 2022, ten high school band students performed at the Iowa Star Conference Honor Band hosted in Riceville, IA. The students met with 13 other schools to rehearse and put together a fantastic concert featuring a 9-10th grade band and a 11-12th grade band. Students that participated: Emma Lennie, Sophia Clawson, Jack Seyller, Annabelle Heller, Mailey Short, Katie Rouse, Annabelle Nessa, Katie Spalding, Jasmine Johannes, and Cheyanne Davison.



2022 Cross Country - submitted by Coach Stalzer

The Colo-NESCO cross country season came to a close at our state qualifying meet in Leon on October 20th. The kids ran well and it was a good way to send off our 4 seniors. They have been with the program for 6 years and they will be missed. Some of the highlights of the season were hosting our own meet at Dakins Lake, running at a new meet at Dike where there were 28 teams, running the homecoming football around our three towns, and competing at the Iowa Star conference meet at Wartburg College. The kids trained hard and gave great effort during the season and the future looks positive for the returning runners. If kids are looking for something to do in the fall I would encourage them to join the cross country team. They will do things they never imagined they could do and will have fun doing it.



MRS. HULSHIZER'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

The 2022-23 school year is off to a busy start in Kindergarten! With 9 boys and 13 girls, there is never a dull moment. Our first big event was Homecoming. Students had a lot of fun with dress-up days, making crowns, and attending the pep assembly at the high school.

October hit and our schedule really filled up. We participated in the Healthy Iowa Walk by taking a stroll around Dakin's Lake. Fire Prevention Day was also held at Dakin's Lake and kids learned about fire safety from our three local fire departments. That same week was our field trip to Calkin's Nature Area in Iowa Falls! Calkin's is a great place to visit to see Native American artifacts found right here in central Iowa, offers a beautiful hike through the woods, and a chance to see local wildlife.

Also in October, Story County Conservation paid us a visit and taught students about "Furries," which as it turns out, is just a cute name for mammals! At the end of the afternoon students had the chance to feel animal skins and they could tell the attributes of animals belonging to the mammal group. Finishing off the month was the long-awaited fall party including trick-or-treating at businesses on Zearing's Main Street! It was an exhausting but really fun month!

So now that November and the second quarter have arrived, we have slowed down some, but are still pretty busy. Conferences were the first of the month, and those who were able to come, enjoyed Family Literacy and Math Night! Parents brought their children to school for an evening of math and literacy fun with a pizza supper as a bonus! And now, as I'm writing this, my class is knee deep in learning about the "reason for the season!" Ask any 5- year-old in the building and hopefully they will tell you that Thanksgiving is not about turkey, but about some amazing and brave people called the Pilgrims! The friendship they forged with the Native Americans and their perseverance through hardships is the reason we get together with our families and eat until we pass out on the couch. To commemorate this special alliance, Kindergarten and first grade will be having a Pie Fest, complete with homemade costumes... and pie, of course!

Although we've been making great memories with all of our special events, don't think for a second that we're not working really hard on academic excellence! Every day is 7 1/2 hours of early reading and math practice, with a little bit of play and specials thrown in. It is amazing to see the growth that these kids have worked so hard to make. I am proud of each and every one of them. So, if you see a kindergartener out there, tell them good job and keep up the hard work!



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