

District Updates

Mr. McClain & Mr. Busch

IMPORTANT DATES!

9/27 – Homecoming Coronation (7:00 PM)

9/28 – CCE Homecoming

10/1 – No School (P.D.)

10/2 – Picture Day

10/8 – Junior Career Day/College Fair

10/8 – Board Meeting (South Site)

4-POINT GRADING EXPLAINED

Clay Central/ Everly K-12 Parents and Community Members,

As we enter our new school year 2018 -2019, you may have heard your student mention the new 4-point grading system CCE K-12 is rolling out this year.

It is important to our staff that students and parents feel comfortable with this transition.

Below are some answers to questions you might have:

Why switch to a 4-point grading system?

Three reasons:

- Our goal is to always provide students and parents with the most accurate picture of academic growth.
- Getting rid of the “0” in a “100%” grading system. That is a 60-point interval they must make up for or that one assignment will have a major impact on their quarter grade. Research shows this is not an effective grading practice.
- Standards-based grading (SBG): School year 2019-2020, CCE plans to transition to standards-based grading. Standards-based grading uses a 4-point system grading scale.

Will work effort and behavior continue to be embedded in my child’s grade?

No, administration and staff made the decision that characteristics such as work habits should not be included in the academic grade if we are to have a true measure of growth. These will be reported separately on the report card as “Employability Skills.”

How will this impact my student’s GPA or transcripts for graduation?

We want to reassure parents, students, and community that certain things will *not* change. Students will still have letter grades, transcripts, honor rolls, individualized education plans, and everything else that they have counted on as part of their grading system.

As the year progresses, we will be offering multiple opportunities for parents and community members to learn more about standards-based grading. The CCE administration and staff are using this year to prepare for SBG, which includes communicating with students, parents, and community. We also wanted parents to feel comfortable with the transition to the 4-point grading system before moving forward.

TEXT ALERTS

For updates on school closings and other events, text @mavericku to 319-774-1606.

School Counselors

Mrs. Tewes & Mrs. Tessum

PBIS Update

PBIS-Why focus so much on the positives?

11 Benefits of Being Positive

- 1. Positive people live longer.**
- 2. Positive work environments outperformed negative environments.**
- 3. Positive, optimistic salespeople sell more than pessimistic salespeople.**
- 4. Positive leaders are able to make better decisions under pressure.**
- 5. Marriages are much more likely to succeed when the couple experiences a 5 to 1 ratio of positive to negative interactions, whereas when the ratio approaches 1 to 1, marriages are more likely to end in divorce.**
- 6. Positive people who regularly express positive emotions are more resilient when facing stress, challenges, and adversity.**
- 7. Positive people are able to maintain a broader perspective and see the big picture, which helps them identify solutions, whereas negative people maintain a narrow perspective and tend to focus on problems.**
- 8. Positive thoughts and emotions counter the negative effects of stress. For example, you can't be thankful and stressed at the same time.**
- 9. Positive emotions such as gratitude and appreciation help athletes perform at a higher level.**
- 10. Positive people have more friends, which is a key factor of happiness and longevity.**
- 11. Positive and popular leaders are more likely to garner the support of others and receive pay raises and promotions and achieve greater success in the workplace.**

For more information go to
www.feedthepositivedoq.com

CCE RIF

CCE RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) Day! The elementary students love their new books! Thank you, Royal/Everyly Lions Club, local Legions and community members, for financially supporting CCE RIF.



GAFKJEN'S VR WORLD

High School students now have the opportunity to explore the world of virtual reality!

The VR device will be available for use during the lunch hour.

Interested students should talk to Mr. Gafkjen for more information.

Elementary Report

4TH GRADE SCI-CITING

Mrs. Johnson's 4th graders had a great day participating in Sci-Citing at the Clay County Fair! They toured the DNR cabin, learned about animal fur, watched a show about alligators, toured the Photography Building, learned about bugs from the Bug Lady, learned about Music Technology and crawled in some John Deere tractors!



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Thank you Mrs. Cronk for organizing this event for the past 27 years! The heavy rainfalls from this past week did not stop the CCE students from enjoying Indoor Day! The students enjoyed learning from the Clay County Naturalist Brea Blom about Growthology and the Palo Alto County Naturalist Caitlyn Anderson who presented information about owls. The students also enjoyed painting rocks, eating S'mores, participating in a sing-along "Deep in the Jungle" by Joe Scruggs, and sitting around the campfire listening to the story Peanut Butter and Cupcake! by Terry Border.



High School News

ARCHAEOLOGY DIG

The World History class partook in an "archaeology dig" at CCE. They became archaeologists for the day! The setting of the dig was thousands of years from now and their task was to uncover artifacts from our world today. Examples included: pens, mason jars, spoons, kitchenware, pieces of cups, pots, etc. It was a perfect day to dig!

The class also examined artifacts from the Clay County Heritage Center, which were brought right into the classroom. Some of these included buffalo hide and mammoth bones.



Left to Right: Grace Dalen, Natalie Joenks, David Haroldson, Steven Mowery, Maddy Lorenz, Logan Berkenpas, and Odalys Garcia.



Natalie Joenks holding an artifact.

CCE Extracurriculars

FOOTBALL

- 9/28 – Varsity vs. River Valley (Homecoming)
- 10/1 – 7th/8th @ West Bend-Mallard
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- 10/5 – Varsity @ Ar-We-Va
- 10/8 – 7th/8th vs Remsen St. Mary's (Home)

VOLLEYBALL

- 9/25 – C/JV/V @ Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
- 9/27 – 7th/8th @ GTRA
- 10/2 – 7th/8th @ Newell-Fonda
- 10/2 – C/JV/V @ South O'Brien
- 10/4 – 7th/8th @ GTRA
- 10/4 – C/JV/V vs. Unity Christian (Home)
- 10/8 – 7th/8th vs St. Mary's (Home)

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without CCE!

BAND

The CCE Marching Mavericks, grade 7-12, participated in the Clay County Fair Veterans' Day Parade on Monday, September 10th. They will be marching in the Algona Band Day Festival in the street competition on Saturday, September 29th. The parade begins at 1p.m.



FALL PLAY

- 9/27 – 7am Section 3-4 Practice (Memorized)
- 10/1 – 7pm Section 5-6 Practice (Memorized)
- 10/5 – 7am Section 7-8 Practice (Memorized)
- 10/8 – 7pm Full Cast Practice (Memorized)

SPEECH

Speech season will be here before we know it. Practices will begin in October and are held before school.

There will be a meeting for students later this month to sign up, choose pieces, and schedule practices.

FFA

- 9/27 – District FFA Soil Judging Contest at Morningside