



Caw Connection

Coldwater Exempted Village Schools

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Families and Community members,

Another school year is in the books! I am so proud of the Coldwater student body and school staff for a fantastic year and for staying focused on school work, building relationships, and enhancing a phenomenal culture within our school community. There will always be distractions that disrupt or derail our primary purpose in schools, but in Coldwater, our students and staff block out those distractions and continue to excel. Now that we have begun the official start of summer for a large majority of our staff and all of our students, I hope everyone can rest, recharge, and enjoy family, friends, and all the summer activities within our wonderful community and elsewhere.



Our previous communication outlined how we will move forward for our next academic school year. The Board of Education will continue to engage the community on a potential levy for the November 2024 election. The board will hold another community forum this time in the Pit on June 19, 2024, at 6 pm. In addition, our board meetings are regularly scheduled for June 25th, July 16th, August 13th, and October 8th. Each meeting is open to the public, where we go over every detail regarding our expenses, including all expenditures for that month. There have been some questions circulating in our community regarding our expenditures and how they compare to local school districts. Below is a chart comparing per-pupil expenditures for area school districts. Each category is ranked 1 as the highest and 13 as the lowest.

1. Coldwater has the lowest administrative expenditure per pupil, ranked 13th out of 13.
2. Coldwater is ranked 6th out of 13 in instructional expenditures. It is essential to point out that Coldwater has a very experienced staff, with an average experience of 20.8 years.
3. Coldwater is ranked 10th out of 13 in other costs per pupil.
4. Coldwater is ranked 10th out of 13 in total operating expenditure per pupil.
5. Coldwater is ranked 4th out of 13 in enrollment.

	R a n k	Administrative Expenditure Per Pupil	R a n k	Instructional Expenditure Per Pupil	R a n k	Other Costs per Pupil	R a n k	Total Operating Expenditure Per Pupil	R a n k	Total Enrollment
Waynesfield Goshen	1	\$2,227.61	1	\$11,576.57	1	\$6,118.03	1	\$19,922.21	12	428
Parkway	2	\$1,849.29	3	\$8,922.64	5	\$3,415.85	3	\$14,187.78	7	932
Celina	3	\$1,799.95	4	\$8,903.91	2	\$4,142.05	2	\$14,845.91	2	2391
New Knoxville	4	\$1,629.26	2	\$9,338.03	6	\$3,182.82	4	\$14,150.11	13	393
Versailles	5	\$1,617.42	7	\$8,197.78	9	\$2,977.54	5	\$12,792.74	5	1260
New Bremen	6	\$1,499.31	10	\$7,708.95	8	\$3,075.04	11	\$12,283.30	11	813
Minster	7	\$1,419.92	9	\$7,786.75	7	\$3,121.49	9	\$12,328.16	10	847
Fort Recovery	8	\$1,407.35	5	\$8,434.48	11	\$2,795.53	6	\$12,637.36	9	918
Wapak	9	\$1,358.63	11	\$7,551.12	3	\$3,703.99	7	\$12,613.74	1	2848
St Marys	10	\$1,325.47	12	\$7,494.59	4	\$3,627.84	8	\$12,447.90	3	1941
St Henry	11	\$1,239.67	8	\$7,900.63	12	\$2,478.95	12	\$11,619.25	6	940
Marion Local	12	\$1,217.94	13	\$6,968.40	13	\$2,203.66	13	\$10,390.00	8	930
Coldwater	13	\$1,140.37	6	\$8,243.26	10	\$2,912.17	10	\$12,295.80	4	1438

We continue to be very frugal in everything we do to maintain a stable 5-year forecast. Our maintenance crew recently went to Celina to pull out 80 student desks from a dumpster since Celina moved out of their building to a new building with new furniture. Another area we have been frugal is the carpet in the middle school is so worn that our custodians iron the carpet to try to get it to re-adhere to the floor so that the wrinkles are not apparent or a trip hazard. These examples of our frugality will not compensate for our unfunded priorities with our decaying infrastructure, out-of-lifecycle technology, aging district-owned musical instruments, and other inadequate instructional materials. As mentioned, our Board of Education will have another Community Forum on June 19, 2024, at 6 PM in the Pit. At the forum, they will discuss some of the unfunded priorities that we are worried about and not currently in our budget or 5-year forecast. In addition, the board will discuss what the levy may look like for the election in November. Our goal as a district is to have the capacity and the funds to handle some of the essential priorities for our facilities, equipment, and materials that are up to Coldwater standards.

Planning for next year started this past December and will be fine-tuned over the summer months. We are also preparing for future years. The Board of Education approved school calendars for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. I have linked the PDF versions of these calendars and next year's calendar for your convenience. I have also linked the text versions of these calendars so that you can import the dates into your calendar.

[2024-2025 Calendar PDF Version](#)

[2024-2025 Calendar Text Version](#)

[2025-2026 Calendar PDF Version](#)

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We will also continue to collaborate with the Memorial Park manager to ensure we always have a shutdown period for school and park activities the first week of July. This year, the shutdown period is June 29, 2024, to July 7, 2024. I genuinely hope that these shutdown periods allow families to have time together either at home or if they can travel.

We have much to be proud of in our schools and community. I truly hope we continue to be positive, kind, and caring to one another. Together, we can accomplish anything. I hope each one of you has a safe and enjoyable summer.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER, JENN MCCOY:

Financial Update



The Board of Education approved the May updated Five-Year Forecast that I presented during the May 14th board meeting. This forecast is prepared based upon historical trends and current factors. This information is then extrapolated into estimates for subsequent years. The forecast variables can change multiple times throughout the fiscal year and while cash flow monitoring helps to identify unexpected variances no process is guaranteed. The intent is to provide the district's financial trend over time and a roadmap for decisions aimed at encouraging financial sustainability and stability. You are more than welcome to review the forecast and notes on the Ohio Department of Education web-site.

Legislative Bills we are watching that may impact our finances:

SB 112

Property Tax Reform

Fair School Funding Plan approval of the last two years of the six-year phase in

I also would highly encourage everyone to read [this article](#) from Howard Fleeter. Howard has a PhD in Economics and has extensive experience working with policymakers and stakeholders on issues of education and human services finance, tax reform, state budgeting and economic impact analysis. This article speaks to how property taxes and reappraisals work for schools in Ohio compared to the rest of the country. He quotes "HB 920 is the most restrictive property tax limitation in the country because Ohio alone allows no inflationary growth in property tax revenues from voted levies. It also is the primary reason that Ohio relies on local levies more than any other state."

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 419-678-2611 or email at mccoy.jenn@coldwatercavs.org.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! I hope everyone has a great summer and thank you for your continuing support of Coldwater EVSD!

Jenn McCoy, Treasurer/CFO

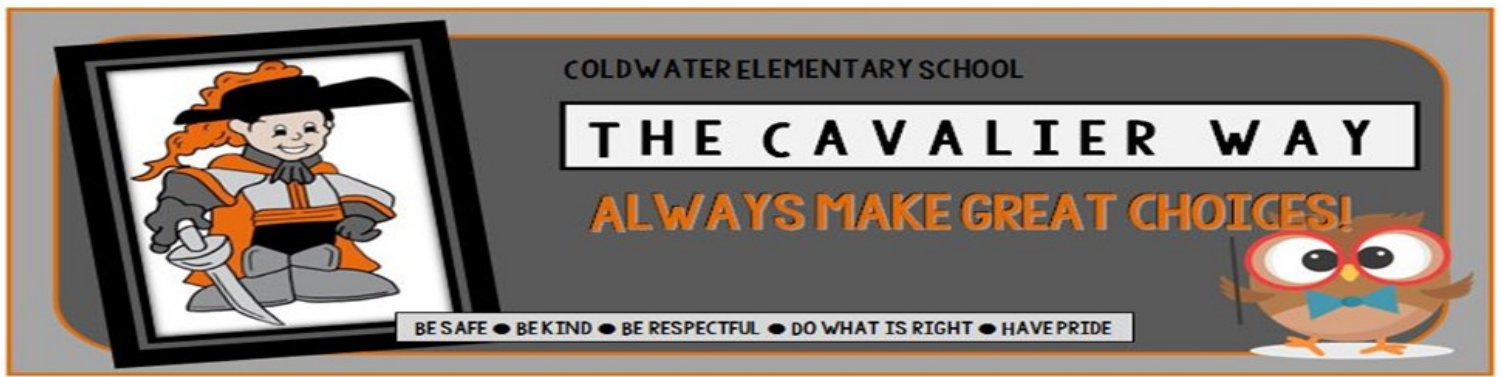
UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

The Coldwater EVSD Board of Education

will meet the following evenings at

6:00 PM in the High School CAV Room:

June 25, 2024, July 16, 2024, August 13, 2024



Elementary News:

Mike Etzler - Elementary Principal

It is hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year has ended! Coldwater Elementary has had such an outstanding and positive year! The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment. All students have experienced success this year at Coldwater Elementary. They have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities. Of course, we should not forget the immense amount of learning and growth which has taken place during the year, as well as the many, many goals that our Cavalier students have achieved. Our students have demonstrated great character, perseverance, growth and modeled "The Cavalier Way"! My hope is that our Little Cavs continue to demonstrate the "Cavalier Way" qualities throughout the summer and in every facet of their lives!



To our 4th grade graduates – congratulations on your achievement and the completion of elementary school. The Coldwater Elementary Team wishes you all the best as you move to middle school. If this is your last child to leave Coldwater Elementary, the staff would like to thank you for your support and for the guidance that you have provided for your child(ren). We look forward to hearing from the graduates in the future and we are confident that each of them have gained a firm foundation for their education while at Coldwater Exempted Village Schools.

Thank you to all students, staff, parents, and families for making the 2023-24 school year a positive, purposeful, and memorable one. I can't thank everyone enough for your endless hours of reading, organizing, donating and doing whatever was necessary to support students—both at home and at school. I am very proud of how our students, families, all school staff, and community worked as a team to support the education of our students. This experience could not occur without the endless energy, skills and devotion of the Coldwater Elementary Team. Thanks and well done to an incredible group of professionals. Thank you parents for all of your cooperation and efforts at-home to support your child's education throughout this school year. Special thanks to our PTO who, as usual, went above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever was necessary to add to our students' already rich school experience.

A final word to Coldwater Elementary students: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your principal; you make me proud to be a Coldwater Cavalier! You keep me laughing and young at heart. I am grateful for your joy, outstanding insights and amazing talents! Never stop learning as knowledge is the power that allows you to accomplish your goals. Give maximum effort at all tasks you do and do them with a positive, enthusiastic attitude! Most importantly, treat all others the way you want to be treated and never forget that everyone belongs and matters.

Parents/guardians, please continue to help your child read and work on skills throughout the summer to prepare them for another awesome school year! We want you to help your child be awesome, amazing, and proud of who they are. On behalf of our Coldwater Elementary Team, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer, and to enjoy every moment with family and friends! As always...GO CAVS!

Happy Retirement

I as well as Coldwater Elementary and the CEVS would like to recognize our three retirees; Mrs. Pat Kanny, Mr. Ken Fisher, and Mrs. Kay Bruggeman. They have a combined 94 years of service in education, with all but 2 of those years at Coldwater. Pat has 25 years, Ken has 34, and Kay has 35 years of service. They have been icons in our elementary and the positive impacts that they have made on our students, staff, school and district are countless!

First, I would like to honor and extend our deepest appreciation to our ICONIC educational aid, Mrs. Pat Kanney. We know, behind every successful classroom and school is a dedicated support system, and you have been one of the unsung heroes of our school community. Pat was raised in Coldwater. and was hired as an aide during the 1999-2000 school year for a student in Mrs. Bruggeman's kindergarten classroom. She has spent most of her time as a kindergarten and 1st grade aide during her 25 years at Coldwater Elementary. Pat's list of responsibilities over the years include morning arrival and breakfast duty, recess duty, lunch duty, helping in the library, helping in the art classroom, crosswalk duty, preparing student birthday cards, working in the office before and after the school day and sometimes subbing in the office, and most importantly the countless hours spent working with small groups of students or one on one with students helping them learn how to read, write or work on math. Whether it was lending a listening ear, providing a helping hand, giving a warm hug to the many students who always wanted one from Mrs. Kanney or offering words of encouragement, you were always there, steadfast and dependable. Your selfless commitment to serving others has been a source of strength and inspiration for both students and staff alike. Your unwavering kindness and generosity have created a culture of compassion that defines the essence of Coldwater Elementary School. Pat has stated that working at Coldwater Elementary has given her the opportunity to make some truly lifelong friends and it has been especially rewarding for her to get to see her favorite people, her dear grandchildren as they started their school careers. Pat, you have truly inspired and impacted everyone, especially our Little Cavs in your 25 years of serving our school. Thank you!



Next, I would like to pay tribute to our ICONIC physical education teacher Mr. Ken Fisher. Ken was also born and raised in Coldwater and was hired for his first and only teaching position as the elementary PE teacher at Coldwater for the 1989-90 school year. He has served in this role, and has coached basketball for 34 years and throughout those years has also coached football, baseball, and softball! Ken has spent over 40 years of his life within the buildings of the Coldwater Exempted Village School District. To our students, you were more than just a teacher—you were the captain of their play, the leader of their fitness journey, and educator of healthy living and character. Your infectious enthusiasm and unwavering commitment to promoting wellness have left an invaluable mark on the lives of countless Little Cavs. From your spirited pep talks to your awesome DJ skills, to your creative games...and we all know students will never forget mission impossible or square dancing, you have instilled in our students a lifelong love for physical activity and a deep appreciation for the value of teamwork and sportsmanship. I don't know how many times

one would walk through the Pit and hear Ken teaching life and character lessons throughout the PE curriculum which was simply awesome. You are a man of integrity who always made every student in your PE classroom feel like they belonged and feel valued. Your legacy will continue to inspire generations of Coldwater students to lead active, healthy lifestyles. Ken has commented that his 34 years have gone by so fast but have been so rewarding and he has loved every minute of the time he has spent with the staff and students. He has said for the past 34 years he wakes up every day and says I get to go to work instead of having to go to work. Ken, you have truly inspired and impacted everyone, especially our Little Cavs in your 34 years of teaching. Thank you!

Lastly, I would like to honor our ICONIC kindergarten teacher Mrs. Kay Bruggeman. Like Pat and Ken, Kay was also raised in Coldwater. Kay spent the first two years of her career teaching kindergarten at Fort Recovery. She was then hired at Coldwater where she spent 6 years teaching 6th grade science and the past 27 years in kindergarten. Like Ken, Kay has also spent over 40 years of her life within the buildings of the Coldwater Exempted Village School District. In the tender years of early childhood education, Kay has always taught her students to be their best selves and to work to the best of their ability so they can be great students and people. She has helped them to develop an overall love for learning and school, as well as an understanding to do what is right each day. Kay has modeled respect, integrity, and a sense of caring not only to her students but to every person in our school. She is always invested in every student, cared about them, and treated all students with respect and fairness. You have always had the ability to create a warm, inclusive classroom environment where every child feels seen, heard, and valued. The laughter, the hugs, the "aha" moments—you have given our youngest learners the priceless gift of an awesome kindergarten experience. Your dedication to fostering a love for learning will forever be a part of all of the Little Cavs you have taught. I'm not sure what the K-Team will do without their wise leader next year, but you have been such an awesome mentor to them that I know they will be fine. Kay, you have truly inspired and impacted everyone, especially our Little Cavs in your 35 years of teaching. Thank you!



Thank you again to Mrs. Pat Kanney, Mr. Ken Fisher, and Mrs. Kay Bruggeman for their unwavering dedication, boundless passion, and tireless commitment to shaping the minds and hearts of our students. May their retirement be filled with endless joy, well-deserved relaxation, and countless new adventures. They will always hold a special place in the heart of Coldwater Elementary School, and their presence will be deeply missed.

Successful State Achievement Testing

Our 3rd and 4th Grade students have completed the Ohio Achievement Tests for ELA and Math. Again, the students put forth great effort and demonstrated pride in their work. Overall testing in the elementary went smoothly, thank you to our technology department and technology tools to make this process easier and purposeful. I want to thank not only our 3rd/4th grade teachers, but our entire elementary team for preparing our students for these assessments. I also want to thank our educational aides for proctoring small group testing for students who needed it as well as a big thank you to Amy Mescher and Sarah Doenges for helping to coordinate state testing efforts within our district. Again this year we incorporated a "Testing Expectation Ticket" to help motivate students to do their best. Students will receive an ice cream treat at school and a free kids meal coupon from the Celina Dairy Queen.

ELA Test - Part 1		
The student used their time wisely during the test.		
1	2	3
The student used their resources during the test. (scrap paper, pre-writing, etc.)		
1	2	3
The student was focused and gave good effort/attitude.		
1	2	3
Total Points _____		

Circle the score under each area of the Rubric

- 3 = Student did meet testing expectation and put forth their best effort, giving it their best shot!
- 2 = Student partially met testing expectation and put forth effort
- 1 = Student did not meet testing expectation and did not give their best effort.

Friends for Lunch and Teacher Appreciation Lunch

On Wednesday, April 24th we held our annual Friends for Lunch where all retired and past teachers are invited back to enjoy lunch with our staff and each other. As always, this was a special time to reconnect with former teachers and enjoy each other's company! Thank you to Angie Rolfes and Erica Albers for working hard to organize this luncheon.



On Monday, May 6th in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week and also in appreciation of all staff, the leadership team grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for our entire staff. It was a great way for our leadership team to show our appreciation for everything that our staff does each day at Coldwater Exempted Village Schools.



Right to Read Week "Catch a Wave With a Good Book"

Coldwater Elementary Right to Read Week was May 6-10. Our theme this year was, "Catch a Wave With a Good Book!". Each day of the week was assigned a special dress up theme for students to celebrate reading. A big thank you to the Right to Read Week Planning Team for all their hard work! The team consisted of Jessica Scott, Kari Forsthofel, Tracy Schmitz, Stacey Pohlman, and Stephanie Will. Below was the schedule of the week:

Monday: Reading leads to an ocean of possibilities! - students wore blue

Tuesday: Lei back and enjoy a good book! - students received and wore a lei necklace

Wednesday: Reading is “sun”sational! - students wore yellow

Thursday: Kick off your flip flops and read!! - students wore flip flops and bright colors

Friday: Show your Cav Pride! - students wore Cavalier orange and black

Activities for the week:

- Guessing jars were placed around the school with various “ocean theme” candy within them. Students submitted their best estimate for the number of pieces in each jar. Winners were announced at the Right to Read Week Assembly.



- The Scholastic Book Fair was open this week during the school day, as well as on Tues. & Thurs. night from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Students and families enjoyed visiting the book fair which generates more of an excitement for books and reading. Thank you to our elementary librarian, Mrs. Jessica Scott for organizing and running the book fair!



- On Tuesday, May 7th we hosted local author, Michelle Houts. She presented to all elementary students and shared her passion for reading and writing. She also shared how she wrote and published her books. Here is the link to her website: <https://michellehouts.com/>



- Students in each grade kept a reading log for the week. Each time they completed the required minutes, the student earned 2 tickets. One ticket went into the prize raffle drawing bucket and the other ticket was placed in one of the teachers' jars to vote to get mystery balloons popped over their heads with Mr. Etzler. The following teachers graciously volunteered to participate: Riley Muhlenkamp, Krista Hoge, Nikki Moor, Becky Lefeld, Greg Pohlman, Angie Rolfes and Ken Fisher. Teachers were also able to participate to earn prizes and vote. Again we want to thank the following community organizations/businesses & families for their generous donations to support Right to Read Week:

* Coldwater PTO	* S & K Products
* Coldwater Legion	* Jon & Michelle Winner
* Cars Inc.	* Todd & Michelle Biersack
* Selhorst Concrete	* Kevin & Beth Geier
* Coldwater Lumber	* Peter Galyardt Family
* Financial Concepts	* Marty & Amanda Schoenherr
* The People's Bank Co.	* Cole & Vanessa Cooper
* Coldwater Kiwanis	* Kyle & Rachel Koesters
* Lefeld Welding	* Tim & Ashleigh Knapke
* Preferred Insurance	* Ross & Krista Wellman



- On Friday, May 10th we held our Right to Read Week/Cavalier Way closing assembly for all grade levels at 1:30 p.m. in the Pit. We announced all the winners of the student & teacher reading incentive raffles, guessing jars, and students and staff participated in activities/challenges together. Students also watched Mr. Etzler and the lucky winning teacher, Mr. Fisher get balloons popped over their heads filled with water, milk, whipped cream and glitter!



Elementary Field Trips

Kindergarten: Brumbaugh Fruit Farm, Schmitmeyer Dairy Farm, Fire Station, Mercer County Community Hospital, Coldwater Park

1st Grade: Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, EMB, Pla Mor Lanes, CW Post Office, Ohio Recycling Center, Coldwater Park, Sudhoff Tree Farm

2nd Grade: Coldwater Library, Johnston Farms, Brukner Nature Center, Subway, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater Park

3rd Grade: MVP Dairy, Carillon Park, Pla Mor Lanes, Coldwater Park

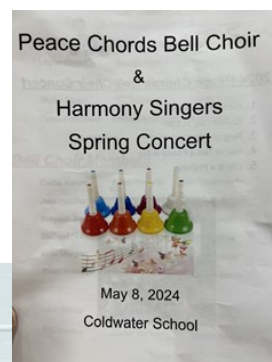
4th Grade: Fort Recovery State Museum & Grounds, Coldwater Park, New Bremen Civic Theater

Thank you to the CWEL Team for their flexibility and finding ways to provide field trip opportunities as well as the PTO for funding our elementary field trips. Also, thank you to Mr. Goodwin and the bus drivers for taking the time to transport students safely to and from some of these locations.



MCESC Peace Chords & Harmony Singers

On Wednesday, May 8th our students along with the middle school students had the privilege of attending the MCESC Peace Chords and Harmony Singers Concert! What a special performance it was for our students to watch our friends shine and perform in the bell choir. These students teach us more each day than we will ever teach them. It is an honor to have them attend our school! They did such an amazing job performing!



The Cavalier Way Award Winners - 4th Quarter

At the end of each quarter every classroom teacher honors students with “The Cavalier Way” Award. This award recognizes students who have done an outstanding job demonstrating and modeling “The Cavalier Way” each day at Coldwater Elementary. Listed below are the students who won this award in each classroom during this time. These students were announced at the Talent Show Assembly. Each student received a Cavalier Way backpack tag, free Kona Ice certificate, and a Cavalier Way certificate. Congratulations to these students for being awesome role models for other students in our school.

Cavalier Character & Cavalier Rising Star Awards

At the end of the school year every classroom teacher honors students with the “Cavalier Character” Award and the “Cavalier Rising Star” Award. The “Cavalier Character” award recognizes a student who has modeled outstanding Cavalier Way character traits consistently throughout the school year and is a positive role model for others. The “Cavalier Rising Star” Award recognizes a student who has shown tremendous growth and improvement throughout the school year and has given great effort to do so. Congratulations to these students for earning these outstanding awards!

Kindergarten Cavalier Way Award Winners: Croix Niekamp, Liam Broerman, Grayson Schmackers, Mia Pohl, Kenzie Uhlenhake, Rosieta Matauto, Rocco Sudhoff, Cam Borer, Brooke Unrast, Brynn Hibner, Chloe Berno, Landon Rutschilling, Nevaeh Rilometo, Savannah Rammel, Lucas Carrasquillo



KINDERGARTEN	Cavalier Character Award	Cavalier Rising Star Award
Mrs. Bruggeman	Wyatt Miller	Morgan Unrast
Miss Grieshop	Luke Homan	Reese Weitzel
Mrs. Hoge	Kylie Ross	Shannon Eyink
Mrs. Klingshirn	Adalyn Schwieterman	Antonella Romero
Mrs. Osterfeld	Edith Sudhoff	Octavia Kleinhenz
Mrs. Rutschilling	Brooklyn Dues	Max Brunz
Mrs. Wendel	Wesley Miller	Gavin Berger

1st Grade Cavalier Way Award Winners: Oliver Reichhart, Beckett Gansert, Jacob Lefeld, Madison Steen, Anna Koester, Marshall Kahlig, Winslow Lefeld, Madelyn Berno, James Goubeau, Luiana Bunglick, Brenna Platfoot, Owen Winner

1st Grade	Cavalier Character Award	Cavalier Rising Star Award
Mrs. Giesige	Daxton Weigel	Lennon Brunswick
Mrs. Klenke	Lane Ryan	Eloise Sudhoff
Mrs. Kunk	Paisley Welling	Gavin Stammen
Mrs. Moor	Rudy Alig	Kakie Matauto
Mrs. Siefiring	Evie Klingshirn	Krue Grieshop
Mrs. Tobe	Grace Uhlenhake	Kevin Tabb



2nd Grade Cavalier Way Award Winners: Brayden Stachler, Amersyn Homan, Jonah Simper, Kya Menchhofer, Britta Dingledine, Vivian Helentgaris, Aubrey Schlarman, Paisley Dunaway, Bailey Koesters, Emma Barnhard, Aubrey Ebbing, Emily Rismiller, Kenna Forsthoefel, Adalyn Pohl



2nd Grade	Cavalier Character Award	Cavalier Rising Star Award
Mr. Ahrens	Isla Balster	Aubrey Dues
Mrs. Fortkamp	Willa List	Brooke Muhlenkamp
Mrs. Hemmelgarn	Maddi Borer	Emma Barnhard
Mrs. Lefeld	Hannah Kahlig	Hayden Dippold
Mrs. May	Janessa Schwieterman	Ryker Schwieterman
Mrs. Seitz	Rush Sudhoff	Jordan Diller
Mrs. Wenning	Alexa Koester	Francelio Adde

3rd Grade Cavalier Way Award Winners: Aidan Miller, Kendall Roessner, Damien Egan, Dani Evans, Emmett Bruggeman, Jaelyn Ahlers, Jack Galyardt, Paisley Toler, Kendall Wenning, Anna Piper, Eva Bruns, Abigail Wendel



3rd Grade	Cavalier Character Award	Cavalier Rising Star Award
Mrs. Garman	Clara House	Dinah Riklon
Mrs. Geier	McKinley Koester	Maddox Kahlig
Mr. Pohlman	Taylor Lennartz	Ava Stammen
Mrs. Pohlman	Ellis Gansert	Liam Glazier
Mrs. Welling	Sophie Guggenbiller	Jazlyn Klenke
Mrs. Rowen	Brielle Kessen	Grant Knapke

4th Grade: Norah Hess, Toby Myers, Emma Grieshop, Cohen Kanney, Myra Knapke, Carly Welling, Madison Muhlenkamp, Josh Crouch, Megan Wendel, Bennett Archer



4th Grade	Cavalier Character Award	Cavalier Rising Star Award
Mrs. S. Siefiring	Carson Uhlenhake	Lucas Ross
Mr. Muhlenkamp	Nora Voskuhl	Bryce Young
Mrs. Niekamp	Payton Borer	Myla Knapke
Mrs. Schmitz	Ross Winner	June Sudhoff
Mrs. T. Siefiring	Wesley Kahlig	Lily Hibner

Perfect Attendance Awards

Congratulations to these students as they had perfect attendance this school year. They did not miss one minute of school this year...AMAZING!!!

Perfect Attendance:

- **Kindergarten:** Drew Geier, Conrad Heyne, Octavia Kleinhenz, Wyatt Miller, Emery Pohl, Levi Simper, Charlotte Will
- **First Grade:** Allison Knapschaefer, Cole Rutschilling, Alaina Uhlenhake, Ryker Wolters
- **Second Grade:** Brooke Muhlenkamp
- **Third Grade:** Lincoln Homan, Bentley Rutschilling, Lance Serr
- **Fourth Grade:** Madelyn Sapp

Coldwater Elementary Summer Reading/Math Incentive 2024

This summer the team at Coldwater Elementary will again have a summer reading/math incentive program for our Little Cavaliers to encourage and motivate students to read, study math facts, and work on other skills throughout the summer. Each student was given a packet of information by their homeroom teacher to take home at the end of the year about this program that explains the goal, various ways of accomplishing the goal, and the incentive/reward. If you cannot locate this packet, you can pick one up in the elementary office, check the Coldwater Elementary website for the links, or the Coldwater Elementary Facebook page. Incentive requirements are explained below as well. Students who complete the incentive will get to have either a play day at the park for 2024-25 first and second grade students or a swimming day at the pool for 2024-25 third and fourth grade students with the date TBD. You will also have the opportunity to purchase Kona Ice on this day! Please encourage your children to read and practice other skills this summer to be prepared for the 2024-25 school year.

Students who are going into 1st and 2nd grades:

You will need to read a minimum of 400 minutes (1st Grade) or 500 minutes (2nd Grade) throughout the summer. You will also need to practice your addition and subtraction facts a minimum of 40 times for five minutes each time. Here are some ways that you can achieve this.

1. Go to the Public Library and participate in their summer reading program. You do not have to have all 400 or 500 minutes by the end of the library reading program. You can use the library reading program to help you towards the goal of reading minutes.
2. ****Parents, you may read to your child if necessary and count those minutes toward the goal.***
3. If you ordered the *Summer Bridge* book offered from the PTO you can count that time towards your minutes **AND** you would need to return it to your teacher the first day of school. If you work on math related skills count that as part of your math time, and if you are doing reading related skills count that towards your reading time. (If you did not order one and want to, you can do so on Amazon.com)
4. If your teacher sends home a summer work packet, you may also count that time towards your goal. If you are working on math skills for ten minutes then that can count as well. Also if you are working on some reading skills then those minutes can count towards that also.
5. You can log onto xtramath.org and practice math facts. You can also just use your addition and subtraction flashcards. Whichever you choose to do, practice them for five minutes at a time and this must be done 40 times throughout the summer.

Students who are going into 3rd or 4th grades:

You will need to read a minimum of 700 minutes throughout the summer. You will also need to practice your addition/subtraction facts (if needed) and your multiplication/division facts a minimum of 40 times for five minutes each time. Here are some ways that you can achieve this.

1. Go to the Public Library and participate in their summer reading program. You do not have to have all 700 minutes by the end of the library reading program. You can use the library reading program to help you towards the goal of 700 reading minutes.
2. If you ordered the *Summer Bridge* book offered from the PTO you can count that time towards your minutes **AND** you would need to return it to your teacher the first day of school. If you work on math related skills count that as part of your math time, and if you are doing reading related skills count that towards your reading time. (If you did not order one and want to, you can do so on Amazon.com)
3. If your teacher sends home a summer work packet, you may also count that time towards your goal. If you are working on math skills for ten minutes then that can count as well. Also if you are working on some reading skills then those minutes can count towards that also.
4. You can log onto xtramath.org and practice math facts. You can also just use your addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division flashcards. Whichever method you choose to do, practice them for five minutes at a time and this must be done 40 times throughout the summer

*****If you have a child who is being tutored this summer, please feel free to use that time also. Whatever time they are spending on reading, count those minutes for the reading time and whatever time spent on math counts as math time.***

*****Also available to parents is the Title Support Reading Google Classroom. This site offers many resources for parents to use with their child that can count towards the academic incentive minutes. To join the classroom, you must go to Google Classroom, then click the + in the upper right corner, then click "Join class". You will then enter the class code into the box. The code is: gdor6fc.***

In order for your child to earn the reward, he/she must return the recording form on either the first or second day of the 2024-25 school year. The turn in due dates are as follows: Tuesday, August 20th or Wednesday, August 21, 2024. All forms must be signed by a parent and turned in on one of these two days.

OR

You may go to the links on our Coldwater Elementary Website or Coldwater Elementary Facebook Page and record your child's minutes read (using the Reading Incentive link):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-hMeNHOUcJ4TDhWNJzPq6LMkeerncgXgkxQqO3Nly3jzwXA/viewform>

and track the amount of times they have practiced math facts (using the Math Incentive link):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0L7YvkshgZcD6DnCMb72sua_itOhrkuJFv1_CjS-u7ExaNQ/viewform

If you do this, you do not have to turn in the recording form at the beginning of the year. Each time you click on the link you can enter information for your child and the system will record it. You may enter information at one time for the entire summer or enter information throughout the summer.

Coldwater Facebook Page

If you are a Facebook user, please join the Coldwater Elementary Facebook page. This page gives you updates on elementary events, announcements, special features and other important information about what is going on at Coldwater Elementary. This is an awesome way to stay connected to us!

Summer Social/Emotional Needs

If you need support for any social/emotional needs for your child(dren) this summer, please feel free to email our school counselor, Mrs. Froning at: froning.stacee@coldwatercavs.org.

Summer Tips for “Little Cav” READING Success

Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment. Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. Read aloud together with your child every day.

Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.

2. Set a good example!

Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.

3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.

4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.

It will only discourage the reading habit.

5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.

Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.

6. Take your children to the library regularly.

Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Highlights for Children*, or *National Geographic World*.

Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals.

Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.

Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

Creative Summer Learning Ideas (from scholastic.com)

There's no getting around it: Over the summer months, our students can lose up to 60% of the math and reading skills that they learned during the year. Here are dozens of ideas to keep them learning and dozens of fun activities to share with parents.

Summer Math Activities

Help students maintain their math skills and keep them thinking in numbers all summer long.

For Grades K–3:

Shopaholic: What can you buy for \$5 at the corner store? From the ice cream truck? In a hardware store? At the beach?

Change it up: Start collecting change in a jar on the first day of summer. On the last day, estimate your change, count it, and plan a special purchase.

Summer patterns: Create patterns using summer items (popsicle sticks, shells, flowers). Or, draw patterns in the sand or dirt using a stick or your hands. See how long you can carry out your pattern — along the length of the sandbox, or across the grass.

Napkin fractions: Fold paper towels or napkins into large and small fractions, from one-half to $1/16$. Use markers to label and decorate the different fractions.

Design hunt: Keep an eye out for shapes, patterns, and designs when you're out and about. You never know what you'll find in the architecture at the airport, the shopping mall, or even the grocery store.

100% delicious: Use ice cream to make fraction sundaes. Can you make an ice cream sundae that is one-half vanilla and one-half chocolate? What about one-third chocolate, one-third vanilla, and one-third strawberry? Can you cover a scoop of ice cream with one-quarter each of nuts, sprinkles, cookie crumbs, and gummy bears? Or can you eat a bite of ice cream that is one-half chocolate, one-half vanilla? For older children, calculate the percentage of each ice cream flavor in the sundae.

For Grades 4–8:

Record-breakers: Use a stopwatch to time yourself running, roller blading, swimming, or biking. Then try to beat your time. Be sure to keep the distance you're moving the same for each trial. Graph the results. (You may need a partner for this.)

Where will you be? Using a map, calculate where you will be if you travel 20, 50, 100, or 1,000 miles from home.

How many ways? As you're exploring your neighborhood during the summer, how many routes can you take to the school, the grocery store, the mall, or your friend's house? The catch: No backtracking, and you must take a new route each time.

Let's eat: Prepare a meal or dish for the family. Before you go to the supermarket, find a recipe, write what you need and how much. At the supermarket, choose the best-priced option.

Summer Reading Activities

These ideas will keep kids engaged in reading, writing, and thinking creatively even on the hottest days.



Water writer: Using a pail of water and a brush, have kids write words on the blacktop or sidewalk.

Sell summer: Tell kids: Try a new product or activity and write about it. How would you describe it? Would you recommend it? Create an advertisement to sell it to others.

Plan a trip: Have kids use the Internet, travel guidebooks, brochures, and maps to plan a dream day, weekend, week, or month-long trip.

Summer sleuth: Have kids follow a story in a newspaper during the summer, or investigate a local story (e.g., an upcoming fair). Tell kids: Write about the event as it unfolds so that you have it documented from start to finish.

Play it: Take an adventure book with a clear plot ([The Phantom Tollbooth](#), [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#), etc.) and invent a board game based on it.

Comic strip: Write a comic strip about a fictional character or yourself. See how long you can keep the strip going. Read classic comics for inspiration.

Summer Science Fun

Summer is the perfect time for children to explore their extracurricular interests, like science. Here are some activities that will have children hypothesizing all the way to September.

Map the weather: Keep a running log of the weather. Include temperature, humidity, clouds, precipitation, wind, air pressure. Can you predict what the weather will be tomorrow?

Invent a recipe for a summer drink and share it with your friends. For example, the Citrus Sizzler: 1/2 cup Sprite, 1/2 cup pineapple juice, 1 spritz lime juice.

Museum gallery: Collect pinecones, rocks, shells, or other natural objects to organize, categorize, and label. Present your own natural history museum.

Hot-weather inventor: Design an invention that you can use during summer. Some ideas: sunglasses that change color from red to yellow to blue, or a new beach toy.

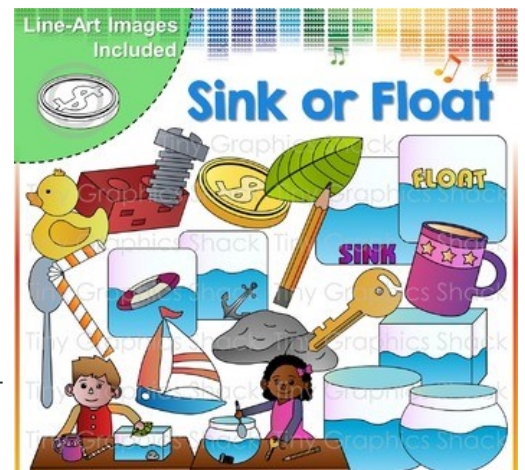
Answer a question: How long does it take an ice cube to melt outside in the summer heat? In the refrigerator? In an air conditioned room?

Float or sink: In a pool or the bathtub, hypothesize which items (soap, dry sock, bottle of shampoo, rock, etc.) will float or sink. Test your hypotheses.

Keeping Kids Motivated

Parent involvement during the summer months is crucial to student success. According to the National Education Association, "Parents who are actively involved in their children's learning at home help their children become more successful learners in and out of school." Encourage parents with a final newsletter full of activities that will stave off forgetfulness and even build skills over the summer.

Set aside time each day to read. Track the books your child reads and reward him or her with a special activity or treat when he or she reaches certain milestones (for example, every 10th book). Do art projects based on favorite titles, such as drawing a favorite scene, or making paper bag puppets



Visit your local library. Many libraries have wonderful summer reading programs that reward children for the number of books they read.

Make every day educational. Children learn problem-solving, math, science, and vocabulary as they help with groceries, laundry, and cooking.

Create a summer scrapbook. Save postcards and movie tickets, record family stories or interesting events from each day, whether you're going on vacation or just going to your neighborhood park.

Roadworthy Car Games

For kids on the bus or families on vacation, put those long rides to good use with activities that keep the kids busy and build reading and math skills.

For grades K–3:

Car bingo: Create a car bingo card with words, shapes, colors, and items that children will likely see during a trip (stop signs, billboards, railroad signs, etc.) to reinforce reading skills, math, and sight words.

The number game: Look out the window and call out when you see one, two, three, or four of something, and so on.

The alphabet game: One person chooses the right side of the road, and the other chooses the left. Call out objects that you see in alphabetical order (you can use a sign only for one letter). The first person to get to the letter "z" wins.

For grades 4–8:

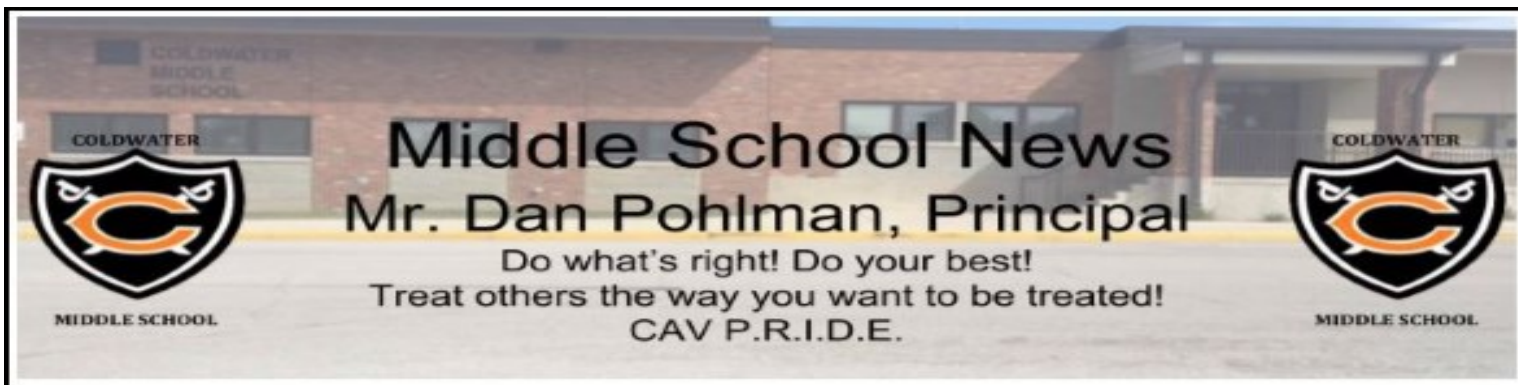
Capital game: Take note of each license plate you see, not by state, but by state capital. The first to correctly identify 10 state capitals wins.

Cow game: One person takes the right side of the road, the other takes the left. Keep count of all the cows you see. You earn one point for each cow. When you see a cemetery out of your side of the car, you lose all your points.

Animals galore: Decide on a number of points for each animal that you see (cow = 1 point, horse = 1 point, pig = 2 points, etc.). As you drive, add up the points. Play until one person gets 10 points, or for a set time.

Math with license plates: Use the numbers on license plates to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and number patterns and see just how creative kids can get!





Dear Coldwater Middle School Families and Community Members,

Summer break is here! The 23/24 school year was a success! The students exited the doors at 3:00 on Thursday, May 23rd hooping and hollering "Schools out for Summer!" A well-deserved break for our students as they completed another year at Coldwater Middle School. We say goodbye to our 8th grade class, the class of 2028, and we make room for our new 5th grade students, the class of 2032! Not only is this break well deserved for our students, but also for the entire middle school staff. Without our great middle school staff, the outcome would definitely be different. Huge thanks goes out to all the middle staff, students, parents, and the entire community for making this school year a great success!

Throughout this edition of the Cav Connection, I will be highlighting some of the activities and events that took place over the last few weeks of school. State testing was finished on Thursday, May 2nd and this began the race to the finish line which included a lot of great learning opportunities, fun, and some well-deserved positive behavior and academic recognition.



Middle School Awards Assembly

On Tuesday, May 21st, the middle school hosted the 2024 Awards Assembly. Each grade level department gave out an academic award denoting the highest performance in the area. The “Jud Lehman Gold Awards” were also handed out. Each teacher was asked to choose a student who grew positively in all areas this school year. This award was named after the late Mr. Jud Lehman, former MS ELA teacher, and is entitled the “Jud Lehman Gold Award.” Students who received this award have met the Mr. Lehman standard for “Staying Gold” and are recognized for their growth this year. The following are the award winners.

2024 Academic Awards

5th Grade:



5th Grade Math - Gwen Bertke
5th Grade ELA - Lacey Link
5th Grade Science - Annalise Knapschaefer
5th Grade Social Studies - Daxton Highley
5th PE - Adam Timmerman
5th Music - Henry Hemmelgarn, Lani Pohlman, Thad Dippold, Baylie Platfoot
5th Art - Lacey Link
5th STEM - Kailynn Schneider
5th Health - Charley Bruns
5th Band - Chase Piper

6th Grade:



6th Grade Math - Elisabeth Ebbing
6th Grade ELA - Reagan Liette
6th Grade Science - Audrey Miller
6th Grade Social Studies - Reid Dingedine
6th PE - Zane Keller
6th Music - Reagan Liette, Adrian Walker
6th Art - Bryce Rolfes
6th STEM - Brooke Schwieterman
6th Health - Will Huwer
6th Band - Audrey Miller

Congratulations Students!

7th Grade:



7th Grade Math - Natalie Timmerman
7th Grade Pre-Algebra - Lucas Broering
7th Grade ELA - Brielle Dingledine
7th Grade Science - Lucas Broering, Will Moorman
7th Grade Social Studies - Ethan Schmitmeyer
7th Grade Enrichment - Savannah Sutherin
7th Grade Choir - Alyssa Froning
7th Grade Life Skills - Emmitt May
7th Grade Band - Breckin Scott
7th Grade STEM - Blake Wenning
7th Grade Art - Elena Miller
7th Grade PE - Abby Alig

8th Grade:



8th Grade Math - Collin Bergstrom
8th Grade Algebra - Claire Bertke
8th Grade ELA - Harlow Heyne
8th Grade Science - Claire Bertke
8th Grade Social Studies - Ella Werling
8th Grade Architecture - Tate Rismiller
8th Grade Maker Skills - Blake Marchal
8th Grade PE - Bryant Evans
8th Grade Art - Jade Houser
8th Grade Health - Palin Homan
8th Grade Band - Tate Rismiller
8th Grade Choir - Kenna Wolfe

7th and 8th Grade CAP Academic Awards - These students achieved honor roll every nine weeks!

7th Grade



8th Grade



2024 Jud Lehman "Gold Awards"

5th Grade Gold Awards:



Mrs. Evers - Lydia Reichhart
Mr. Bertke - Grace Vian
Mr. Seitz - Lacey Link
Mrs. Thomas - Rheeana Matauto
Mrs. Schwieterman - Austin Bradley
Mr. Schoenherr - Wesley Geier
Mr. Brinkman - Emma Sieftring

6th Grade Gold Awards:



Mrs. Welsch - Andrew Gruss
Mrs. Oh - Reid Dingledine
Mrs. May - Miles Muhlenkamp
Mrs. Meyer - Nessa Cron
Mrs. Post - Brooke Schwieterman
Mrs. Dwenger - Griffin Niekamp

7th Grade Gold Awards:



Mrs. Rable - Brylynn Tackett
Mrs. Dues - Paige Guggenbiller
Mrs. Homan - John Roberts
Mrs. Moellenkamp - Aubree Hibner
Mrs. Rismiller - Melissa Binat

8th Grade Gold Awards:



Mrs. Kahlig - Brylee Knapke
Mr. Fisher - Bryce Bonifas
Mrs. Wenning - Braylon Gerlach
Mr. Weigel - Lana Kaiser

Builders Club - "Make a Difference Awards"

Another deserving recognition goes to six students who gave up their study hall time once a week throughout the 23/24 school year to help our special needs students in bell choir class. These students helped in various ways showing that a small act of kindness and care can go a long way. The special needs bell choir known as the "Harmony Singers and Peace Chord Bell Choir" had 2 concerts this year with one being at Christmas and the other being their Spring Concert. These six students sat by various students and helped them ring their bells, keeping them on task with the music. We could not be prouder of these MS students as their volunteerism made a difference in these students' lives truly showing what the "I Care" attitude is all about especially when done "With A Purpose."



L/R - Carter Heitkamp, Lucas Winner, Avery Bruns, Ella Werling, Koltan Tebbe, Averi Kahlig (absent)



Students lend a helping hand!

It was no secret in the middle school that we were lacking the needed help to keep our school clean. Because of this we began having 7th and 8th period study hall students volunteer their time to help empty trash in the classrooms. We had multiple students help out at different times, however, we could always count on 7th-grade students Paige Guggenbiller and Kolton Tebbe to volunteer and I think they genuinely enjoyed helping out. Thanks, Paige and Kolton!



8th Grade student places 2nd in the Mercer County Bar Association Law Day Essay Contest



Eighth-grade student Lanna Zahn participated in the Law Day Essay Contest put on by the Mercer County Bar Association. Out of 35 participants, Lanna finished 2nd Place and received her award at a reception held on May 3rd.

Lanna chose the topic of whether the Electoral College is a fair and effective election process. Lanna wrote in her essay: "The nation is so diverse that if it was based on popular vote the president would only be decided by big cities, so people in smaller rural areas vote would be outshaded by people who live in the bigger more populated places. The president would only be focusing on the bigger city's wants rather than looking at the smaller towns and communities. The electoral college gives smaller states a voice in the decisions and will not be outshined by the bigger states."



We are very proud of Lanna! Her dedication to take her knowledge beyond the classroom and to win an award did not go unnoticed.

Get R.E.A.L. Week 2024 - "WITH A PURPOSE!"

Get REAL Week 2024 was held May 6th-10th. Students involved themselves in many life-learning activities and listened to many life-changing speakers. We hope that the students took something from this positive week to help them grow! **HUGE THANK YOU** to our many sponsors that make this week possible. Without their support, we could not do what we do! Thanks also to the many parents and community members who came out to cheer us on during the 5k. What a beautiful day it was! Enjoy these highlights of the week!



Thank you Get REAL sponsors! These organizations helped support Get REAL Week through time, money, and goods! We appreciate you so much!!

Village of Coldwater, Totally Promotional, Excel Machine and Tool, Inc, Johnson Mechanical, Lefeld Industrial: Welding Supplies, Above and Beyond Daycare and Learning Center, Community Sports and Therapy Center, Enyart Flooring, LLC, Brunet Dental, The People's Bank Co, Koester Electric Inc, Moorman, Harting & Co., Signature 4, Access Engineering Solutions, Pax Machine Works, Coldwater ACE Hardware, S & K Products, Home Service Station, McSports, Rish Plumbing, Coldwater Dental, Mercer Health, Wellman Brothers, Inc, Healthy Lawns, Inc, Edward Jones, Inc, Randall Bearings, Inc, ANEW You, Golden on Main Boutique, Seitz Electric, Mariachi's, Selhorst Concrete, Orthopedic Insititute of Ohio, Elevate Wellness and Fitness, Preferred Insurance Center, Coldwater Eagles, Hogenkamp Funeral Home, Buzard's Glory Community Club, Briarwood Manor, Ray's Refrigeration, Coldwater PTO, Coldwater Lumber Co., Cooper Farms, Inc, Coldwater Animal Clinic, Imperial Tent, Rush Sports Complex, Rooster Joe, Knapschaefer Insurance Co, Innergy Fitness, Mercer Color

(If anyone was missed, we apologize! If you would like to donate next year, please let us know.)

That is a wrap to an outstanding end to the 23/24 school year! Without the great MS staff, students, parents, and community, we would not have had such a successful year! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Now for a restful and relaxing summer so we can gear up for the start of another school year, 2024/2025!

Have a wonderful summer!!

Go Cavs!

Dan Pohlman, Principal

Coldwater Middle School

Sixth graders win Coldwater Tree Commission Contest

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Coldwater Tree Commission sponsored a contest for 6th grade students at Coldwater Middle School. For the competition, students had to create a flyer that informs the community about some problem related to trees in the world or in our community and persuade community members to take some positive action about this problem. For the project, students worked with a partner to research their topic and write and design their flyer.

The following students had their flyers selected as winners in the competition. They are pictured here:



- Shianea Hoffman and Makayla Myers for their poster “Trees infected by rust”
- Brooke Schwieterman and Sophie Borger for their poster “Drought”
- (back, left to right) AJ Steinbrunner, Zane Keller, and Ian Ahrens for their poster “Soil Compaction”
- Reid Dingedine and Maddox Moorman for their poster “Drought Demolishes Trees”
- Max Sudhoff and Quinn Kanney for their poster “Wildfires”

Thank you to the Coldwater Tree Commission for sponsoring this competition!

Coldwater Middle School Fourth Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Grade 7

High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)

Abby Alig, Hayden Berger, Jack Bettinger, Lucas Broering, Layla Dawson, Brielle Dingedine, Audrey Franck, Alyssa Froning, Kraytyn Homan, Cami Lisi, Emmitt May, Will Moorman, Haley Qiu, John Roberts, Ethan Schmitmeyer, Natalie Timmerman, Courtney Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Lucas Winner

Honors (9.0 – 10.9)

Kynlee Botkin, Audrey Diller, Jonah Gruss, Paige Guggenbiller, Josh Harrison, Owen Heitkamp, Grace Heyne, Briggs Hileman, Ben Houts, Charlotte Hoying, Evelyn Kahlig, Griffin Lefeld, Bentley Mohler, Norah Moreland, Brayden Pohl, Zach Powell, Kyrie Reineke, Mara Riethman, Brea Roessner, Julianna Sager, Cami Saunders, Isabelle Schwieterman, Breckin Scott, Leah Serr, Grace Siegrist, Bryson Spriggs, Owen Stough, Jacob Uhlenhake, Bennet Unrast, Praline Unrast, Rebecca Wendel, Blake Wenning, Emmett Wermert

Grade 8

High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)

Collin Bergstrom, Claire Bertke, Avery Bruns, Wendy Buening, Kirra Burtch, Alessandra Cervantes, Isaac Delzeith Drew Garrison, Nolan Gruss, Harlow Heyne, Averi Kahlig, Jacob Kaiser, Alivia Klingshirn, Leah Kunk, Emily Larkin, Ava Lefeld, Carter Miller, Tate Rismiller, Mariah Ross, Jackson Serr, Ava Smith, Austin Uhlenhake, Ella Werling, Lanna Zahn

Honors (9.0 – 10.9)

Liam Cowan, Victoria Cron, Campbell Etzler, Bryant Evans, Weston Fisher, Carter Heitkamp, Brent Heuing, Ashlyn Homan, Palin Homan, Jadelyn Houser, Lana Kaiser, Ben Liette, Andrew Myers, Carson Pax, Alex Penno, Mills Pottkotter, Brayla Rasaweher, Andrew Schulze, Marcus Siefring, Myra Stammen, Lila Sudhoff, Shea Sudhoff, Emily Wendel, Collin Westergedes



Sixth graders visit the Mercer County Court House and Mercer County District Library.

In May the Coldwater 6th graders toured the Court House with Mr. Kip Wright. Thank you Mr. Kip Wright for the detailed and insightful tour.

Students were also able to tour the Mercer Probate/ Juvenile Court. Judge Matthew L. Gilmore was able to speak with the students about his job. Thank you Judge Gilmore for speaking with our students. The information you provided was invaluable.



Students were able to view the Langsdon Rock and Mineral Collection at the Mercer County District Library that contains over 800 minerals from around the world. Students participated in a hands-on presentation to learn about various rocks and minerals.

COMING November 2024!!



The Coldwater 4th and 5th Graders Presents: "SHREK" JR

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MARCH

2025!!



The TRADITION continues...PRIDE INSIDE!

Principal Jason Hemmelgarn



It has been a very successful year at CHS not only in the classroom but in all areas. Thanks to All who made it possible. Have an awesome summer, and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the High School Office - Monday through Thursday, 6:30 am to 4:00 pm; and Friday 6:30-10:30.

Congratulations goes out to the graduating class of 2024 and the rest of the student body for their many successes throughout the 2023-2024 school year. Best wishes are extended to the district's 107 graduating seniors as they continue the tradition of Coldwater Excellence in whatever endeavors they should pursue.

J Hemmelgarn, HS Principal

Student Participation numbers 23-24 School Year

In tracking our student body participation in sports, band, FFA, drama, ScoBo team, Ethics Bowl team, and any other outside of school day activities, the following information was compiled for 2024:

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Seniors	81/95 (4) 89.0%	88/108 (7) 87.1%	78/102 (8) 82.9%	82/108 (5) 79.6%
Juniors	94/97 (3) 100.0%	79/99 (2) 81.4%	88/109 (3) 83.0%	80/92 (3) 89.0%
Sophomores	98/105 (4) 97.0%	103/112 (4) 95.3%	88/94 (1) 94.6%	78/86 (3) 94.0%
Freshman	104/113 (3) 94.5%	88/95 (1) 93.6%	86/92 (5) 98.9%	80/87 (1) 93.1%
Total for the year	377/410 (14) 95.2%	358/414 (14) 89.5%	340/397 (17) 89.5%	320/373 (12) 88.6%

**Legend: total # participating / total in the grade (# of non-attending students to CHS)

Student Accomplishments

Tri Star awards

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their Tri Star awards recently:

- Zach Diller - Student of the Year – Med Prep
- Carson Doenges – Student of the Year – IT/Cybersecurity
- Mason Link - Student of the Year – Automotive Technology
- Karley Nearon – Student of the Year – IT/Cybersecurity
- Brandon Penno - Student of the Year – Precision Machining
- Luke Schmitmeyer – Student of the Year – Construction Technology
- Julia Siefring – Student of the Year – Teaching Professions

Kiwanis Achievement Banquet

Very proud to announce the Kiwanis Achievement Banquet that was recently held on May 6 went very well. This was the 45th Banquet in its history. Many positive comments were received about the new format that was put in last year and used again this year. In all, 47 students received 137 scholarships totaling \$158,000.

Thanks to the Kiwanis for their continued sponsorship and to all the donors for their generosity. Also, Congratulations goes out to all the students recognized for all their hard work and high performance.

DARE GRADUATION

Congratulations to all the DARE participants across Mercer County for completing their pledge as middle schoolers to stay drug and alcohol free.



Riley Kremer, Cole Etzler (scholarship winner), Mya Wehrkamp, Emily Brunswick, Grace Backs, Madison Wendel, Hailey Burrows, Braxton Howell, and Justin Gruss (scholarship winner)

Coldwater High School Prom 2024



Drew Eyink, Becca Wenning, Olivia Tobe, Alex Knapke, Troy Milligan (King), Emma May (Queen), Claire Steinke, Kenny Bailey, Julia Siefring, John Bertke



Katayun Abels

Kensie Adams

Riley Archer

Grace Bucks

Kenneth Bulley

Kira Ballard

Jacob Barnett

Tabihah Berkenstock

Carter Bertke

John Bertke

Brynden Bouffas

Lysila Boyer

Garrett Bruns



Emily Bransick

Haley Bruns

Isabel Byer

Andrea Cervantes

Eduardo Cervantes

Emma May President

Emily May Vice President

Enzo Carter

May Carter Vice President

Riley Kremer Secretary

Kate Buschur Treasurer

Alexander Cowan

Cason Dillinger

Zachary Elller

Carson Duvages

Ethan Elbing



Jack Ebbing

Colt Eiler

Andrew Eynik

Garett Ficy

Derrick Findley

Lindsay Finkle

Isaac Hannewald

Aiden Harlamert

Brylenn Harlamert

Jackson Hassan

Ethan Heikamp

Benjamin Hemelgarn

Hope Hemelgarn

Carter Hicks

Brennan Hileman

Sarah Homan

Benjamin Gere



Kayden Gere

Libby Gilmore

Julia Greber

Justin Grass

Kodie Hagaman

Austin Hamilton

Alex Krupke

Anthony Koch

Audrey Leffeld

Mason Link

Trinity McCain

Megan McNeil

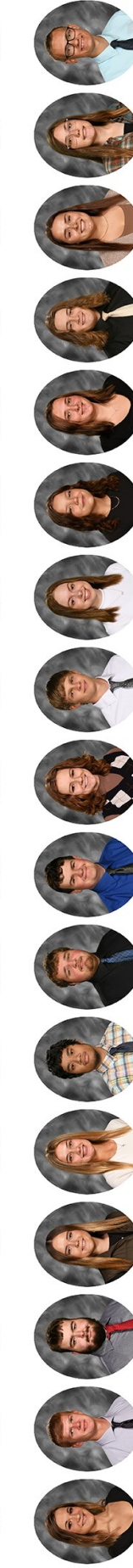
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Abigail Schwertman

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Peylon Seitz

Julia Seifing

Haley Smith

Claire Stitke



Melissa Perez

Brynden Quinn

Jack Rietlman

Heidi Romer

Kathlan Rose

Caiti Sanders

Gena Vegades

Mya Weirkamp

Nicholas Weirman

Troy Weigel

Madison Wendt

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Coldwater High School

Class of 2024

Cavalier Athletic Report



We are wrapping up another great Cavalier Year with so many individual and team accomplishments we should all be proud of. Although the spring season is not quite completed yet at the time of this going to press, it has once again been a great year. I truly want to Thank all of the parents, athletes, coaches, fans, businesses, workers, etc. that have helped make Cavalier sports what it is. Cav Pride!

Don't forget to get your athletes physicals set for this upcoming school year with your Doctors. I would suggest trying to have them completed prior to July so that you are not trying to get it scheduled at the last minute. Fall season officially begins August 1st this year. We will continue to use Final Forms school wide which has been a huge plus. You should have information emailed to your household. Be sure to complete all forms online and then bring in your completed Doctor signed physical to the High School Office. Do not try to upload your physical, we will do that for you. If you have questions, please call.

Coldwater season tickets will once again be sold online at www.coldwaterathletics.org. Simply click the "Tickets" button on the top of the front home page. You can then order here. To save some money, we eliminated the "hard pass" you could buy for a \$5 fee. We are doing digital only online. If you would like a hard copy, no problem. You can print the ticket/pass off yourself from your email or just stop in the High School Office. We can print it off for you and laminate it. Some people are happy with the digital on their phone, others want a hard pass. We will help you with either one. If you are having issues buying a season pass, just stop up to the High School Office or call. We will do it for you. We will once again be using the Hometown Ticketing company for season tickets as that is what the OHSAA requires for tournament tickets.

There will be very few ticket price changes for this upcoming year. Other than a season ticket price going up or down based on the number of events, all other prices will be the same as last year. Costs continue to rise with inflation as they do in our everyday lives, but we also want people to attend athletic events. I would strongly suggest looking at season passes, especially for our students and senior citizens (age 65 and older). It is a great opportunity to saving money from gate sale costs. I also strongly suggest getting your child a student pass for the year. You will be done with it for the entire year and save a lot of money. We truly appreciate our businesses and sponsors for helping as well as their contributions help to keep our ticket prices down while the expenses continue to rise.

This is the 6th year of our Cav Pride Senior Athlete recognition. The purpose of this is to recognize the student/athletes that play multiple sports representing Coldwater High School as it is very time consuming and challenging. This has been a very rare year in which we did not have any 3 sport (all 4 years) athletes from our Senior class. However, we did have several 2 sport athletes. Those were: Kate Buschur, Abby Fortkamp, Emma May, Rachel Schroyer, Claire Steinke, Olivia Tobe, Madison Wendel, Becca Wenning, Brayden Bonifas, Carson Doenges, Drew Eyink, Kayden Giere, Justin Gruss, Austin Hamilton, Isaac Hannewald, AJ Harlamert, Braylen Harlamert, Braxton Howell, Troy Milligan, Jack Riethman, and Luke Schwieterman. Thank you to all of these student athletes for playing multiple sports and balancing academics at the same time.

I would also like to recognize the 2024 OHSAA Scholar Athlete Recipients. This award goes to the top Male and Female academic student from the senior class that earned at least 4 varsity letters during their High School career. This year we were able to recognize Emma May and Justin Gruss. Great job both in the classroom and on the field of play!

Once again, I want to Thank You for all you have done for our Coldwater Student/Athletes. It is much appreciated by our coaches, staff members, and most importantly by our athletes. We look forward to a great 2024-2025 athletic year!

Lastly, I would like to wrap up with some individual accomplishments including The Lefeld Industrial & Welding Supplies Athlete of the Weeks.

Go Cavs!

Eric Goodwin
Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

Athletes of the Week



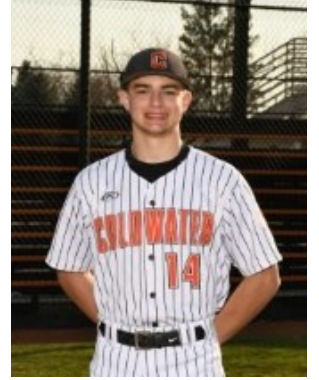
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Ava Schmitmeyer



Izzy Zahn



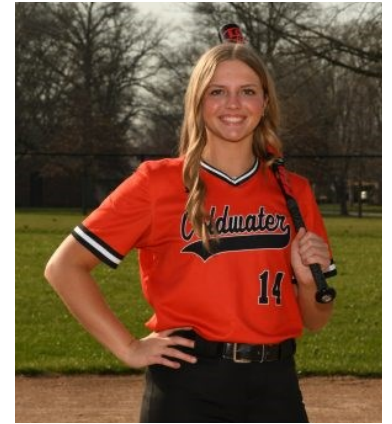
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Claire Steinke



Rachel Schroyer

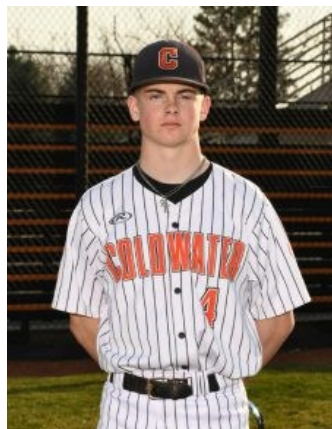


Madison Wendel

Special Recognition



Madison Wendel
Ring of Honor
MAC Player of the Year



Braylen Harlamert
MAC Player of the Year



Drew Eyink
We Build Award

COMING FALL 2024

Coldwater HS Drama

Presents.....

A CABARET SHOW CASE!



COMING SPRING 2025

HS DRAMA Presents...

**Disney's
NEW-**



COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL
4th Nine Weeks Honor Roll

HIGH HONORS (11.0-12.0)

Grade 9

Audrey Alig, Aubrie Davis, Parker Doenges, Emma Eyink, Benjamin Hannewald, Karsyn Homan, Charlotte Lefeld, Chase Linn, Breann Mathewson, Rachel Moeller, Noah Obringer, Fiona Qiu, Lydia Rainey, Aidan Rose, Alex Rutschilling, Ava Schmitmeyer, Cara Schwieterman, Kelsey Seitz, Joshua Sheets, Braylon Thobe, Kiersten Weigel, Bradley Wendel

Grade 10

Madison Bruns, Amanda Clune, Alayna Dawson, Ava Doll, Grace Huwer, Ella Kaiser, Keira Knapke, Maxwell Koch, Madelyn Lange, Edward Obringer, Kaylie Rutschilling, Rebecca Simper, Sarah Stewart, Dana Zahn

Grade 11

Olivia Broering, Cody Depweg, David Dippold, Trent Ebbing, Spencer Etzler, Reagan Homan, Zachary Homan, Aaron Kaup, Kiersten Keller, Owen Kunk, Jonathan Lange, Lucy Langenkamp, Shelby Larkin, Brady Mathewson, Andrew Moorman, Russell Moorman, Tyler Overman, Miles Pottkotter, Shanna Schmitmeyer, Joshua Schoen, Haley Tobin, Cale Wenning, Isabella Zahn

Grade 12

Grace Backs, Tabitha Berkenstock, Carter Bertke, Lydia Borger, Andrea Cervantes, Alexander Cowan, Carson Doenges, Andrew Eyink, Garrett Fiely, Derick Findley, Abigail Fortkamp, Elijah Gels, Justin Gruss, Sarah Homan, Braxton Howell, Riley Kremer, Audrey Lefeld, Mason Link, Carter May, Emma May, Megan McNeil, Marina Muhlenkamp, Karley Nearon, Josephine Schmidt, Luke Schwieterman, Gena Vagedes, Mya Wehrkamp, Nicholas Wehrman, Rebecca Wenning

HONOR ROLL (9.0-10.9)

Grade 9

Tegan Berkenstock, Lisa Binat, Joseph Buschur, Gena Fisher, Ava Fortkamp, Alaina Froning, Alexis Gerlach, Libby Grieshop, James Liette, Shelby Link, Emma Luebke, Paige Ontrop, Lauren Overman, Zachary Pohlman, Gavin Schmit, Zachary Schwieterman, Grace Siefing, Kennley Siegrist, Bennett Spriggs, Charlie Stammen, Hailey Stough, Braxton Taylor, Tori Timmerman, Conner Tobin, Keaton Tobin, Abigail Will, Evan Winner

Grade 10

Mariah Bonifas, Kaylee Buening, Aiden Burtch, Mia Byer, Carson Dues, Dillan Evers, Aidan Fiely, Cole Guggenbiller, Ashley Hicks, Ella Kahlig, Landon Knapke, Gavin Lefeld, Eve Lisi, Kelly May, Makenzie Miller, Makenzie Norris, Elle Weber, Emma Weber, Nora Wehrkamp, Madison Zwiebel

Grade 11

Mason Ayers, William Barry, Ines Blasco Martin, Morgan Blasingame, Baylen Blockberger, Izaak Botkin, Dailyn Bubp, Liam Davis, Darren Diller, Ethan Elander, Owen Fennig, Drew Franck, Lia Frank, Rudi Gross, Owen Hamberg, Mandi Hart, Jenna Heuing, Avery Knapke, Brady Lefeld, Shelby Linn, Sidney Linn, Brady Meyer, Nicholas Moeller, Drew Muhlenkamp, Jady Nye, Abigail Pax, Isabelle Ruckman, Brooke Schmitmeyer, Troy Schoen, Jake Seitz, Sarah Seitz, Alec Stammen, Brady Stammen, Carson Stammen, Brennan Sudhoff, Keaton Tebbe, Natalie Vogel, Mason Welsch, Andrew Wermert, Olivia Will, Nicholas Zahn

Grade 12

Katelyn Abels, Kenzie Adams, Kenneth Bailey, Brayden Bonifas, Garrett Bruns, Emily Brunswick, Kate Buschur, Isabel Byer, Eduardo Cervantes, Zachary Diller, Ethan Ebbing, Jack Ebbing, Cole Etzler, Lindsey Finke, Seth Finke, Nevaeh Fridley, Brooke Gerlach, Benjamin Giere, Libby Gilmore, Julia Greber, Isaac Hannewald, Aiden Harlamert, Braylen Harlamert, Benjamin Hemmelgarn, Hope Hemmelgarn, Carter Hicks, Andrew Jones, Olivia Jutte, Leah Kaiser, Alex Knapke, Trinity McCain, Kayla Medaugh, Troy Milligan, Brandon Penno, Melissa Perez, Jack Riethman, Kahlan Rose, Luke Schmitmeyer, Ellie Schneider, Rachel Schroyer, Abigail Schwieterman, Elise Schwieterman, Peyton Seitz, Julia Siefing, Haley Smith, Claire Steinke, Audrey Stoltz, Israel Sutherin, Troy Weigel, Madison Wendel, Ariel Wilson, Jenna Wollet, Gavin Zibrida

Coldwater FFA Presents Blue and Gold Award to Mr. Jason Hemmelgarn

The Coldwater FFA Chapter held their 83rd Annual FFA Banquet on April 11th. During the banquet the Blue and Gold Award, which is presented to any group or individual who has greatly serviced the FFA chapter, was given to Mr. Jason Hemmelgarn, High School Principal. We thank him for all of his support and involvement concerning all activities within the Coldwater FFA Chapter.

Presented at the banquet; "Receiving the Blue and Gold Award is a huge accomplishment for someone to earn, and you have most definitely proven yourself worthy. There are times that we as a chapter may take for granted the amount of freedom we are given to participate in our activities. Whether it be taking time out of the classroom for FFA Week activities or students missing school for CDE competitions and convention trips, you have always been understanding and willing to let us partake in such things. FFA is one of the most active clubs in this school, and we as a chapter are incredibly thankful that you allow us to be this way. Because of your efforts our members are given numerous opportunities to learn, travel, and grow in their education and as individuals. Through interacting with other FFA chapters, it has become evident that not every chapter is able to participate in the multitude of activities that we do, and it has not gone unnoticed that that is in part due to your leadership and support. Your kindness and generosity towards the FFA these past 11 years has not been overlooked and for these reasons you are the perfect candidate to receive this award."



2024-2025 FFA Officer Team

At the FFA Banquet in April, the FFA officers for the 2024-2025 school year were announced. Congratulations and good luck to all of them as they lead the FFA chapter to do great things throughout the next year!

- President - Mandi Hart
- Vice President - Shanna Schmitmeyer
- Secretary - Derek Dues
- Treasurer - Madelyn Lange
- Reporter - Tori Timmerman
- Historian - Paige Ontrop
- Sentinel - Haley Tobin
- Student Advisor - David Dippold

Coldwater FFA Star Awards

Throughout the banquet, several Star Awards were handed out to members of the various Agricultural classes. These awards are reserved for those who work hard and go the extra mile to succeed while helping others on the way. These recipients were selected for their demonstration of leadership, scholarship, and participation in chapter activities.



Congratulations to the following students for receiving these awards!

Star Greenhand: Paige Ontrop, Kennley Siegrist, and Tori Timmerman

Star Chapter: Madelyn Lange

Star Junior: Brennan Sudhoff

Star Senior: Emma May

Star Leader: Derick Findley

DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award: Garrett Fiely



3rd Annual Coldwater FFA Pie Auction

The Coldwater FFA Chapter held its 3rd Pie Auction during the FFA banquet in April. Each of the FFA Officers baked a pie that was auctioned off, helping us to raise more money to put towards members' trip expenses. We would like to thank Rick Uhlenhanke and Dusty Uhlenhake for being our auctioneers for this event, for we could not have done it without them! We would also like to thank all of our pie buyers for making this year's auction a success!

- Garrett Bruns - Turtle Cheesecake - Coldwater Young Farmers, \$400
- Garrett Fiely - Chocolate Pie - Linmore LED, \$500
- Shanna Schmitmeyer - Peanut Butter- Wenning Concrete Pumping, \$300

- Emma May - Apple Pie - Mercer County Dairy Association, \$300
- Gena Vagedes - Strawberry Rhubarb Pie - Jeremy Klenke Family, \$400
- Mandi Hart - Cherry Pie - Padua Pumping, \$500
- Lydia Borger - Strawberry Pie - Jay County FFA, \$400
- Derick Findley - Sugar Cream Pie - Fennig Equipment & Fennig-Homan Agribusiness, \$1,500



Thank You to the 2024 FFA Banquet Sponsors

- Cooper Farms
- Seitz Electric
- K&L Tractor Sales
- Florence Livestock
- Buschur's Custom Farm Service
- Vagades Farm Drainage
- Wenning Concrete Pumping
- Kleinhenz Bros. Livestock
- TRULAND Equipment
- Wabash Mutual Telephone
- Coldwater Lumber Company

2024 Ohio FFA Convention



Thirty-one Coldwater FFA members attended the 96th annual State FFA Convention in Columbus, Ohio on May 2nd and 3rd. They began their trip with a stop in Jackson Center, to tour Airstream. Here they learned about the ins and outs of the construction of campers! Later that day at the convention, students went to a session where they listened to Morris Morrison talk about how he overcame a tough childhood, and turned things around by sharing his story fighting his adversities. They ended their day by enjoying dinner and hitting a few golf balls at Top Golf. The next morning, Coldwater FFA Officers Mandi Hart, Shanna Schmitmeyer, and Gena Vagedes were recognized on stage for their Gold-Rated Officer Books. The day continued with another convention session where they listened to Ohio FFA President - Luke Jennings give his retiring address and watched their peers receive their state degrees before making their way back home.



Members Receive State FFA Degrees

A record 17 members of the Coldwater FFA recently received their State FFA Degree, which is the highest degree awarded by the Ohio FFA Association at the state level. Kenzie Adams, Lydia Borger, Darren Diller, Trent Ebbing, Owen Fennig, Lindsey Finke, Mandi Hart, Alex Knapke, Anthony Koch, Brandon Penno, Brayden Quinn, Brooke Schmitmeyer, Luke Schmitmeyer, Shanna Schmitmeyer, Brennan Sudhoff, Haley Tobin, and Olivia Will were acknowledged at the Ohio FFA Convention on May 3rd. To be considered for this degree, a member is required to complete a lengthy application, which includes a complete description of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. The member has to include FFA leadership, school and community activities, their high school scholastic record, along with 25 hours of community service. Congratulations to all of you for this major accomplishment!



Graduate to be Awarded American FFA Degree

One Coldwater graduate will be awarded her American FFA Degree this fall at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Emma Klenke will earn the highest award any FFA member can receive. Less than 2% of members ever meet the requirements to achieve this honor. The extensive application can only be completed after graduation. Congratulations on earning this outstanding recognition!



Ohio FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Team Places 5th in the State!



Garrett Bruns, Lexi Gerlach, Mandi Hart, Emma May, Paige Ontrop, Brooke Schmitmeyer, Luke Schmitmeyer, Shanna Schmitmeyer, and Kennley Siegrist all competed on this year's Dairy Cattle judging team. On March 28, they judged 4 classes of heifers, 2 classes of dairy cows, answered questions about those animals, analyzed dairy pedigrees for genetics, placed a sire selection, and took a written exam over the cattle industry. The state qualifying team consisted of Mandi Hart, Emma May, Shanna Schmitmeyer, and Kennley Siegrist. On April 24 they returned for the state finals where they judged more cow classes, presented oral reasons for the three classes, and did a team

activity. They placed an impressive 5th place in the state!

Dairy Handling

Derek Dues competed in the Dairy Handling Portion. He had to fill out a lengthy resume to apply for the handling portion. He was selected in the top 30 out of 45 applicants to compete. Congratulations to you all!



Ohio FFA General Livestock Judging



Derick Findley, Carter Glassford, Peyton Seitz, and Olivia Will were on this year's livestock team. They judged classes of cattle, pigs, goats, and sheep, and a keep/cull class. They also examined a market grid for one species and took a written exam over the four animal species. They put up a great fight against their competition.

Ohio FFA Equine Judging

This year Coldwater FFA participants for the Equine Career Development Event (CDE) were Savannah Diller, Gena Fisher, and Renae Huser. These girls had to rank horses based on breed characteristics and performance. These girls did a great job for their first year!



Ag Mechanic Skills - 10th place in the State!

Garrett Bruns, Tony Koch, and Brandon Penno, competed in the District Ag Mechanic Skills contest. They rotated through 13 stations doing skills such as welding, soldering, copper flaring, small engine part identification, fluid identification, and micrometer readings. They were the 2nd place team out of 13 schools in our district. They also qualified for state and placed 10th out of 20 teams. Brandon Penno placed 14th individually at state as well. Congratulations!



Ag Mechanics Engineering Team - State Champions!

Garrett Bruns, Garrett Fiely, and Derick Findley put in countless hours of time prepping for this event. In January they submitted their proposal for a metal workbench that included blueprints, design motivation, bill of materials, budget, and cut list. They were selected as one of the top 12 teams in the state (6th place!) to actually weld their project at the state finals. During the month of April they worked to take their design from blueprints to real-life and create a 22-page portfolio that outlines every detail.

At the state competition they had three hours to assemble and weld their final design, present it to the judges, and take a welding test. In the end, they were the 1st place team in the state! Amazing job boys! A big thank you to Blake Findley with Lefeld Welding for helping this team prepare. Thank you to Charlene Findley for helping transport the team to Columbus for the competition.



Freshmen Agriculture & Into to Industrial Tech Classes Tour Local Businesses

Recently Mrs. Wenning's freshmen Agriculture classes & Mr. Horstman's Intro to Industrial Tech classes went on a field trip to four local manufacturing Businesses. They started their day by going to Lincoln Electric Automation, formerly Coldwater Machine. There they learned how the company fabricated machines to make different parts for trucks to dishwashers. They continued on at Frank Miller Lumber in Union City, Indiana, where they learned how trees become lumber to use at home. The staff showed this group of students how boards get stripped of their bark, quarter sawn into different sizes, and dried. The next stop they checked out was St. Henry Tile. They learned about many different types of concrete, how they



schedule jobs, and were given a tour of the facility. The students finished off the day at R&R Fabrication. They learned of all the different products they make. The group even saw a finished hotel room display with the company's furnishings. Students from these classes appreciate all of these businesses taking the time to teach them about their products.

New Benches for the Mercer County Fair

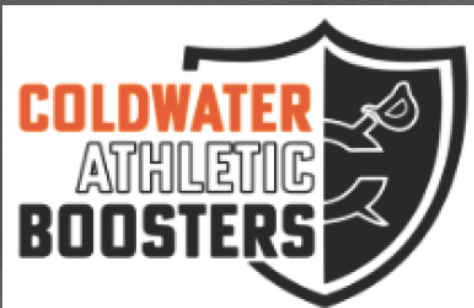
Several students in the junior Ag Mechanical Principles classes worked hard at the end of the school year to build ten new benches for the Mercer County Fair!

Thank you to the fairgrounds for supplying the lumber and trusting us to get the job done!



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

BOOSTER BASH



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

4:00 - 11:00 pm

At the East end of the park

Enjoy food, drinks, and the Cavalier Football game with music and prizes while supporting all Coldwater Athletes.

Stay tuned for our new raffle ticket options and prizes - YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!!

SPRING SPORTS



Congratulations to all of our spring sports athletes!!

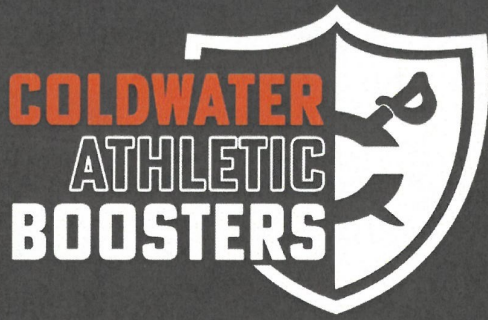


Softball district champs, multiple track athletes made it to state and at the time of this publication baseball is still rolling. GO CAVS!!!

CONCESSION STANDS



Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the basketball concession stand this year as we were able to raise approximately \$12,000 for our student athletes. This could not have been possible without community volunteers and fan support. A huge shout out to OIO and WCSM for sponsoring our popcorn supplies this year.



COLDWATER ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

WHO WE ARE:

The Coldwater Athletic Booster Club supports the entire Coldwater Athletic Department and all athletes by promoting the athletic programs, athletic scholastic endeavors, and sportsmanship within the school system. We help improve athletic facilities and equipment used for athletes and other residents of the Coldwater School District. **Anyone can become a member of the Booster Club either as a board member or as a booster member.**

WHAT BEING A BOOSTER BOARD MEMBER MEANS:

The Booster Club Board consists of volunteers who have agreed to give of their time and talents to act in an advisory role regarding the support of our athletes and athletic department. The board meets once a month to review requests and upcoming projects. We are always looking for new members to serve on the board. If anyone is interested in becoming a Booster Board member, please contact any current Booster Board member, contact us on Facebook or let us know on the contribution form.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Jared Roessner (President)	Amanda Ahrens	Leslie Krugh
Leah Bruns (Vice President)	Jason Bruns	Andrea Macias
Jackie Homan (Secretary)	Nathan Burtch	Liz Niekamp
Jayne Moorman (Treasurer)	Stephanie Cron	Landon & Ashlyn Schlater
	Tamra Dues	Amanda Schoenherr
	Kyle & Abbie Homan	Troy Steinbrunner
	Mike & Sarah Klenke	Brian Winner

WHAT BEING A BOOSTER MEMBER MEANS:

By donating to the Coldwater Athletic Booster Club, you are automatically considered a Booster Member. Each donation level holds its own special perks, but every level of sponsorship means that you support our local student athletes. For those of you who would like to do more than donate, there is the opportunity to become a Coldwater Athletic Booster Club Board Member.

PROJECTS DONATED TOWARDS:

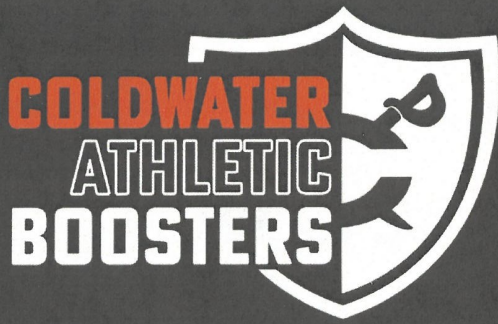
Below is a list of the various projects within Coldwater Athletics that the Boosters has donated towards this past year:

Captain Cavalier Mascot	Football Meal & Gatorade donation	Soccer Meal
Rest of Track Hurdles	Volleyball Meal and uniforms	Swim Team Meal
Girls Golf Meal	Shoot-A-Way Basketball System	Softball Team Meal
Diamond #4: added in Softball Field Fencing		Wrestling Scoreboard and Team Meals

FUNDRAISERS:

Keep an eye out for these upcoming fundraising events and many more:


- *Booster Clothing Drive
- *50/50 at Football Games and Boys Basketball Games
- *Friday Night Lights Booster Bash
- *Concessions at Girls & Boys Basketball Games



COLDWATER ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

BOOSTER MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FORM

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

WHITE	\$ 25.00	ORANGE	\$100.00
BLACK	\$ 50.00	 SHIELD	\$250.00

BLACK, ORANGE and SHIELD Memberships will have their names listed in the Fall and Winter sports program.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE COLDWATER ATHLETIC BOOSTERS!

Circle your contribution choice:

WHITE **BLACK** **ORANGE** **SHIELD** AMOUNT: _____

Are you interested in becoming a board member? **YES** **NO**

Name(s): _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Are you willing to volunteer? Choose which fundraisers you would be willing to help with.

Football 50/50 _____ **Basketball 50/50** _____ **Concessions** _____

**Make checks payable to Coldwater Athletic Boosters and send to: PO Box 84, Coldwater, OH 45828 or send donations via Venmo using the scanning code below - please include your name, phone number and amount donated.*

Like us on Facebook: 

Coldwater Cavaliers Athletic Booster Club





Thank you CAP for purchasing seniors yard signs for all of our seniors!



A big thank you to the Key Club members who helped with the Kiwanis Highway Cleanup activity on Saturday, April 27th. Even though Earth Day was Monday, April 22nd this was still an excellent Earth Day activity to help the environment. Their help was much appreciated.

