



# Cav Connection

Coldwater Exempted Village Schools

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Families and Community Members:

I am so thankful and proud of our staff, students, and families for making the start of another year outstanding. I continue to be so impressed by the work ethic, kindness, and pride our school community shows each and every day. Special thanks to our Downtown Merchants Association, who have been fundraising to extend our spirit flags on the light poles along State Route 219. This organization has committed to purchasing 45 more flags so we can display our Cavalier flags on special occasions.



Coldwater Exempted Village Schools recent Ohio School Report Card indicates our students significantly exceed state academic achievement standards based on the end-of-course exams. In addition, the US News and World Report ranks all of Coldwater Schools in the top 15% in the state and #1 in the Celina Metro area. Recently, the Niche Report ranked Coldwater Exempted Village Schools in the top 10% of districts in Ohio and #1 in Mercer County. While the state report card, along with the rankings from the US News and World Report and the Niche report, provide valuable insights into a school's performance, we firmly believe that there is so much more to education than these metrics alone.

At Coldwater Exempted Village Schools, we understand that education is not just about achieving high scores or securing a top spot in rankings. It is about nurturing young minds, fostering creativity, instilling critical thinking skills, and building character. Our dedicated team of teachers goes above and beyond to create an enriching learning environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

We firmly believe that education should be holistic - focusing not only on academic excellence but also on personal growth. Our teachers are passionate about developing well-rounded individuals who are prepared for future challenges. They prioritize individualized attention, encourage curiosity, promote collaboration, and empower students to become lifelong learners.

While accolades in reports may be an indicator of success, it is the day-to-day interactions between our talented educators and their students that truly make a difference. The relationships built within our school community foster trust and support as our teachers guide students through their educational journey.

We are proud of our results and will continue to pursue excellence and improve in everything we do. It is important to remember that your student's educational experience extends far beyond test scores or rankings. In Coldwater, we strive to provide an inclusive environment where students feel valued and empowered to reach their full potential. We strive to be student-centered and relationship-driven. The culture of a school is not just one thing, it is the only thing.

Thank you for partnering with us and entrusting us with your student's education. Together, we can accomplish anything and will continue celebrating the multifaceted nature of learning at Coldwater Exempted Village Schools.

Doug Mader, Superintendent

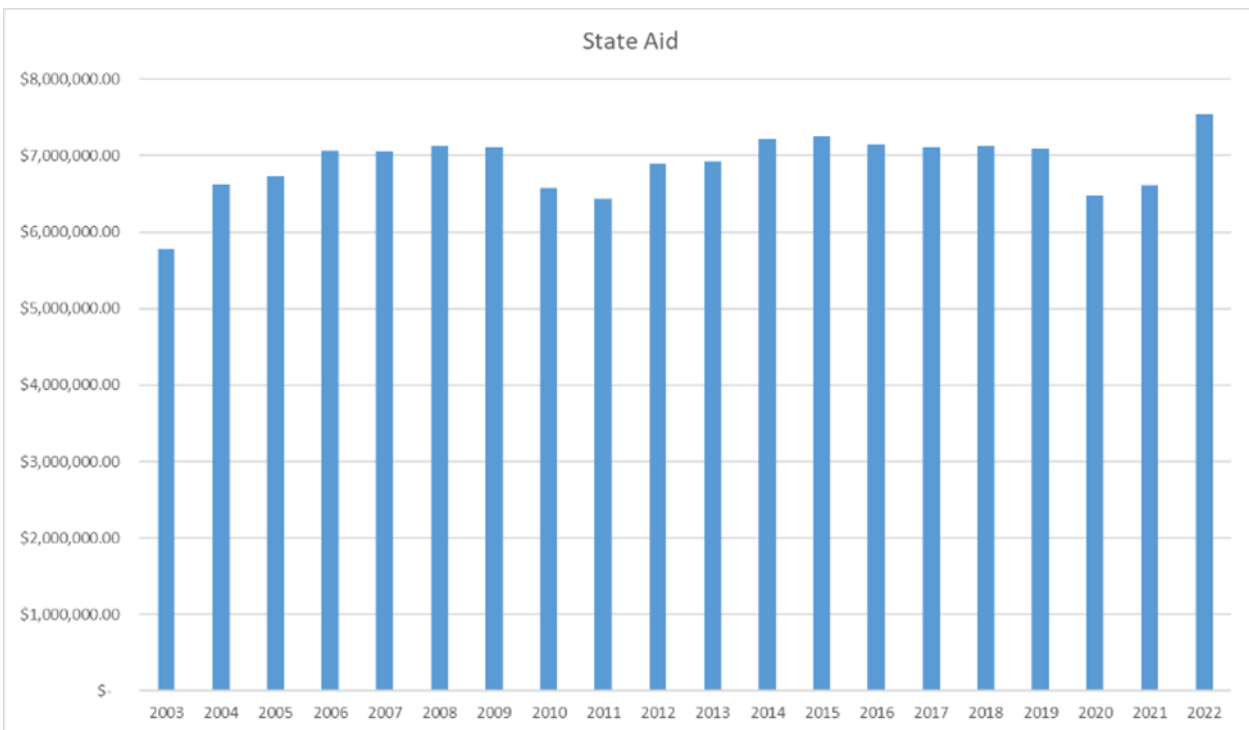
**FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER, JENN MCCOY:**

I would like to share some charts with you about levy revenue and rates around the area:

	Property tax value per pupil	Income Tax Per Pupil	Income/Property Revenue per Pupil	Student Enrollment
Celina	\$ 6,106.95	\$ 1,747.96	\$ 7,854.91	2391
Minster	\$ 5,211.66	\$ 1,713.75	\$ 6,925.41	847
New Bremen	\$ 3,801.81	\$ 3,015.07	\$ 6,816.88	813
New Knoxville	\$ 3,758.15	\$ 2,741.87	\$ 6,500.02	393
St Marys	\$ 4,476.42	\$ 1,523.82	\$ 6,000.24	1941
Parkway	\$ 4,124.95	\$ 1,550.41	\$ 5,675.36	932
Waynesfield Goshen	\$ 3,523.23	\$ 2,058.69	\$ 5,581.92	428
Fort Recovery	\$ 2,921.93	\$ 1,739.99	\$ 4,661.92	918
St Henry	\$ 4,527.46	\$ -	\$ 4,527.46	940
Wapak	\$ 3,294.04	\$ 937.91	\$ 4,231.95	2848
Marion Local	\$ 4,229.69	\$ -	\$ 4,229.69	930
<b>Coldwater</b>	<b>\$ 3,334.59</b>	<b>\$ 814.49</b>	<b>\$ 4,149.08</b>	<b>1438</b>

School	Income Tax Rate
Fort Recovery	1.50%
New Knoxville	1.25%
New Bremen	1.00%
Waynesfield Goshen	1.00%
Celina	1.00%
Minster	1.00%
Parkway	1.00%
St Marys	1.00%
Wapak	0.75%
<b>Coldwater</b>	<b>0.50%</b>
St Henry	0.00%
Marion	0.00%

Below you will see the school funding we received from the state for the last 20 years. You will see our funding has remained flat from 2003-2022 (the increase in 2022 is from the state moving open enrollment revenue from local to state). This puts a larger burden on the local taxpayers.



### **Free and Reduced Lunch Forms**

Please continue to fill out your Free and Reduced Lunch Forms, if eligible, as this provides much needed additional funding to Coldwater Schools from the state. The form is available on our website under Departments-Food Service.

### **Student Book Fees**

This is a gentle reminder to pay your children's 2023-2024 fees if you have not already done so.

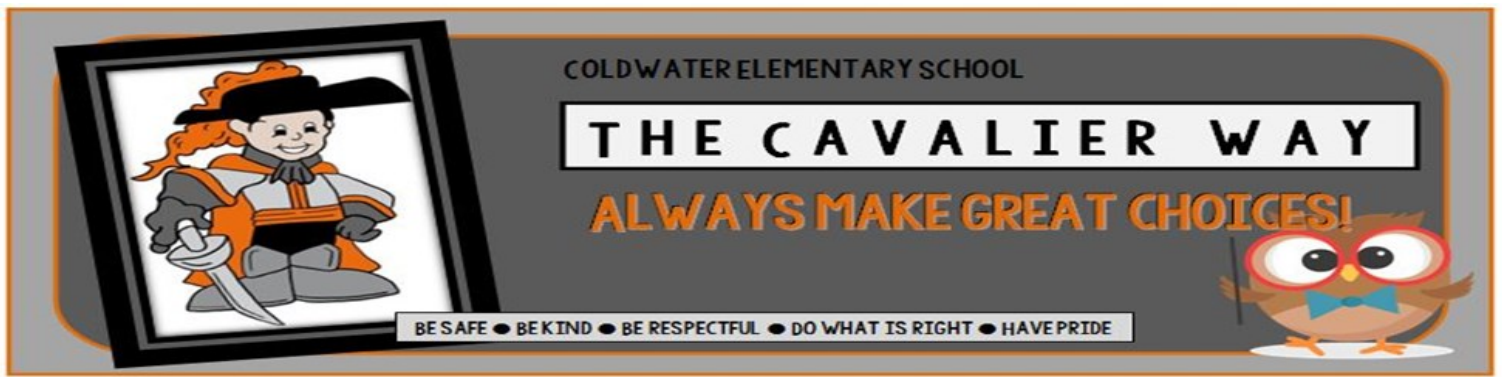
#### **UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:**

**The Coldwater EVSD Board of Education**

**will meet the following evenings at**

**6:00 PM in the High School CAV Room:**

**October 17, November 21, December 12**



## Elementary News:

Mike Etzler - Elementary Principal

Coldwater Elementary has had a FANTASTIC start to the 2023-24 school year. I want to thank all of the parents/guardians of every elementary student for your support and help in preparing your child(dren) over the summer for the school year. Everyone here at Coldwater Elementary tries to see the positive in each day, and find the silver lining in all situations. I want to thank you for your help working and communicating with us to ensure the well being of your child(ren). As we progress throughout the school year, please continue to educate your child on healthy habits that will help to ensure that we all stay safe mentally and physically. We are all better together and we need to support each other TOGETHER.



Each day our Little Cavs are expected to use "The Cavalier Way" in their actions, words, and behavior by Being Safe, Being Kind, Being Respectful, Doing What Is Right, and Having Pride. As we know not only does it take a school, but more importantly a family and community to raise an OUTSTANDING child! Please stress and continue to implement "The Cavalier Way" at home so that your child will continue to develop positive words, actions, and behaviors. What we do is greater than what we say, as

our actions speak louder than words. We want all of our students' actions to demonstrate amazing character!!! Please teach and reinforce with your children this quote, "Knowing what is right doesn't mean much, unless you do what is right!"

Along with "The Cavalier Way", we want every student to give maximum effort and try their best in all they do. Our focus theme for this year is, "Love, Serve, Care & Grow Together!" We want to stress to our students that in order for anyone to be successful one must love, serve, and care for others! We want our Coldwater Elementary students to also accept, include, and always find the greatness in others!

Parent and teacher communication is vital to the success of every student. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with a concern or advice on academic/behavioral/social/emotional strategies and interventions. The Coldwater Elementary Team together with parents want to do what is best for kids and for your child. It is very hard to achieve success alone, but when a team is involved, educators and parents, success can be achieved. Our team looks forward to a continued amazing school year doing things "The Cavalier Way"!

## Arrival/Dismissal Reminders

*These reminders/expectations are set up to keep all students and adults safe. Please follow these expectations:*

- ◆ **All Coldwater community members** who are driving near the school during arrival (7:45-8:20 a.m.) and dismissal (2:55-3:20 p.m.) times, please drive slowly, carefully and be mindful of pedestrians traveling across crosswalks. This is a school zone and the speed limit is 20 m.p.h.
- ◆ **Adults and students, please use the CROSSWALKS** when crossing Vine Street especially during arrival and dismissal times. Little eyes are watching what you do. Please set great examples for them.

## ARRIVAL

If your child is not a bus rider, we are asking them to enter at the assigned doors:

- 3rd & 4th Grade Students: Circle Drive Door #13 (Pit)
- Kindergarten & 2nd Grade: Elementary Playground Door #11
- 1st Grade: Circle Drive Door #12 (Elevator)

\*Signs have been placed on each door to clearly mark these entrances.

- ◆ **If you are parking your car to walk your child across Vine St. in the morning, please ONLY park in the Visitor's Parking Lot. DO NOT park in the numbered spaces as those have been reserved for Coldwater Elementary Staff. (Staff arrive at various times throughout the morning.)**
- ◆ **Please remember that parents ARE NOT allowed to walk their child(ren) to the classroom without permission. If you need something from the office, please stop at the office window.**

*Again, our goal is to get all of our students into the elementary school in the safest way possible.*

## DISMISSAL (Car Rider) REMINDERS

- If you want to park and walk across Vine St. to pick up your child, you may do so. We ask that you park in an actual open parking spot or in the Visitor's Parking Lot.
  - If you do park in the lot, we ask that you walk across at the crosswalk to pick up your child. Please do not tell your child to walk over to your car in the parking lot on their own. This is not safe.
  - When driving through the elementary parking lot...SLOW DOWN and PAY ATTENTION. When exiting the lot, please do not turn right. You may only turn left as we have many students walking to the CPAC and track/football field.
  - If you are waiting for an elementary or middle school student in the car rider line or get out to help your child get in or buckle up, please pull up in front of the red cone so others waiting to pick up their child(ren) can continue to move through the line.
- ◆ **Together, we all have the collective responsibility to keep all of our children safe during dismissal time.**

We want to continue to have an awesome and safe school year! Please help us accomplish this goal!

## PurposeFull People

Coldwater Elementary is grateful for your involvement in our school and community! Children today are faced with many opportunities and challenges as they enter a fast-changing world and we want to do everything we can to encourage and empower their success. It is fun to think about all the ways they will make the world better in the future and all the things they get to navigate now. Every day, they are meeting new people, learning new words, solving problems, making friends, and being a part of a community. Research would tell us that it is not grades or IQ scores that make us most successful, but instead the ability to "fail forward" - to develop resilience and persevere even when things get tough. The data would tell us that happiness in life comes more from our ability to understand and manage our emotions than from our test scores or income. All the stories and stats suggest that the pathway to a joyful life comes from what we give and not what we take.



So, how do we help young people become more resilient, generous, and emotionally intelligent? We are excited that we will be able to continue to implement the social emotional program/curriculum PurposeFull People. It is all about helping schools weave simple, powerful, relatable content into everything happening at school and beyond! It includes a huge library of practical resources and activities to help effectively teach a wide variety of traits that we know help make students more successful in their academics and in their lives outside of school. Each homeroom will again be teaching one PurposeFull People lesson a week about the focus word/trait for the month. Our school counselor, Stacey Froning will also help grade level teachers implement these lessons. She will also be teaching these lessons once a week in each kindergarten classroom.

Over the course of the year, you'll be invited to join in the fun! We will provide letters through email and Facebook related to each trait. Each letter has some great conversation starters, activities to pursue, and some challenges ("PurposeFull Pursuits!") that we encourage you to look at and try out with your family. In the classroom, our educators will be integrating everything from thirty second strategies to longer activities designed to teach skills like Courage, Kindness, Empathy, and Responsibility. To teach young people to connect with one another more thoughtfully and skillfully. To work together to solve the small and big problems of the world. To do life, on Purpose. We know that it takes a village and we are grateful to be a part of this community.

Below is the Coldwater Elementary PurposeFull People Character Trait monthly schedule. It would be very meaningful and appreciated if you could integrate and focus on the trait of the month at home.

MONTH	CHARACTER TRAIT
August	The Cavalier Way
September	RESPECT
October	KINDNESS
November	GRATITUDE
December	EMPATHY
January	RESPONSIBILITY
February	HONESTY
March	PERSEVERANCE
April	COURAGE
May	COOPERATION

Each month students can be recognized by a Coldwater Elementary Team member for modeling the trait word for the month. If a student is recognized, the staff member fills out a slip like the one below about the student:

**SEPTEMBER:**            

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

How did this student show respect? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The slip is then read on the announcements to recognize the student for their behavior. The student earns a Cav Coin, a special note from Mr. Etzler and the slip gets hung in the elementary hallway for all students to see the awesome choices our Cavalier students are making.

# “Little Cavs...BIG Character!”

## ***PBIS: Cavalier Way Donation Drive***

In lieu of having our elementary students sell items to do a fundraiser for our PBIS program this 2023-24 school year, we again held our “**Cavalier Way Donation Drive**” and asked for the community’s support of monetary donations. With support, we are able to fund student and teacher supplies, resources, and rewards/incentives that will support this mission for our students. Many of the donations will be used to purchase items to be used in the Cav Coin Store where students can shop as a reward for exemplifying “The Cavalier Way.” Also, with these generous donations Coldwater Elementary is able to fund our Character Education and Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum, “Purposeful People”. We would like to thank all of those listed below, as well as those that did not want to be mentioned, who have donated their support of our PBIS “Little Cavs, BIG Character” program. If you would still like to donate, please bring your donation to the elementary office or you may send it to this address:

Coldwater Elementary  
% Mike Etzler - Cavalier Way Donation Drive  
310 N. Second St.

<b>Cavalier Way Donation Dive 2023-24 Donors</b>		
Dustin & Kaci Rutschilling	Cody & Sarah Muhlenkamp	Joseph & Christine Muhlenkamp
Ryan & Jackie Homan	Brandon & Christie Grieshop	Mike & Renee Simcoe
Kyle & Rachel Koesters	Ryan & Raquel Kaiser	Tyler & Heather Sieftring
Matt & Laura Walker	Ron & Renee Kahlig	Keith & Michelle Kessen
Jeff & Jodi Grieshop	Jonathan & Michelle Winner	Ross & Krista Wellman
Mike & Jayme Moorman	Ben & Amanda Knapke	Greg & Ashley Lefeld
Peter & Suzanne Galyardt	Kevin & Elizabeth Geier	Justin & Betsy Muhlenkamp
Mike & Laura Geier	Matt & Amber Pohl	Brian Uhlenhake
Marty & Amanda Schoenherr	Gabe & Kathryn Dobbmeyer	Joe & Emily Siegrist
Kody & Lindsey Highley	Zach & Amanda Sudhoff	Nick & Samantha Schmitmeyer
Ryan & Mindy Garrison	Brian & Megan Winner	Jared & Michelle Roessner
Troy & Bre Sieftring	Lucas & Beth Wolf	Gary & Vickie Lefeld
Cory & Samantha Klenke	Scott & Robyn Everman	Jordan & Nicole Heyne
CareSurance Co.	Terry & Kim Muhlenkamp	Mark & Amy Knapke
Todd & Michelle Biersack	Matt & Elizabeth House	Jason & Jenna Ahlers
Chad & Debra Broering	Michelle & Ryan Dahlinghaus	Jon & Brandi Dingleline

## Summer Reading/Math Incentive Reward

Students in Grades 1-4 that worked hard over the summer to earn the Reading/Math Incentive Reward earned either an afternoon playing at Coldwater Memorial Park (1st/2nd Grade students) or swimming at Coldwater Memorial Pool (3rd/4th Grade students) on Thursday, August 24th. Students in Grades 1 & 2 had to read for 400 minutes and practice their math facts for five minutes, forty different times. Students in Grades 3-4 had to read for 700 minutes and also practice their math facts. Students also earned a treat from Kona Ice. It was the perfect day and all the students had a great time. Congratulations to these students who worked hard to earn this reward and thank you to everyone who helped make this reward day possible for our students!

Below are the number of students who completed the incentive along with some photos from the day:

68 - 1st Grade Students

79 - 2nd Grade Students

62 - 3rd Grade Students

67 - 4th Grade Students

276 Total Students



## Coldwater P.T.O.

The Coldwater PTO continues to be an amazing support to our staff & students with funds to purchase supplies etc. for classrooms and our school, as well as helps pay for student field trip fees. As always, a huge thank you for all of their time and efforts as they do so much for Coldwater Elementary! The PTO will also continue to sponsor the following events this school year:

### Upcoming Events

October 2, 2023 Custodian Day

October 23, 2023 Harvest/Halloween Party

November 2023 Subway, Chips & Desserts for staff during Parent-Teacher Conferences November 5, 2023 Flight Deck Event (2nd-4th graders)

December 2023 Teacher's Amazon Wish Lists

January 2024 Mother/Son Bowling Event

February 2024 Father/Daughter Dance March 17,

2024 PTO Carnival May 2024 Teacher Appreciation

Week May 2024 Summer Bridge Books May 2024

School Supply Kits Fundraiser

If you are interested, please get involved in the PTO. You can visit the website at:

<https://cw.noacsc.org/parents/parent-teacher-organization/>

## 3-Screens Assembly

On Thursday, Sept. 7th our elementary students had the privilege of watching a Big 3-Screen Production called "All Together Now". This presentation ties into our school-wide expectations of "The Cavalier Way" and our theme for the year, "Love, Serve, Care & Grow Together". Below is a summary of the production and some photos.

*Alone time isn't always a bad thing, but most of the time it's better to be together...unless we forget what being together is all about! Being together is about caring. Being together is about sharing. Being together is about helping. Being together is about friendship. This presentation includes inspiring stories about kids who are already outstanding examples of what being together is all about will move students to work together to make their school and world better for everyone.*



**A big thank you to the Coldwater PTO for sponsoring this assembly!**

## Important Upcoming October Events/Dates

Monday, Oct. 2 - No School for Students - CEVSD Professional Development Day

Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Coldwater PTO Meeting @7:00 p.m. - Elementary Workroom

Oct. 9th-13th - Fire Prevention Week

Friday, Oct. 13 - CW Fire Department visits 1st Grade

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - Fall Picture Make-up Day

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - Pint Size Hero Blood Drive - MS Pound @2:00-7:00 p.m.

Oct. 23rd-27th - Red Ribbon Week

Monday, Oct. 23 - PTO Harvest/Halloween Party @TBD (Kindergarten & 1st Grade only)

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - 3rd Grade Fall Ohio ELA Test Part 1

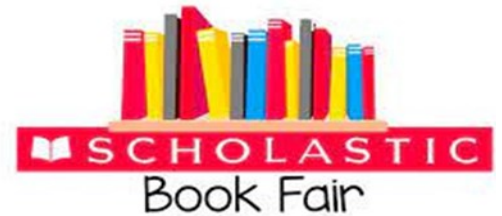
Wednesday, Oct. 25 - 3rd Grade Fall Ohio ELA Test Part 2

Friday, Oct. 27 - CWEL Halloween Dress-Up/Costume Day

Friday, Oct. 27 - End of 1st Quarter

Monday, Oct. 30 - No School

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - No School (Teacher Inservice)



## Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair

Coldwater Elementary will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair the week of Parent Teacher Conferences, November 6th-10th. The book fair will take place in the elementary library. Students will be able to shop at the book fair during the school day. It will be open to the public during Parent Teacher Conferences on Nov. 7th & 9th from 4:00-7:30 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 10th from 8:30-3:00 p.m.



### Coldwater Elementary Facebook Page

Please join our Coldwater Elementary Facebook page to stay connected to all of the events, announcements and awesome things happening at Coldwater Elementary! In your Facebook app, search “Coldwater Elementary” and look for our “Little Cavalier” logo. Once you click on our page, then click “Follow”. We would love for you to join!



## After-School Questions

Asking “How was school today?” might not get you far if you want to know in greater detail how your child’s day at school went. Instead ask questions like these for a better picture of your Little Cav’s day:

- ⇒ What’s the coolest thing that happened? What wasn’t so cool?
- ⇒ Pretend you’re the teacher. How would you describe the day?
- ⇒ What made you laugh today?
- ⇒ What was the most creative thing you did?
- ⇒ How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?
- ⇒ Describe a book you enjoyed today.
- ⇒ Tell me what you learned that you’d like to know more about.
- ⇒ Let’s see what you worked on today?
- ⇒ Show me what you have for homework?
- ⇒ Tell me what you learned that you would like to know more about?

## **CAVALIER “Ready to Learn” TIPS**

***(U.S. Department of Education: Reading Tips for Parents)***

***“The Five Essential Components of Reading”***

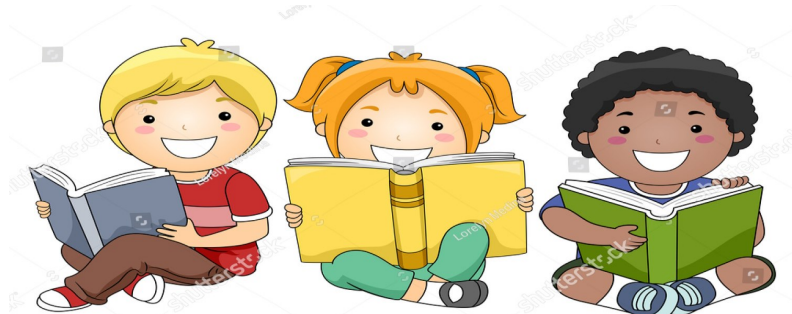
*Reading with children and helping them practice specific reading components can dramatically improve their ability to read. Scientific research shows that there are five essential components of reading that children must be taught in order to learn to read. Adults can help children learn to be good readers by systematically practicing these five components:*



- ◇ Recognizing and using individual sounds to create words, or phonemic awareness. Children need to be taught to hear sounds in words and that words are made up of the smallest parts of sound, or phonemes.
- ◇ Understanding the relationships between written letters and spoken sounds, or phonics. Children need to be taught the sounds individual printed letters and groups of letters make. Knowing the relationships between letters and sounds helps children to recognize familiar words accurately and automatically, and “decode” new words.
- ◇ Developing the ability to read a text accurately and quickly, or reading fluency. Children must learn to read words rapidly and accurately in order to understand what is read. When fluent readers read silently, they recognize words automatically. When fluent readers read aloud, they read effortlessly and with expression. Readers who are weak in fluency read slowly, word by word, focusing on decoding words instead of comprehending meaning.
- ◇ Learning the meaning and pronunciation of words, or vocabulary development. Children need to actively build and expand their knowledge of written and spoken words, what they mean and how they are used.
- ◇ Acquiring strategies to understand, remember and communicate what is read, or reading comprehension strategies. Children need to be taught comprehension strategies, or the steps good readers use to make sure they understand text. Students who are in control of their own reading comprehension become purposeful, active readers.

### **“Simple Strategies for Creating Strong Readers”**

- Invite your child to read to or with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word he or she says is the word he or she sees.
- Read a child’s favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, “This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?”
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children’s books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.



## CAVALIER “Wonderful Wordplay”

(From: “Reading Connection: Beginning Edition”)

Use these activities to build your child’s phonemic awareness - which is the ability to hear sounds in words. Phonemic Awareness is an important literacy skill that creates fluent readers.

- \* Choose a three-letter word, such as *cap*. Have your child substitute different beginning sounds from the alphabet to make new words (*lap, map, nap, rap, sap, tap, zap*). How many words can they think of?
- \* Pick a long word and tell your child to clap once as they say each syllable. For *mozzarella*, they would clap four times: *moz-za-rel-la*
- \* Ask your child to say a word without the first sound. Example: “Can you say *sit* without the *s*? (Answer: *it*)
- \* Think of a word, and give your child a “sound” clue to figure it out. For instance, “I’m thinking of a word for something that you chew but don’t swallow. The word has an *uh* sound in the middle.”

(Answer: *Gum*)

# COLDWATER ACADEMIC PROMOTER



STEP  
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STEP  
2

select your teamstore and choose your favorite styles

STEP  
3

SIMPLE and SECURE checkout

SHOP NOW

Store Closes  
OCT 30TH



SCAN AND SHOP!



More styles available online!

# Little Cav Kinders!



The kindergarteners, class of 2036, had a photoshoot in their new Little Cavs shirts. Parents had an option to purchase a shirt to wear on field trips and to other special events. These shirts were apart of a fundraiser to fund materials for projects this school year. Thank you to all those who purchased a shirt and a special thank you to McSports and anonymous community members who donated extra shirts for our fundraiser. We appreciate your help and support!

Thank you to Captain Cavalier, Mrs. Stolz, Mr. Maeder, Mr. Eztler, and Rusty who joined us for our photo.



Fun Fact: There are 8 sets of twins in this years kindergarten class.



# Little Cav Kinders!



## This Month In Kindergarten!

Welcome Kindergarteners! This is the year for our youngest learners to shine brightly! As we begin our year learning routines and expectations in the classroom, we also learn how to do things the CAVALIER WAY!! Thank you to our bus drivers, Mr. Gary Stelzer and Mr. Rob Schmitt for taking time to teach our little Kinders bus safety!

We took a Fall walk to the Coldwater Park and enjoyed a picnic lunch and exploring our awesome park! The students had a blast! We are so lucky to have the best park around!

## Upcoming Events

- Fire Safety visit at the Coldwater Department!



## **FINDING JR TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!**

The 4th and 5th Grade students have been working so hard on this year's musical production of "FINDING NEMO" JR. It is going to be an awesome production! Again this year, we are offering tickets for presale but no weekend passes. What is made each year is what we use to pay for licensing, set materials, props and other expenses involved in producing and presenting a show at this level.

Ticket sales will be as follows:

**Pre-Sale** tickets available: \$6 for Adults

\$5 for Students

This is **per show** so be sure to order enough tickets for the number of shows you plan to attend!! There is no reserved seating. All seats are first come first serve. Show dates and times: Thursday, November 16th at 7:00, Friday, November 17th at 7:00 pm (If we are on football playoffs, this show will be canceled), Saturday, November 18th at 2:00 pm and Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 pm

**Admission at the door will be \$8 for everyone attending without a pre-sale ticket or weekend pass regardless of age (pre-school age and older)**

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please fill out the attached form and send it back to school with your child along with cash or a check made out to Coldwater Schools. Forms are to be brought to Mrs. Petersen. Or, you can come to the elementary office and Shirley Mathewson will take care of your purchase.

There will be a bake sale again this year. All items are for a donation at this table. We will also have Break-A-Leg gifts for purchase along with Gold Stars. You are welcome to purchase items at this table for that special cast member!

Remember, the money paid to see the show goes towards licensing, sets, supplies and costume pieces. We understand it does get costly to see the show with a family but it is supporting a great cause! If you have any questions, please email me at [petersen.denise@coldwatercavs.org](mailto:petersen.denise@coldwatercavs.org) or call 419-678-2613. **Also, check us out on Facebook: Coldwater Elementary School Drama.** Like our page and get any updates that are posted there as well.

Thank you!

Denise Petersen

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GRADE DRAMA  
PRESENTS  
Disney · PIXAR  
FINDING  
NEMO  
JR.**

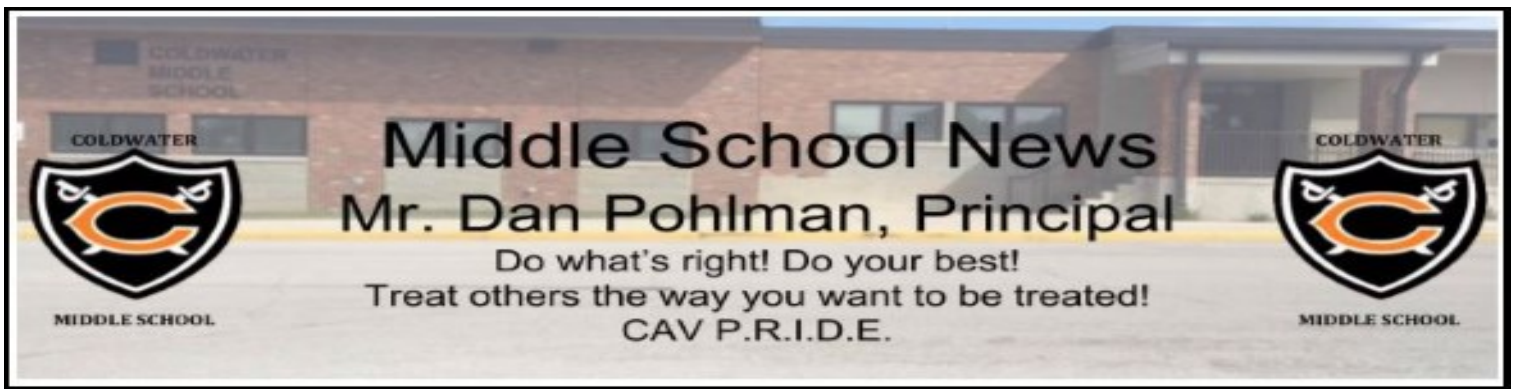
**Coldwater Auditoria**

**Thursday, November 16 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, November 17 @ 7:00 pm**  
(Subject to NO FOOTBALL Game)  
**Saturday, November 18 @ 2:00 pm**  
**Sunday, November 19 @ 2:00 pm**

**PRESALE TICKETS**  
**Adults \$6    Students \$5**

**Presale tickets available from Mrs. Petersen and the  
Elementary Office and available until Nov. 15 at 5:00**  
**Admission at the door \$8 for ALL**

Book, Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. Book Adapted by Lindsay Anderson. Music and Orchestration Adapted and Arranged by Myra Cox. Based on the 2003 Disney/Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton. Disney's Finding Nemo Jr is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Mink Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4688 mtihouse.com



Cavalier Community,

It has been a great start to the 23/24 school year. The end of the first nine weeks is upon us as the last day is Friday, October 27th. There are many things to be grateful for as we look back to the start of this young school year and also many things to look forward to as we look ahead.

On September 7th, the middle school students watched a 3 Screens Assembly program entitled "Fix It." The large movie production taught students to take responsibility for their actions and not allow bad situations to define them. Through movie clips, stories of real-life events, and inspirational music, students were given strategies to improve as a person each and every day. We are very grateful for the student body to hear this positive message. The week of September 11th -15th was homecoming week and we are very grateful to the high school cheerleaders for putting together an awesome spirit week and a spectacular pep assembly on Friday, September 15th. The students and staff had a lot of fun with this. On Monday, September 18th, we kicked off our fall cookie dough fundraiser to help raise funds for our middle school activity account. We are very grateful to this wonderful community for supporting this sale as it will help fund all of our MS field trips, rewards days, and other activities and incentives throughout the school year.



Looking ahead, the 8th-grade students are eagerly preparing for their annual 8th-grade DC trip to be held October 23rd-26th. The 8th-grade students are currently working on many projects and activities in their classes in preparation for the trip. One project deals with creating a replica of a monument, memorial, or museum that the students will share through a presentation. On Tuesday, October 17th, we will hold our annual Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Essay assembly. The top 4 essay winners will be chosen to place the wreath on the Tomb of the Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery during the trip. On the evening of Thursday, October 19th, the 8th-grade class will host the annual DC Sharing Night. Students will share their DC project and presentation with the Coldwater community.



It has been a great start to the school year! We look forward to sharing with the Coldwater community all the great things we do at Coldwater Middle School. Please follow us on the X formerly known as Twitter. @CWMiddleSchool.

## Love, Serve, Care



On Thursday, September 21st, the 8th grade football team played a home game against Parkway. This was no ordinary game for the team as there was a little something extra special that was planned beyond the game of football. Many of you are familiar with the statement “I Care, You Care, We Care!” as it was our Get REAL theme from last year. Well, the football players put this into action and recognized classmate Carter Kanney as the honorary captain for the game. Not only that, but the team wore purple socks and “Caring for Carter” wrist bands in support of Carter and the MPS Society. There is no doubt that Carter would be on that football field if he could as his family has a rich history with Coldwater

football. His grandpa, Jerry Kanney was a longtime assistant varsity football coach for the Cavaliers and currently, his father, Dan Kanney, is an assistant varsity football coach. A big thank you goes to Coach Aaron Weigel and Coach Matt Hamilton for teaching the football team that there are more important things in life than football alone. Going above and beyond to show your love and support for others can be just as big and even better than a victory in a game. We are very grateful for the coaches we have to teach this awesome life lesson to our student-athletes.



## FUN FRIDAY ACTIVITIES



The MS Student Leadership Team hosted fun Friday activities on September 22nd during Cav P.R.I.D.E. Using a Plinko board made by our very own STEM Maker Skills class, the students hosted a game choosing students to drop the plinko chip with a chance to win fabulous prizes. But, watch out, if your Plinko chip lands in the middle you will have to dress up like a purple bunny! Why? Not sure, but it has been a tradition that has stuck over the years. A big thank you goes out to teachers Carrie Kahlig and Hailey Heitkamp for leading this group and to the Student Leadership members for planning these fun activities!



## September Cav PRIDE Award Winners



**5th Grade** - Lacey Link, Aubrey Koesters, Chase Piper

**6th Grade** - Will Huwer, Mason Evers, Brooke Schwieterman

**7th Grade** - Abby Alig, Dawson Evers, Jenny Burrows

**8th Grade** - Braylon Gerlach, Ava Smith, Harlow Heyne

## Parent Teacher Conferences

The end of the 1st nine weeks is upon us and with that parent-teacher conferences are right around the corner. If a conference is not requested by the teacher and you would like a conference, please call the school or contact your child's teacher. Conferences are November 7th and 9th from 4:00-7:30 and all-day November 10th for 5th and 6th grade students.

## Middle School Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thank you for your support with our annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser that took place from September 18th - October 3rd! Because of your support, we can send our students on field trips, provide extra support in the classroom, and offer participation in extra activities throughout the school year. It means a lot that we have such a great community to help support our schools. THANK YOU!!

**\*\*\*Cookie Dough Pick-Up Day is Monday, November 6th in the high school commons\*\*\***



# COMING MARCH 2024!!

The Coldwater Middle School Presents:

"Aladdin" JR February 29-March 3, 2024

## Honoring Harley's Spirit

On Thursday, September 21st, and Friday, September 22nd, the MS students and staff remembered Mr. Harlarmert by wearing his Get REAL t-shirt. His memory and spirit will always be with us as well as his "I Care, You Care, We Care!" message. Harley definitely lives on here at Coldwater Middle School!

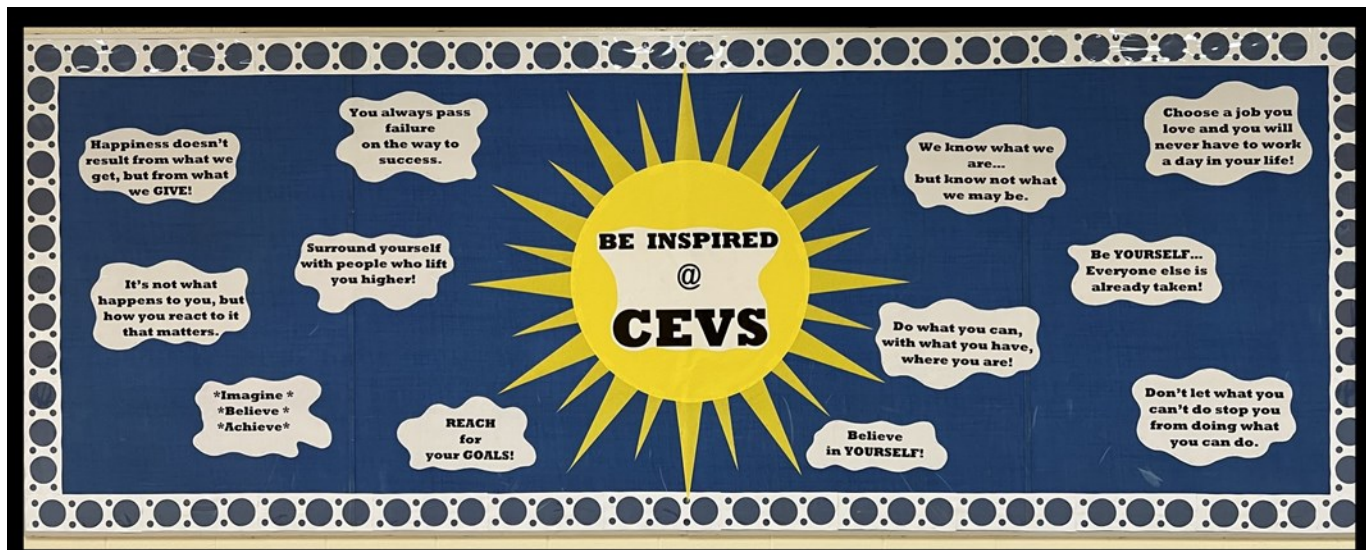




With the first 9-weeks almost complete, I would like to complement the students and staff on another outstanding start to the school year. There still continues to be many extra challenges for all students, parents, and staff this school year, but wanted say a big Thank You to everyone for their extra effort, cooperation, and respect for one another. Your continued actions are certainly appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to once again Thank Coach Stoltz and The Cheerleaders for all they do on a daily basis - signs on the lockers and in the halls, great school spirit, and recognition and enthusiasm for our many athletes. Their hard work and love for The Cavs should never be taken for granted. Also, major Thank You to Connie Heinrichs for her yearly large Inspirational Bulletin Board – well done as always.

Thank You Ladies!



Many great things are happening here again in the High School this fall, thanks to all of those who put in so much time and effort to make it all possible!

Go Cavs!...

J Hemmelgarn, HS Principal

### Monitoring Student Performance/Progress:

CHS continues to maintain our parent Progressbook login access on our school website (found at [cw.noacsc.org](http://cw.noacsc.org)). Should you have any difficulties accessing your child's information, please contact the HS Office at 419-678-4821.

In addition, the teachers may also communicate by email, phone call, etc. to the parents of students that currently have a D or F average at specified 3-week intervals. Conversation from those contacts can pursue if need be.

## **Congratulations to the students selected to the 2023 Homecoming Court!**



(L-R): Braylen Harlamert, Kate Buschur, Jack Ebbing, Hope Hemmelgarn, AJ Harlamert, Abbey Schwieterman, Izzy Byer, Austin Hamilton, Julie Greber, Justin Gruss

### **Senior Citizen Breakfast**

Happy to announce that we are tentatively planning for the Senior Citizen Breakfast to be back on again for this year. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> and more details will be forth coming in the next several weeks.

### **Parent – Teacher Conferences**

The high school staff will be available the night of Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for parent-teacher conferences. Parents should contact Gretchen Hoyng or Kathy Bohman at the high school office to arrange times between 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. to meet with individual teachers.

**REMINDER JOB / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** weblink from our School main Homepage.

This will be the place to check for updated Job Postings and Career Opportunities below:

<https://cw.noacsc.org/schools/high-school/job-postings/>

# Choral Notes

## All - State!

Congratulations to Julia Greber, Audrey Lefeld and Mya Wehrkamp who were selected through a blind audition process for the 2024 OMEA All - State Choir. The girls will rehearse this Fall before traveling in February to Columbus to join other members of the 120 voice choir, selected from schools throughout the state where they will perform for the OMEA Professional Development Conference.



Julia Greber



Audrey Lefeld



Mya Wehrkamp

## Pizza Cards are Coming!

Several of you have already contacted me, asking if the choir would be selling pizza cards again this year. YES we are! The “Buy 1, Get 1 Free” pizza deals are being offered by vendors:

Southside

The Philothea Country Club

The Celina Wine Store

Villa Nova Drive Thru (in St. Marys)

Dominos (in Celina)



Cards will be on sale October 24 - November 7th at a cost of just \$10 each (featuring 15 free pizzas!) from any current 7th - 12th grade choral student. You can also contact the HS office or Cynthia Wendel in the HS choral room.

## Mark your Calendars!

- Fall Choral concert - Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 in the Auditoria
- Christmas Choral concert - Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 in the Auditoria
- Winter HS Band/Choir concert - Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 in the Palace
- Spring Choral concert - Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 in the Auditoria



## Cavalier Athletic Report



Hard to believe we are closing in on the tail end of the Fall Athletic Season. What a start we have had to our 2023-2024 athletic year. At the time of press, Football is undefeated and ranked #2 in the State. Volleyball is off to one of their best starts in school history and are ranked #2 in the State. Girls Soccer is working hard and getting better each week. Girls Golf is rebuilding this year but the future looks very bright. Boys Golf finished up the regular season with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the MAC. Boys and Girls Cross Country are both competitive and are looking for a good tournament run.

I would like to give a huge shout out to the Coldwater Athletic Booster Club. This group of people work their tails off but yet make it so much fun in doing so. Their efforts help to financially support the Coldwater Athletic Department and provides many needs for your student/athletes. Often taken for granted, this group is extremely important to our district. This past weekend, they held their annual Fall Raffle. This was a great night for the Coldwater Community as it allowed anyone to come out to the park, enjoy some music, have some food/drinks, and simply enjoy themselves. It seems like a simple thing to put something like this together, but I have seen the work they do and it is tremendous. Again, Thank You to our Coldwater Athletic Booster Club!

Tournament season is approaching fast with Golf already teeing it off at the Sectional/District tournaments this week. Reminder to check our website for updated tournament information as we get it. Be sure to stop out to Cavalier Stadium also as we will once again host the Coldwater Lions Cross Country Meet (Oct 7<sup>th</sup>) and the MAC League Cross Country Meet (Oct 14<sup>th</sup>). This will be one of the largest fields of teams competing in the Lions meet this year with nearly 30 schools being represented. Both meets begin at 9:00 a.m. from the practice field.

Something new this year with Basketball tournaments is the higher seed is the host school for the Sectional Tournament. This is following the format already set by other sports such as volleyball, baseball, softball, soccer, etc. There has been no guidance given at this point in regards to minimum qualifications to hosting and this will be an interesting tournament season. Hopefully we receive more information soon that we can pass along.

We would like to remind everyone to keep following our website at [www.coldwaterathletics.org](http://www.coldwaterathletics.org). We try to keep this site up to the minute with schedules, features, records, scores, etc. This has been a challenging year with keeping the schedules current however due to the many changes and the changes in software being required by the OHSA. If you notice something, please let us know.

Lastly, I would like to recognize our first round of Lefeld Industrial & Welding Supplies Athletes of the Week to begin this school year off.



Libby Gilmore



Ben Giere



Morgan Blasingame



Baylen Blockberger



Sydney Grieshop



Leah Kaiser

**Go Cavs!**

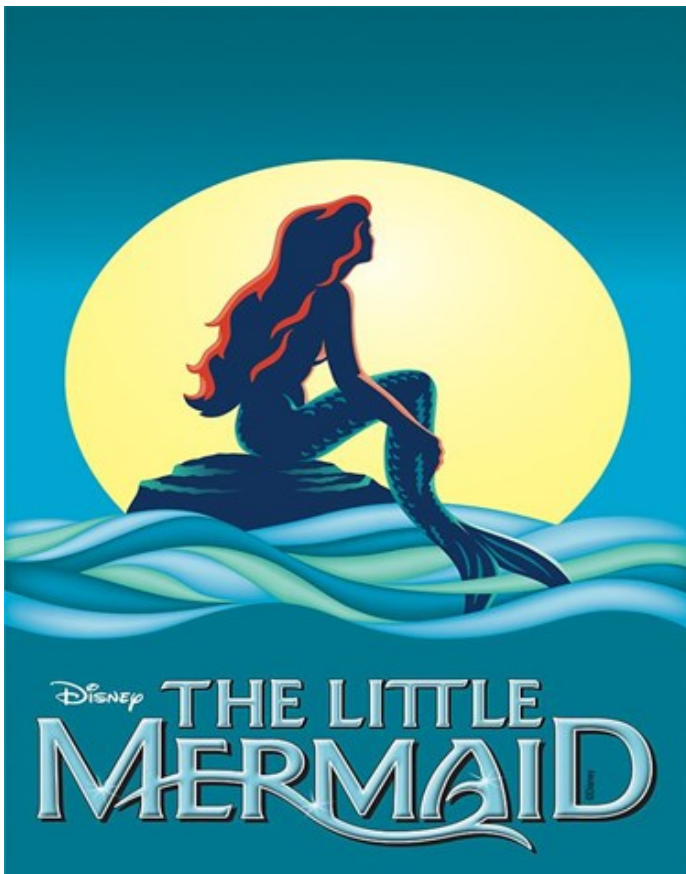
Eric Goodwin, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

## COMING APRIL 2024

Mark your calendars! The High School Drama department will be presenting "THE LITTLE MERMAID" April, 2024. Dates and times will be announced soon!

**April 4-7, 2024**

**Auditions will be  
November 20th!**



## **"CLUE" High School Edition TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!**

The Coldwater High School will be presenting "CLUE" High School Edition **October 26, 28 and 29th** in the Coldwater Auditoria. Tickets are open to the public and are now on sale! It is going to be an awesome production! We have an awesome cast of High School students who will totally amaze you! Be sure to come check out the show! This is going to be one spectacular play!!!

Rooster Joe will be supplying Coffee and Calico will be supplying cookies and cupcakes. All of which will be available for donation. We will also have a Break-A-Leg table where you can purchase carnation bouquets, Hershey Hug and Kiss Pouches and Gold Stars for that special cast member! It's going to be an awesome time for sure!

As stated, tickets are not limited and all seats are general admission! We can do special pre-sale pricing as well. Tickets can be purchased as follows:

### **Pre-Sale tickets Available:**

**\$8.00 Adults**

**\$6.00 Students**

This is **per show** so please be sure to order enough tickets for all the shows you want to attend. There are no show specific tickets and there are many chances to see the show!

**ALL TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$10 Regardless of age (Pre-School and up)**

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please fill out the attached form and send it back to school with your name along with cash or a check made out to **Coldwater Schools**. Forms are to be brought to Mrs. Petersen. You can also come to the **High School Office** and the ladies there will take care of your purchase. If you know a student at school, you can ask to have them bring your tickets to you or you can bring in your form and pick up tickets right away.

Remember, the money paid to see the show goes towards licensing, sets, supplies and costume pieces. We understand it does get costly to see the show with a family but it is supporting a great cause! If you have any questions, please email me at [petersen.denise@coldwatercavs.org](mailto:petersen.denise@coldwatercavs.org) or call 419-678-2613. **Also, check us out on Facebook: Coldwater High School Drama. Like our page and get any updates that are posted there as well.**

Thank you!

Denise Petersen

# **COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA**

**Presents**

# **Clue**

**HIGH SCHOOL EDITION**

**COLDWATER AUDITERIA**

**Thursday, October 26 @ 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 28 @ 8:00 pm**

**Sunday, October 29 @ 4:00 pm**

**PRESALE TICKETS**

**Adults \$8 Students \$6**

**Presale Tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Petersen or the HS Office  
Admission at the door \$10 for ALL**

All Sales Final

**Refreshments Available for Donation**

**Coffee by Rooster Joe Coffee & Co.**

[Facebook.com/ColdwaterHSDrama](https://www.facebook.com/ColdwaterHSDrama)

  
**Rooster Joe**  
COFFEE & CO.

Performance & rehearsal musical tracks provided by Right On Cue Services [www.RightOnCueServices.com](http://www.RightOnCueServices.com)

## FFA Members Kick Off the New School Year from a Successful Summer!

This summer there was no shortage of FFA activities that our members took part in! Starting at the end of July, the Coldwater FFA Officer Team took a trip to Hocking Hills to draw up their plans for the upcoming school year. Soon after, members volunteered to help run the ice cream stand during the Coldwater Community Picnic. Also during the picnic, many members helped represent the chapter by being on our parade float. This year our float's theme was "Pardi 'Till the Cows Come Home", which won the 1st place Junior Float award.



## FFA Members at the Mercer County Fair

At the 2023 Mercer County Fair, local FFA members received various awards for their projects. Garrett Bruns received an award for Best Woodworking Project, and many other members received outstanding ribbons for their various shop and crop projects. Many members also took part in the various animal shows during the fair. On top of this, our FFA President Derrick Findlay was crowned 2023 Mercer County Fair King, and members Peyton Seitz and Brooke Stammen were 1st Runner Ups for King and Queen. Congrats to everyone on another successful fair!

## Mercer County Soil Judging Competition

On September 15th, FFA members competed in the Mercer County Soil Judging competition, which is organized by the Mercer Soil and Water Conservation District. All Freshman members competed in the Rural Soils contest, where they judged the soil samples based on their ability to sustain crops. The team of Lexi Gerlach, Paige Ontrop, Tori Timmerman, and Alexa Kunk placed highest for our chapter.

We also had members compete in the Urban Soils competition, which requires the soil samples to be studied from a non-farm perspective. FFA members Sidney Linn, Shelby Larkin, Kiersten Keller, and Jenna Hueing made up the highest scoring team from our chapter in the Urban Soils competition. Congratulations!



## Mercer Landmark AGrow Expo

On September 9th, Mercer Landmark held their annual AGrow Expo, an event meant to celebrate agriculture in our community. Some members of our chapter volunteered to help run the event, doing various activities from painting faces to monitoring the tractor pulls. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event a success!



## Making "Soil" at the Celina Farmer's Market

On September 16th at the Celina Farmer's Market, some FFA members led a kids activity that taught about the various components of soil. The activity used ingredients such as pudding, chocolate chips, and Oreos to represent the layers of soil, giving the kids a tasty treat to take home with them. Thanks to all the members who volunteered their time to help out!



## FFA Annual Fruit, Nut, BBQ Sauce, and Meat Stick Sale

A major event conducted by the FFA, in an effort to raise funds for activities, is the Annual Fruit, Nut, BBQ Sauce and Meat Stick Sale. Fresh citrus, Ohio grown apples, Florida canned nuts, Ohio produced BBQ sauce, and fresh smoked pork sticks for the holidays are available. Support the Coldwater FFA by purchasing these items so they can participate in the contests, conventions, and camps throughout the year to develop their leadership, personal and career skills. **Orders can be placed through October 27th**, and the orders will be delivered the first week of December. Please contact the high school (419-678-4821) AFTER October 5th to place your order.





The Coldwater Athletic Boosters would like to congratulate all of our Fall athletes on great seasons so far this year. We are all proud to be Cavaliers when we see our student athletes work hard and excel on the field. The boosters have lots to share as it has been a busy fall season!



#### FALL RAFFLE -

The Coldwater Athletic Boosters want to thank everyone who helped with yet another successful fall raffle

- Thank you to all our Fall Raffle sponsors. We had a record amount of sponsorship money come in this year. This event could not be held without our local businesses that are willing to give every year.
- Thank you to the businesses that sold tickets
- Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle ticket and congratulations to those of you that won!
- Thank you to the community members who helped work the event and those that came out to enjoy the evening.

We had a FANTASTIC night at the park, the weather was perfect and we were able to continue our goal of raising money and supporting our Coldwater student athletes.

#### CLOTHING DRIVE -

Thank you to everyone that placed a clothing order with us so far this year. We have a great selection of clothing and accessories to help show your Cavalier Pride! Tuesday, October 3 will be the last day to order from our online store. Click the link to place your order. <https://mcsports.chipply.com/cwboosterfundraiser/>

**\*\*Order pick up at McSports on Saturday, October 21 from 9am -12 pm\*\***

#### BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP -

Our Booster Club Membership drive is thriving and we want you to be a part of the fun!! Anyone still wishing to join as an Orange member (\$100 donation) has until **Friday, October 27** to get their sponsorship money to any booster board member, send money via Venmo (@Coldwater-CavalierBoosterClub) or send in the form and check written to Coldwater Athletic Boosters to PO Box 84, Coldwater, OH 45828.

The Athletic Booster Board Members have worked to grow our committee over the last year, and we are excited about the new board members & the commitment we are making to continue to raise funds for Coldwater Athletics. If you are interested in joining the Board, please reach out to any board member, as we

meet the 3rd Monday of the month. Our next board meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Depot. Anyone wishing to join or see what we are about is more than welcome to attend. We would love to see some new faces willing to donate a small amount of their time to support our Coldwater Athletes!!

Again, thank you all for your continued support of Coldwater Athletics – GO CAVS!