Cardinal Community,

There is much to celebrate as we wind down the 2018-2019 school year at Central Decatur.

We have many individuals to celebrate for making our schools great, including: teachers, paraprofessionals, cooks, custodians, nurses, bus drivers and office staff. We recognize the efforts and contributions of all 120 of the individuals that comprise our staff and contribute to the education of the 725 students at Central Decatur during Staff Recognition Week, May 6-10.

Specifically, Tuesday, May 7 is National Teacher Day. This day provides us the opportunity to recognize the contributions our teachers make to our students and schools on a daily basis. While a thank you is appreciated, the greatest way to support the work of our staff is through a community that continues to be actively involved in our school system. Community involvement brings learning to life and provides a more meaningful educational experience that enriches our students and fully supports their growth and development.

Central Decatur also joins other communities throughout Iowa this month to honor our elected school board members during the month of May. It is important to recognize that volunteer school board members provide leadership to our district through responsibilities that range from strong financial stewardship to ensuring that all students are prepared to fully and effectively participate in whatever endeavor they may choose.

Shaun Schaff, Board President, Amber Swartz, Board Vice-President, Igor Takacs, Cassy Allen and Ray Bishop serve as Directors on our Board of Education. These individuals volunteer countless hours of unpaid time to provide leadership to ensure the best possible education for our students. As elected leaders, they represent our entire learning community in their continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making for our public schools.

Even though we make a special effort in May to show appreciation for our staff and school board, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-long commitment on their part. These dedicated individuals are
From Mrs. Whittington

Dear Families,

Summer vacation is just around the corner, and many kids are counting down the days. We are in the process of launching a county wide summer calendar. This is a collaboration between multiple agencies in Decatur County- including CD and Lamoni Schools, Park & Rec, Decatur County Conservation, 4H and Graceland. Our goal is to provide a live and updated summer calendar listing all the opportunities available to our youth this summer. Similar to a mall map, this resource will be linked to the school website and provide a big picture look at summer activities. Our summer program will begin on Tuesday June 4 and is free for all students who have completed K-6th grades at CD. The summer reading program includes free breakfast and lunch and a variety of activities and field trips to keep kids active and engaged.
We will partner with the Leon Public Library again this summer for the summer reading program. The Public Library does a great job organizing guest readers, activities and prizes to keep students reading this summer. Summer reading is essential for student success and the public library is an easy and free way to access lots of great books.

The State Library of Iowa [http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/tz/youthservices/slp/importance](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/tz/youthservices/slp/importance) asks the question- Do Kids Get Dumber in the Summer? "Research shows we all tend to learn more slowly in the summer. But some students do worse than simply slow down – they actually go into reverse and lose most of the reading skills they gained during the school year."

Children who don’t read over the summer tend to lose literacy skills while children who do read during the summer actually improve their reading ability. Summer learning losses accumulate over several years and are an important contributor to the achievement gap. The State Library of North Carolina reports that the number of books read during the summer is consistently related to academic gains. Children in every income group who read six or more books over the summer gained more in reading achievement than children who did not. The use of the public library during the summer is more predictive of vocabulary gains than attending summer school is."

So, in between stops at the ballpark, swimming pool, and friends, take a moment to read a good book, practice your math skills, and engage your brain! Have a great May and enjoy the summer.

_Amy Whittington_

_From Mr. Evertsen_

Each year seems to go by faster than the one before. I cannot believe that I am sitting here trying to recap the 2018-19 school year. The list of great things that CD students have done this year is too long to put on one page, but here are three examples of what it means to have Cardinal Pride!!

At this year’s State FFA Convention we had a first for Central Decatur. Chandler Smith was the State winner in Agriculture Sales. He is the 1st FFA State Champion in our Chapter’s history.
There was also great recognition for our school at the State TSA Conference. Lauren Saxton and Maddie Leahy have both been reelected as State TSA officers. As an added bonus the High School and Middle School Chapters were recognized with the Outstanding Chapter Award.

My third example of Cardinal Pride this year comes with a wide array of emotion for many people. After 39 years in education, Manny Atwood is retiring at the end of the school year. Whether helping a student through a tough personal time, helping a family complete the FASFA on time, or providing a guiding nudge toward planning for the future Mr. Atwood has been a cornerstone of support for CD students and families.

For Central Decatur’s group of 50 graduates it will be a very exciting next three weeks. As we build towards the graduation ceremony, to be held on May 19 at 1:30, they will do some reflecting on who they have been while at CD. Among this group we have leaders in athletics, drama, music, art, in the classroom and in many other ways. Their efforts have been appreciated and they will be missed.

Several of our graduates have made plans to attend college; some will join the ranks of our nation’s military, while others will enter the workforce right away. No matter which path they have chosen, I am confident that these students will be successful. We wish them the best of luck, and thank them for their hard work and dedication to Central Decatur.

Have a great summer.

Go Cardinals!!!
Each year Central Decatur Community School District is required to advise the public that the Inspection Report and Management Plan prepared in accordance with the ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA) is on file at the school.

This notice is to advise you that this School Facility has in accordance with the mandated requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) prepared an Inspection Report and Management Plan. The purpose of the Inspection Report and Management Plan is for detecting, controlling and informing the public of any asbestos containing materials that may exist in this School Facility. In the event that a building addition renovation or response action is required at this Facility, the Inspection Report and Management Plan will be revised accordingly.

This will advise you that a copy of the Inspection Report and Management Plan for this Facility is available for public review in the Administrative Offices of the Facility during normal working hours.

Code No. 102.E1

MAKE UP DAY ANNOUNCED

Friday, May 31 is a school make-up day and will be the last day of the 2018-2019 school year.
NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Students, parents, employees and others doing business with or performing services for the Central Decatur Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, creed, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its hiring and employment practices. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact:

(Title) Superintendent of Schools
(where located) 1201 NE Poplar, Leon, IA 50144
(telephone number) 641-446-4819

who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code § 280.3.

Friday, May 31st
Central Decatur
Individual Girls’ Basketball Camp
Grades 3-8

When: July 1, 2, and 3 (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)
3rd-5th grades (8:00-9:30 a.m.)
6th-8th grades (10:00-12:00 p.m.)
(use the grade you will be entering in the fall)

Coaches: Curtis Boothe and Darlene Fuller
Head and Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coaches

Location: Central Decatur High School

Cost: $30 camp fee which includes a t-shirt

Size: YM _____ YL _____ AS _____ AM _____ AL _____ AXL _____

Send registration form and fee to: Curtis Boothe
24944 State Hwy 2
Leon, IA 50144
(515) 238-0093

Our individual camp will consist of practicing the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, and shooting.
Please return your form by May 24. Thank you.

Name __________________________
Town __________________________ Grade this fall _____________________

PARENT RELEASE
I, the under-assigned participant, certify that the listed signature, residence, and phone are current and correct, and that I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Central Decatur Community Schools, their agents, commissioners, officers, volunteers, and employees of, from any and all liability for personal injuries or damages I may hereafter sustain while participating in, traveling to or from, or observing of this sponsored 2019 Youth Basketball Camp.

Date __________ Signature __________________________

Cell phone __________________________
## Summary of Calendar

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### CALENDAR LEGEND
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- Quarter
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### Important Dates to Note

- **August 9**: Registration 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- **August 19-22**: Staff PD
- **August 22**: Back to School Night
- **August 23**: Begin 1st Semester
- **August 28**: 1st day of Preschool
- **September 2**: Labor Day (No School)
- **September 27**: Staff PD (No School)
- **October 4**: Homecoming
- **October 18**: Staff PD (No School) and Mid-Term
- **October 25**: End 1st Qtr. (43 days/279.5 hrs)
- **November 1**: Comp Day (No School)
- **November 5/7**: P/T Conferences (1 pm dismissal)
- **November 8**: Release Day (No School)
- **November 27**: Mid-Term
- **November 27**: Staff PD (No School)
- **November 28-29**: Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
- **December 13**: Staff PD (1 pm Dismissal)
- **December 13**: Mid-Term
- **December 23-31**: Winter Break (No School)
- **December 25**: Christmas
- **January 1**: New Year’s Day (No School)
- **January 2**: Winter Break (No School)
- **January 3**: Staff PD (No School)
- **January 6**: Begin 2nd Semester/3rd Qtr
- **January 17**: End 2nd Qtr (46 days/299 hrs)
- **January 17**: End 1st Sem (89 days/578.5 hrs)
- **January 24**: Staff PD (No School)
- **February 21**: Staff PD (No School)-TQ
- **February 28**: Mid-Term
- **March 13**: Staff PD (No School)
- **March 13**: End 3rd Qtr. (50 days/321 hrs)
- **March 16-20**: Spring Break (No School)
- **March 27**: End 3rd Qtr (42 days/273 hrs)
- **April 7/9**: P/T Conferences (1 pm dismissal)
- **April 10**: Good Friday/No School/Release Day
- **April 13**: Staff PD (No School)
- **May 1**: Mid-Term
- **May 17**: Graduation
- **May 25**: Memorial Day (No School)
- **May 28**: End 4th Qtr. (42 days/273 hrs)
- **May 28**: End 2nd Sem (84 days/546 hrs)
- **May 29**: Staff PD (No School)

### Inclement Weather

Full Staff PD Days may be used as potential make-up for inclement weather days.
Notice to parents of incoming Third Grade parents:

The Iowa Department of Public Health has recently put into effect a law requiring that every student entering **Third Grade** have a certificate of vision screening. To be considered a valid vision screening, the screening may be performed up to 12 months prior to the student’s enrollment date or within 6 months of the student’s enrollment date. Vision screenings may be performed by a registered nurse, health care provider, optometrist, or ophthalmologist. Please have the certificate of vision screening form completed and return to the school by the beginning of the school year.

Notice to parents of incoming Kindergarten & Freshmen (9th grade) students:

All children enrolling in Kindergarten and 9th grade in an Iowa school are required to have a dental screening. Dental screening forms are available at the school or from your dentist. Dental screening needs to be completed and forms turned in to the school by December 1, 2019. If you need a form or have questions please call the school nurse. (High school-446-4816 or South elementary 446-6521)

Notice to parents of incoming 7th and 12th grade students:

All students entering the 7th grade and born after September 15, 2004, will need proof of one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). All students entering, advancing, or transferring into 12th grade and born after September 15, 1999, will need proof of two doses of meningococcal (A, C W, Y) vaccine; or 1 dose if received when the student was 16 years of age or older. Seventh grade students are also required to have a Tdap booster (tetanus, diptheria and pertussis). These vaccines are to be completed BEFORE school starts. Please contact your doctor or Decatur County Public health to fulfill this requirement or if you are unsure if your student has completed this. Contact the school nurse (446-4816) with any questions.