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Coldwater Exempted Village Schools

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Families and Community Members,

Spring is here, bringing us into the final quarter of the school year. This is always an exciting time in education, as we witness the remarkable growth of our students over the past three quarters. I want to express my deep appreciation for the students of Coldwater Schools, who continue to exemplify strong character, work ethic, and kindness. I would also like to take a moment to recognize our outstanding staff. Their dedication to academic excellence and the social-emotional well-being of our students is unmatched. It is truly a privilege to be part of a district where the staff not only excels in their work but also cares deeply for our students and one another.



As most community members are aware, our school system has been in search of additional revenue to ensure the sustainability and functionality of our district. We have communicated openly through multiple community forums, updates, and transparent discussions. I understand that there has been some confusion surrounding our two recent levy attempts.

Our first attempt followed the triennial state property valuation update, which resulted in an unexpected increase of \$825,000 in revenue. This additional amount provided a much-needed financial lifeline. Without this increase—and with the failure of that levy—we would have had to follow through on our reduction plan, including a hiring freeze. However, during the January 2024 board meeting, we publicly stated that we were pausing the reduction plan due to this unexpected revenue boost.

Following that, we strategically analyzed staffing to ensure we could maintain the integrity of classroom instruction. By carefully considering retirements and making adjustments to our supply budget—including increasing student fees by \$85—we were able to make a meaningful impact on the district's financial outlook. With community feedback in mind, we adjusted our levy proposal from an earned income tax to a traditional income tax for our second attempt. Unfortunately, this measure was narrowly defeated, causing us to lose a year of much-needed revenue.

Now, we are preparing for another levy attempt on **May 6, 2025**, seeking the same **0.5% traditional income tax**. Meanwhile, the state is currently debating school funding policies, which could significantly impact our financial future. The governor has proposed a budget that continues funding the **Fair School Funding Plan** but does not update cost inputs. While this presents challenges, it is not catastrophic. However, **Senate Bill 66** proposes changes to the **20-mill floor** for property tax revenue, which could have a much more severe impact on our district's long-term finances.

Our goal is for the community to make an **informed decision** regarding the upcoming levy. We will not be forming a formal levy committee but will run an **informational campaign**. Our levy website will be regularly updated with **accurate, factual information**. We hope those who support our schools will help spread the word and encourage their neighbors to participate in the vote.

I also want to address a concern I've heard from some community members—that there is fear of retaliation for asking questions. In my 36 years in education, I have never seen an educator retaliate against a community member, parent, or, most importantly, a child. That kind of behavior would be **malpractice**, and I encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact me directly. I am committed to providing answers and ensuring that every community member feels heard and respected.

Ultimately, our focus is on **stabilizing our district**. We need the resources to maintain our facilities and provide our teachers with updated equipment and curriculum so that our students receive the **best education possible**. This is about **long-term sustainability—not just for today, but for the future of Coldwater Schools**.

As we enter state testing season, I am confident that our teachers have done an **outstanding job preparing students for success**. Our hope is that our academic performance continues to rise, as it has over the past few years. While school is about much more than just test scores, we recognize that these assessments are one measure by which we are evaluated. Our foundation is our **Coldwater culture**, and we will continue to grow and improve that culture to ensure that every student can develop into a **productive and happy citizen**.

Graduation for the **Class of 2025** will be here before we know it. I encourage parents of seniors to **cherish these final months of high school**. Also, as a reminder, all school activities will be shut down from **June 28th to July 6th** in partnership with the park, ensuring families have uninterrupted time together.

The next two school calendars, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 are posted on our website under the District Information tab (then **District Calendars**). These calendars include the annual shutdown periods so families can plan for summer downtime or vacations in the coming years. We will publish the 2027-2028 calendar soon once the state legislature finalizes **House Bill 145**, which may require adjustments to our future calendars by increasing mandatory instructional hours.

We are **ALL** Coldwater Cavaliers.

Doug Mader, Superintendent

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER, JENN MCCOY:

State Audit

The Coldwater Exempted Village School District has successfully completed its fiscal year 2024 state audit. I am pleased to report that neither my office nor the school district received any material findings.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Kristi Timmerman, our Assistant Treasurer, and Amy Albers, our HR & Office Manager, for their diligent record-keeping and commitment to financial accuracy. A special thank you also goes to Cindy Hamberg, our recently retired Assistant Treasurer, who dedicated 27 years to Coldwater EVSD. Her expertise was so invaluable that she trained other educational entities on system setup. Beyond her professional contributions, we will deeply miss her presence in our office—especially her baked goods.



Finally, I want to recognize our incredible staff and teachers for their adaptability and understanding as they navigate the ever-changing state regulations in school finance.

The audit report as well as previous audit reports are available for public viewing on the Ohio Auditor of State's website.

State Funding Update

Ohio's public school funding system is based on the **Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP)**, which aims to provide equitable resources to districts based on student needs and community wealth. However, challenges remain in ensuring stable and adequate funding. Governor DeWine's biennial budget adjusts the community wealth aspect of the formula but not the cost component, leading to an imbalance that places a greater burden on the community for public school funding.

Key Aspects of Ohio Public School Funding

1. State Funding Per Student

- Coldwater Schools receive **\$4,663 per student** from the state.
- In contrast, private school vouchers provide **\$6,166 per K-8 student** and **\$8,408 per 9-12 student**, creating funding disparities.

2. Property Tax Revenue & Valuation Increases

- Local property taxes contribute significantly to school funding.
- A recent **37.5% property valuation increase** resulted in additional revenue, but this is not a sustainable long-term solution.
- The Coldwater community is currently responsible for approx. 40% of the school funding while the state is responsible for 60%. If Governor DeWine's biennial budget proceeds as is, the Ohio Legislative Services Commission estimates the community portion will increase to approx. 52% while the state responsibility will decrease to approx. 48%.
- Pending **property tax legislation** could further impact school finances.

3. Declining COVID Relief Funds

- Ohio schools previously relied on federal **COVID relief funds (approx. \$1.5 million in Coldwater)** to cover expenses.
- While this has helped Coldwater prolong deficit spending, these funds are now **exhausted**, leaving a financial gap.

4. Public vs. Private School Funding Disparities

- Ohio spent over **\$1 billion** of tax revenue on private school vouchers last year, which takes away \$1 billion from public school funding.
- Private schools are not required to follow state testing, adhere to state curriculum standards, or undergo tax dollar audits.

5. Challenges & Uncertainty

- The **FSFP is not yet fully funded**, and future changes in state policy could impact public schools.
- **Property tax reform** discussions could affect local school revenue.
- Rising operational costs, coupled with the loss of federal relief funds, continue to strain school budgets.

Ohio public schools remain dependent on a mix of **state aid, local property taxes, and uncertain legislative policies**, making financial planning a challenge for districts.

Where Do Our Revenues and Expenditures Rank?

I've shared these charts a few times in different places, but I want to make sure our community understands an important point: Coldwater Schools receive the least amount of local revenue per student compared to other area schools.

Take a look at the charts below to see how Coldwater ranks in both the revenue it receives and the money it spends. You'll notice that Coldwater consistently ranks the lowest in revenue per student and falls in the middle to lower range for expenditures per student.

*******#13 indicates the lowest revenue per student out of the area 13 schools*******

	Per Pupil Revenue Raised by One Mill Prop Tax	Valuation Per Pupil	Property tax value Per Pupil	Income Tax Per Pupil	Income/Property Revenue per Pupil
Celina	\$ 285.31	\$285,312.98	\$ 7,842.18	\$ 1,953.30	\$ 9,795.48
Parkway	\$ 267.75	\$267,745.59	\$ 5,448.62	\$ 1,763.67	\$ 7,212.29
Minster	\$ 258.19	\$258,186.38	\$ 5,966.61	\$ 2,759.62	\$ 8,726.23
New Knoxville	\$ 229.60	\$229,599.24	\$ 4,757.00	\$ 3,161.05	\$ 7,918.05
Waynesfield Goshen	\$ 228.97	\$228,967.99	\$ 4,627.59	\$ 2,072.22	\$ 6,699.81
St Henry	\$ 228.16	\$228,158.15	\$ 5,651.26	\$ -	\$ 5,651.26
Wapak	\$ 222.63	\$222,630.93	\$ 4,526.63	\$ 1,669.04	\$ 6,195.67
Marion Local	\$ 219.20	\$219,199.48	\$ 5,633.42	\$ -	\$ 5,633.42
New Bremen	\$ 216.15	\$216,146.82	\$ 4,620.72	\$ 3,709.29	\$ 8,330.01
Versailles	\$ 214.80	\$214,803.21	\$ 4,341.76	\$ 2,104.89	\$ 6,446.65
St Marys	\$ 212.40	\$212,404.57	\$ 5,583.08	\$ 1,740.78	\$ 7,323.86
Fort Recovery	\$ 208.32	\$208,323.21	\$ 4,194.65	\$ 3,013.56	\$ 7,208.21
Coldwater	\$ 184.55	\$184,550.29	\$ 4,292.48	\$ 932.54	\$ 5,225.02
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*****#13 indicates the lowest expenditure per student out of the area 13 schools*****

	Administrative Expenditure Per Pupil	Instructional Expenditure Per Pupil	Building Operation Expenditure Per Pupil	Pupil Support Expenditure Per Pupil	Staff Support Expenditure Per Pupil	Total Operating Expenditure Per Pupil
Waynesfield Goshen	\$2,341.96	\$11,413.08	\$3,919.66	\$615.65	\$1,121.55	\$19,411.90
Celina	\$1,989.97	\$9,275.28	\$2,738.46	\$1,215.01	\$597.26	\$15,815.99
New Knoxville	\$1,754.36	\$10,582.61	\$2,628.23	\$158.07	\$541.04	\$15,664.30
Parkway	\$1,834.59	\$9,753.16	\$3,392.59	\$293.76	\$1.27	\$15,275.37
Versailles	\$1,687.60	\$8,550.62	\$2,882.43	\$403.79	\$450.70	\$13,975.14
Wapak	\$1,483.57	\$7,948.67	\$2,789.30	\$934.03	\$385.28	\$13,540.86
St Marys	\$1,301.50	\$7,471.09	\$2,997.72	\$938.95	\$264.05	\$12,973.30
New Bremen	\$1,630.53	\$8,043.86	\$2,259.08	\$507.67	\$501.82	\$12,942.98
Fort Recovery	\$1,530.68	\$8,504.65	\$2,029.25	\$282.19	\$488.84	\$12,835.61
Coldwater	\$1,232.69	\$8,380.17	\$2,010.16	\$445.55	\$236.97	\$12,305.54
Minster	\$1,375.88	\$7,796.13	\$2,159.34	\$600.09	\$331.46	\$12,262.91
St Henry	\$1,300.46	\$7,736.19	\$2,301.44	\$386.64	\$173.28	\$11,898.00
Marion Local	\$1,347.82	\$7,236.24	\$1,813.94	\$371.52	\$417.70	\$11,187.22
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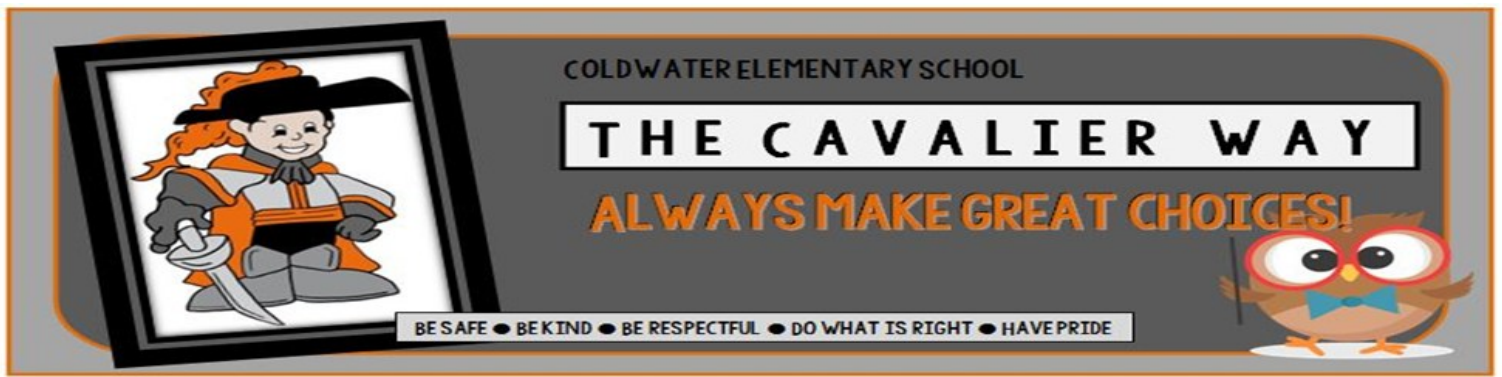
Student Book Fees

This is a gentle reminder to pay your children's 2024-2025 fees if you have not already done so. Thank you!

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

The Coldwater EVSD Board of Education
will meet the following evenings at
6:00 PM in the High School CAV Room:
April 15, May 13, and June 24, 2025





Elementary News:

Mike Etzler - Elementary Principal



What an Exciting Year at Coldwater Elementary!

What an incredible and fun-filled year it has been at Coldwater Elementary! The energy, excitement, and growth we've seen in our students this year has been nothing short of amazing. Each day, our Cavaliers continue to shine—working hard, learning with passion, and striving to be their very best. We are so proud of the progress and success we've witnessed across every grade level!

A huge thank you goes out to our students, dedicated teachers and staff, supportive administration, and of course you, our wonderful families at home! Your encouragement and teamwork have played a vital role in making this school year such a successful and uplifting experience. We hope "The Cavalier Way" has become a familiar phrase at home, and that students are living out these values not just in our classrooms, but in their everyday lives.

Our Cavaliers continue to demonstrate The Cavalier Way by loving, serving, and caring for others throughout our school. We work hard to instill in every student that there is always someone to help, always more to give, and that serving others is one of the most powerful things we can do. Please keep encouraging your child to show kindness, give their best effort, keep a positive attitude, work hard and care deeply for others both in school and in our greater community.

For the month of March, our Cavalier Character focus has been on PERSEVERANCE; that unstoppable spirit to push through challenges and keep working toward success. Perseverance, also known as "grit," is the ability to stay focused and determined even when things get tough. It's one of the most important traits that leads to success not just in school, but in life! We want every student to know that it's okay to stumble or struggle, but it's never okay to give up. With a positive mindset and consistent effort, they can achieve incredible things!

As we look ahead, we ask parents and guardians of our 3rd and 4th grade students to help us cheer them on for the upcoming Ohio State Tests in English Language Arts and Math. Talk to your child about the power of perseverance—remind them that success comes from giving their very best effort, and that they should be proud of themselves no matter the outcome.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress academically or behaviorally, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher. We truly believe in the power of teamwork between school and home, and together, we can do amazing things for your child.

With spring in the air and the final quarter ahead, we're excited to finish strong. Thank you for being part of our Coldwater Elementary family as we're looking forward to an outstanding 4th quarter doing things The Cavalier Way!

Appreciation & Recognition

Celebrating Mrs. Nikki Moor

We are proud to celebrate Mrs. Nikki Moor, one of our incredible 1st grade teachers at Coldwater Elementary! Mrs. Moor was recently honored as Minster Dental's Outstanding Teacher of the Month—a well-deserved recognition for all the care, passion, and excellence she brings to her classroom each day.

This special honor came thanks to one of her thoughtful students, Lucas, who took the time to nominate Mrs. Moor for the award. As part of the nomination process, Lucas shared—in 100 words or less—why he believes Mrs. Moor is such an outstanding teacher, and described her using three meaningful words. What a kind and respectful gesture from a student who clearly feels inspired and supported by his teacher!

A heartfelt thank you to Lucas for showing appreciation in such a thoughtful way, and an even bigger thank you to Mrs. Moor for the love, dedication, and energy she pours into her classroom every single day. She truly goes above and beyond to create a positive, engaging, and nurturing learning environment for her students.

As part of this award, Mrs. Moor received \$100 from Minster Dental to use toward classroom supplies and resources—an amazing gift that will help her continue to enhance her students' learning experience.

Congratulations, Mrs. Moor—you absolutely deserve this recognition!

We are so lucky to have you on our Coldwater Elementary team. And while we're celebrating this special moment, it's also a reminder that we are fortunate to have so many outstanding teachers at Coldwater Elementary—each one making a difference in the lives of our students every day.

Let's continue to lift each other up and celebrate the incredible educators in our school!



Celebrating Our Amazing Instructional Aides at Coldwater Elementary!

At Coldwater Elementary, we believe in recognizing the incredible people who make our school such a special place—and today, we want to give a huge shoutout and heartfelt THANK YOU to our outstanding Instructional Aides:

Karen Bergman, Sara Sudhoff, Janet Niekamp, Christine Hannewald, Janet Eckstein, Pam Cupp (EL Aide), and Jessica Scott (Librarian).

In my opinion, they are the best aides in the entire state of Ohio—and we are so fortunate to have them as part of our school family. Each day, these dedicated individuals go above and beyond to support our students and staff, doing whatever it takes and whatever is asked of them with grace, care, and a can-do attitude.

Their responsibilities are many—and they handle each one with excellence. Whether it's leading small intervention or enrichment groups, providing one-on-one instruction, covering recess duty, conducting individual assessments, supporting EL students, running our library, directing crosswalk and hallway safety, helping with arrival and dismissal, or assisting with office needs, they do it all with a smile and a heart full of care.

Their knowledge, commitment, and positive energy truly make Coldwater Elementary a better place every single day. Our students benefit tremendously from their support, and our entire staff is uplifted by their presence and teamwork.

To each of our Instructional Aides—thank you for everything you do. You are an essential part of what makes Coldwater Elementary such a warm, welcoming, and successful learning environment. We are beyond lucky to have you on our team, and we appreciate you more than words can say!

Let's all take a moment to show our gratitude to these amazing individuals who give so much to our school community each and every day.

4th Grade K-Kids: Building Leadership, Teamwork & Lasting Memories!

At Coldwater Elementary, we love celebrating the opportunities our students have to grow beyond the classroom—and our 4th Grade K-Kids are a shining example of that!



This month, our K-Kids came together for a fun-filled day of team bonding at Pla Mor Lanes. On their day off—Monday, February 17th—these students chose to spend time strengthening their friendships and building connections through a few rounds of bowling and some delicious food. Laughter, smiles, and teamwork filled the lanes as students enjoyed one another's company and created some great memories together.

A huge thank you goes out to Joan Gilliland, Stacey Froning, and Christine Hannewald for organizing and chaperoning this special outing. It's experiences like these that truly enhance our students' growth and development—and we appreciate the care and time it took to make this event happen!

Being part of K-Kids is about more than just service—it's about learning the value of teamwork, leadership, and collaboration. These young leaders are learning how to work together, support one another, and make a positive impact in their school and community. Events like this help them build important life skills, foster friendships, and develop confidence in a fun and meaningful way.

We are so proud of our 4th Grade K-Kids and all the ways they continue to grow as leaders. Keep up the amazing work, Cavaliers—you're making a difference!



This year's agricultural lessons focused on chicken eggs, helping students better understand life cycles and food production in a fun and age-appropriate way. Our kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students especially enjoyed their visit to the FFA Petting Zoo, which is always one of the most talked-about highlights of the week!

The fun didn't stop there as our elementary students also participated in a coloring contest, where one lucky winner from each grade got the chance to ride in a real tractor or combine during the FFA Tractor Parade! What an unforgettable experience to be part of such a unique and exciting tradition!

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to all of the Coldwater High School FFA members who worked so hard to plan and present these amazing activities. Your time, effort, and energy made this week a memorable one for our students. A very special thank you also goes to Mrs. Deanna Wenning for coordinating these wonderful opportunities and helping our younger students learn more about the world of agriculture in such a fun and engaging way.

We are so grateful for the partnership between our high school and elementary students. It's a celebration of agriculture, education, and community spirit, and we're already looking forward to next year!

Check out the photos below to see the joy and excitement from all of the FFA Week activities!





Dr. Seuss & Read Across America Week at Coldwater Elementary!

Coldwater Elementary was bursting with excitement during Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week, celebrated from March 3rd–7th! This special week was all about honoring the birthday of the legendary children’s author Dr. Seuss and, most importantly, spreading the joy of reading across our school.

Throughout the week, students and staff had a blast participating in a variety of Dr. Seuss-themed dress-up days. From silly socks to crazy hats, the halls were filled with creativity and laughter. It was wonderful to see our Cavaliers showing their Seuss spirit in such fun and imaginative ways!

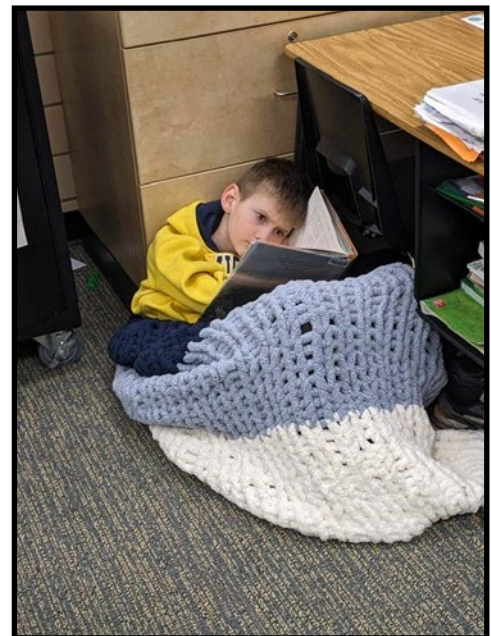
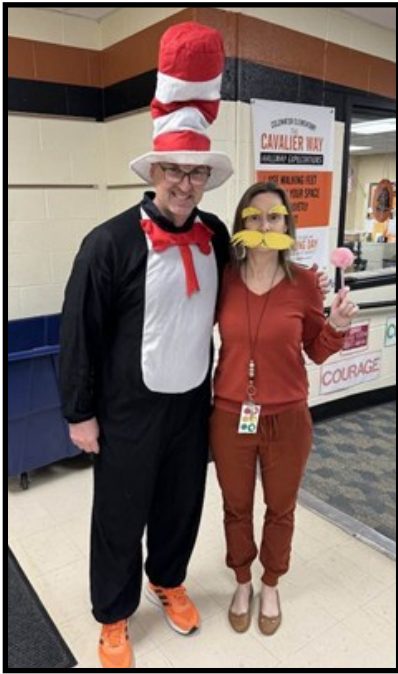
Each grade level found their own unique and engaging ways to celebrate. Students dove into classic Dr. Seuss stories, took part in Seuss-inspired classroom activities, and embraced a love of literacy.

Some classes even dedicated an entire day to curling up with a good book, while others got to experience a true Seuss classic, tasting green eggs and ham, just like in the story! The smiles and excitement were priceless.

This week served as a perfect reminder that reading can be magical, inspiring, and FUN. We’re so proud of our students for their enthusiasm and love for books and we’re grateful to our amazing teachers and staff who helped bring this week to life.

Thank you to everyone who made Read Across America Week such a memorable celebration of imagination, learning, and the joy of being a reader.





First Grade Shines in Musical Performance of "Swamped"!

Coldwater Elementary is bursting with pride after our amazing 1st grade students took the stage on March 11th to perform the musical, "Swamped" and what a performance it was!

Our talented first graders showcased their hard work and enthusiasm twice, once during the school day for their fellow students and again in the evening for their families and members of the community. Both performances were great, and the students truly lit up the stage with their energy, excitement, and smiles!

Through the fun and heartwarming story of "Swamped," our students did more than just sing and act as they delivered powerful messages about friendship, tolerance, courage, and perseverance. It was a good reminder of the important life lessons we can learn any time and place.

A huge congratulations to our first grade students for their incredible efforts, and a big thank you to Mrs. Petersen, our amazing 1st grade teachers and everyone who helped make this performance a success.



Kindergarten Brings Bedtime Fun to the Stage with “Pajama Party”!

Coldwater Elementary’s kindergarten students stole the show on March 13th as they performed the delightful musical, “Pajama Party”, a heartwarming and entertaining performance that reminded us all how bedtime can be fun!

The story of “Pajama Party” took the audience on an adorable bedtime adventure; picking up toys, taking a bath, brushing teeth, and slipping into cozy pajamas to end the day. Through catchy songs, playful movements, and lots of smiles, our young performers brought the magic of a bedtime routine to life on stage!

The students performed twice, once during the day for their fellow students and again that evening for their families and the community. Both performances were absolutely fantastic, and it was easy to see how much fun our kindergartners had sharing their talents.

We are so incredibly proud of our youngest Cavaliers for their energy, enthusiasm, and confidence on stage. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Petersen, our wonderful kindergarten teachers, and everyone who helped make this performance such a joyful experience.



Coldwater Elementary Goes Green to Support Two Special Families

Friday, March 14th was a truly heartwarming day at Coldwater Elementary, as our students and staff came together to show love, support, and Cavalier spirit for two of our own school families.

We invited all students to wear green, the official color of kidney disease and transplant awareness, in honor of Matt House, father of 4th grade student Clara House, who had a kidney transplant surgery. In an incredible act of generosity and compassion, his donor is Ashley Stachler, mother of another 4th grade student, Brooke Stachler. What an inspiring and powerful moment for both families and our entire school community!

Students proudly wore green and many even wore their “Kick for a Cure” apparel from the soccer benefit held this fall in support of the House family. Instead of our usual orange and black, the hallways were filled with green as a symbol of strength, hope, and kindness.

This day was more than just a dress-up day, it was about celebrating courage, compassion, and community. We are so proud of our students for coming together in such a meaningful way.

Our thoughts are with the House and Stachler families, and we’ll continue to surround them with love and support as Matt recovers and Ashley is celebrated for her selfless gift.



Cavalier Way 3rd Quarter Assembly – Coldwater Elementary

Friday, March 14th was an exciting and uplifting day at Coldwater Elementary as our students gathered for the Cavalier Way 3rd Quarter Assembly! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the amazing things happening in our school and recognize students who continue to demonstrate what it truly means to live “The Cavalier Way.”

We were honored to welcome Officer Kevin Wynn, Coldwater’s Chief of Police, as our special guest speaker. Officer Wynn spoke to our students about the importance of safety, especially as the weather begins to warm up and students spend more time outside. His message was engaging, timely, and filled with helpful reminders to keep our Little Cavs safe and smart in all situations.

The assembly was packed with energy, pride, and positivity! Together, our students and staff participated in school and self-pride chants, revisited The Cavalier Way expectations, and celebrated students who have shown exceptional respect, responsibility, kindness, and effort throughout the 3rd quarter.

We also recognized and rewarded students with Cavalier Way Awards, acknowledging those who go above and beyond to represent our core values each day. It was a fantastic moment to celebrate their hard work, positive behavior, and dedication to our school community.

The assembly was a huge success and served as a powerful way to motivate and inspire students as we head into the final stretch of the school year. We are proud of our students and the culture we continue to build at Coldwater Elementary as The Cavalier Way is alive and well!



Celebrating Our 3rd Quarter “Cavalier Way” Award Winners!

At Coldwater Elementary, we believe in recognizing and celebrating students who go above and beyond in showing kindness, respect, responsibility, and doing their best every day. That’s what “The Cavalier Way” is all about — and we are proud to spotlight the students who live out these values in our school!

At the end of each quarter, every classroom teacher selects two students who consistently demonstrate and model “The Cavalier Way” to receive this special honor. These students lead by example and help create a positive, supportive school environment for everyone.

During our 3rd Quarter Cavalier Way Assembly on Friday, March 14, 2025, we proudly announced the students selected for this meaningful award. Each recipient received a:

- Cavalier Way backpack tag
- Free Kona Ice certificate
- Cavalier Way award certificate
- Photo opportunity to be honored and recognized

Congratulations to these outstanding students for being true role models and inspiring others each day through their actions, attitude, and dedication to the Cavalier Way. We are so proud of you!

Check out the list of award recipients below — and help us celebrate their amazing accomplishments. Way to go, Little Cavs!



Kindergarten: Nora Berger, Bentley Homan, E.J. Ahrens, Blair Westerheide, Blaise Grieshop, Charley Forsthoefel, Waylon Roth, Ella Post, Owen Uhlenhake, Luke Franzer, Devyn Adams, Sydney Muhlenkamp, Oliver Heinrichs, Hayes Simcoe, Eva Huelskamp

1st Grade: Quinn McKenzie, Desmond Homan, Morgan Unrast, Theo Lefeld, Ivanka Homan, Gavin Berger, Lydia Wellman, Ben Dahlinghaus, Caroline Klenke, Lane Fennig, Maggie Rindler, Ben Eyink, Cody Geier, Silas Gansert



2nd Grade: Elijah Niekamp, Emry Muhlenkamp, Colton Bruggeman, Karter Boeckman, Carly Sapp, Jacob Lefeld, Reagan Muhlenkamp, Greyson Biersack, Everett Ebbing, Grant Timmerman, Carson Heyne, Grace Uhlenhake



3rd Grade: Jemma Bettinger, Carter Ryan, Amersyn Homan, Aleah Vargas, Chloe Fontanini, Kallen Schlarman, Andrew Sudhoff, Isla Balster, Tristan Zerkel, Vivian Helentjaris, Joey Uhlenhake, Kate Mathewson, Kenna Forsthoefel, Jack Pohl, Maelynn Macias



4th Grade: Daelynne Wenning, McKinley Koester, Lorena Will, William Sanchez, Gibson Dues, Jazlyn Klenke, Chloe Kunk, Eli Eyink, Nicholas Winner, Brooke Stachler, Charlie Stammen, Lily Braun, Martha Matauto, Gavin Heitkamp

Coldwater PTO Carnival & Elementary Art Show – A Wonderful Day of Fun and Celebration!

The PTO Carnival and art show were held on Sunday, March 16th. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Coldwater PTO and our amazing chairpersons, Cole & Vanessa Cooper and Ben & Amber Young, for organizing a fantastic PTO Carnival. This fun-filled event brought together Cavalier students, parents, and families for an afternoon packed with games, laughter, and community spirit!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our PTO and the many family volunteers, this event was a huge success. Monies raised from the carnival will go directly toward supporting our students and teachers with valuable educational materials and classroom resources which is a win for everyone!

Once again this year, the PTO partnered with generous local businesses to provide kid-friendly prizes for the Student Raffle, and we're so grateful for their support. A very special thank you goes out to the Buzzards Glory Community Club, who donated funds to ensure every elementary student had an entry in the raffle and a chance to win one or more of over 150 exciting prizes! We are truly thankful for the generosity of the local businesses who supported the raffle, making it possible for so many students to share in the fun and excitement.



Coldwater Schools

would like to thank all of our incredible sponsors!

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Please take a moment to review the list of generous donors as their support means the world to our students and teachers!

A special shout-out also goes to our talented art teachers — Mrs. Kari Forsthoefel (Elementary) and Ms. Hailey Heitkamp (Middle School) — for organizing the beautiful art show. They made sure that every student had a piece of artwork displayed, and it was simply amazing to see the creativity and talent of our young artists on full display. Thank you for making this celebration of student expression such a success!

We are so fortunate to be part of a school and community that comes together to celebrate and support our kids in such meaningful ways. Thank you again to everyone who made the PTO Carnival, Raffle, and Art Show such a memorable experience for our Cavaliers!

Coldwater Elementary Students Honored with Grand Lake Literature Festival Reading Award

Coldwater Elementary is thrilled to recognize some of our outstanding readers who have shown exceptional dedication and growth in reading this year! Teachers from 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade had the privilege of selecting one student from their classrooms to receive the Grand Lake Literature Festival Reading Award.

These hardworking students will be honored with a certificate and a coupon for a free book at the Grand Lake Literature Festival, which will take place on Saturday, March 29th. Coldwater students will receive their awards during a special presentation at 1:05 p.m. at the festival.

We are incredibly proud of these students for their effort, perseverance, and love for reading. Their growth and dedication to literacy are truly inspiring, and we can't wait to see them continue to thrive as readers! Congratulations to all of our award winners and keep up the amazing work!



2nd Grade: Breeze Long, Breah Goddard, Grant Timmerman, Sam Kaup, Greyson Biersack, Mack Muhlenkamp



3rd Grade: Clara Bettinger, Jenessa Schwieterman, Alexa Koester, Aubrey Dues, Lucy Will, Brooke Muhlenkamp, Charlie Gerlach



4th Grade: Kinsley Lefeld, Brielle Kessen, Eleanor Woeste, Renee Knapke, Avery Geier, Jaelynn Ahlers

Coldwater Community: Help Us Promote Safety with Our #70 Helmet Sticker Initiative

As the sunshine returns and warmer weather sets in, we're excited to see so many of our Little Cavs outside riding bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, and more! Outdoor fun is one of the best parts of spring, but as always, safety comes first.

We want to take a moment to remind all families of an important message...Always wear your helmet!

Wearing a helmet is one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect your child's head and brain in the event of a fall or accident. Keeping our students safe while they enjoy the outdoors is one of our top priorities.

To help encourage helmet use, we introduced a special initiative at our Cavalier Way Assembly last Friday:

#70 Helmet Stickers – Honoring Cale Wenning

Students can now earn a #70 helmet sticker in honor of Cale Wenning, whose football jersey number was 70. This heartfelt initiative is a way to honor Cale's memory while promoting the importance of safety across our school and community. We know Cale would be proud to see our students looking out for themselves and one another.

How can your child earn their #70 helmet sticker?

- ☑ Take a photo of your child wearing their helmet while riding.
- ☑ Send the photo to school with your child OR email it directly to your child's teacher or to Mr. Etzler.

Once we receive the photo, your child will proudly receive a #70 helmet sticker to place on their helmet, and their picture will be featured on our special bulletin board display at school!

Attached you'll find a photo of the sticker and an example of where it can be placed on a helmet.

Thank you for supporting this meaningful and impactful initiative and for helping us keep our Little Cavs safe, strong, and full of Cavalier pride!



Kindergarten Screening & Registration

Coldwater Elementary held their kindergarten screening and registration on March 20th & March 21st. If you have a child that will turn age five before August 1, 2025, and are interested in sending them to kindergarten but missed the screening dates, please contact the elementary office as soon as possible at 419-678-2613 to schedule a time for a short screening.

Spring Ohio Achievement Testing

Our 3rd and 4th grade Cavalier students will soon have the chance to, “prove what they know”!

Spring Ohio Achievement Testing in language arts and math will be during the months of April and May. Following will be the Coldwater Elementary testing schedule:

April 8 & 9	3rd & 4th Grade Reading/Language Arts Test
April 29 & 30	3rd & 4th Grade Math Test

Parents are asked to explain to their child that these tests will show how much he/she has learned. Encourage them to try their best, but don't put so much emphasis on the tests that he/she feels stressed. Please have your child get a good night of sleep and a good breakfast with protein (eggs, yogurt, milk) and carbohydrates (fruit, oatmeal, toast) for the days of testing. We want our Cavaliers to perform at their highest achievement ability!

“In the Classroom”

3rd Grade Timelines

Also, our 3rd Grade students just completed a personal timeline project to help them learn about and understand the past, present, and future. This project covers the social studies 3rd grade standard, “Events in local history can be shown on timelines organized by years, decades, and centuries”. Having our 3rd grade students complete a personal timeline about themselves, then gives them a connection to understand a timeline, how it works, and how other events in history, such as our local history, can be displayed on a timeline. Students had to have one event for each year of their life (8 or 9). They were to start with their birth and proceed with each year thereafter. Some examples that could be included were birthdays, special vacations, engaging in something (sports, music, or awards), etc.

Students had to write the date and a sentence about the event and why it was special. They could add decorations such as stickers, glitter, ribbons, etc. The timeline could be horizontal, vertical, a book, on the computer/powerpoint, or anything else they wanted to come up with. In other words, students could be creative! Students also had to give an oral presentation to

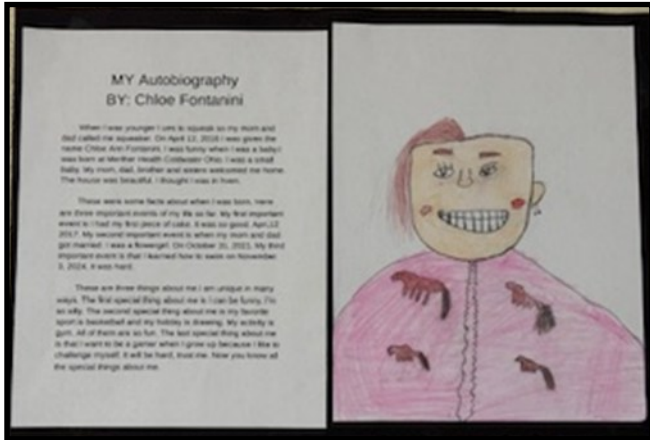
the class explaining their timeline. Below are some photos of our students' awesome work!



2nd Grade: Autobiographies

Some of our 2nd grade students have started completing their autobiographies, and they did such a fantastic job writing about themselves! It's been so much fun learning about what makes each student unique and special. Their writing showcases their personalities, interests, and creativity in such a wonderful way.

We are so proud of their hard work and excitement for writing! Below are some photos highlighting their amazing efforts and proud moments.



1st Grade Writer's Workshop

Mrs. Moor's class participates in Writers Workshop daily. It is a structured writing program. One of the genres of writing is a "How To" writing style. The students were first taught how to write in this style as a whole group. Then they were able to write their own "How To" on a topic of their choice. The final activity consisted of writing a "How To" on making a pizza. After the writing activity, the students were placed into five groups to create a mock pizza restaurant. They generated a name for their restaurant, designed a pizza menu, and took orders from teachers in the elementary building. They used their order forms from their customers to build each pizza to order. Each pizza came with a vegetable, fruit, mint, and drink. After the pizzas were baked, the students delivered each pizza to their customers complete with a handmade chef hat, mustache, apron, and a smile. The students were also able to make their own pizzas for lunch. Mrs. Moor would like to thank the parents for donating some of the items to make this fun project a success.





Mrs. Kunk's and Mrs. Siefring's first grade classes were treated to a card making craft in February on Valentine's Day! The first graders were guided by retired Coldwater teachers: Lynne Miller, Ginny Post, and Connie Lightfoot. They had so much fun decorating cards and working with such generous teachers! Coldwater sure is a special place!



Conversations About School / After School Questions

Research shows that supporting your child's education at home is very important to their success. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved:

- * **Let's see what you brought home.** Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well they're doing. You could comment on their math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also respond to notes from their teacher, and sign their weekly envelope or assignment notebook if required.
- * **Show me what you have for homework.** It's your child's job to do their homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure they know what they're supposed to do by having them explain the assignments to you. After they finish their homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.
- * **Describe a book you enjoyed today.** This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what they'd like to read tonight. Encourage their reading and listening skills by reading aloud to them and letting them read to you.
- * **Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about.** Use their interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If they like geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If they're fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take them to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.
- * **After-School Questions.** Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your child'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?"

- “What was the most creative thing you did?”
- “How did you display the Cavalier Way today? How did others display the Cavalier Way to you?”

Parent Tips for “Little Cav” READING Success

If your child says, “I don’t like to read,” or you struggle to get them to read, here are some tips for you:

1. Leave Books Around

Put books in the car for your child to read on the road. Stack kids’ magazines next to their bed or place a cereal box beside their breakfast bowl to read.

2. Enjoy A Joke

Your child may enjoy riddle, joke, or knock-knock books from the library. Ask your child to read you a few jokes each day. The kids will get a kick out of making friends and family laugh.

3. Search for Fun

Show your child the weekly events calendar in the newspaper. Have them read through the listings to find activities the family could enjoy together.

4. Read Higher Level Books to Them

If your child is interested in a reading series that is at a higher level and they cannot read it independently, read it out loud to them. Kids are never too old to have stories read out loud to them, especially when they are still learning to read and find interest in a topic, series, or book at any level.

5. Special Reading Spot

Create a “special” reading spot in your home or outside that can just be used for reading. If you make reading special, more children will think of it as a privilege and be excited to read on their own or with someone.

6. Picture This

Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve and excite your child’s urge to read and overall comprehension, read a book without letting he/she see it. Then, ask him/her to guess what the illustrations look like. Examples: How are the characters dressed? Is the setting bright or gloomy?

Thinking Games

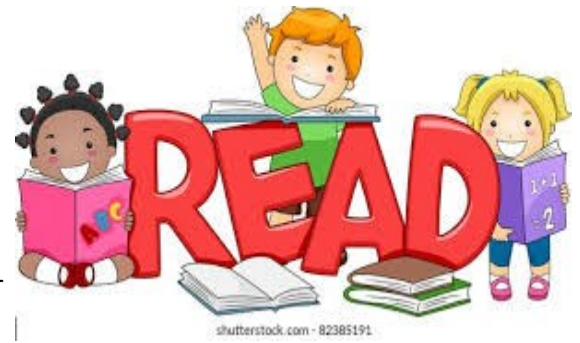
Between school, errands, and activities, families spend lots of time on the go. You can use this time for playing “Thinking Games”:

1. Would You Rather - Offer two options and ask which they prefer and why. For example, “Would you rather live near the beach or the mountains? Why?”
2. Three Favorites - Someone picks a category and everyone tells their top three choices.
3. What Doesn’t Belong - Take turns naming items and asking others to explain which is the odd one out and why. This game is fun as there can be more than one answer. For example ostrich, owl, eagle; (answers: ostrich, because it can’t fly or owl, because it hunts at night).
4. My Father Owns a Grocery Store - One person thinks of a food item and tells everyone what letter it starts with. Everyone else must try to guess what the item is. The game is started by one person saying, “My father owns a grocery store and in it he sells something that starts with the letter ____.”

Student Teasing

Sometimes students will begin to tease one another while at school. Here are a few helpful hints for parents on how to handle teasing by another student during recess or after school. First let your son or daughter know that they did the right thing by talking to you. Suggest that they try some of these ideas.

- ◆ Walk away from the other child, for example, by going to another part of the playground.
- ◆ Try staying with another group of friends.
- ◆ Look the other child in the eye and say, "Please stop saying that. That is disrespectful and is not The Cavalier Way!"
- ◆ Most importantly, tell your child that he/she should get help immediately from an adult if the child gets physical or uses threatening words.



COMING November 2025!!

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

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!!

The logo for Disney's "Frozen Jr." is displayed on a dark blue rectangular background. The word "Disney" is written in its signature script font at the top left. Below it, the word "FROZEN" is written in a large, light blue, stylized font with a white outline and a sparkling effect. To the right of "FROZEN", the letters "JR." are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, also with a sparkling effect.

Little Cav Kinders!



This Month In Kindergarten!

February and March was full of excitement in kindergarten! We planted our very own "grass heads," starting with only seeds and soil. Students added a picture and leprechaun hat and took these home for St. Patrick's Day. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with Green Eggs & Ham.

Upcoming Events

Thank you FCCLA students and all staff who helped with Kindergarten Screening! We have a great new bunch of Kindergarten students coming in the fall!

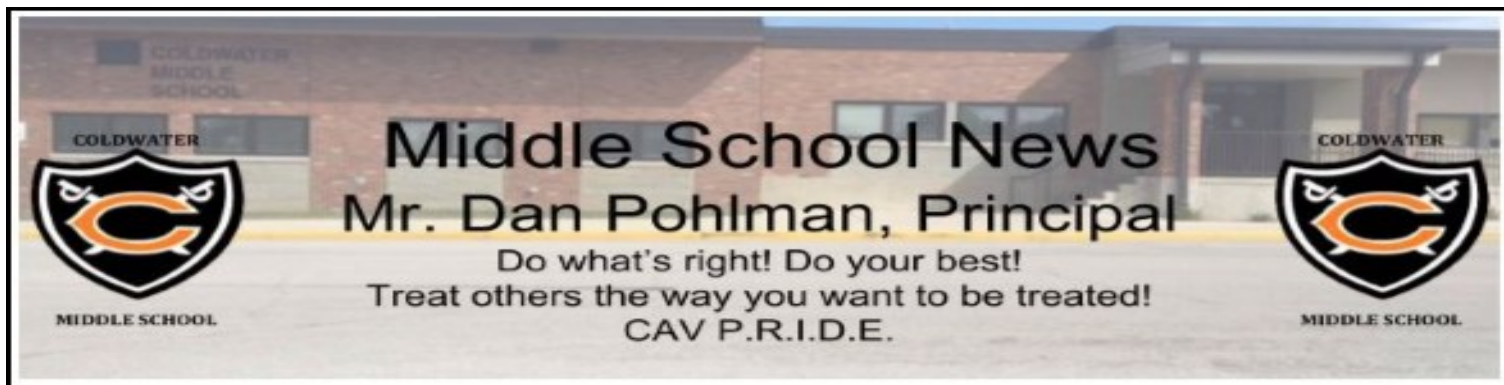


Leprechaun Grass Heads



Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham!





Dear Middle School Families and Community Members,

The third nine weeks concluded on Friday, March 14th, and the final stretch of the school year began on Tuesday, March 18th. The school year is moving right along into a very important and busy time of year. As we move forward, our primary focus will be ensuring students are fully prepared for state testing.

Our teachers have been working diligently to review and reinforce key content standards, using targeted instruction, practice assessments, and data-driven strategies to address individual student needs. In the classroom, students are engaging in test-taking strategies, reviewing past material, and practicing with sample questions to build confidence and familiarity with the test format. Our hope is that our students can perform at a high level showing the progress that they have made this year in their education. Your involvement and encouragement during this time of year are invaluable in helping keep our students focused and at their best.

We encourage families to help by ensuring students get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time, especially on testing days. Your support plays a crucial role in student success! Thank you for your partnership in helping our students succeed! If you have any questions or concerns regarding testing, please reach out to the middle school office.

Below are the Middle School state testing dates. It is vital that all students are present and ready to do their best on these days. Depending on student needs, some students may test on a different day than what is listed below. If this is the case, your child's teacher will reach out to you so you are aware.

- **April 9th & 10th** – 5th-8th Grade Language Arts State Test
- **April 29th & 30th** – 5th-8th Grade Math State Test
- **May 1st** – 5th and 8th Grade Science State Test

New Teacher 25/26 School Year:

On March 11th, the Coldwater Board of Education approved the hiring of Mrs. Leah Nietfeld (formerly Homan) as our new 5th-grade science teacher for the 25/26 school year. Leah will be replacing Mrs. Beth Thomas who will be retiring after the 24/25 school year. Leah has been teaching 5th-grade science at Van Wert Elementary for the past four years. She is a 2015 graduate of Coldwater High School and a 2021 graduate of Wright State University Lake Campus. She resides in Coldwater with her husband Ethan and her 2 daughters Eden and Vienna. Please give Leah a warm Cavalier welcome to Coldwater Schools! Welcome to Coldwater Schools Leah!



Since the last Cav Connection, we have had several accomplishments to celebrate concerning our middle school students. The following are a few highlights deserving some recognition.

Athletics: On February 8th, the 7th-grade boys' basketball team concluded an impressive season with an 18-1 record, winning the MAC tournament. The boys defeated Marion Local by a score of 42-28. Congratulations go out to the boys as well as their coaches Greg Pohlman and Eric Stachler.

Congratulations



Spelling Bee:

The Middle School Spelling Bee was held on February 10th. A total of forty-eight students participated in the Bee, including twenty-four 5th graders. After numerous rounds, three emerged as the winners. First place went to Daven Fletcher, second place to Ben Houts, and third place to Leah Serr

All three competed in the Mercer County Spelling Bee on March 3rd. Daven Fletcher placed 2nd overall and Ben Houts placed 3rd.

Daven Fletcher also participated in the regional bee in Lima, Ohio on Monday, March 10th. Although Daven did not place at the regional bee, we are very proud of him for representing Coldwater very well.



Cav Pride Awards: On March 3rd, February's Cav Pride Awards were presented to three students per grade level, recognizing their hard work and outstanding character.

- ◇ **5th Grade:** Payton Borer, Myla Knapke, and John Evers
- ◇ **6th Grade:** Lani Pohlman, Henry Hemmelgarn, and Rheeana Matauto
- ◇ **7th Grade:** Quinn Kanney, Reid Dingedine, and Loretta Sudhoff
- ◇ **8th Grade:** Emmitt May, Praline Unrast, and Breckin Scott



Congratulations to MathCounts

On February 8, 2025, Coldwater Middle School had 4 competitors compete in the MathCounts Chapter competition at Wright State University in Dayton. Those competitors were Haley Qiu, Daven Fletcher, Lucas Broering, and Joshua Harrison. Zachary Powell also attended as an alternate competitor. As a team, they finished 7th overall. Individually, Lucas Broering scored in the top 12 to compete in the countdown round where he finished 4th. Lucas Broering moved on to the state level competition on March 15, 2025 at Columbus State Community College. Lucas' journey ended at the state level where he had a great experience. Fantastic Job MathCounts students!!



Power of the Pen

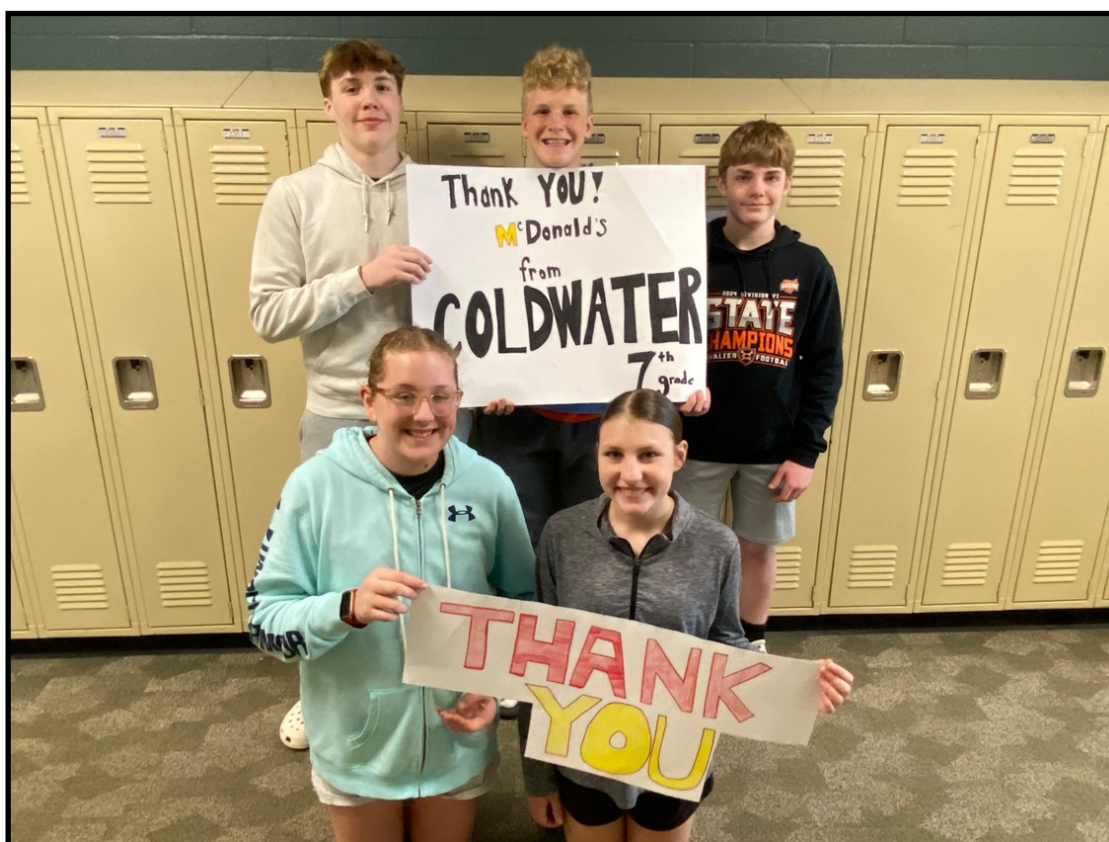
Coldwater Middle School was one of 27 schools that participated in the regional Power of the Pen tournament on Saturday, March 8 at The Ohio State University-Lima. Five Coldwater writers qualified to compete in the tournament: seventh graders Elisabeth Ebbing, Audrey Miller, and Allie Evans and eighth grader Kyrie Reineke. Allie Evans placed 12th individually out of the 69 seventh-grade writers who competed. She will advance to the state tournament that will be held May 21-22 at Ashland University. Pictured here are the five middle school students who competed in the regional tournament: (l. to r.) Kyrie Reineke, Elisabeth Ebbing, Mya Grieshop, Audrey Miller, and Allie Evans.



DC Fundraiser a Success!!

The 7th grade students would like to thank several organizations and people for helping them raise money for their upcoming trip to Washington DC.

- Coldwater Academic Promoters (CAP), THANK YOU for organizing the fundraiser
- Our local McDonald's, THANK YOU for sponsoring the "buy one, get one" deal
- Mercer Color, THANK YOU for helping with printing the cards
- Community members, THANK YOU for purchasing the cards



Our Middle School Makerspace: Where Creativity Takes Flight!

The middle school makerspace has been very busy this year. Students have been creating a variety of projects and learning many new skills. We are excited to share some of their accomplishments.

Forget passive learning – in the makerspace, students are actively engaged in designing and producing a wide array of projects. From personalized shirts and buttons to social media graphics and custom tumblers and locker signs, our students are exploring the exciting world of digital art and computer design.

One of the biggest projects this year was making personalized bags and tumblers for our entire wrestling team, both middle school and high school. This undertaking not only showcased their design skills, but also demonstrated their ability to work collaboratively and meet a large-scale demand.

Demonstrating remarkable creativity, our middle schoolers designed and produced almost all the Teen Read Week props themselves. This hands-on project allowed them to apply their makerspace skills to a real-world, engaging challenge. Beyond the tangible projects, our students are gaining crucial life skills. They're learning the importance of time management as they balance multiple projects, embracing the "trial and error" process as they navigate the challenges of design and production, and honing their problem-solving abilities.

Adding another dimension to their creative toolkit, students have been utilizing the green screen to record videos, exploring the world of digital media and storytelling. Whether they're creating instructional videos or showcasing their projects, they're developing valuable communication and presentation skills.

The makerspace is more than just a room filled with equipment; it's a dynamic learning environment where students are empowered to explore their passions, develop new skills, and bring their ideas to life. We're incredibly proud of the accomplishments of our middle school makers and look forward to seeing what they create next!



LION KING JR

I would like to thank EVERYONE for their support of "LION KING" JR presented by the Coldwater Middle School Drama. The performance was spectacular and the students poured their hearts out into each and every performance. I appreciate everyone who came out to see the show, sent in notes of encouragement and gave of their time to help make it such a success. Thank you to the students for giving it your all and making it the best show yet!!! I am so proud of the work ethic and determination of our Middle School students. This was not an easy show for them to perform. This was such a big show to put together and the cast really stepped up!! Special thanks to Janelle Rollins, Rhianna Petersen and Frank Petersen for coming in countless hours working on blocking, choreography and set work. Also, a big thank you to Roger Knapke for building set pieces so they could be painted and turned into the Pridelands! Thank you to Beth and Eric Wellman for working your magic on sets and several set pieces. Everything looked spectacular!! Also thank you to Janelle and Rhianna for being AWESOME Assistant directors! They both put their all into everything they do!! THANK YOU! Like us on Facebook!!



A HUGE shout out to Mya Wehrkamp for all her hard work making the head pieces (masks) for LION KING JR!! She is so talented and has a passion, not just for art, but also for the drama program. Mya participated in drama throughout her entire Middle school and High school career and she so willingly gave back!

Mya spent last summer working on Young Nala, Young Simba, Nala, Simba, Sarabie, Mufasa and Scar masks. She then agreed to do 15 more Lioness masks for the Lioness ensemble! She worked on these while up at BGSU for college. As you can see, they all turned out AMAZING! Thank you Mya for sharing your talent!!!

Mrs. Petersen



COMING MARCH 2026!!

The Coldwater Middle School

Presents:

"THE DESCENDANTS"



Coldwater Middle School Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll

Grade 7

High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)

Ian Ahrens, Sophie Borger, Mallory Braun, Reid Dingleline, Elisabeth Ebbing, Hallory Kahlig, Quinn Kanney, Zane Keller, Reagan Liette, Audrey Miller, Maddox Moorman, Bryce Rolfes, Ethan Rutschilling, Liam Schmackers, Loretta Sudhoff, Jackson Werling,

Honors (9.0 – 10.9)

Archer Bihn, Abigail Bollenbacher, Jacob Bollenbacher, Miles Bruns, Vanessa Cron, Ava Dobmeyer, Allie Evans, Mason Evers, Max Galyardt, Kennedy Giesige, Mya Grieshop, Weston Heyne, Shianea Hoffman, Allison Hoyng, Will Huwer, Emersyn Knapke, Graham Knapke, Elliot Kuhn, Natalie Link, Samantha Link, Ryan Mathewson, Blake Muhlenkamp, Miles Muhlenhake, Makayla Myers, Owen Ross, Brooke Schwieterman, Lane Siefring, Max Sudhoff, Ben Voskuhl, Adrian Walker, Hailey Williams, Grant Winner

Grade 8

High Honors (11.00 GPA or Better)

Abby Alig, Lucas Broering, Brielle Dingleline, Audrey Franck, Alyssa Froning, Jonah Gruss, Josh Harrison, Briggs Hileman, Kratyn Homan, Cami Lisi, Emmitt May, Will Moorman, Haley Qiu, Ethan Schmitmeyer, Leah Serr, Natalie Timmerman, Courtney Uhlenhake, Kate Uhlenhake, Rebecca Wendel,

Honors (9.0 – 10.9)

Hayden Berger, Jack Bettinger, Kynlee Botkin, Brooklyn Coats, Layla Dawson, Audrey Diller, TJ Eales, Kiya Frysinger, Paige Guggenbiller, Owen Heitkamp, Kirsten Heuing, Grace Heyne, Charlotte Hoyng, Evelyn Kahlig, Chris Kremer, Griffin Lefeld, Bentley Mohler, Kaiden Moorman, Norah Moreland, Kyrie Reineke, Mara Riethman, John Roberts, Breah Roessner, Julianna Sager, Cami Saunders, Hayden Schwieterman, Breckin Scott, Savannah Sutherin, Jacob Uhlenhake, Bennet Unrast, Josie Welling, Blake Wenning, Emmett Wermert, Lucas Winner



The TRADITION continues...PRIDE INSIDE!

Principal Jason Hemmelgarn



Along with the time change, comes some nicer weather and longer days...and along with that, comes more seasonal distractions for everyone, especially students. Teachers and students have worked hard so far this year to get course material covered and tests taken, but there is still a lot of academia yet to do. There is also a great deal of athletic and extracurricular events coming up as well. Let us all do an excellent job of being prompt, prepared, and organized for anything and everything that you are responsible for. With that in mind, please make good use of our school's website and/or social media to stay abreast of any scheduled events and changes that can occur quickly in the spring. After all that everyone has worked through so far this year, we just want to do whatever we can to ensure a wonderful finish to an outstanding year.

So, should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us here at the High School Office (419-678-4821).

School website: cw.noacsc.org

Athletic website: coldwaterathletics.org

Let's All have a great spring and GO CAVS!!

J Hemmelgarn, HS Principal

National Honor Society

NHS held its induction ceremony on Monday, March 24th. Congratulations to the following students for their induction into our CHS National Honor Society chapter:

Sophomores

Audrey Alig
Aubrie Davis
Parker Doenges
Emma Eyink
Alaina Froning
Benjamin Hannewald
Karsyn Homan
James Liette
Charlotte Lefeld
Chase Linn
Breann Mathewson
Rachel Moeller
Noah Obringer
Paige Ontrop
Fiona Qiu
Lydia Rainey
Aidan Rose
Alex Rutschilling
Ava Schmitmeyer
Cara Schwieterman

Juniors

Aiden Burtch
Dillan Evers
Ashley Hicks
Landon Knapke
Kelly May

Seniors

Owen Hamberg
Avery Knapke



Aaron Kaup is Coldwater's Valedictorian. Aaron is the son of Randy and Marcia Kaup.



It's hard to believe my time at Coldwater High School is already coming to a close, but reflecting on the past four years, I have been able to develop a great appreciation for the relationships I have formed and the opportunities I have been granted. I am extremely grateful to have been raised in a community as strong and supportive as ours, teaching me the importance of hard work above all else. I would like to thank my teachers, coaches, classmates, friends, and especially my family for the endless support they have given me over the past four years. I will forever cherish the memories I have made and look back on my time in school very fondly.

Outside of the classroom, I have been involved in numerous activities. I played football and baseball, served as Class President, National Honor Society President, been a member of the Squires, and played CYO basketball the past four years. To go along with this, I have participated in many community service activities through the church, park, and school. I have worked a year round job at Home Furniture & Mattress along with helping out at Moorman, Harting & Company last tax season. It has been a challenge to balance my academics, extracurriculars, and work, but the lessons I have learned and relationships formed will continue to help me in my future endeavors.

After graduation, I plan to attend The Ohio State University in the fall where I will major in accounting and finance. I have always had an interest in these fields, and I am extremely excited to begin this next chapter in my life. I know my time here has prepared me well for my next step, and I will always be proud to tell people that I am from Coldwater.



Lucy Langenkamp is Coldwater's Salutatorian. Lucy is the daughter of Paul and Patty Langenkamp



It's hard to believe that my final year at Coldwater High School is coming to a close. This has led me to reflect deeply on the community that I am surrounded by, and I am left with a feeling of abounding gratitude. I have been blessed by so many people and experiences these past 4 years of high school. I know that I would not be the person I am today without the crucial role of my family, friends, teachers, coaches, and peers. I am honored to have been shaped by those who I can say are my biggest supporters these past 4 years. The influence of such virtuous people is something that I will never forget.

Outside of the classroom, I have been actively involved in various clubs and organizations. I am Vice President of the National Honor Society, Secretary of the Key Club, officer of FCCLA, member of the Leo Club, Spanish Club, Student Council, Golf Team, and Swim Team. I am also a proud member of the Coldwater, Fort Recovery, and Saint Henry Youth Groups. Throughout high school, I have worked as a dietary aide at Briarwood Village, a server at Lake City Creamery, and a babysitter for various families in the community. It certainly has not been easy to balance my time between all of these extracurricular activities, but they have played an integral role in the person I am today. I have learned to manage my time well and develop vital interpersonal skills. I have also received so much joy and fulfillment from these various extracurricular activities.

Above all, I hold close to my heart all the relationships that I have made throughout these activities. The knowledge gathered from these experiences has given me a firm foundation for my future.

Next fall, I plan to attend The Ohio State University, majoring in Business Finance with a minor in Nonprofit Management. Throughout my experiences in various youth groups and community organizations, I have learned the importance and joy of serving others. I truly believe that in giving to others, we receive the love and gratitude necessary to keep on giving. I know that in a world that values personal success (defined in monetary amounts and materialistic values), this career plan may seem odd. However, the community I was raised in has taught me otherwise. Serving others may involve the sacrifice of time and resources, but this is where I find my purpose. I desire to help those most in need because of the immense dignity that each person possesses. It is an immense privilege to have lived the life that I have so far, and I wish to give others this opportunity to live a life which is abundant.



Franklin B Walter

Coldwater High School Representative Aaron Kaup and his Teacher of Influence Mr. Tim Brunet at this past week's Franklin B Walter county recognition banquet. Congratulations to both!!

Buckeye Boys State

Thank you goes out to the Coldwater American Legion Post 470 for their sponsorship of the Buckeye Boys State again this year.

Representatives for Summer 2025 for Coldwater are Eddie Obringer, Aiden Burtch, Gavin Lefeld, Carson Dues



Promenade 2025

The 2025 Promenade will be at 6 o'clock on April 12, in the Palace.

GRADUATION 2025

The 2025 Senior Graduating Class Commencement will be held on May 25th at 1:30 pm in the Palace

High School Calendar

Apr 12: Promenade 6:00; Prom to follow

Apr 15/16: State Testing Algebra/Geometry parts 1 and 2 (all at once)

Apr 17-21: Easter Break

Apr 22: No Students; Professional Development Day

Apr 28-May1: Double Block week - State Testing American History/Biology (during those class periods)

May 2: Blood Drive #2

May 5: Kiwanis Banquet 7:00 PM

May 14: Band Concert/Banquet 7:00P

May 16: Seniors Last Day; Senior Parade; HS Final Assembly

May 18: Choir Concert

May 20: Senior Field Day - afternoon at CPAC

May 22: Last Day of School; Graduation Practice 9:00 AM in the Palace

May 25: Graduation Commencements 1:30P

2025 American Legion Oratory Contest



The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. Thousands of students, from junior high to high school, across the country compete in this prestigious event. On February 15th, two Coldwater High School students, Freshman, Chloe Frysinger (2nd from right) and Sophomore, Tori Timmerman (1st from right), competed in this year's event held at Tri-Star. Both Chloe and Tori advanced to the state level with their speeches on voting rights and the 1st Amendment. The CHS Social Studies Department would like to congratulate both Chloe and Tori for participating in this contest.

Athletic Camp Forms

Please check our athletic website for end of the year and summer camps, Coldwaterathletics.org. Please make sure you register before the deadline. If you have questions you may call the high school office.



<https://coldwater.hometownticketing.com/embed/all>

Choral Notes

Congratulations to our Junior High OMEA District 3 Festival Honors Choir participants. Choir (left to right) - Daven Fletcher, Reagan Liette, Ava Dobmeyer, Alyssa Froning, Hailey Williams. The students were selected by OMEA teachers in our area. After a Friday evening and all-day Saturday rehearsal, the final concert was presented to a full house at the Wapakoneta Performing Auditorium Saturday, February 22nd.



Congratulations to the Symphonic Choir on their Excellent rating at the OMEA District Large Group Adjudicated Event, held in the Van Wert Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Friday, March 7th.



Eighteen students from the Symphonic Choir responded to an invitation to sing the National Anthem at the OHSAA Div. IV boys basketball final game Friday, March 21st in the Arena at the University of Dayton. They sang in tandem with a Sign Language group from Eastern Local schools. Pictured here are: Izaak Botkin, Ava Doll, Lyla Fridley, Alaina Froning, Whitney Godwin, Rudi Gross, Ben Hannewald, Lani Lovelace, Rachel Moeller, Aiden Norris, Brenden Norris, Abby Pax, Carson Pax, Joshua Schoen, Rebecca Simper, Keaton Tebbe, Emma Wehnes and Kenna Wolfe.

Mark your calendars: the Choral Spring Concert is Sunday, May 18th, at 3:00.



Notes from the...



District Success!

The High School Band participated in the Ohio Music Education Association District Large Group Adjudicated Event in Van Wert on March 7th. The students earned a **Superior** rating! This marks the **fifth consecutive Superior** earned by the band and their **16th Superior rating since 2003**. Congratulations to these talented students on their hard work and dedication!



Honor Band Recognition

Congratulations to Abigail Bollenbacher, Breckin Scott, and Kynlee Botkin on an outstanding performance with the Ohio Music Education Association District 3 Junior High Honors Band that was held at Wapakoneta High School!



Booster News

Mother's Day Flower Sale Pick-Up

Tuesday, May 6th

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Coldwater American Legion Parking Lot! Thank you for your support!



Volunteers Needed

The Band Boosters are looking for volunteers for the **Flower Sale** and **Track Concession Stand**. If you're available, please sign up at:

<https://www.cavalierband.org/sign-ups>



Music is Instrumental Campaign

To help us continue providing exceptional opportunities for our students, please consider contributing to our annual “**Music is Instrumental**” campaign. This year’s funds will go toward purchasing a **new drumline!** For more information or to donate, visit:

<https://www.cavalierband.org/ways-to-help/Music-Is-Instrumental> Thank you for your continued support of the **Coldwater Cavalier Band Program**. Together, we can keep the music alive for generations to come!



A special thank you to our **outstanding Band Booster officers:**

Cindy Moorman – President

Jessica Scott – Vice President

Steven Hileman – Treasurer

Lindsay Hileman – Secretary

Your dedication, encouragement, and efforts do not go unnoticed!



Tuesday, May 13th

5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Bands

7:00 p.m. | Auditoria

Wednesday, May 14th

High School Band

7:00 p.m. | Auditoria

Sunday, May 25th

High School Band – Commencement 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 26th

High School Band Volunteers – Memorial Day Performance 10:00 a.m.

Coldwater High School Drama Proudly Presents

Disney NEWSIES
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Coldwater Auditoria
Thursday, April 3 @ 7:00 pm
Friday, April 4 @ 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 5 @ 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 6 @ 3:00 pm

Presale tickets Adults \$8.00/Students \$7.00
Tickets available from Mrs. Petersen
or the High School Office
Presale ends April 2nd at 7:00 pm
ALL SALES FINAL
Admission at the door \$10 for Everyone
(preschool age and up)

Music By Alan Menken. Lyrics by Jack Feldman. Book by Harvey Fierstein. Based on the Disney Film written by Bob Tashler and Neal White. Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions. Orchestration by Danny Troob. Incidental Music & Vocal Arrangements by Michael Kosarin. Dance Arrangements by Mark Hummel. NEWSIES is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.



"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." - William James

CAFETERIA SERVING LINE VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

The perfect volunteer job! No planning, no committees—just pick up a spoon and follow the NSLP guidelines! Get out and see your friends, your kids, your grandkids, and enjoy a couple of free meals as a bonus!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

May we send the schedule via email instead of regular mail? Yes /No

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ I can help (number of times per month): _____

I can help on the following days: (Circle all that apply)

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday

I can also substitute: (Circle all that apply)

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday

Keep Bottom for Your Information

Eat a free lunch after your shift and also receive a "free" lunch ticket to give to the student of your choice. Your schedule of dates will be sent to you with the exact times, dates when you will be volunteering. Everyone enters through the main high school doors.

Tentative Serving Times: 11:10 AM - 12:45 PM

Return form to Cafeteria or email the completed form by May 1, 2025

Contact Information: Email: ahrens.ashley@coldwatercavs.org

Questions? Call: Ashley Ahrens - (419) 678-2480 ext 5151

THANK YOU! We wouldn't be able to run this cafeteria without all of you.

CAFETERIA NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

As we approach the final 2.5 months of the school year, we would like to remind you of the current school lunch prices:

Grades K-8: \$2.15 per meal

Grades 9-12: \$2.25 per meal

Please plan accordingly for your child's lunch balance through the remainder of the school year. Additionally, please note that any positive or negative lunch balances will carry over into the next school year.

Free & Reduced Lunch Program

Families can apply for the Free & Reduced Lunch Program at any time during the school year. However, if your child qualifies for this program, it's important to understand that any negative balance accrued before qualification remains the responsibility of the family. Unfortunately, program policies do not allow us to retroactively cover previous balances.

If you have any questions regarding lunch balances, please reach out to: Ashley Ahrens

A Special Thank You!

We would also like to take this time to sincerely thank all of our amazing kitchen volunteers. Unless you have stood in the kitchen during our serving times, you may not realize just how vital these volunteers are to our daily operations. We are truly blessed with the best here at Coldwater, and we appreciate all that they do!



SENIOR PARENTS

Planning for End-of-Year Balances

If your senior student has a remaining lunch balance at the end of the year, please begin thinking about what you would like to do with those funds. You have the following options:

- Transfer the balance to a sibling or another student account
- Donate it to the Blessing Account
- Request a refund check (to be sent in May/June)
To make arrangements, please email or call

VOLUNTEER REMINDERS

Please see the attached
Volunteer sign up sheet

CONTACT INFO

Email:
ahrens.ashley@coldwatercavs.org

Phone: 419-678-2480 ext.5151



Cavalier Athletic Report



The Winter sports season has officially wrapped up and we are already rolling into the spring season with Baseball, Softball, and Track. It has been a great early start for the weather for the spring outdoor season, so hopefully it keeps going in this direction. Before moving forward too much, I would like to recap some highlights from the end of the winter season.

The entire Coldwater Boys and Girls Swim team advanced to the District tournament this year with their outstanding performance at Sectionals. We had several girls that had great showings at district that advanced them to the State tournament. Kelly May qualified for state in the 200 Individual Medley while Claire Bertke secured a spot in the 50 Freestyle. Also advancing as a relay team in the 200 Medley were Keira Knapke, Averi Kahlig, Claire Bertke, and Kelly May. Although they did not place at State, all of the girls are underclassmen and will be back.

Girls Basketball finished with 7 wins after losing several strong seniors from the previous year. Several players earned post-season recognition. MAC honors went to: Mia Knapke (2nd), Brylee Knapke (2nd), and Harlow Heyne (HM).

Girls Bowling advanced from Sectionals before falling in the Districts this year. Earning All MAC League honors for the girls were: Brittany Burden (1st), Kelsey Seitz (HM), and Rachel Moeller (HM).

Boys Bowling finished as MAC Champions, Sectional Champions, District Champions, before falling in the Final Four at the State Tournament. Earning All MAC League Honors were: Austin Burden (1st & Bowler of the Year), Caleb Wendel (1st), Andrew Myers (1st), Brady Mathewson (2nd), Clay Schulze (2nd), Andrew Schulze (2nd), and Carter Miller (HM). Coach Rick Hartings was named the MAC Coach of the Year. Earning All State Honors were Brady Mathewson (2nd), Clay Schulze (2nd), and Caleb Wendel (HM).

Coldwater Boys Basketball had another strong season despite another slow start due to the Football state championship run. Just 2 years ago, the Cavs won 4 games compared to winning 33 the past two seasons combined (17 in 2024 and 16 in 2025). Earning All MAC League Honors were: Baylen Blockberger (1st), Mason Welsch (1st), and Brady Lefeld (HM).

Wrestling finished 2nd at Sectionals with 6 wrestlers moving on to the Districts. Those moving on to the Districts were: TJ Gross, Tyler Overman, Brady Hamilton, Sam Rismiller, Aidan Laux, and Carter Heitkamp.

I would also like to recognize a couple long time Coldwater Coaches who are stepping down after this winter season. Nick Fisher has been our Varsity Boys Basketball coach for the past 9 years and has been on our Basketball (Boys and/or Girls) coaching staff for the past 26 years. Cody Mescher has been the Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for Coach Fisher for all of those 9 years as well and is stepping down. Thank You to Coach Nick Fisher and Coach Cody Mescher!

We will be putting up new video scoreboards in the Palace gymnasium this summer. Our current scoreboards are 25 years in age and are having some mechanical issues. As with all technology, service and parts is nearly impossible for items this old and they do not make the controllers at all anymore. Unfortunately, with scoreboards, we cannot wait until they entirely go out before replacing them and need to be proactive. Thanks to several local businesses, we will be getting these new scoreboards entirely from donations/sponsorship and not one penny of school money will be used. A big Thank You to The Peoples Bank, Mercer Health, Brunet Dental, Rays Refrigeration, Schwieterman Construction, OIO (Dr. Chad Broering), Superior Credit, WCSM Radio, Lefeld Welding Supplies, Shipyard Sports and Entertainment, Wabash Mutual, Alberts Sporting Goods, McDonalds, Knapschaefer Insurance, Pla-Mor Lanes, and Wright State University. If there are any other businesses that would like to be a 10-year sponsor, please let me know. We have room for 3 more sponsors on these incredible video scoreboards.

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



Brady Mathewson



Carter Heitkamp



Austin Burden



Brittany Burden



Baylen Blockberger



Owen Kunk



Quinn Brandon

Boys Bowling MAC Champions, Sectional Champions, District Champions, State Qualifier



On Saturday, April 19th, the Varsity Softball team will be hosting Marion Local, Ft. Recovery, & St. Marys for the 2025 Strikeout Cancer Classic. This event is intended to raise funds for the Cancer Associations of Mercer and Auglaize Counties.

GAME SCHEDULE

All games will be played at Coldwater Memorial Park.

11:00 - Diamond 4 - Coldwater vs. Ft. Recovery

11:00 - Diamond 5 - Marion Local vs. St. Marys

1:30* - Diamond 4 - Championship

1:30* - Diamond 5 - Consolation

***Approximate time**

FUNDRAISING

Bake Sale - There will be a bake sale in the area between Diamonds 4 & 5. Items may be purchased with any donation.

Hamburger Sale - The Buzzards Glory Community Club has graciously donated hamburgers and supplies to this event. Hamburgers will be for sale at The Shack. A huge thank you to the BGCC!

Donation Bucket - There will also be a donation bucket at the Bake Sale if anyone just wants to make a donation.

We are excited about hosting this event and supporting a cause that is important to so many. Thank you in advance for supporting this event!

***Kyle Ahrens
Head Varsity Softball Coach
Coldwater High School***

Coldwater FFA Celebrates National FFA Week

National FFA Week was celebrated in February, and the Coldwater FFA Chapter participated in many activities throughout the school and community.

Kindergarten, first, and second graders visited the ag shop for the petting zoo, where they learned about the parts of an egg and were able to pet the various animals such as ponies, calves, dogs, and pigs. Thank you to Walnut Hill Feeds for donating the shavings for our animals.



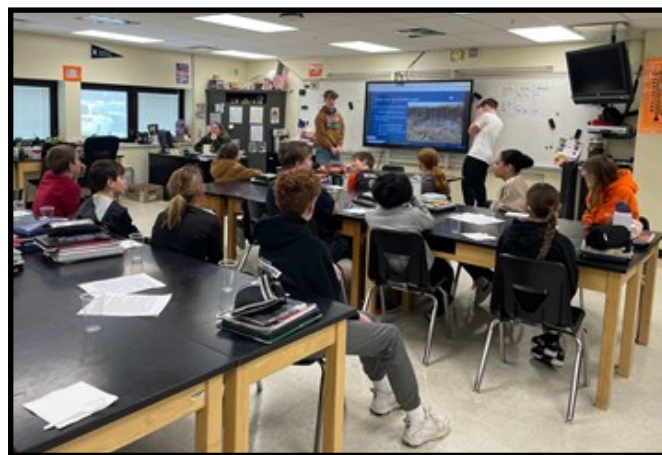
3rd graders had classroom visits where they learned about the dairy industry and made butter.

4th graders also learned about the dairy industry and had a great time making ice cream.

5th graders learned about animal identification and how farmers tell animals apart from each other. They used tortilla shells to repli-



cate the pig's ear and they put different notches in the tortilla. Correct ear notches were rewarded with a spoonful of Nutella, and they got to eat their tortilla shells.



6th graders were taught a lesson about soil, and they used pudding, Oreos, and gummy worms to represent the important components that make it up. Afterwards, they were able to eat their delicious soil!

8th graders had a lot of fun playing Ag Trivia! FFA members went around to all the rooms to have a little fun while learning about Agriculture.

High school students and teachers even got involved. The FFA hosted the Ag Olympics Competition this year. The grade levels competed against each other in different activities including bale stacking, nail hammering, the farmer relay, animal roundup, and the worm hunt. The Juniors won and were awarded with ice cream sandwiches.



Western Scramble FFA Basketball Game

Coldwater and Fort Recovery FFA Chapters participated in the FFA Basketball game. Everyone had a really fun time!

FFA members participated in other agricultural related contests, such as the Truck and Tractor Drive-ins, both of which promote the farming side of agriculture. National FFA Week turned out to be a huge success! The tractors even made a lap around the school for the students to watch the parade.

The winners of the elementary coloring contest also got to ride in the tractors through the parade.

Thank you to TRULAND Equipment for allowing us to park a tractor at school all week and for donating the prizes for our coloring contest winners.



As members had fun participating in the numerous activities throughout the week, they also remembered the importance of agriculture throughout the Coldwater community.

Winners of the Truck Drive-in



- Newest: Madison Zwiebel
- Most Miles: Caleb Bertke
- Cleanest: Gavin Wenning
- Junkiest: Gena Fisher
- Loudest: Brennan Sudhoff
- Sharpest: Haley Tobin
- Oldest: Owen Boeckman

Winners of the Tractor Drive-in



- Newest: Zach Knapke
- Oldest: Mark Dues
- Biggest: Owen Boeckman
- Cleanest: Gavin Wenning
- Smallest: Brennan Sudhoff
- Most Hours: Jacob Kahlig
- Dirtiest: Nico Zahn

Coldwater Young Farmers' Consignment Auction

The Coldwater FFA chapter would like to show their gratitude to the Coldwater Young Farmers for their continuous support of the members in and out of the classroom. In order to give back to the Young Farmers, multiple members assisted them in their annual auction by parking vehicles and helping with bidder registration cards. We wanted to thank the Young Farmers again for their unwavering support!



FFA Career Development Events (CDEs)

FFA Public Speaking

Heidi Klenke and Emily Wendel participated in the sub-district FFA Creed speaking contest. They had to recite the FFA Creed and answer questions about it.

Emily placed 4th and Heidi placed 6th.

Tori Timmerman competed in the beginning prepared speaking contest. She had to prepare and recite an agriculture-related speech and answer questions over it. She placed 2nd at sub-districts and advanced to the district level where she placed 4th overall.

Paige Ontrop participated in the extemporaneous public speaking contest. She was given a random agricultural topic and had 30 minutes to prepare a speech. Paige placed 1st at sub-districts and advanced to the district level where she placed 6th overall. Congratulations to all of you ladies!



District FFA Ag Sales

Coldwater FFA also had a team participate in the Ag Sales competition. **Mandi Hart, Madelyn Lange, Paige Ontrop, and Tori Timmerman** went to Covington High School. They had to prepare their sales approach to act as wholesalers to sell John Deere lawn mowers. They each had an individual sales pitch and a team scenario. They placed 10th place in the district.

Greenhand Quiz

Every first year member in FFA is able to take this quiz to test their knowledge over FFA history and current information about the FFA. Out of 3150 Ohio FFA members who took this quiz, **Chloe Frysinger** placed 109 and



Heidi Klenke placed 119th! Other students who competed in this contest were **Bryleigh Quinn, Ava Smith, Lana Kaiser, Mariah Ross, Brent Heuing, Brandon Hemmelgarn, Will Wehrkamp, Cecilia Mendoza, and Bailey Seibert.** Congratulations!

Freshmen Win FREE FFA Jackets

Ohio FFA sponsored an FFA jacket contest where students needed to submit an application. Three members from Coldwater FFA applied and won a free jacket! Congratulations to **Lauren Beckman, Alex Penno, and Heidi Klenke.**



2nd Graders Receive Ag Bags from the Mercer County Farm Bureau

During National Ag Week, March 17-21, our FFA Chapter delivered Ag Bags to every second grader. This is a county-wide event for all Mercer County 2nd grade students. The bag was full of information regarding today's agriculture industry. Pamphlets, coloring pages, pencil, eraser, crayons, headband, stickers, and more filled the bag. Thank you to Mercer County Farm Bureau for donating these bags!



2nd Graders receiving their Ag Bags!



Coldwater FFA Celebrates National Ag Week with Coffee and Donuts

To recognize and thank those individuals involved in the Agriculture industry, the FFA members passed out coffee and donuts on Friday of National Ag Week. It was great to thank our farmers, the ag businesses in the area, FFA parents, and FFA alumni.



Key Club will be collecting shoes again this year along with the Kiwanis Shoes for H.O.P.E collection. We will start collecting shoes at the high school office starting in April 7th through May 22nd. You may bring your shoes to any office.



The requirements are that shoes must be clean with good soles and no holes. We won't accept any high heels, wedges, snow boots or fuzzy slippers.

If you have any questions you may call the high school office.

COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL 3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

HIGH HONORS (11.0-12.0)

Grade 9

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

Grade 10

Audrey Alig, Aubrie Davis, Emma Eyink, Alaina Froning, Karsyn Homan, Charlotte Lefeld, Chase Linn, Breann Mathewson, Noah Obringer, Fiona Qiu, Lydia Rainey, Aidan Rose, Ava Schmitmeyer, Cara Schwieterman, Kiersten Weigel, Abigail Will

Grade 11

Mariah Bonifas, Madison Bruns, Aiden Burtch, Amanda Clune, Ava Doll, Aidan Fiely, Grace Huwer, Ella Kaiser, Keira Knapke, Maxwell Koch, Madelyn Lange, Edward Obringer, Kaylie Rutschilling, Caden Sager, Rebecca Simper, Sarah Stewart, Elle Weber, Dana Zahn

Grade 12

Izaak Botkin, Olivia Broering, Mason Brogaard, Liam Davis, Braylon Dawson, Cody Depweg, David Dippold, Spencer Etzler, Drew Franck, Owen Hamberg, Mandi Hart, Monica Hemmelgarn, Jenna Heuing, Zachary Homan, Kristopher Hughes, Aaron Kaup, Kiersten Keller, Jonathan Lange, Lucy Langenkamp, Shelby Linn, Brady Mathewson, Nicholas Moeller, Andrew Moorman, Tyler Overman, Miles Pottkotter, Isabelle Ruckman, Brooke Schmitmeyer, Shanna Schmitmeyer, Joshua Schoen, Alec Stammen, Tanner Stammen, Haley Tobin, Oliver Vickery, Mason Welsch, Caleb Wendel, Nicholas Zahn

HONOR ROLL (9.0-10.9)

Grade 9

Lauren Beckman, Bryce Bonifas, Jack Bruns, Shaelynn Chastain, William Cowan, Mark Dues, Campbell Etzler, Bryant Evans, Weston Fisher, Chloe Frysinger, Landon Garcia, Carter Heitkamp, Brandon Hemmelgarn, Hugh Hemmelgarn, Haley Huwer, Jacob Kaiser, Heidi Klenke, Brylee Knapke, Channing Lefeld, Benjamin Liette, Owen May, Cecelia Mendoza, Andrew Myers, Carson Pax, Alex Penno, Bryleigh Quinn, Brayla Rasaweher, Andrew Schulze, Bailey Seibert, Marcus Siefring, Myra Stammen, Lila Sudhoff, Shea Sudhoff, Andrea Vargas, Lance Vian, William Wehrkamp, Kenna Wolfe

Grade 10

Tegan Berkenstock, Alexis Coats, Parker Doenges, Derek Dues, Gena Fisher, Ava Fortkamp, Karter Freed, Benjamin Hannewald, James Liette, Shelby Link, Rachel Moeller, Paige Ontrop, Lauren Overman, Zachary Pohlman, Alex Rutschilling, Zachary Schwieterman, Kelsey Seitz, Joshua Sheets, Grace Siefring, Kennley Siegrist, Brookelyn Sudhoff, Braxton Taylor, Braylon Thobe, Tori Timmerman, Conner Tobin, Keaton Tobin, Bradley Wendel, Evan Winner

Grade 11

Kaia Behm, Quinn Brandon, Hailey Broering, Kaylee Buening, Brittany Burden, Mia Byer, Alayna Dawson, Carson Dues, Dillan Evers, Carter Glassford, Whitney Godwin, Ashley Hicks, Ella Kahlig, Landon Knapke, Mia Knapke, Zachary Knapke, Aiden Laux, Gavin Lefeld, Eve Lisi, Kelly May, Nolan Mescher, Makenzie Miller, Makenzie Norris, Kayelee Prosser, Myles Quinter, Maximus Ross, Caleb Schroer, Sebastian Valdez, Emma Weber, Emma Wehnes, Nora Wehrkamp, Ty Wenning, Trent Westgerdes, Madison Zwiebel

Grade 12

Mason Ayers, Hunter Barnard, William Barry, Lisen Binat, Morgan Blasingame, Baylen Blockberger, Dailyn Bulp, Darren Diller, Mckenna Dirksen, Trent Ebbing, Ethan Elander, Owen Fennig, Lia Frank, Rudi Gross, James Hoelscher, Tyler Jones, Avery Knapke, Owen Kunk, Shelby Larkin, Brady Lefeld, Sidney Linn, Brady Meyer, Russell Morman, Drew Muhlenkamp, Jadyn Nye, Abigail Pax, Kaelin Rutschilling, Troy Schoen, Sarah Seitz, Mason Smith, Carson Stammen, Brennan Sudhoff, Natalie Vogel, Noah Welsch, Gavin Wenning, Andrew Wermert, Olivia Will, Allison Wills, Isabella Zahn

Coldwater
High School

PROM 2025

Garden of Grooves

SATURDAY
APRIL 12TH

Promenade:
open to the public
6:00pm in the Palace





GOOD LUCK!!

The Boosters would like to wish GOOD LUCK to all spring sports athletes as they begin their seasons!! Go Cavs!

GREAT SEASON!!



Congratulations to all winter athletes on successful seasons!! It's always exciting to be a Cavalier and watch our student athletes do great things on the field of play. **A special congratulations to our boys bowling team and swimmers for making it to state in their respective sports.** GO CAVS!!

BOAT AND BIKE SHOW



SAVE THE DATE!!

The Boosters will be helping work the Boardwalk Boat and Bike show on May 16-17, 2025. Join us at this outdoor event with boats, motorcycles, jet skis, ATVs, razors, golf carts and more for sale! There will be live music, drinks, food trucks and a whole lot of fun right on Grand Lake! All proceeds from our work at the beverage tent will benefit our Coldwater Athletes. We hope to see you there for some fun in the sun!! *If you would like to help work at the show, please contact a board member.*

2025 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

MARK YOUR CALENARS!!!

The annual Booster Bash is scheduled for **Friday, September 19, 2025.** This is our biggest fundraiser so plan to join us and support the athletic boosters with food, drinks, music and prizes. Be on the lookout for raffle tickets and more information throughout the summer!! All money raised supports all Coldwater athletes!!

SPRING SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Boosters with our recent spring sale!! All funds raised will go to Coldwater Athletes!! We appreciate your support. *If you haven't picked up your items yet, please stop by McSorts or MADE.*

GOOD LUCK CAVALIERS!!



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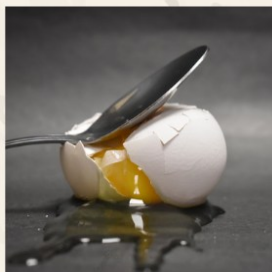
8TH GRADE

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APRIL 4TH

5 PM

7 PM



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ENTER DOOR # 26