

THE CARDINAL COMET

THANK YOU!

~Submitted by Sheila Fetter

15th Annual Soup Supper/Silent Auction

The middle school students and staff would like to thank all of the individuals who came out to our soup supper in January. Your continued support is amazing. We would also like to thank the individuals and local businesses that donated to our soup supper and silent auction. We were able to raise more than \$3700 this year.

Thank you to those of you who bought raffle tickets from a middle school student. This year's winners were:

- \$100 gift card - Nicole Trout
- \$50 gift card - Jeff McLoy

This money is used to help students travel to Washington DC and Virginia Beach at the end of their 8th grade year. This is an eight-day educational trip that allows students to see and experience learning they couldn't experience in the classroom. It later enhances lessons they will have in their high school classes.

2013-2014 OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

Parents/Guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/children in another public school district in the State of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

- *September 1, 2014 : Is the deadline for open enrollment requests for students entering kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year.
- *March 1, 2013: Will be the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2013-2014 school year. There may be "good cause" exception that may apply, you can contact the school if you need more information.

Open enrollment forms may be picked up in the District office in the district in which you reside or

www.state.ia.us/educate/. Applications must be filed with both the receiving and sending districts.

For further details, contact Sherry VanBlaricom in the business office at (641) 652-7531 ext 3201.

2012 Into Cardinal	85.1
2012 Out	76.6
2011 Into Cardinal	66.10
2011 Out	82.8
2012 Cost Per Pupil	\$5,883
Increased Students	+8.5

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On to State

~Submitted by Leah Hallgren

January 19th was a really fun day as Mrs. Burke and I took our students to perform at Keota High School in various categories. On a personal note, for never having coached (I have learned a lot this season) a Solo or Group Mime act before, I think it's pretty awesome that they received a II rating and good comments from the judge. However, our Group Improv team moved on to the State competition:

STATE LARGE GROUP CONTEST Date: Monday, February 4, 2013 at Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School, 4545 Wenig Road NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402. So, please congratulate Lindsay Albert, Logan Rachford, Sam Schmidt, Beverly Santiago & Miguel Santiago on a job well done! We have some outstanding individuals here at Cardinal.
Go Comets!

Cardinal FCCLA News

~Submitted by Barb Elswick



January has been a great month for Cardinal FCCLA! On Friday the 18th, Cardinal FCCLA advisor Mrs. Elswick and members, Hannah Belzer, Amy Booth, Ellen Peters, Vanessa Lemke, Courtney Smith, Breanna Babcock, Leslie Rodriguez, Lexie Engle, Samatha Evans and Haley Cassat attended the FCCLA District 15 meeting in Ottumwa at Indian Hills Community College. At the meeting, Amy Booth (Vice President of Programs), Ellen Peters and Courtney Smith presented the FCCLA (Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America) organization emblem, explaining what the emblem means and symbolizes. Later that day, Hannah Belzer gave a speech for a District office and was elected to Vice President of Parliament. Her duties will be in charge of running the elections for district offices, and working with the District Officers in planning district activities and the next district meeting. While at the meeting, we observed a STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) event. The keynote presentation for the event was Chef Gordon Radar and his guest, Pablo Redondo Gutierrez a chef from Spain. We watched a demonstration on a favorite appetizer from Spain. Lunch was prepared by the Culinary Arts College students, three students from Cardinal Culinary Arts class, Shelbie Meyers, Erin Kopp, and Jessica Schwab were using their time, working with the College Students. Mike Ludwig is one of the students from the college that helped organized the luncheon. The day concluded with a business meeting and installation of the newly elected district officers.

Kindergarten Round Up

Cardinal is seeking Kindergarten students for the 2013-2014 school year. Students must be 5 by September 15, 2013 to enroll. We will have a brief informational meeting for parents and an activity for kindergartners to participate in on March 21, 2013 @ 6 PM at Cardinal Elementary.

If you have any information on children who might qualify for Kindergarten please contact Chasity Rupe at chasity.rupe@cardinalcomet.com or by calling 641-652-3591 ext 3213.

The Choir Corner

~Submitted by Travis Zinnel

This had been quite the month for the High School Choir at Cardinal Community Schools. The students dove right in after break to perform our rescheduled Christmas Concert on January 4th. After that the students had to prepare for a concert with Simon Estes, set to take place on January 20th. The choir members did some great work, they, combined with the Ottumwa High School Choir, Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Choir, and the Indian Hills Community College Choir put on a spectacular event hosted by Indian Hills Community College. The concert allows scholarships to be given to local students, Wapello County specific, to continue their education wherever they choose to go.

In the midst of the concert preparations we started auditions for our musical *Cinderella*. The cast has been set, rehearsals have started, and we are excited to perform it for you on March 15 & 16 @ 7 p.m. and March 17th at 3 p.m. in the High School gym. There will be a specialty dinner served on opening night! Details to come very soon! Please contact the school if you wish to donate time and talents to set construction, painting, costuming or anything else.

Lastly, the Cardinal High School Choir sent both Conner McElderry and Lindsay Albert to Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa this past Saturday for the Meistersinger Honor Choir. These students were able to premiere two new works by composer and arranger Stacy B. Gibbs and another Wartburg College senior Connor Koppin. The mass choir was under the direction of Dr. Lee Nelson. During the day, Lindsay Albert had the opportunity to partake in a Masterclass with voice faculty Dr. Jennifer Larson. The masterclass provided Lindsay with a private lesson, with instant feedback and an accompanist. The experience was rewarding for both of our students and we can't wait to bring more news to you next month.

Thank you for Supporting Art Club by Purchasing our Students Donated Artwork!

~Submitted by Tina Denly

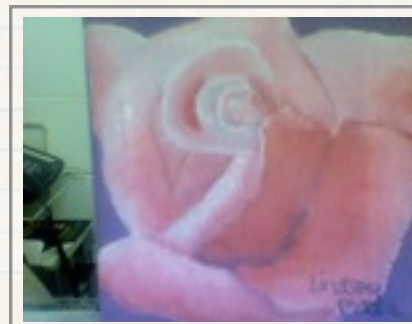
Moving into our new semester we have several students back with lots of new students taking various classes. There are two contests that several students are working towards. We hope to have several students enter the Duck Stamp



*Charcoal Drawing~Hannah Wells
~Title :My Dog*



*Oil Painting~Mattie Kildow
~Title :Our Flag*



*Oil Painting~Lindsay Moore
~Title :Pink Rose*

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 CEREAL BISCUIT W/JELLY FRUIT MILK CHOICE
4 CEREAL BAR YOGURT FRUIT MILK CHOICE	5 PANCAKE WRAP W/SYRUP FRUIT MILK CHOICE	6 EGG OMELET BISCUIT W/JELLY FRUIT MILK CHOICE	7 OATMEAL SAUSAGE FRUIT MILK CHOICE	8 NO SCHOOL
11 CEREAL BAR YOGURT FRUIT MILK CHOICE	12 BREAKFAST PIZZA FRUIT MILK CHOICE	13 SAUSAGE BISCUIT W/CHEESE FRUIT MILK CHOICE	14 EGG OMELET TOAST FRUIT MILK CHOICE	15 SNOW MAKE-UP DAY PANCAKE W/SYRUP SAUSAGE FRUIT MILK CHOICE
18 NO SCHOOL	19 MUFFIN YOGURT FRUIT MILK CHOICE	20 EGG OMELET TOAST FRUIT MILK CHOICE	21 BREAKFAST BAR FRUIT MILK CHOICE	22 OATMEAL SAUSAGE FRUIT MILK CHOICE
25 MUFFIN YOGURT FRUIT MILK CHOICE	26 EGG OMELET TOAST FRUIT MILK CHOICE	27 CEREAL BISCUIT W/JELLY FRUIT MILK CHOICE	28 PANCAKE W/SYRUP SAUSAGE FRUIT MILK CHOICE	

FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 CHICKEN & BROCCOLI ALFREDO W/BREADSTICK TOSSED ROMAINE SALAD BANANA MILK CHOICE
4 VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP SEASONED GREEN BEANS ORANGE SMILES MILK CHOICE WHEAT ROLL W/JELLY (6-12)	5 BAKED CHICKEN, SAVORY RICE, BUTTERY CORN, WHEAT ROLL W/ JELLY, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	6 SLOPPY JOE/WG BUN, RANCH SWEET POTATO WEDGES, BAKED BEANS, JUICY GRAPES FRUIT CHOICE (6-12) WHOLE GRAIN CHIPS (9-12)	7 CREAMY CHICKEN TETRAZZINI, CRUNCHY ROMAINE SALAD, WG BREADSTICK, STRAWBERRIES & BANANAS, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	8 NO SCHOOL
11 CRUNCHY TACO SALAD, WG TORTILLA CHIPS & SALSA, REFRIED BEANS, SWEET CINNAMON PUFF, PINEAPPLE TIDBITS, MILK CHOICE	12 HOT DOG ON BUN, SEASONED POTATO WEDGES, STEAMED BROCCOLI & CHEESE, CRISP APPLE, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	13 SPICY CHILI, WG CORN CHIPS, CELERY & CUCUMBERS, CINNAMON ROLL, SWEET ORANGE WEDGES, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	14 FRESH TURKEY & CHEESE SUB, CRISP GREEN LEAF LETTUCE & SLICED TOMATO, SEASONED OVEN FRIES, SLICED PEACHES, MILK CHOICE GRAHAM SNACKS (9-12)	15 CREAMY CHICKEN & NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ORANGE WEDGES, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12) WHEAT ROLL & JELLY (9-12)
18 NO SCHOOL	19 ZESTY SPACHETTI W/ MEAT SAUCE, GARDEN SPINACH SALAD, FRESH GRAPES, SEASONED PEASE, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12) WG BREADSTICK (9-12)	20 FRESH CHICKEN WRAP, CRISP ROMAINE & TOMATO MIX, STEAMED CARROTS, TROPICAL FRUIT, MILK CHOICE SPANISH RICE, FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	21 HOT HAM & CHEESE/BUN, SEASONED POTATO WEDGES, FRESH BROCCOLI, STRAWBERRIES & BANANAS, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12) CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE (9-12)	22 CREAMY MACARONI & CHEESE, ITALIAN MEATBALLS, SEASONED PEAS, CRUNCHY BABY CARROTS, CRISP APPLE WEDGES, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12) WHOLE WHEAT BREAD & JELLY (9-12)
25 CRISPY CHICKEN NUGGETS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, FRESH BROCCOLI, STRAWBERRIES & BANANAS, MILK CHOICE WHEAT ROLL/JELLY, FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	26 COWBOY CAVATINI, FRESH BABY CARROTS & GREEN PEPPER STRIPS, APPLECAUSE, CARNIVAL COOKIE, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12) WHOLE WHEAT BREAD/ JELLY (9-12)	27 TACO SOUP, WG TORTILLA CHIPS, STEAMED CARROTS, SLICED PEARS, SNICKERDOODLE, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	28 HAMBURGER/BUN, CRIPS GREEN LEAF LETTUCE & SLICED TOMATO, RANCH SWEET POTATO WEDGES, FRUIT COCTAIL, RICE CRISPY BAR, MILK CHOICE FRUIT CHOICE (6-12)	*MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE *MILK SERVED DAILY *WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

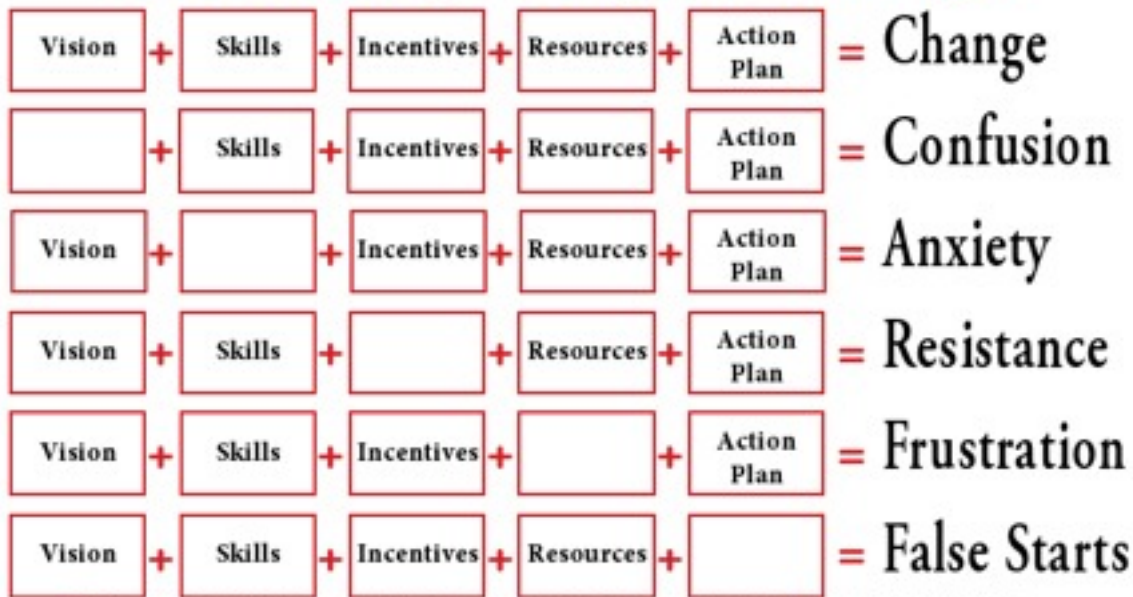
February Activities Calendar 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 HS G Basketball Shootout @ Cardinal 6 PM	2 Sectional Wrestling @ Eddyville JV/V B BB vs Danville (H) 5 PM
3	4 JH B BB @ MSAE 4:30 PM JV/V G BB @ Davis Co 6 PM	5	6 AClub Meeting 5:30 PM	7 G BB Regionals JH B BB vs Pekin (H) 4:30 PM	8 Professional Development NO SCHOOL HS B BB Shootout Away 6 PM	9 ACT Test District Wrestling @ Pleasantville 2A G BB Regionals
10	11 Emergency Bus Evacuation Drill 2A B BB Districts JH B BB @ Harmony 4:30 PM	12 PTO Meeting 4 PM 2A G BB Regionals Music Boosters 6 PM	13 Bus Inspections 1:15 PM	14 State Wrestling 2A B BB Districts	15 Snow Make-Up Day State Wrestling 2A G BB Regionals	16 State Wrestling
17	18 President's Day NO SCHOOL 2A G BB Regionals	19 2A B BB Districts	20 Student Council Blood Drive	21	22 Cafe Musicale 7 PM	23 Young Musicians Honor Band @ Cedar Rapids 2A B BB Substate
24	25 Girls State Basketball this Week	26 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 6 PM	27	28		

March Activities Calendar 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Snow Make-Up Day	2
3	4 Boys State Basketball this Week Professional Development NO SCHOOL SEISC Science Fair	5 Winter Sports Banquet 6:30 PM	6 AClub Meeting 5:30 PM	7 High School Vocal Concert	8 ACT Registration Date Deadline ASVAB Testing 8:15 PM	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12 High School Conference Band Festival @ Pekin 10 AM & 7 PM PTO Meeting 6 PM Music Booster Meeting 6 PM	13	14	15 Cinderella 7 PM	16 Cinderella 7 PM
17 Cinderella 3 PM St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Conference Quiz Bowl @ Van Buren 4 PM	20 End of 3rd Nine Weeks Spring Begins	21 Kindergarten Round- Up 6 PM	22	23 PTO Carnival Baseball Camp
24 Baseball Camp	25 PTO Bookfair Grandparent's Day 10 AM - Noon Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-4 PM & 5-8 PM Early Dismissal 12:40 Elem 12:50 MS/HS	26 PTO Bookfair Grandparent's Day 10 AM - Noon Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-4 PM & 5-8 PM Early Dismissal 12:40 Elem 12:50 MS/HS Conference Art Workshop	27 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	28 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	29 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	30
31 Easter						

Managing Complex Change



Cardinal Community School District

Change is something that is happening on a daily basis at Cardinal this year. Change can be challenging but also very rewarding. I want to share with the patrons of the district that change is necessary for a school to grow. Change should also be purposeful and have “razor like” focus to ensure improvements. I look to the Managing Complex Change Matrix document whenever I look at changes or implementing a new program. I feel this document captures the challenges associated with change. As a district, we will use this document to help explain struggles and how we can improve our programs. I am a student of the “change process.” I hope this document may be useful in your own organizations, businesses, churches and even families.

“It's not so much that we're afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear . . . It's like being between trapezes. It's Linus when his blanket is in the dryer. There's nothing to hold on to.”

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