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AUGUST 2018

COUGAR

CEDAR MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS

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This summer Cedar Mountain schools kicked off the Camp Cougar School Age Childcare program for students in grades K - 5. Twenty-six students registered and enjoyed a summer full of fun activities, crafts, participating in summer rec, and making new friends. Redwood County 4H also came twice a month and helped students plant a small garden, learning about pollinators was just one of the highlights. Each day was filled with staff and children alike laughing and keeping busy all day long. Relationships were built that will last long after the summer ends and school begins. The fun will continue with the Camp Cougar After-School Program that will kick off September 4th.



children's museum



craft fun



craft time



playground time



cougar friends



game time



pool fun



twins game



children's museum



water days

For the 2nd year in a row, the cities of Franklin and Morgan have teamed together to offer some great programming for our students, generous donations were also received from the Franklin Lions and MAC (Morgan Area Club) to help offset costs for the programming. Some of the programs offered this summer included Water Wednesdays where a bus from Franklin goes to Morgan every Wednesday afternoon for swimming at the Morgan pool, a TWINS game, a trip to the Children's Museum in Mankato, Pottery/Art class, and Arts, Sports and Activities which is held 2 mornings per week in each community. Summer Rec also teamed with Camp Cougar (School Aged Childcare) and Cougar Cub Daycare to include them in some of the offerings as well.



Mr. Robert Tews
Superintendent

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year

All of us at Cedar Mountain are looking forward to working with students, parents, and residents throughout our district. It is our goal to provide students of all ages with an opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Cedar Mountain School is proud to provide a quality education for the communities of Morgan and Franklin and the surrounding areas it serves. Our district has a long tradition of excellence and our faculty and staff looks forward to continuing to provide a caring learning environment to all students in grades K-12 with the optimal opportunity to succeed in their core academic program.

We are proud to offer a wide variety of curricular and co-curricular opportunities for students to expand their interests in fine arts, technology, foreign language, physical education, and an array of vocational offerings including agriculture, and business. Distance learning technology also provides opportunities for students to access a further expanded curriculum and college level courses.

Cedar Mountain has an excellent staff who will work to provide an outstanding education to our students. Each of them brings their own special talents and is eager to contribute to our school's mission. They have great enthusiasm, energy and excitement for teaching. Everyone at Cedar Mountain is eager to create a positive

learning environment where students are encouraged to develop thinking skills and master our academic requirements.

As a school, we count on parents supporting their children and encouraging them to do their best throughout the year. The involvement of parents in academics is vital to the success of their children in school, and we encourage parents to ask questions when information is unclear. Showing an interest in school and being open-minded and respectful are other ways to ensure that this is a successful year.

Strong schools are a key component to strong, healthy communities. We are looking forward to an exciting, productive school year. Please join the Cedar Mountain staff in making this a great year of learning.

Cedar Mountain Open House

Cedar Mountain Schools will be holding their Fall Open House on Tuesday, August 28. Open House at the Elementary School in Franklin will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The High School Open House in Morgan will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Classes will begin at Cedar Mountain on Tuesday, September 4.

**SEE PAGE 11
for important
Referendum Voting
information!**

**LEVY VOTING REFERENDUM
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

Calling all 2019 Seniors!

Fall is an important time for the college bound senior. By this time, college bound seniors should have an idea of where they want to apply. Be aware that October is Free Application Month. Many of the colleges and universities in Minnesota waive the application fee during this month. We will be hosting a Senior Parent Financial Aid Night sometime mid September that goes over the financial aid process so keep an eye out for that letter in the mail. Your college bound senior will need to complete some things this year. It is best to start applying for colleges in September and October to make sure that students will secure admission. Students will also need to complete the FAFSA which opens up in October. This is something that needs to be completed for those

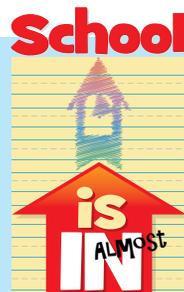


students that will require financial aid. Make sure you have your seniors apply for scholarships as well throughout the year. I will have scholarships that I get available in my office or on the school website. Most college bound seniors will need to live on campus their first year. Make sure you complete the housing application which is usually due around March 1st. Along with this is the food plan that will need to be picked. Discuss college expenses with your child as well such as a budget. It's a very exciting time for seniors! If you have any further questions feel free to email me or give me a call.



Welcome back to school!!

Cedar Mountain Elementary
Back to School Night
Tuesday, August 28
from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



MS/HS
Back to School Night
Tuesday, August 28
from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Mrs. P. Machart
Elementary Principal

Elementary News

I want to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! It has been an exciting and busy summer at Cedar Mountain – and we are looking forward to continuing that excitement throughout the school year.

It was fun to see some many children involved in summer activities at the school year. Our summer lunch and snack program were a success and Camp Cougar was a great opportunity for families that needed summer Daycare options. Community Rec provided lots of fun activities and field trips throughout the summer! I am proud that our school has been able to partner with parents throughout the summer to help provide summer fun, food, and enjoyment for the children!

While continuing the excellent tradition of a high quality education delivered in a friendly personal environment, Cedar Mountain has several changes and innovations for the current year:

- Our smaller classes this year are Kindergarten, third and fourth and they will all be one section classes. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Krenz will be our second grade teachers this year. Our 4th and 5th grade team are: Mrs. Polla, Mr. Babbitt, and Mrs. Sandgren. They will each teach classes throughout the day to those grades with Mrs. Polla and Mrs. Sandgren being homeroom teachers for 5th and Mr. Babbitt being the homeroom teacher for 4th.
- Mr. Severeid is our new Music and band teacher. He will also be teaching technology skills to all classes two days a week. We are excited to be working with our children on some 21st Century skills such as coding, creating, collaborating, researching etc. via technology.
- The Cedar Mountain School District is committed to helping students reach proficiency and beyond on Minnesota's rigorous academic standards. Therefore, we are utilizing a standards-based grading system which allows us to better communicate with parents on the progress students are making toward mastering the content standards. Our report cards will have a new look and staff will be evaluating several standards for each subject and will be scoring them on a 4,3,2,1 basis rather than A,B,C,D. We are moving to trimester reporting and parents will receive their children's report cards at conferences in November and February and then at the end of the year. There is much more information on Standards Based Grading on the elementary link on our webpage at www.cms.mntm.org A graphic explanation of the grading scale is below.
- Camp Cougar will continue offering childcare for students currently in grades K-5 throughout the school year. Be sure to register your students and watch for information on special programming on non-school days.
- We are excited to again have a Reading Corps Literacy tutor. Allison Schiller will be tutoring students in grades K-3 to enhance their reading skills.
- We look forward to seeing you at Open House on August 28. This is an important first step to a positive school year. The students will feel more comfortable on the first day of school if they have already visited their room, their teacher and friends that they may not have seen this summer.

Enjoy the last lazy days of summer – and we will see you in school soon!

School Supplies for Elementary Students

Kindergarten

Resting Towel
 20 Yellow Sharpened Pencils
 2 Small Elmer's Glue Bottles
 2 Spiral Notebooks
 1 Large Box Of Kleenex
 4 Boxes 24 ct. Reg. Crayons
 Book Bag No Wheels
 Change Of Clothes
 2 Pink Erasers
 4 Glue Sticks
 Adult T-Shirt for a Paint Shirt
 2 Yellow Highlighters
 1 Sm Pkg. low odor dry Erase
 4 Folders
 Scissors
 Hard Plastic
 Rectangle Pencil
 Box 5 X 8 1/2
 Gym Shoes that do not tie

First Grade

10 Yellow Pencils
 3 Boxes Of 24 ct. Crayons
 2 Pink Erasers
 1 Sm. Bottle Elmer's Glue
 Book Bag/No Wheels

1 Lg. Box Of Kleenex
 Scissors
 2 Spiral Notebooks
 5 Folders
 6 Glue Sticks
 1 Yellow Highlighters
 1 Sm Pkg Dry Erase Markers
 Gym Shoes
 Change Of Clothes

Second Grade

20 Yellow Sharpened Pencils
 1 Box 24 Count Crayons
 Scissors
 1 Family Size Kleenex
 4 Glue Sticks
 2 Folders
 2 Dry Erase Expo Brand
 Markers/Low Odor
 1 Inch Binder
 1 Composition Notebook
 1 Hard Plastic

Rectangle Pencil Box
 1 Small Bottle Elmer's Glue
 2 Spiral Notebooks
 Book Bag/No Wheels
 Gym Shoes

Third Grade

2 Highlighters
 20 Sharpened Pencils
 Hand Held Pencil
 Sharpener
 5 Folders
 2 Notebooks
 Scissors
 5 Glue Sticks
 Sm Bottle Glue
 2 Pens: 1 Blue & 1 Red
 1 Family Size Kleenex
 Colored Pencils
 Crayons
 Pencil Top Erasers Markers
 1 Lg Pink Eraser
 1 Composition Notebook
 2 Dry Erase Expo Brand
 Markers/Low Odor
 Book Bag/No Wheels
 Gym Shoes

Fourth Grade

4-70 Count Notebooks
 20 Pencils
 2 Pens – Colored
 1Trapper Keeper

4 Folders
 1 Lg. Kleenex Box
 Extra Erasers
 Crayons – 24 Count
 Calculator
 Scissors
 2 Glue Sticks
 Colored Pencils
 Markers
 2 Highlighters
 1 Composition
 Notebook
 5 Dry Erase Expo Markers
 Ruler – Metric & Inches
 Book Bag/No Wheels
 1 Pkg. Loose Leaf
 Notebook Paper
 Gym Shoes

Fifth Grade

3 Highlighters
 12 Pencils
 3 Spiral Notebook
 3 Composition Notebooks
 1 Pkg Dry Expo Erase Markers
 Ruler
 2 Colored Pens

Calculator
 Colored Pencils
 6 Glue Sticks
 1 Pkg. Loose Leaf Notebook
 Paper
 1 Lg Pink Eraser
 1 Lg Box Kleenex
 Scissors
 2 Jumbo Book Covers
 2 Plastic Folders With
 Prongs 1 Red 1 Any Color
 Trapper Keeper
 With Folders
 Water Bottle
 Gym Shoes

If you need assistance
 with school supplies,
 please contact Paula
 Sturm, CM Social
 Worker
 at 557-2251 or email
psturm@cedarmt.org



Mr. R. Brandl
MS/HS Principal

Middle / High School

Welcome back to another year at Cedar Mountain!

Hopefully everyone had a relaxing summer as we gear up for the 2018-19 school year. Each year brings new opportunities and experiences for both our students and our families. It is our goal to grow each year while building upon the successes of our past. We are excited to have had very little

turnover in our teaching staff from the 2017-18 school year and we believe this will pay dividends as we work to build positive relationships and continuing to provide a top notch education.

Starting this fall students at Cedar Mountain Middle/High School will have some new and exciting curriculum opportunities. Courses such as Work Based Learning, College Art, Dakota Language, Medical Science and Computer Applications will all be new offerings this year. We look forward to these and other new learning opportunities as we prepare our students for the workforce and post-secondary education.

A major focus for the staff at Cedar Mountain this year will be to effectively engage parents in their student's education. Efforts will be made to consistently share information related to curriculum and what is happening in the classroom. Research shows that when parents have an increased involvement in their child's academics, the student has much higher achievement results.

Here are some simple ways you can increase your involvement to help your child:

1. Keep your contact information up to date. Cedar Mountain utilizes Infinite Campus to share lots of information with parents. Having accurate email and phone information makes sure that you will not miss out on getting necessary information.
2. Have a daily discussion at home about school. It is important to move past "Do you have homework?" and "How was school?" type questions. Ask your child to tell you about what they are learning in a specific class and show a genuine interest in their learning.
3. Encourage your child to have great school attendance. Communicating to your student that school attendance is important is vital to success. Being committed to attending school each day will help instill in them life skills of commitment and accountability.
4. Attend events such as Parent Teacher Conferences and Open House. Having conversations with teachers is a great way to find out what you can do to continue to support your child as we work towards common goals and academic success.
5. Contact the school when you have questions. It is always good to contact a teacher or administrator when you have questions. Cedar Mountain takes pride in providing a welcoming environment and we are always open to listening and answering questions.

On behalf of the administration and staff, thank you for all that you do. Cedar Mountain takes pride in working with our parents and community to provide a great educational experience for our students. We look forward to another great year at Cedar Mountain.

Go Cougars!



6th graders orientation

August 23
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
All incoming 6th graders and their parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend orientation at the MS/HS in Morgan.

Save the Date
September 24

FARMER'S MARKET

Homecoming Week
September 17-21

Variety Show & Coronation
September 17

Fall Pictures will be taken at:

Picture  Day

Middle School & High School
Wednesday, September 19

Elementary
Wednesday, October 10

Middle/High School Supply List

6TH GRADE:

Pack of #2 Pencils
1-2 Ink Pens
Protractor
1-2 Folders
Scissors
Assignment Notebook
Two Spiral Notebooks
Ruler (Inches & Metric)
Calculator (Basic)
Glue Stick
Box of Kleenex
Markers
Pack of Colored Pencils
Highlighters
Gym Shoes
White Board Markers
White Board Eraser or old sock
Ear Buds or Head Phones
Lock

GRADES 7-8:

1" 3-Ring Binder
8 Pocket Dividers
1 Binder Pouch
Assignment Notebook
Pencils
Pens
Notebooks
Earbuds
Lock

GRADES 9-12:

Folders
#2 Pencils
Notebooks
Black or Blue Ink Pens
Highlighters
Ear Buds
Assignment Notebook (optional)
Lock

SPECIFIC CLASSES:

Math & Science Classes Scientific calculator
(recommended for MCA test)
6 - 7th grades: TI 30XS 8 – 12 grades: TI 84+
Math. Notebook with no fringe
Art 9-3 Ring Binder (2")
Food Science Composition Notebook
Ag 9 Composition Notebook
General Music
6, JH, SH Choirs, Bands: Notebook, pocket folder,
a pencil to leave in the music room, earbuds or
headphones
Science 7, 8 & 11. composition notebook
Phy-Ed Classes (7-12) PE clothes
(tennis shoes, shorts, t-shirt, no jeans), a combination
lock, and a towel (if choosing to shower)
English 8 & 9-3 subject notebook
Math with Ms. Eaves Quad Notebook
(graph paper notebook), 100 sheets; School glue (not
glue stick); Pencils; Calculator (TI-30Xa); Composition
Notebook; Felt; Dry-erase markers



Connecting Parents and Students

Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, we will be utilizing a new messenger system that is built into Infinite Campus for our automated messaging. This system will be replacing “Honeywell Instant Alert”.

In order to receive messages from Cedar Mountain, we are requesting that all Parents/Guardians use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to ensure their contact information is up to date. Failure to have updated or correct information in the system will cause you to miss important messages. (Example: School cancellation due to snow messages)

How to check and update contact information:

1. Login to the Parent Portal
2. On the left menu click “Household Information”
3. From the Household Information page you can verify the household phone number, as well as the household address. To update any of the information click the “Update” button next to the information you would like to update.
4. You can also click on “Family Members” from the left menu to update or add phone numbers and email address for each member of the household.

****Please contact the office if you don't have access to the Parent Portal to get setup.**

As a district, Cedar Mountain has made a commitment to utilizing Infinite Campus as a tool for parents and students to receive information regarding grades, attendance, lunch account balances, fees owed and general school information. Infinite Campus also has the capabilities for families to pay fees and balances online. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the parent portal and contact the school office if you need further assistance.

CMS WELCOMES OUR NEW STAFF



Emma Tuft
Elementary/Custodian

Hi, my name is Emma Tuft! My family, which consists of my 2 kids, 2 labs and a hubby, moved to Franklin about 3 months ago from northern MN. We moved here to down size and have more family time. I enjoy going on adventures with my boys, such as hiking and exploring MN state parks. My new job at Cedar Mountain is cleaning at the elementary.



Josh Severeid
Elementary Music/Technology

I grew up in Federal Way, WA, and I am a 2017 graduate of Martin Luther College in New Ulm. My wife, Rachel, is finishing her last year of college at MLC and will graduate this coming May. I am excited to get to know everyone in the Cedar Mountain family!



Ryan Dixon
Dakota Language Teacher
Hau mitakuyapi,

My name is Ryan Dixon and I am the new Dakota language teacher at Cedar Mountain High School. I am an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Pine Ridge, SD. I currently reside in the Lower Sioux Indian Community with my wife, 3 daughters and 2 pugs. I look forward to expanding my Dakota Language revitalization efforts to this area and meeting new people.



Michael Menth
MSHS Social Studies

My name is Michael Menth and I live in Hutchinson, MN. I've been teaching for five years and coaching for four years. In my spare time I enjoy riding bike and playing volleyball. I'm most looking forward to meeting so many wonderful new people.

Cougar Cub Child Care

The Cougar Cub Child Care has been busy this summer! We have attended some Water Wednesdays and went to the Children's Museum in Mankato with Summer Rec. We also attended Renville County Fair Daycare Day and have enjoyed playing outside on our new playground equipment. We also received an award from the Minnesota Department of Human Services; The Commissioner's Circle of Excellence Award. Cougar Cub Child Care Center and Franklin Industries, Inc were recognized by the MN Human Services Commissioner for their collaboration efforts along with Cedar Mountain Schools for their contribution to the community in seeing a need and working together to open Cougar Cub Child Care Center in December of 2016.



Successful Cedar Mountain Summer Food Program

Many families enjoyed and appreciated the summer meals and snacks served daily at the Franklin campus. Lunch was served each day from 11-12 and an average of 50 people were served daily. The cost was \$4 for adults and free for children up to 18 years old.

It was great to see families, grandparents and community members join us some days for a meal.

The favorite meal was taco in a bag - which was the meal served on the highest day, with 91 participants eating!



This program has been such a success, that we hope to offer it again next year!



Nurse's Nook
Reminder

www.cms.mntm.org

**Upcoming Kindergartners
& 7th graders**

*Immunizations are to be completed before the start of school
Check the CM website for more information*

Funds raised for Community Scholarships



Amount raised
for CM was
\$3,350.00

Kohls-Weelborg Ford, Cedar Mountain High School and members of the local community raised funds for Cedar Mountain High Schools's Community Scholarship Fund at a recent test-drive event, as part of Ford Motor Company's Drive 4 UR School program. Morgan and Franklin-area residents test-drove a Ford vehicle at Cedar Mountain High School last May 10th. Ford Motor Company donated \$20 per test-drive, with funds going toward the Cedar Mountain Community Scholarship Fund.

To date, Ford Dealerships across the United States have helped raise more than \$35 million for local schools and nonprofits, thanks to their hard work and the Drive 4 UR School and Drive 4 UR Community programs. The money raised during the Drive 4 UR School program has helped ensure that extracurricular activities like sports and music programs continue in local communities despite budgetary constraints. "I am more than thrilled that so many people from the local community turned out to support Cedar Mountain and I am proud to be a Ford Dealer. Participants had the chance to take a fun, casual drive in one of our vehicles, while lending our students and community a much-needed helping hand," said Doug Kopischke, sales manager at Kohls-Weelborg Ford.

"With all the cutbacks in school budgets, finding creative ways to fundraise is imperative," said Preston Palokangas, School Counselor at Cedar Mountain Middle/High School. "The money from Ford will make a difference to our students and it says a lot about who they are as a company. The money raised on May 10th will help our students for future success with scholarships."

Early Childhood Development

2018-19 – Preschool Options

We are now taking registrations for our Cedar Mountain preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan for the 2018-19 school year! Registration forms and more information about each program are available from the preschool teachers or on-line on the school website at www.cms.mntm.org under the Community Programs tab. If you would like more information, please contact:

Rachel Krenz – Franklin Preschool Teacher rkrenz@cedarmt.org 557-2251

Sarah Sullivan – Morgan Preschool Teacher ssullivan@cedarmt.org 249-5990

Class Name: 3 Year Old (AM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2020-21.

Days & Time: Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$60 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

Location: Morgan & Franklin

Class Name: 4 Year Old (PM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2019-20.

Days & Time: Mondays & Wednesdays from 12:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Cost: \$60 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

Location: Morgan & Franklin



Kindergarten Jumpstart • Franklin Site

This program will be held all day every other Friday in Franklin for Cedar Mountain students going to kindergarten in 2019-20. This class will help prepare your child for kindergarten by teaching various routines such as using the lunchroom, visiting specialists in other parts of the building such as Phy. Ed, computer lab, library etc..., emphasis will also be on letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and math skills to prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Transportation is unique to this program, you will work with your child's teacher to plan a smooth transition for your child.

Days: Every other Friday

Time: 8:20 AM – 3:20 PM

Cost: \$20 per session – billed the month prior to services (*scholarships are available to those who qualify*)



Fun Friday • Morgan Site

This is a mixed aged class for 3 & 4 year olds and will be offered every Friday in Morgan. This is a literacy based program and each day will be set up around a “book of the day” theme. Transportation will be provided between the schools in Franklin & Morgan for no charge. This is for students who will be attending kindergarten in 2020-21 or those not in Jumpstart.

Days: Fridays

Time: 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$30 per month - *billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)*

COUGAR Cub Child Care Center

For more information regarding openings, cost, hours etc... at the Cougar Cub Daycare, please contact:

Jody Rose, Director
507-276-1805



IMAGINATION LIBRARY
comes to the Cedar
Mountain Area

Imagination Library is a program that gives children 5 and under a free book each month and is shipped directly to the child's home. Dolly Parton believes in the importance of educational opportunities, in hopes of inspiring a love of reading and learning from a young age. Dolly Parton started the Imagination Library Program in 1995 in her home county in Tennessee, and it grew to the remaining United States and even across oceans. Our Imagination Library program serves the local Cedar Mountain area.

If you would like to register your child or have any questions please contact Beke Krenz at (507) 587-8193, cmareaimaginationlibrary@outlook.com or go to imaginationlibrary.com to print a registration form.



TECH TIPS



How to start the year off right...

- If you have a MS/HS student, make sure your child is charging their Chromebook every night, so it will be ready for the school day ahead.
- Set up a charging station in the family room/kitchen/parents' room where you will have your child plug in all their devices (Chromebook, cell phone, iPad, gaming system...) before bed. This will ensure that the devices are being charged and that your child is getting the rest they need without social media distractions. This will discourage your child from checking the devices during the night and give them more restful sleep.
- Know what your child is doing online. Have conversations with your child about what they are doing while they are using their devices. Making sure they are using appropriate apps and websites for their age level will ensure they are creating a safe digital footprint.
- Limit screen time before bed. Give yourself at least 30 minutes of gadget-free transition time prior to bed time. This will reduce melatonin and allow you to fall asleep faster and stay asleep.



Fall Family Classes

FRANKLIN
 October 1, 8, 22
 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

MORGAN
 October 2, 9, 23
 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Preschool Screening

October 15-16

For children who are 3 years old by September 1 and those older who have not been through preschool screening. If you have questions or would like to be put on the list for more information, contact the elementary school at 557-2251.



ECFE Fall Kick Off

CARNIVAL
Night



MORGAN
 September 27, 2018
 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Meal Provided



Cougarettes Dance

Grades K-8

We will be having Cougarettes Dance again this year! Please watch for registration flyers to be coming home later this fall.

Tasha Z. and Jody S. will be teaming together again to offer this program.

55+ Driver Improvement Program Class



If you are 55 or older, you can get 10% off your Auto Insurance, for each of the next three years, by taking this Driver Improvement Class. If you have never taken the classes, you must take the 8-hr course first, for your first 3 years of discounts. After that, you will need to take a 4-hr refresher, every 3 years. NO TESTS!!

This Driver Improvement Program is not just for the auto insurance discount. It will help refresh past skills, learn about the effects of age on aspects of driving and mobility, in the vehicle. We will also learn about new laws and skills, such as zipper merge, roundabouts, shared turn lanes, etc. Vehicles have also changed dramatically, in the last few years, and we will look at those features that may help you with the effects of aging. This program includes videos, power points, handouts, etc.

MORGAN

MS/HS Library

4 Hour November 19 • 8 Hour November 19 & 20

All classes are 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Cost: 4 hour class \$20

8 hour class \$25

No discount for AARP Members

Please register by sending a copy of your current driver's license along with what class you are registering for and payment to:

CM Schools
Attention: Community Ed.
PO Box 188 • Morgan, MN 56266

Coming Soon!

Mini Dance Team & Cheer Camp

Watch for more information coming soon regarding a mini dance team/cheer camp for elementary!

This event is co-sponsored by the CM Dance Team and CM Community Ed. Participants will learn a dance, cheers and perform at a home football game with the CM Dance Team!

What's in a Meal?

What is included with a School Breakfast

(multiple options are offered in each category):

- Fruit (juice, fruit cup, apple etc...)
- Grain (muffin, toast, cereal etc...)
- Milk

Students must select at least three food items from the list above to be considered a full meal, 1/2 cup of fruit is required as one of the choices.

What is included with a School Lunch:

- Fruit
- Meat/Alternate
- Vegetable
- Milk
- Grain

Our lunches include UNLIMITED TRIPS TO THE SALAD BAR.

Elementary students are served a full lunch each day.

Grades 6-8 may choose a full lunch OR must choose at least 3 of the 5 components to be considered a full meal and it must include 1/2 cup fruit or vegetables.

Grades 9-12 must choose at least 3 of the 5 components to be considered a full meal and it must include 1/2 cup fruit or vegetables.

Regardless of your lunch status (Free, Reduced or Paying), extra milks and extra entrees are an ADDITIONAL COST.



Cedar Mountain Schools

ISD #2754

Proudly Serving the Communities of Morgan and Franklin

Vision:

Excellence, accountability, rigor and high expectations are the cornerstones that make Cedar Mountain the school of choice.

Mission:

Cedar Mountain Schools, in partnership with parents and community, provides an environment where learners can develop to their fullest potential in a changing world.

IMPORTANT!

LEVY INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

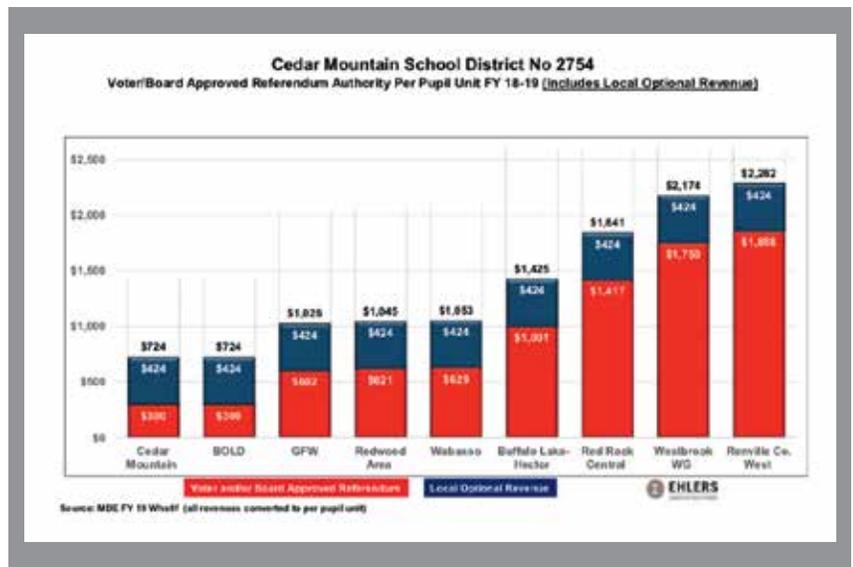


Estimated Market Value Tax Rate, Taxes Payable in 2019 (for Operating Referendum Only)	Estimated Taxes for Proposed Levy* 0.23310%
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Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Annual*	Monthly*
	\$30,000	\$70	\$6
	40,000	93	8
	50,000	117	10
	75,000	175	15
	100,000	233	19
	125,000	291	24
Residential	150,000	350	29
Homesteads,	175,000	408	34
Apartments,	200,000	466	39
and Commercial-	225,000	524	44
Industrial Property	250,000	583	49
	275,000	641	53
	300,000	699	58
	400,000	932	78
	500,000	1,166	97

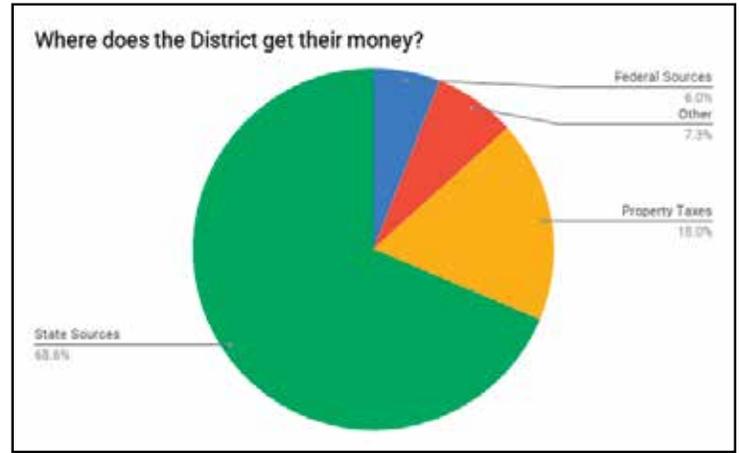
* Amounts in the table are based on school district taxes for the referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the Minnesota Homestead Credit Refund ("Circuit Breaker") program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for many property owners.

NOTE: Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre. Seasonal recreational residential property (i.e., cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.



Inadequate State funding -

- Between 2003 and 2019, the difference between the formula allowance and the inflation adjusted formula allowance is \$618 or 9.8%.
- The District made \$200,000 in reductions in 2018, but reductions alone will not give us a balanced budget.
- Our operating referendum is currently lower than most area districts.
- Cedar Mountain has worked to meet the needs of our students. At this time, we need to look at increasing our operating referendum revenue to continue to provide a quality education.
- Changes in how pupils are counted made by the state in 2015 has negatively impacted our budget.
- Good stewards of the District's money. The last operating levy increase was in 2001.
- Cedar Mountain receives State Aid as part of our funding formula. An increase will allow your District to maximize the amount of money received from the State.



Dear District Resident,



November 6th is an important day. We have the opportunity to vote for a number of things, including the Governor. As a resident of the Cedar Mountain school district, you also have the opportunity to vote on our operating levy. The revenue we get from this levy will be a vital part of funding our educational programs.

Money from this levy will help cover staff salaries, transportation, supplies, technology advancements, and all other expenses the school district has. Without approval of our operating levy, significant reductions would need to be made to programs and staff.

As a board, we work diligently to ensure your tax dollars are carefully spent to bring the best possible opportunities to our students. The last increase in our operating levy was in 2001. This year, we made significant reductions and continue to look at opportunities for additional reductions. However, we believe that reductions alone cannot balance the district's budget. State funding has not kept pace with inflation, and deficit spending is not sustainable. It is important to note that agricultural property is based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land only.

An informational public meeting will be scheduled prior to November 6th. Additional information will be posted on the school website at www.cms.mntm.org. Contact information for the Superintendent and school board members can also be found on the website. We are here to serve you and the students of Cedar Mountain.

School Board Members: Joe Sullivan, Doug Mathiowetz, Ash Heibel, Angie Jemmings, Tim Sandgren, Jennifer Rose and Brycen Christensen

Voter Registration

For information on how to register or where to vote on **ELECTION DAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018** contact your county office at either of the following:

REDWOOD COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
403 S Mill St, Redwood Falls, MN 56283
or call 507-637-4013

RENVILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
500 E Dupue Ave Ste 202, Olivia, MN 56277
or call 320-523-2071

BROWN COUNTY COURTHOUSE
14 South State Street, New Ulm, MN 56073
or call 507-233-6600

You may also visit sos.state.mn.us.

Notice of Special Election Cedar Mountain Schools District 2754

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

School District Question 1 Approval of School District Referendum Revenue Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 2754 (Cedar Mountain) has proposed to increase its general education revenue by \$790.00 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would increase each year by the rate of inflation and be applicable for ten years, beginning with taxes payable in 2019, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.



Yes

Shall the increase in the revenue proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2754 be approved?



No

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Levy Validation: Under state law, the Cedar Mountain Schools ISD #2754 Operating Levy will be approved if the measure receives a simple majority of 50 percent plus 1 of "yes" votes.



CEDAR MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ISD #2754



Cedar Mountain Middle/High School
PO Box 188
Morgan, MN 56266
Phone: (507) 249-5880
Fax: (507) 249-3149

Cedar Mountain Elementary
PO Box 38
Franklin, MN 55333
Phone: (507) 557-2251
Fax: (507) 557-2116

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school provides healthy meals each day. Elementary breakfast costs \$1.00; Elementary lunch costs \$2.70. Middle school/High school breakfast costs \$1.40; Middle/High school lunch costs \$2.80. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals.

To apply for free school meals, complete the enclosed Application for Educational Benefits following the instructions. A new application must be submitted each year. If you don't qualify now, you may apply at any time during the school year. Your application also helps our school qualify for education funds and discounts.

State funds help to pay for reduced-price school meals, so all students who are approved for either free or reduced-price school meals will receive school meals at no charge. State funds also help to pay for breakfasts for kindergarten students, so all participating kindergarten students will receive breakfasts at no charge.

Return your completed Application for Educational Benefits to:

Cedar Mountain ISD #2754, Attn: Missy Goodrich, PO Box 188, Morgan MN 56266.

Who can get free school meals? Children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and foster, homeless, migrant and runaway children can get free school meals without reporting household income. Also, children can get free school meals if their household income is within the maximum income shown for their household size on the instructions.

I get WIC or Medical Assistance. Can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC or Medical Assistance may be eligible for free meals. Please fill out an application.

May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens for your children to qualify for free meals.

Who should I include as household members? Include yourself and all other people living in the household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends).

What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally get. If you normally get overtime, include it, but not if you get overtime only sometimes.

Will the information I give be checked? Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.

How will the information I provide be kept? Information you provide on the form, and your child's approval for school meal benefits, will be protected as private data. See the back page of the Application for Educational Benefits for more information about how the information is used.

If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. Please complete an application at any time if your income goes down, your household size goes up, or you start getting SNAP, MFIP or FDPIR benefits. Please provide the information requested about children's racial identity and ethnicity, which helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. This information is not required for approval of school meal benefits.

If you have other questions or need help, call Missy Goodrich in the District Office at 507-249-5990.

Sincerely,

Cedar Mountain Public Schools

Robert L. Tews
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rtews@cedarmt.org

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Athletic Director
jrobinson@cedarmt.org

How to Complete the Application for Educational Benefits

Complete the Application for Educational Benefits form for school year 2018-19 if any of the following applies to your household:

- Any household member currently participates in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or
- The household includes one or more foster children (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child) or
- The total income of household members is within the guidelines shown below (gross earnings before deductions, not take-home pay). Do not include as income: foster care payments, federal education benefits, MFIP payments, or value of assistance received from SNAP, WIC, or FDPIR. Military: Do not include combat pay or assistance from the Military Privatized Housing Initiative. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Maximum Total Income

Household size	\$ Per Year	\$ Per Month	\$ Twice Per Month	\$ Per 2 Weeks	\$ Per Week
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Add for each additional person	7,992	666	333	308	154

Step 1: Children

List all infants and children in the household, their birthdate and, if applicable, their grade and school. Attach an additional page if needed to list all children. Fill in the circle if a child is in foster care (a welfare agency or court has legal responsibility for the child).

Step 2: Case Number

If any household member currently participates in the Special Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), write in your case number, check which program you participate in, and then go to Step 4. If you do not participate in any of these programs, leave Step 2 blank and continue on to Step 3. WIC and Medical Assistance (M.A.) programs do not qualify for this purpose.

Step 3: Adults / Incomes / Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number

- List all adults living in the household (everyone not listed in Step 1) whether related or not, such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends. Include any adult who is temporarily away from home, like a student away at college. Attach another page if necessary.
- List gross incomes before deductions, not take-home pay. Do not list an hourly wage rate. For adults with no income to report, enter a '0' or leave the section blank. This is your certification (promise) that there is no income to report for these adults. For seasonal work, write in the total annual income.
- For each income, fill in a circle to show how often the income is received: each week, every other week, twice per month, or monthly.
- For farm or self-employment income only, list the net income per year or month after business expenses. A loss from farm or self-employment must be listed as 0 income and does not reduce other income.
- Last four digits of Social Security number – An adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security number or check the box if they do not have a Social Security number.
- Regular incomes to children – If any children in the household have regular income, such as SSI or part-time jobs, list the total amount of regular incomes received by all children. Do not include occasional earnings like babysitting or lawn mowing.

Step 4: Signature and Contact Information An adult household member must sign the form. If you do not want your information to be shared with Minnesota Health Care Programs, check the "Don't share" box in Step.

Optional: Please provide the information on ethnicity and race that is requested on the second page of the form. This information is not required and does not affect approval for school meal benefits. The information helps to make sure we are meeting civil rights requirements and fully serving our community.

INSTRUCTIONS: Sources of Income

Sources of Income for Children

Sources of Child Income	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earnings from work Social Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability Payments Survivor's Benefits Income from person outside the household Income from any other source 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child has a regular full or part-time job where they earn a salary or wages A child is blind or disabled and receives Social Security A Parent is disabled, retired, or deceased, and their child receives Social Security benefits A friend or extended family member regularly gives a child spending money A child receives regular income from a private pension fund, annuity, or trust

Sources of Income for Adults

Earnings from Work	Public Assistance / Alimony / Child Support	All Other Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary, wages, cash bonuses (before deductions or taxes) Net income from self-employment (farm or business) If you are in the U.S. Military: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic pay and cash bonuses (do NOT include combat pay, FSSA or privatized housing allowances) Allowances for off-base housing, food and clothing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash Assistance from State or local government Supplemental Security Income Unemployment benefits Worker's compensation Alimony payments Child support payments Veteran's benefits Strike benefits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Security Disability benefits Regular income from trusts or estates Annuities Investment income Rental income Regular cash payments from outside household

OPTIONAL: Children's Racial and Ethnic Identities

We are required to ask for information about your children's race and ethnicity. This information is important and helps to make sure we are fully serving our community. Responding to this section is optional and does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals. **Ethnicity (check one):** Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

At public school districts, each student's school meal status also is recorded on a statewide computer system used to report student data to MDE as required by state law. MDE uses this information to: (1) Administer state and federal programs, (2) Calculate compensatory revenue for public schools, and (3) Judge the quality of the state's educational program.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering

Do not fill out: For School Use Only

Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice a Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Total Income	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	2x Month	Monthly	Annualized	Household Size	Categorical Eligibility	Free	Reduced	Denied
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Determining Official's Signature

Date

Confirming Official's Signature

Date

Selected for Verification – attach Verification Tracker

USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form, (AD-3027) online at: <https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
fax: (202) 690-7442; or
email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Deliver medications to school

Due to concern regarding the transporting of student medications in school vehicles, parents are strongly encouraged to deliver their child's medication(s) directly to the school. This process will ensure that medications arrive intact to their correct destination. Any questions regarding this issue can be directed to Superintendent Bob Tews at 249 5990.

Supplemental accident insurance

Parents are encouraged to review your current health and accident insurance policy to determine if your coverage is adequate for any injuries incurred by your child at school.

The school is making available supplemental accident insurance through Student Assurance Service, Inc., of Stillwater. This plan provides benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident. An explanation of the Cost and benefits is on the premium envelope, which will be sent home with students.

To purchase this insurance, follow the instructions on the envelope, detach and retain the summary of coverage, and return the envelope and your check to school within 10 days. All questions regarding the coverage should be directed to Student Assurance Service, Inc.

Student directory info

Cedar Mountain Schools have identified and selected information relating to students called directory information. This information is public. The parent or student may, however, request in writing that any or all of the information listed below not be released on that individual student. The written request must be received by the Cedar Mountain School District Office within 30 days after this official notice is published.

- Student's name
- Student's address
- Student's participation in officially organized activities and sports
- Student's degrees and awards received
- Student's pictures for school approved publications or newspaper
- Student's phone number
- Student's date and place of birth
- Student's dates of attendance
- Students previous education agency or institution

Nondiscriminatory policy

Cedar Mountain Schools are committed to providing equal education and employment opportunities to all persons and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, with regard to public assistance, disability, or any other group or class against which discrimination is prohibited by Titles VI and VII of the Civil committed Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Minnesota Chapter 363, and other applicable state or federal laws. Inquiries regarding compliance should be referred to Superintendent Robert Tews.

Annual notification of rights, protection, and privacy of student records

Pursuant to the requirements of state and federal law, the following constitutes the Cedar Mountain School District's annual notification to parents and students regarding data privacy practices.

The Cedar Mountain School District has adopted a student record data privacy policy incorporating state and federal requirements as to data privacy rights in student education records. In summary the policy provides:

Privacy rights. Educational records which identify or could be used to identify a student other than directory information may not be released to members of the public without the written permission of the parent or guardian of the student, or student age 18 or older if the student attends a post secondary institution. This general rule is subject to specific and limited exceptions which cannot beset out here due to limitations of space, but which are set out in the complete policy.

Directory information. Directory information includes the following: Students' name, student's address, student's telephone number, date and place of birth, names of the student's parents, participation in official recognized activities, grade levels completed, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most previous educational institution attended, and photo of the student, if available.

Inspection of records. Parents of a student, or a student age 18 or older, may request to inspect and review any of the student's educational records except those which are by state and federal law made confidential. The school district will comply with the request immediately, if possible, and if not, within five working days. In certain special circumstances an additional five working days may be required in order to comply. Copies of the record may be obtained at a reasonable fee as established by the school district.

Challenge to accuracy of records. A parent, or student age 18 or older, who believes that specific information in the student's educational record is inaccurate, misleading, incomplete or violates the privacy or other rights of the student may request the school district to amend the record in question. If, as a result of this review, it is determined that the challenged record is not inaccurate, misleading, incomplete or in violation of the privacy or other rights of the student, the parent, or student age 18 or older, will be notified of their rights to place a statement with the decision of the school district. The decision of the superintendent/school board is the final decision of the school district and may be appealed under the provision of the state Administrative Procedure Act, Minn. Stat. C15, relating to contested cases.

Transfer of records to other schools: The school district forwards educational records of a student to other schools and school districts in which a student seeks or intends to enroll upon request of that school or school district. A parent of a student who is 18 years of age may request and receive a copy of the records which are transferred and may, pursuant to this policy, challenge the accuracy of the records. The district does not, however; notify parents of students age 18 or older prior to such a transfer.

Complaints for noncompliance: Parents or students age 18 or older who feel there has been a violation of the rights accorded them' may submit written complaints to the:

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Office
U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20201.

This review of the data privacy rights of students in the educational records maintained by the Cedar Mountain` School District is intended only to be a summary of the provisions of the district policy, and applicable state and federal law.

Notice Concerning Use of Pest Control

Our district utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. Their program consists of:

- Inspection and monitoring to determine whether pests are present and whether treatment is needed.
- Recommendations for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials.
- Utilization of non chemical measures such as traps and screening; and,

Application of EPA registered pest control materials when needed. Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long term health effects on children from the application of such pest control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest control inspections and possible treatments is available for review or copying at each school office. A similar estimated schedule is available for application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds. Parents of students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of any application of a pest control material, should such as application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule.

Notification of asbestos abatement

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos containing building materials. The Cedar Mountain School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our communities youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings in the Cedar Mountain School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the Cedar Mountain School District has completed its 3 year Re-inspection required by AHERA. Your district buildings, where asbestos containing materials were found, is under repair, removal, and operations and maintenance.

Federal law requires a periodic walk through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also, the law requires for all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect. This will be accomplished under contract by Airtech Environmental. Short term workers (outside contractors – i.e. telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Cedar Mountain School District has a list of the location(s). type (s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and timetable for their proper management.

Requests for copies of these policies or inquiries regarding compliance should be directed to Superintendent Robert Tews at 507-249-5990

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADA It is the policy of CM Schools to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of their disability. The ADA provides, in part, that qualified individuals with disabilities shall not be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of any program; service, or activity offered by this district. The ADA requires that all programs, services and activities, when viewed in their entirety, are readily accessible to and usable by qualified individuals with disabilities. This district must communicate effectively with individuals who have speech, visual, and hearing impairments participating in or benefiting from this district's programs, services, or activities to afford equal opportunity.

The district has completed a self evaluation and a transition plan (which examines physical barriers) of its current services, policies, and practices of nondiscrimination on the basis of disability All interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with, are invited to participate in this self evaluation process by submitting comments. Please contact your local school official or district superintendent for more information. Also, should you wish to review the ADA or its interpretive regulations, ask questions about your rights and remedies under the ADA, request a reasonable modification to this district's policies practices, or procedures, participate in the self evaluation process, or file a written grievance with the district alleging noncompliance with the ADA, please contact the district's designated coordinator:

Supt. RobertTews • Cedar Mountain Schools
PO Box 188, Morgan, MN 56266
Ph: 507 249 5990

LEAD IN WATER

Cedar Mountain Public School would like to inform all parents, staff, and community members that Cedar Mountain has a complete and updated Lead in Water program in which the goal is to provide lead safe drinking water sources throughout all its facilities.

Lead is a heavy metal that usually enters water through distribution systems, including pipes, solder, fixtures, and valves. When ingested, it can interfere with brain development and lead to other health problems, especially in young children. Lead levels may increase when water sits undisturbed in the system. Cedar Mountain has developed a routine testing program intended to identify the presence of lead in water and to reduce levels of lead as indicated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This program consists of periodic testing, following the testing protocol established by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education, and remediation.

Cedar Mountain has sampled water sources in the past and plans to complete another sample of all water sources within the next five years. Additional information about Lead in Water, including what actions parents can take at home, can be found under Lead in Drinking water on the MDE website at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/topics/lead/index.html>. Please contact Superintendent Robert Tews if you have questions.

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CHECKS

In accordance with Minnesota Statute it is the responsibility of the district to notify students and parents of our policy regarding employment background checks. It is the policy of the district to require a background check of every new employee. It is also the practice of the district to require background checks of volunteers depending upon their nature of their volunteer position. Employment Background Check Policy 404 is also available at the district office.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATIONS FOR HOME-SCHOOLED OR PRIVATE-SCHOOL STUDENTS

In response to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA 2004), Minnesota School Districts must demonstrate that “all children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located and evaluated.” This responsibility extends to children with disabilities who are educated at home or in non-public schools.

Upon request, your local public school will provide information to concerned parents on specific disabilities including information about the educational or behavioral characteristics of each disability. Parents who believe their child may indeed have a disability may request information on how to arrange for an evaluation through the district’s special education staff.

Parents of students who are evaluated and are found to be eligible for special education services will become part of a team which will develop, implement, and monitor the effectiveness of a Service Plan to meet the identified needs of their children.

If your child is home schooled and you have questions or would like to receive information about specific disabilities or an evaluation: please contact the principal of the school your child would be attending if he/she was enrolled in your resident district public school and was not being educated in your home.

If your child is being educated in a private school and you have questions or would like to receive information about specific disabilities or an evaluation: please contact the principal of the school building your child would attend in the district where the private school is situated.

Parent and student rights in identification, evaluation, placement

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students with handicaps. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagreed with any of these decisions. You have the right to:

- Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her handicapping condition.
- Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law.
- Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
- Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non handicapped students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school related activities.
- Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non handicapped students. Have your child receive special education and related services if she/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals; with Disabilities Education Act (PL 101476) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student, the evaluation data, and placement options.
- Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district.
- Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
- Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child’s identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
- Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
- A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child’s records. Request amendment of your child’s educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.
- Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child’s identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to Independent School District No. 2754, Superintendent of Schools.
- Ask for payment of reasonable attorney fees if you are successful on your claim.
- File for local grievance. For more information, contact:
Preston Palokangas Cedar Mountain 504 Coordinator
PO Box 188 • Morgan, MN, 56266 • 507-249-5990 • ppalokangas@cedarmt.org

SECTION 504 NOTIFICATION

If a student is found to be a “qualified disabled person” under Section 504, a Section 504 Plan is prepared and implemented in accordance with the regulations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. The Section 504 Plan is designed to meet the individual educational needs of disabled students as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students and should be in adherence to provisions that include identification, evaluation, placement and notice. Implementation of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is one means of meeting this standard. If a student does not qualify for an IEP, they may qualify for a Section 504 Plan.

POSTAL PATRON



Aug. 28	Open House
Sept. 4	First day of school
Oct. 9	No School
Oct. 18, 19	ED MN Break-No School
Nov. 13, 15, 19	Parent/Teacher Conf. (Evenings)
Nov. 16	Early Dismissal – 12:10
Nov. 2	Early Dismissal – 12:10
Nov. 22, 24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22 – Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 2	School resumes
Jan. 18	Teacher In-Service (No School)
Feb. 18	Presidents' Day (No School)
Feb. 25	Early Dismissal – 12:10
Feb. 25	Parent/Teacher Conf. (12:30-6:30)
March 8	No School
March 22	Early Dismissal – 12:10
April 17	Early Dismissal – 12:10
April 18-22	Spring Break (No School)
May 27	Memorial Day (No School)
May 30	Last day of school
May 31	Graduation

2018-19 Lunch/Breakfast Program Highlights

- Students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will receive free lunches and breakfasts.
- All kindergarten students qualify for free breakfasts.
- Elementary breakfast: \$1.00; Elementary lunch: \$2.70.
- MS/HS breakfast: \$1.40; MS/HS lunch: \$2.80.
- Menus are posted on school web page.
- There is a charge for certain additional entrees. All students (including free/ reduced) need to pay this charge.
- Additional Salad bar items are free.

2018-19 Food Service Prices

ELEMENTARY GRADES K-5:

Breakfast \$1.00
(FREE to all Kindergarten students, also FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches)

Lunch \$2.70
(FREE if student qualifies for FREE or Reduced Lunches)

Ala Carte Milk \$0.35

20 punch Milk Ticket \$7.00

MS/HS GRADES 6-12:

Breakfast \$1.40
(FREE if student qualifies for FREE or Reduced Lunches)

Lunch. \$2.80
(FREE if student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunches)

Ala Carte Milk \$0.35

Individual Entrée Prices Posted Daily

ADULTS:

Breakfast \$1.75

Lunch \$3.70

All MS/HS students will be charged for seconds. Money is deposited into each student's lunch account. Money is automatically deducted from the student's lunch account when they eat.