NEWS NEWS

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

In an always continuing pursuit for improvement and providing the best for our students for educational and extracurricular opportunities, Nevada CSD has recently begun two construction projects. One project that started late winter/early spring is updates to the Softball complex including new bleachers, improved branding, and as well as a completely redone infield that has recently been finished up as weather allowed.

A second project, the new home of Cubs' Baseball, has recently started when the ground started to thaw at SCORE park. With dirt work currently underway, the new Baseball complex is currently slated to open with the Baseball season in 2019.

Both of these projects are to ensure that we are providing high quality and safe facilities for our students - in addition to recent updates at Cub Stadium, the Welding / AG facility, Nevada High School, Tope Auditorium, and Central Elementary.





IN THIS ISSUE

6 - Save the Dates

6- Foundation THANKS!

7 - Fine Arts Spotlight

8 - PTA Update

9 - Notes from the Nurses

10 - NHS Counseling Update

11 - FFA Update

12 - School Supply Assistance Application

13 - Board Salutes

14 - Social Media & YouTube Highlights

15 - 18-19 School Calendar



NCSD Annual Progress Report Summary / 2017-2018

DISTRICT PROFILE

Total Enrollment	Pre-School: 83 Elementary K-4: 588 Middle School 5-8: 451 High School 9-12: 454 K-12 Total Enrollment: 1508		
Average Daily Attendance 16-17, indicator is 1 yr behind	Central Elementary: 96.57% Middle School: 95.69% High School: 94.57%		
Employees	Management Team: 14 Nurses: 2 Administrative Assistants: 10 Transportation: 11 Guidance and Student Suppo	Food Service: 25	
Enrollment Summary	Asian: 0.9% Hispanic: 7.6% White: 85.6%	African American: 1.5% Native American: 0.18% Multi-Race: 3.9%	
State Indicators 16-17, indicator is 1 yr behind	Graduation Rate 92.92% State Average - 91%		
Dropout Rate 16-17, indicator is 1 yr behind	Dropout Rate in grades 7-12 is	1.59%	

OUR STUDENTS 2017-2018

Student Data	
Number of Students K-12	1508
Percent of Students with Free/Reduced Lunch	32%
Percent of Students in Special Education programs	11.83%
Post Secondary Data	
Percent of students who intend on pursuing post-secondary education/training	76%
Percent of students who scored ≥ 20 on the ACT	57%

NCSD Annual Progress Report Summary / 2017-2018 - Continued

2017 ACT RESULTS

	English	Math	Reading	Science Reasoning	Composite
Nevada	20.2	20.0	21.7	21.1	20.9
Iowa	21.2	21.3	22.6	22.1	21.9

2017-2018 GOALS

Long Range Goal

The Nevada Community School District will increase the number of students proficient in reading, math and science until it meets the target of 100% proficiency as determined by Iowa Assessments.

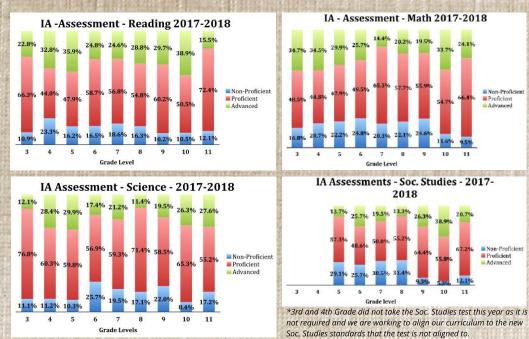
The following graphs show the percentage of students in each score range.

Proficiency

- Non-Proficient
- Intermediate + Advanced = Proficient

Academic Goals for 2017-2018:

- To increase the percentage of students proficient in 4th grade in reading and math as determined by the lowa Assessments. GOAL NOT MET
- To increase the percentage of students proficient in 5-8 th grade in reading, math, science, and social studies as determined by the Iowa Assessment. *GOAL PARTIALLY MET*
- To increase the percentage of SES students proficient in 11 th grade science as determined by lowal Assessments. GOAL NOT MET



NCSD Annual Progress Report Summary / 2017-2018 - Continued

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

District's Long Range Reading Goal for K-6 Literacy

By the year 2018 80% of students in grades PK through 6 will be at or above benchmark on the FAST Reading Assessment.

*Due to the change in NCLB to ESSA the state only required goals for K-6 Literacy.

The Nevada Community School District believes in early intervention to insure all students have the prerequisite skills in reading. The FAST assessment was given to K-4 students to assist in finding strengths and weaknesses in students' reading skill. FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) is a suite of tools designed to monitor progress and analyze reading skills of students from kindergarten to sixth grade.

The first assessment tool is an oral reading assessment that allows teachers to monitor their students' progress and evaluate the level and rate of a student's oral reading fluency. (NOTE: This is an indicator of RATE, not true fluency. If students read fast they pass. If they pause, read with inflection or self correct, it could negatively impact their overall score.) This tool is only used as a progress monitoring device for students that have not scored at benchmark.

The second assessment tool is Early Reading (eReading). It is an evidenced based reading assessment for screening and monitoring student progress in early primary grades kindergarten and first grade.

Lastly, the Adaptive Reading (aReading) tool is a computer test of broad reading skills that is individualized. The question and response format of this assessment is multiple choice and fill In the blank. This is tool we have chosen to give our students three times per year and is our default test for second through sixth grade. To meet state requirements of early childhood literacy the district is required to report findings from Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

The following table shows the results of the 2017-18 FAST assessment and the percentage of students scoring at or above the state determined benchmark. (Spring assessments will be given in May).

Grade Level Fall '17	At or Above Benchmark	Grade Level Winter '18	At or Above Benchmark
Kindergarten	79%	Kindergarten	79%
First Grade	89%	First Grade	83%
Second Grade	90%	Second Grade	90%
Third Grade	86%	Third Grade	90%

If a 2nd or 3rd grade student is substantially deficient at the end of the 2017-18 school year, we will request that he/she attend our summer school. Summer school will consist of reading instruction tailored to the individual needs of the students.

Any questions about this report, please contact Justin Gross at jgross@nevadacubs.org or 382-2783.

SAVE THE DATE

May 3 HS Dismiss at 2:15

May 3 HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7

May 27 Graduation 2 pm

May 28 No School

June 5 Last Day of School 2hr Early Dismissal

NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

The Nevada Community School Foundation would like to thank the Nevada community and surrounding areas for supporting our 2017-2018 Trivia Nights!

Net profit from trivia this year: \$14,791.69

Total raised and distributed to Nevada Community School District since 1999: \$196,516.91

Your support helped fund the following projects over the 2017-2018 school year:

- Auditorium Audio Equipment (District)
- Classroom Seating (Elementary)
- Guest Speaker Author VJ Smith (Middle School)
- Supplies for Robotics Team (Middle / High School)
- Informational Texts for English Learners (Elementary)
- Earth Day Project 31 trees will be planted throughout the community (Elementary)
- Oak-Hickory Forest Restoration Service Learning Project (Elementary)
- Cub Den Coffee Shop cash register for job placement skills (High School)
- Several college scholarships (High School)

If you have any interest in joining our board or have questions, please feel free to contact us via the following link: http://bit.ly/2Hue9DC

2018-2019 Trivia Night dates and themes can be found at the following link: http://bit.ly/NCSFoundation







HOIC ALL CONFERENCE FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

On Thursday March 1, Nevada High School hosted the Heart of Iowa All Conference (HOIC) Fine Arts Festival. Schools in the HOIC conference sent the top singers, instrumentalists and visual artists to Nevada for a day to display their talents.

Nevada HOIC Honor Band included: Flute- Haley Primrose, Rebecca Harwell; Clarinet- Madeleine Humpal-Pash Clarinet, Elizabeth Wessels, Charlie Adams; Alto Saxophone Noelle Huegerich; Trumpet Harold Dobernecker; Trombone Malachi Hornbuckle, Claira Miller; Euphonium Andrew Barloon; Percussion Caitlyn Sharp.

The conductor for the HOIC Honor Band was Dr. Karen Fannin from the University of Nebraska/Omaha.

Nevada HOIC Honor Choir included Megan Mumm, Ellie Gray, Madysen Farmer, Katrina Lindemann, Megan Wessels, Korin Kenealy, Jack Steele, Austin Kruzich, Samuel Steele, and Bianca Sponseller.

The conductor for the HOIC Honor Choir was Mr. Jayson Ryner from North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City.

Nevada Visual Arts students included Christina Wright, Elizabeth Sloan, Tynan Corbin, Tori Brewster, Kaylee Kruse, Leah Sloan, Kaitlyn Womeldorff, Samantha Sharp.

The Art evaluator was Mr. Maynard Martin.



Three members of the Nevada High School Band were chosen for the 2018 lowa State Honor Band.

Junior Rebecca Harwell (flute), sophomore Harold Dobernecker (trumpet) and freshman Charlie Adams (clarinet) represented the Nevada High School Band.

Students are selected by director recommendation and a resume of their musical accomplishments.

The honor band was conducted by Mr. Ruben Newell. Mr. Newell is in his ninth year as an instrumental music instructor at Denison High School in Denison, IA. Mr. Newell received his Bachelor of Music degree from Iowa State University. He is a National Board Certified Teacher and was named DeLucia Award Winner in Music Education in 2017 by the Mockingbird Foundation.

The ISU Honor Band performed their concert in CY Stephens Auditorium on Saturday, February 3.



A NOTE FROM THE PTA

Greetings from your Nevada PTA! What a wonderful school year it has been! We've been reflecting on all of the fun PTA events held this past year, including the Summer Pool Party, Central's Open House, Her and Me Superhero Event, and He and Me Dance. We provided snacks to all students taking the lowa Assessments and are quickly preparing for Teacher Appreciation week, which is the week of May 7th. The yearbook committee is hard at work creating a fun and affordable memory book for Central students; while our scholarship committee has been tasked with the difficult job of reviewing the applications of so many amazing NHS seniors, choosing two to receive \$750 scholarships, which will be awarded at the end of the year. We held one successful book fair in the fall, and our Buy One Get One book fair is coming to Central in May. We're excited to tell you that we're working on bring the book fair BACK to Nevada Middle School this fall!

We're excited for our last event of the year, the Central Elementary School PTA Carnival. This year we are changing things up and holding it on Friday, May 4th. We're hoping for good weather so we can have some of the games outside! The carnival committee has been hard at work creating a Galaxy Adventure (May the 4th Be With You). Pizza, cupcakes and drinks will start being served at 5:30 and the games will open at 6:00 pm. One big change this year is we are giving families the opportunity to pre-order their pizza. This lets families arrive a little earlier and skip to the head of the food line. Watch for more information about ordering tickets and pizza in the upcoming weeks.

As we look toward the summer, we're excited to once again host the PTA summer pool party in July. This is a great time for kids to reconnect with their friends while adults mingle with other Nevada families. FREE admission to the pool, as well as free hotdogs, chips, drinks and snacks to all who attend. We hope to see you there!

Our last meeting will be Monday, May 21 at 6 pm in Central's library. We'll be looking toward next year, as well as allocating money earned from the Carnival to our different schools. We hope to see you there! During the 2018/2019 school year, our meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month, with a light meal served at 5:45 pm and meeting starting at 6pm in Central's library. Please look for us on Facebook - Nevada lowa PTA. As always, we welcome anyone to our meetings and love seeing new faces and getting more members. Our wonderful parents and guardians help make our PTA successful!

FCA



Nevada's Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle extends an invitation to all high school students to find out more about this student-led club. The purpose of FCA is to support all students (not just athletes) and coaches in their spiritual journey.

We meet twice a month for about an hour for hang-out time, discussion, and fun, as well as special events such as "See you at the Pole", Fields of Faith, and a Superbowl Party.

Incoming Freshman! We will be having a welcome party at the end of the school year, so keep an eye out for more details.

Students, if you are interested in getting involved with this club or want more details,

email us at nevadacubsfca@gmail.com

Parents and coaches, if you are interested in getting involved with this club or have ideas of how we can support or serve your team or group, please email the above address as well.

NOTES FROM THE NURSES

To Parents of Incoming 7th graders:

All students entering 7th grade need to have both a Meningococcal vaccine and a Tdap (Tetanus, Diptheri<mark>a and Pertussis)</mark> booster before school starts this August.

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness caused by a bacteria that infects the brain, blood and spinal cord. It is easily spread in crowded settings (like a school). The vaccine will be required prior to starting both the 7th and 12th grades.

All stud<mark>ents entering 7th</mark> grade must have proof of having both the Meningococcal and the Tdap vaccines before school starts on Thursday, August 23rd.

Current 8th grade parents:

All children newly enrolling in an Iowa High School are required to have a dental screening. The dental form was included in your child's high school registration packet. If you need another copy please let me know or ask at your dentist office.

For all high school parents:

All students entering the 12th grade need to have had 2 doses of Meningococcal vaccine before school starts this August.

All students entering 12th grade must have proof of having the Meningococcal vaccines before school starts this fall, Thursday, August 23rd. Some students already have the requirement completed. Some students have yet to get their first dose of Meningococcal. If you are unsure what your child needs contact your physician or the school nurse.

The vaccine can be completed at most clinics. Contact your physician to set up an appointment. Please bring in documentation to the nurse's office.

If you have questions about any of these requirements, please contact Eileen Patterson, RN at 382-2751 or email epatterson@nevadacubs.org.

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF ALL INCOMING PRESCHOOLERS

- 1. We are still enrolling any future Cubs that turn four on or before September 15th for our 2018-19 preschool program. Please call the Central Elementary Office at 382-2383.
- 2. If your child is already registered for our 2018-19 preschool, please turn in your completed up to date immunization card as well as a current physical exam.

We must have these on file before your child can begin school. Those can be dropped off at Central Elementary School.

NOTE FROM NEVADA MUSIC PARENTS

The Nevada Music Parents group is seeking parents to join the Board, as we have several members that need to step away from serving in that capacity. NMP supports elementary through high school students, so we welcome all parents with a heart for the music programs.

A huge thank you to everyone who became a member of NMP, served in the concession stand during this school year, or donated funds or time to anything that supported our music programs. We are grateful for faithful supporters that care about our students!

NHS COUNSELING UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT

Thursday May 24, 2018 Begins at 7:00pm Tope Auditorium

2018 COMMENCEMENT

The Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony will be:

Sunday May 27, 2018 Begins at 2:00pm High School Field House (Gym)

COUNSELING WEBSITE

The Nevada High School Guidance Department updates the website periodically with new scholarships that we receive in the office. We also have them filed in wall folders in the Guidance office. Check out the following website for new scholarships and other helpful links:

www.nevadacubs.org

click on "Nevada High School" click on "School Counseling"

NEED A TUTOR?

Check the Guidance website for a link to a list of tutors for hire in the Ames area:

ames.unversitytutor.com

Recently, there were over 700 tutors available, ranging in price from \$5/hour to \$50/hour. You can sort by price, subjects, etc. Check it out!

ACT DATES FOR 2018-2019

Website to register -- - <u>www.actstudent.org</u> Nevada High School Code -- - 163125

> September 8, 2018 October 27, 2018 (at NHS) December 8, 2018 February 9, 2019 April 13, 2019 (at NHS)

June 8, 2019 July 13, 2019

The current cost is \$46.00 for ACT (No Writing)

You will need to register online. (See Mr. Baker privately if you need a Fee Waiver)

Come to Guidance for more info and a full-length practice test.

You can also check the Guidance website (see above) for links to registration and practice websites.

If you have any questions, or are interested in the SAT, please see Mr. Baker









NEVADA FFA UPDATE

NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE FILLING WITH PLANTS

Nevada High School horticulture students and FFA members have over 4,000 plants and seeds started in the high school greenhouse. Geraniums, petunias, and impatiens are some of the rooted cuttings recently planted. Vegetables started include tomatoes, peppers, beets, carrots, and lettuce, broccoli, and squash. Some of the plantings that will be offered for sale later this spring include hanging baskets of geraniums, single flowering annuals, and vegetables. At least twelve students have started vegetables for their own garden production. Other greenhouse crops to start soon will be marigolds and additional flowering annuals. "Very pleased with students coming in after school and evening to put in extra time with the plant production" added Kevin Cooper, Nevada High School agriculture education instructor & FFA advisor.



NEVADA AG MECHANICS STUDENTS BUILD SPLITTING STANDS



Nevada High School agriculture mechanics students needed to split a tractor to service an engine clutch. The problem was they needed more splitting stands as other projects are in repair also. "Well, we have welders, chop saws, and steel, go ahead and build one!" suggested Kevin Cooper, Nevada High School agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor. "And build well enough that someone would want to buy it!", added Cooper. The students studied different aspects of what was needed and traveled to John Lee's shop by Maxwell to see how his was constructed. Soon the steel was cut, casters & one-inch threaded stock was purchased at Hokel Machine Supply in Ames, and students then began to measure, mock up, weld, grind, and assemble. The fabricated assembly was put to test when it was bolted to the tractor and had to work. Everything worked and

the students are presently determining repairs that need to be made on the tractor. "I am so impressed with the passion and drive that these young people have to accomplish projects, they came in after school, and at night to work ahead on the project!" stated Cooper.



Nevada Community School District School Supply Assistance Application 2018-2019

Assistance is available to help families receive school supplies for their children. Families in need of assistance will be provided with prepackaged school supplies. Please complete the following information and return the form to the main office in your child's building. If you have children in more than one building, they can all be put on the same form. This opportunity is for the Nevada Community School District only.

Items will be distributed at Central Elementary on **August 15, 2018 from 4:00 PM till 6:00 PM**. A postcard reminder will be mailed to confirm your participation.

Parent/Guardian Name: Address:		
Telephone:		
Student Name	Student Grade in the FALL	check for
Student Name	(not current grade)	multiage

FINAL DEADLINE JUNE 05, 2018

If you have questions or would like to donate supplies please contact Jodi Heeren at 515-382-2751 x111, jheeren@nevadacubs.org or Elizabeth Gindt at 515-382-3521 x394, egindt@nevadacubs.org



Central Elementary has received a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools™ award for the 2017-2018 school year from the Flippen Group.

We congratulate all district and campus leaders who have helped to make these recognitions a reality. Through these *National Showcase Schools* awards, Flippen Group celebrates all the campuses that go the extra mile each day to build an environment where students and staff feel safe and connected. We recognize the part you have played in providing the support and encouragement necessary for campuses to receive the *Capturing Kids' Hearts®* training. For that, we thank you!

Capturing Kids' Hearts campuses across the country were considered for this award based on the following criteria: 1) nomination based on observation; 2) level of staff implementation of Capturing Kids' Hearts processes as measured by online surveys; 3) perceived climate and culture of the campus as measured by staff surveys; 4) data demonstrating Capturing Kids' Hearts has made a significant improvement in attendance, discipline, climate and culture, and/or academics; and 5) a student survey to measure their attitude and connectedness to school.

Flippen Group teams visited nominated campuses to collect additional data and interview students, teachers, administrators, and parents. They also used a matrix of key measurements to gather information during campus walk-throughs. Following the site visits, the selection team reviewed all accumulated data to determine which campuses met the criteria for *Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards.

These campuses will be honored and celebrated throughout the coming year as *National Showcase Schools*. In addition to public recognition, they will receive a banner to display proudly (or a sticker with the new year to affix to their current banner) and a gift of three scholarships per school to attend our NEW *Capturing Kids' Hearts 2* professional development.

Again, we congratulate and thank you for all you do for the students and staff of Central Elementary. Your tireless commitment to improving schools for generations to come is to be commended.

With deepest respect,

A.

Flip Flippen Founder & Chairman

Flippen Group



THE BOARD SALUTES



The Latest on our YouTube Channel



Nevada Cub Pride Comittee Season 3, Episode 21 https://youtu.be/yZt3LdtOxOw



Nevada Cub Pride Comittee Season 3, Episode 20 https://youtu.be/ZfrBenZRTnc

Don't forget to visit our channel to check out the latest videos, live streams, and more! http://bit.ly/NCSDYouTube



FOR THE LATEST SPRING 2018 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULES, VISIT

http://bit.ly/NevadaCalendar

The Latest on Social Media







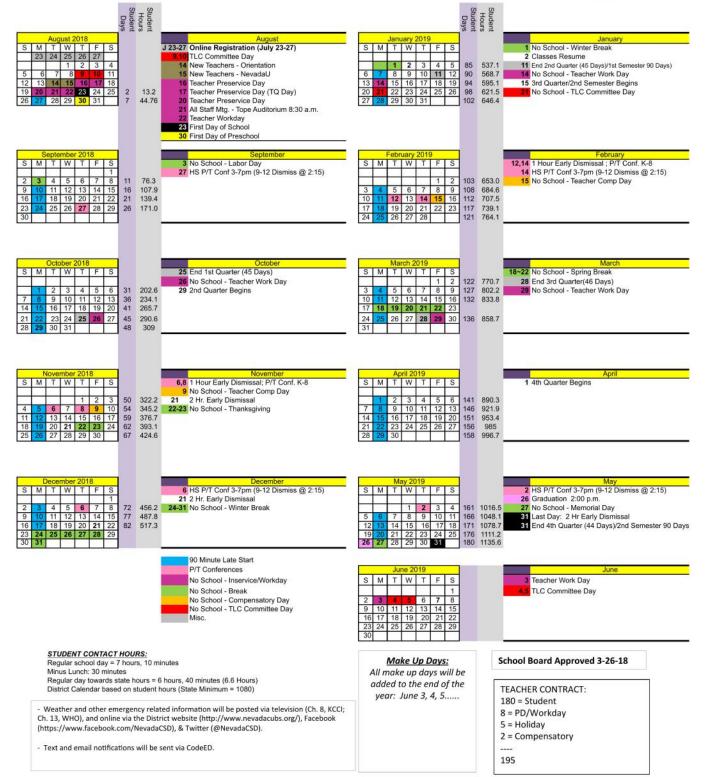






Nevada Community School District 2018-2019 School Calendar







1035 15th Street Nevada, Iowa 50201 (515) 382-2783 www.nevadacubs.org

Postal Customer

Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage Paid Permit #178 Nevada, IA 50201



ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

Steve Gray Superintendent 382-2783 Kody Asmus **HS Principal** 382-3521 382-2783 382-2783 Brian Schaeffer Business Manager **Dustin Smith** HS AP/ Activities Dir 382-3521 Director of Technology Dir. of Bldg. & Grounds Dir. of Food Services Joe Wakeman Chris Schmidt MS Principal 382-2751 David Kroese David Schmitz Chris Burling Jason Sampson MS Asst. Principal 382-2783 Lisa Hartman 382-2751 382-2783 Elem. Principal 382-2383 Chris deNeui NCRC Director Mickolyn Clapper Elem. Asst. Prin. Justin Gross School Improv & Innov 382-1600 <mark>382-2383</mark> Dir. of Transportation 382-4067 382-2783

SCHOOL BOARD

Tori Carsrud Leanne Harter Mark Crawford President Member Member 382-2394 231-4932 708-0705

Tom Maier Joe Anderson Vice President Member 382-1361 231-2537