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# MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY ASSESSMENT

The Nevada School Board recently reviewed a comprehensive facility assessment for Nevada Middle School. The assessment was completed by Estes Construction via a partnership provided by the Iowa Association of School Boards. The assessment summary [below] estimated the cost of renovations to be in the range of \$5,320,750 to \$7,693,236 depending on the scope of work decided by the School Board. Nearly half of the projected cost is targeted at new roofing and new heating/cooling systems, confirming those areas the District had previously identified as top facility concerns.

The Nevada School Board is also likely to discuss the potential for an addition of a dedicated wrestling room. The high school wrestling program currently uses the Safe Room gym, which also restricts gym space for multiple programs. Of the 20 Iowa high schools closest in size to Nevada, only Nevada is without a dedicated wrestling room.

## ASSESSMENT SUMMARY



MIDDLE SCHOOL	Low	High Priority Remarks
<b>1 SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>	<b>275,600</b>	<b>451,024</b>
1.01 New Accessibility Upgrades	92,402	166,767 B REQUIRED
1.02 New ADA Compliant Restrooms	166,966	263,093 B REQUIRED
1.03 New Safety Glazing	2,981	4,969 B REQUIRED
1.04 New Fire Alarm System Components	13,251	16,195 A URGENT
<b>2 BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>4,893,754</b>	<b>6,992,583</b>
2.01 New Finishes	1,011,662	2,079,445 C RECOMMENDED
2.02 New Lockers	127,869	213,115 C RECOMMENDED
2.03 New Casework	277,072	391,161 C RECOMMENDED
2.04 New Roofing	775,730	1,219,004 B REQUIRED
2.05 New Exterior Masonry Improvements/Tuck-Pointing	60,114	120,228 B REQUIRED
2.06 New Electrical Upgrades	57,420	69,198 C RECOMMENDED
2.07 New Lighting Upgrades	228,207	250,291 C RECOMMENDED
2.08 New HVAC Upgrades	2,355,680	2,650,140 C RECOMMENDED
<b>3 SITE IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>151,397</b>	<b>249,629</b>
3.01 New Parking Lot Improvements	121,951	190,736 D SUGGESTED
3.02 New Bicycle Racks	29,446	58,892 D SUGGESTED
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	<b>5,320,750</b>	<b>7,693,236</b>

# SALES TAX REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT ELECTION

In May 2019, the State Legislature and Governor approved a law extending the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) law through the calendar year 2050. SAVE will allow the Nevada Community School District to borrow against the statewide penny sales tax revenue to help fund school infrastructure projects. The passage of the SAVE extension will positively impact the District for generations. But with the extension of the law, some changes have been made to how SAVE funding can be used and the process School Boards must undertake to use these funds.

In September 2008, citizens of the District approved a Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement for SAVE funds to be up to January 2031. The citizens of the District must vote soon on a new Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement to use the new SAVE funds referred to above which will start in 2031 and run to 2050 including any debt issued for these funds. **This election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement will not increase property taxes. The Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement is as specified: for sales tax revenues only.** These revenues upon approval of the Sales Tax Revenue Purpose Statement will be used for the following:

- Property Tax Relief
- To build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish additions to school buildings in the District; to remodel, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grants; for demolition work; to furnish and equip District facilities.
- To purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings or equipment (including transportation, technology, and recreation equipment) as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities, procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.
- To make emergency repairs to respond to natural disasters, such as fire, wind damage, flood; unanticipated mechanical, plumbing, structural, roof, electric system failures; environmental remediation; or to respond to changes in demographics that require construction of additions or improvements to school buildings or new school buildings.
- For the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa law, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued by the District under Iowa law.

**SAVE THE DATE  
MARCH 3, 2020**

Over the life of the SAVE law, the District expects it will need these revenues for any of the above. Of current concern is repairs and remodeling of the Middle School facility, which is now 30 years old.



## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are taking registrations for preschool for the 2020-21 school year. If you have a child, or know of one, who will be **four** years old by Sept. 15th, 2020, please call Central Elementary to get your child signed up for our 4 yr. Old Preschool Program at (515) 382-2383.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are taking registrations for kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year. If you have a child, or know of one, who will be **five** years old by Sept. 15th, 2020, please call Central Elementary to get your child signed up for Kindergarten at (515) 382-2383.

## POSITIVE PARENTING SERIES

Central is hosting its first ever "Positive Parenting Series" in the months to come. We held our first night on January 15th and discussed the importance of schedules, routines, sleep, healthy eating habits and all parents took away a personalized schedule. Upcoming events and their topics are listed below. There will be a free meal and childcare to all attendees, as well as giveaways for all parents and prize drawings including Fareway gift cards, games, blankets, pillows, crockpots, and art supplies just to name a few.

Events are held at Central with the meal from 5:30pm - 6:00pm and the learning portion from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. You can register by calling the elementary at 382-2383 or register online in the email that will be sent to parents.

**February 19th - Social Skills/Respecting Boundaries**

**March 11th - Relationships**

**April 15th - Technology/Gaming/Social Media/Screentime**





# CUB EMBROIDERY

Four years ago Nevada High School started a new course where students can learn about and participate in running a retail business. This enterprise class has been flourishing ever since. The



embroidery enterprise, called Cub Embroidery, focuses on a mix of designing on computer software and stitching out the design on a 7 thread embroidery machine, creating affordable products available to all. The students have been excited to work with clients to customize orders, make new designs, and have even created a store called Cub Creations within the school.

Some of the orders that the students have completed are shirts, hats, team bags, reunion tshirts and holiday themed gifts. Cub Embroidery has a website, Twitter and Facebook page to make accessing information about the enterprise easier. They are always accepting new orders and will work with customers to provide the best quality personalized products at an

affordable price.

Being part of this class has many benefits for students. They learn the skills to create on embroidery software, collaboration, communication with students and clients, marketing, and many other business soft skills. Order your customized embroidery item today!

**Twitter:** @cub\_embroidery

**Email:** cubembroidery@nevadacubs.org

**Website:** <https://tinyurl.com/y8chmvhs>

**Facebook:** <https://tinyurl.com/y5pkqtn9>

## NHS SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

The Nevada High School Science Bowl team of Kayleigh Edmonds, Kent Sponseller, Alec Sutton, Eliana Hornbuckle and Izzy Humpal-Pash went undefeated on Saturday January 25th and qualified for the championship bracket as well as advanced to the quarterfinals. It was the best team performance in Nevada history.



## SNEIDERMAN NAMED NMS PRINCIPAL

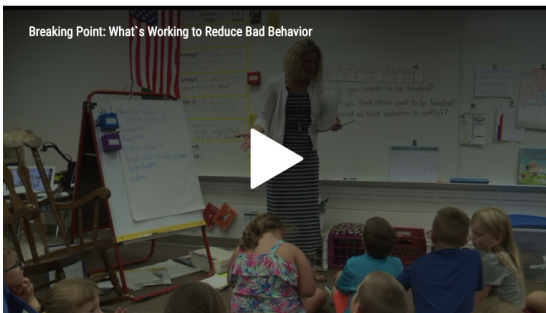
Nevada Community School District is excited to announce that Tony Sneiderman has been named principal of Nevada Middle School starting this upcoming fall. Mr. Sneiderman currently serves as the Assistant Principal and 7/8 Activities Director of NMS and has served in that role since the fall of 2018.

Sneiderman came to Nevada with past experience as an Activities Director and business teacher. He holds a BA from the University of Northern Iowa and a MA in Educational Administration from The University of South Dakota. Congratulations, Mr. Sneiderman!



## WHO-TV VISITS CENTRAL

WHO-TV Channel 13 recently visited Central Elementary School when doing a story on challenging behaviors. WHO-TV had been doing a series on challenging behaviors in school – and was referred specifically to Nevada to learn more about our emphasis on Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH). CKH is a district-wide initiative since 2014 on establishing a process for teachers to engage and challenge students not only academically but emotionally. Learn more about CKH at <http://bit.ly/2uLGn85>



Watch the video:

<http://bit.ly/37HUFVE>

## SPRING MUSICAL

Nevada Drama and Vocal Music proudly present the Spring Musical: BYE BYE BIRDIE

**When:** Friday March 6th, Saturday March 7th at 7:00pm; Sunday March 8th at 1:30pm

**Where:** Josephine Tope Community Auditorium

Tickets available on our website, or at the door if still available.

<http://nevadahighdrama.weebly.com/>



## FROM THE MUSIC PARENTS



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those who volunteered for the fall football season concession stand. We appreciate your commitment to making this season successful in fundraising efforts for our district's students. We consistently hear compliments from visiting team families about how

nice the stand and facilities are, how they enjoy our widely varied menu and the friendliness of our volunteers. We look forward to having your assistance in the spring for the soccer and track concessions as well.

### **Recent purchases made possible in part by NMP**

- HS band trailer and trailer graphic wrap
- 2 parking lot banners outside auditorium
- Risers for MS choir
- Recorders for elementary music (annually)
- Ukuleles and storage for MS music
- Guitars and storage for HS
- Color guard uniforms and props for band (annually)
- On-going uniform and robe fund for band and choir
- Music contest entry fees
- Licenses fee for annual spring musical (annually)

Please consider joining Nevada Music Parents to further your support of our music programs at all levels. Your membership fee, profits from the concession stand, and generous donations benefit elementary, middle, and high school vocal and band education. See the registration form for options on how to join!







## 2019-2020 Membership Form

Name (as you want it to appear on donor recognition)

Phone

E-mail address

I am....

- ☐ A parent of a student musician
- ☐ A grandparent of a student musician
- ☐ A Nevada band alumnus
- ☐ A music enthusiast from the community

Registration forms and payments may be submitted to the high school office or mailed to:

Nevada Music Parents, P.O. Box 93, Nevada, IA 50201

Annual membership fee	\$15
Additional donation to support Nevada's musicians	_____
Total Payment:	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Checks payable to Nevada Music Parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____
Via PayPal at <a href="mailto:nevadamusicparents@gmail.com">nevadamusicparents@gmail.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paypal

Nevada Music Parents is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law.

### Please check other ways you are willing to help our fundraising efforts.

\_\_\_\_\_ Work in the concession stand during football games, soccer games, or track meets

\_\_\_\_\_ Donations of money or food items for our meals before some concerts

\_\_\_\_\_ Cooking or serving during our fundraising meals

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving on a committee (please check your area(s) of interest):

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership & Recruitment

\_\_\_\_\_ Concession stand

\_\_\_\_\_ Donations

\_\_\_\_\_ Communication & Publicity

\_\_\_\_\_ Serving as a board member (elections in May)

\_\_\_\_\_ Technology

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Nevada Music Parents supports our student musicians at all levels. Membership dues and profits from regular fundraising activities are used to purchase items such as uniforms, choir robes, instruments, contest and honor band/choir fees, awards, and special events to**

## NOTE FROM THE NURSES

Cold and flu (Influenza) season is now upon us. Please help us to keep the spread of these viruses at a minimum. A kind reminder to please keep your children home if:

They are showing flu-like illness (fever of 100 or above, muscle aches, severe cough or headache). Children should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen before returning to school.

They have vomiting with stomach cramps/discomfort. Children should be kept home for 24 hours after a vomiting illness.

They have had diarrhea illness. Stool frequency may be as much as 3 times or more in an hour. Children should be kept home for 24 hours after the last diarrhea episode.

They have coughing accompanied by fever or trouble breathing.

They have a sore throat associated with fever, vomiting, abdominal pain or difficulty swallowing.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, it is not too late to get vaccinated against Influenza. Schedule your flu shot if you haven't already. The vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older.

*February*  
Love is in the air.  
But so is the flu.  
Wash your hands.

## NHS STUDENT COUNCIL

This winter season, the high school student council has focused on serving our community. First, we chose four high school students in need and purchased holiday gifts for them through the Angel Tree program. Thank you to Mrs. Heren, Mrs. Burling, and Target in Ames for helping us with this! Then, we spent an afternoon baking treats to give to public servants throughout our community including hospital workers, police officers, fire fighters, and teachers. Thank you to Mrs. Harter and the First United Methodist Church for letting us use your kitchen!

We also started something new this year, a donation tree. We asked students and community members to donate winter clothing items on the tree and canned food items under the tree. We were able to donate the clothing to Harmony Closet in town and the canned food items to Cubbie's Cupboard. Thank you to Mrs. Gindt for helping us with this and to all those who donated items!

Finally, we organized two half-court shot competitions at basketball games to raise money for Pennies for Patients. This organization supports patients with blood cancers through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thank you to all who have helped and participated in this! The student council looks forward to serving you in 2020.





# Cubs Grub



Cubs Grub is a student-run food enterprise that is available to teachers, parents, and people in the community. We deliver our treats at 11 am to any of the school district buildings and take orders online through RevTrak. Orders should be placed a week ahead of the intended delivery date.



## Our Treats:

### In-Classroom Treats

Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies- \$5.50 per dozen

Cubbies Snack Attack - \$3.75 per dozen bags

Ranch Cubbies Snack Attack- \$6.25 per dozen bags

Mid-sized Celebration Cupcakes with Vanilla Frosting - \$7.00 per dozen

Mid-sized Celebration Cupcakes with Vanilla Frosting WITH Multicolored Sprinkles- \$8.00



### Out of Classroom Treats:

Chocolate Chip Cookies- \$4.75 per dozen

Cub Cupcakes with Vanilla Frosting- \$8.00 per dozen

Cub Cupcakes with Vanilla Frosting WITH Multicolored Sprinkles- \$9.00 per dozen

Frosted Brownies- \$6.00 per dozen



RevTrak Link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7avrer>

Website Link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4rcsydw>

Only in-classroom treats can be consumed in the school building between 8:00 am and 3:45 pm.

## BECOME A MENTOR, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The YSS Mentoring Program is looking for Volunteers to mentor elementary students (K-2nd grade) once weekly during the school day. We have a long list of students waiting, and not enough mentors. You can make a difference in the life of a child in just one hour a week. Please direct questions to Emily Easton at [escmentoring@yss.org](mailto:escmentoring@yss.org). Follow the link to apply: <http://bit.ly/3aUPDHt>





# NEVADA FFA UPDATE

## BURKE DONATES \$1,000 TO NEVADA FFA

Tom & Teri Burke donated \$1,000 to the Nevada FFA Chapter on Friday, December 20th. This is the third year that the Burkes have donated such a generous amount of money for the chapter. A note with the check from the Burkes stated, "Thank you for all you do to help students get ready for future leadership!", Tom & Teri Burke. Nevada Agriculture Education & Nevada FFA have collaborated with the Burke family and Burke Corporation since 1996.

## NEVADA FFA SELLS \$23,812 FRUIT

Nevada FFA members sold \$23,812 of fruit, cheese, and sausage to local customers. The wholesale cost of fruit, boxes, and other materials was \$15,108 therefore creating a net profit of \$8,704 for the chapter. Much of the fruit was sold in customized mixed boxes that the chapter makes by purchasing in bulk and repackaging according to orders. Students were provided lessons on developing a sales approach, and emphasis was made on timely delivery. Money from the fruit sales supports funding for chapter activities such as the annual parent-member banquet, dues, and leadership conference fees. Kennedy Steffes was top salesperson with total sales of \$1,869. Maggie Melton was second place with sales of \$1,391, and Bianca Sponseller was third with sales of \$1,389.







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## ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT

Steve Gray	Superintendent	382-2783	Kody Asmus	HS Principal	382-3521
Brian Schaeffer	Business Manager	382-2783	Dustin Smith	HS AP/ Activities Dir	382-3521
Joe Wakeman	Director of Technology	382-2783	Lisa Hartman	MS Principal	382-2751
David Kroese	Dir. of Bldg. & Grounds	382-2783	Tony Sneiderman	MS AP/ Activities Dir	382-2751
Chris Burling	NCRC Director	382-1600	Chris deNeui	Elem. Principal	382-2383
Jason Sampson	Dir. of Transportation	382-4067	Travis Temple	Elem. Assistant Prin	382-2383
Candy Anderson	Dir. of Food Services	382-2783	Justin Gross	Assistant Supt	382-2783