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It is hard to believe that we are just days away from ending the 2022-23 school year. I am sad to announce that I have accepted a position at Lewis Central Community School District as their School Improvement Coordinator. I will miss the children and staff. Humboldt Community School District has so many amazing things going on! I wish everyone well as the great work continues. I will work closely with the new Principal/Director of Instruction to ensure a smooth transition.

Mease Elementary is looking forward to big changes for next year because the District Offices are moving. We are scheduled to utilize the entire building and move our main office in July. Students will continue to enter and exit through the current doors at the start and end of each day but during the day, anyone entering or leaving the building will do so through the new main office that is located just north of the current entrance. Safety is always priority #1 and this gives us a safe and secure entrance to our building. Another change is that we have added a section of Transitional Kindergarten and hired Sara Bruening as that teacher. We are excited to welcome her to the team.

At the district level we are excited to have purchased a new math curriculum. We will implement Illustrative Math in grades Kindergarten through 12th beginning this fall. This came after hours of committee work to determine the best curriculum for our students. Teachers are already gearing up for training at the end of May so they are ready to go in August when students return.

Summer is exciting and I know the students and teachers are looking forward to the warm weather fun. Avoid the “summer slide” and spend time with book this summer!



Mark Wenzel
 Twin Rivers Elementary Principal

Hello Twin Rivers Elementary and Humboldt Community,

I will start by commenting on the latest updates from our School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting. During our meeting, we discussed the many things that are going well at our school, as well as the improvements we are working on putting in place.

One of the most exciting updates is our plans for new and improved infrastructure. We are in the process of installing a new intercom system, doors, door entry system, and concrete, which will enhance the safety and

security of our school. We are also working on making our expectations universal and more visible in the building to ensure that all students are aware of our school's standards.

As the year comes to an end, our students have completed their standardized school assessment, and we are using this data to prepare for the upcoming year. We have also planned many hands-on learning activities and field trips for the month of May, which always excites our students.

Furthermore, we are delighted to announce that our Twin Rivers students were invited to participate in a Character Education Program by the Humboldt School District. Participating in events with Humboldt is so nice for all of our students but especially the 5th grade students as they transition to 6th grade in Humboldt next year.

In addition to our exciting plans, we also have our Spring Program coming up, as well as ending the year with a Family Fun Night. We believe that academic excellence and fun can go hand in hand, and we aim to create an environment where students can enjoy learning while having fun.

Thank you to everyone for the support as we get closer to the end of the school year. It has been a team effort in the many lessons we have learned and continue to learn moving forward. We appreciate the efforts of the students, families, school board, staff and community for moving through this year with patience and support.

Cassie Smith
 Middle School Principal



The last month of school is packed with a variety of things including some field trips, year-end testing, school-wide incentives, and finishing up academic work. The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) was completed in early April. Staff and students work hard all year academically. Staff are diligently providing instruction to help meet the standards. Students are focused on learning new material and demonstrating their understanding of those standards. We are anxiously awaiting the results of our hard work and I'm positive our scores will reflect their dedication!

With all the growth students demonstrate throughout the year, I strongly encourage students to continue their learning into the summer. This can be accomplished through visiting a variety of museums or new locations and learning about their history. Students can help in the kitchen using math to help complete recipes or even at the grocery store to calculate costs. A wonderful free resource to help with reading is our local library. They provide summer reading programs and can help find the right book! I encourage you to help your students stay involved over the summer and if you need ideas on how to do that, please let me know!

As the last few days of the school year approach, I want to thank you all for welcoming me and supporting me in my first year as the middle school principal. This year has been filled with a lot of learning and personal growth. I couldn't have done it without the grace and love from the staff, the energy of the students, and the support of parents and the community.



Paul Numedahl
 High School Principal

Hello Wildcat Families! I hope this message finds you and your family well. It looks like winter has finally loosened its cold and icy grasp. The grass is turning green and buds are bulging on the trees. There are certain events that mark the school year's progress. Such events include homecoming, the holiday break, and winter formal. We just completed one such milestone -- junior/senior prom. For me, the passing of prom means the end of the school year and high school graduation. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 21 and come celebrate with senior students and their families. As always, graduation will be in the high school gym.

As many of you may know, this will be my final school year as Principal of Humboldt High School. I would like to take this time to thank you all for your support over the last three years. There were certainly some curve balls and challenges, like COVID and risk mitigation plans. But also, changes and opportunities, like updates to the school cafeteria and gym, the athletic facility, and a new safe and secure front office entrance scheduled for construction very soon. Throughout it all the Humboldt Community provided unwavering support. For this, I am appreciative and grateful. Please know it was not an easy decision to leave Humboldt High. I will certainly miss the high school staff and community. I ardently believe Humboldt's greatest treasure is its kids and I will miss them immensely. They always put a smile on my face and made my day that much brighter. Truly, the future is in good hands.

Thanks for a wonderful three years. Once a Wildcat, Always a Wildcat!

Creighton Jenness
 Director of Special Education &
 Middle School
 Assistant Principal



As we approach the end of this school year, there are many initiatives that we can reflect on this year, along with looking ahead to next year. Humboldt Middle School has significantly improved, but work is still needed. We better understand and implement our Tier 1 Universal Screener, PLC work, student safety, and mental health. The Tier 1 Universal Screener Assessment has helped identify what our students understand and what areas we need to improve. Student data has identified areas of need resulting in changing some of our instructional practices for students to understand better the content we are teaching. The Professional Learning Communities “PLC” work started in its infancy stage, and all staff is now fully engaged in the first question of PLC, “What do we want students to learn?” Teachers frequently assess and monitor each student's abilities to adjust instruction instead of waiting until the “chapter test” at the end of the unit. Our district leaders continue to improve student safety and security. Our mental health assessments or “guide rails” help us identify struggling students. We will continue to revisit and improve our initiatives to get them to the “next level,” especially our Multi-Tiered System of Support, which provides a predictable and transparent student intervention system. I look forward to next year's work as we continually improve our school.