



# LEARNING & SUCCESS FOR ALL

## WEATHER CANCELLATIONS & DELAYS:

Be sure to update your contact information in Infinite Campus to receive weather-related school phone messages and texts. If we start late on a Wednesday, we **WILL NOT** dismiss one hour early.

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## Message from Superintendent Jim Murray



This year's Homecoming was another success! Students, staff, and community members came together for a memorable weekend filled with school spirit, excitement, and fun. From the pep rally to the big game, the energy and pride for our school were undeniable. A huge thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event possible. I can't believe we've already reached Parent-Teacher Conferences. It feels like we just started the school year. I'd like to remind families of the importance of Parent-Teacher Conferences, which play a vital role in student success. These meetings allow open communication between parents and teachers to share valuable insights into a student's academic progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. By working together, parents and school staff can create a supportive environment that helps students reach their full potential. As part of our ongoing commitment to improving student outcomes, our professional development focus this year is on better meeting the needs of our English Learners. The district's population of English Learners has grown, especially with the increase in students new to the country. We are dedicated to using research-proven strategies to address their unique needs, and we know that these strategies will benefit all students by fostering a more inclusive and supportive learning environment. Our goal is to ensure that every student, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to thrive. As always, serving the school district continues to be my privilege. Please reach out to me anytime with questions or concerns.

### The Real Deal

I continue to get great feedback from this portion of the newsletter. Our community members don't want to hear that everything is well; they know education is challenging.

- Those attending football games have noticed sewer issues, especially during halftime in the women's bathroom. Last week, we added a pump to increase air pressure on the water lines. Another problem arose last Friday night when we discovered breaks in the sewer line to the main hookup. Sewers were backing up in the restrooms and concession stand. We were able to repair them, and everything is working. I always share that I love 90% of my job. The other 10% really "stinks".....Yes, pun intended with this issue.
- I recently hosted high school and Taft Elementary tours to show the construction updates. I was happy with the turnout. The tours are a great way to explain how we finance building updates and show that we use our tax revenues wisely. The feedback has been positive.
- I'll have an enrollment report next month. Sadly, it looks like we'll be down students again, which is not good for the school and community.
- The auditorium fundraiser is kicking off. The project benefits the school and community. About 25 school and community organizations utilize it annually. I hope all recognize the need and show their support.



### Mark Wenzel

Twin Rivers Elementary Principal

Dear Twin Rivers and Humboldt Communities,

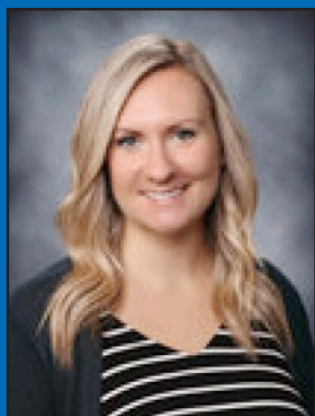
As we dive into October, I want to take a moment to reflect on the work happening at Twin Rivers Elementary. Our teachers have been hard at work analyzing student performance data and making thoughtful adjustments to their teaching and curriculum practices. We continue to improve student outcomes, and we look forward to discussing your child's successes during our upcoming parent-teacher conferences. Conferences are an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between school and home, ensuring that we continue to meet the individual needs of every student.

Our students have been just as busy! The Preschool through 1st-grade classes recently enjoyed a trip to the Community Orchard (apple orchard & pumpkin patch) in Fort Dodge, followed by a visit to the Fire Station in Bode. These field trips provided our young learners with hands-on experiences that allow them to see their learning in action. The second and third graders also had a memorable day, participating in Safety Day at the Humboldt Fairgrounds. Field trips like these help students engage with the real-world applications of what they learn in the classroom.

One of our fall traditions is the Annual Pumpkin Carving Event. This event brings families together to carve pumpkins and it's always fun to see the creativity and artistic spirit that our students (and their families) bring to life.

October is also National Anti-Bullying Month, and at Twin Rivers, we've been having meaningful conversations about what bullying is, how to recognize it, and most importantly, how we can work together to limit and prevent it. Creating a safe and supportive environment for all students is one of our top priorities, and we're proud of the thoughtful discussions our students have been having about respect, kindness, and inclusion.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make Twin Rivers a wonderful place. Go CATS!!!



### Jenna Haselhuhn

Mease Elementary Principal  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

Happy October! The school year is in full force, and it's going as fast as ever! Students at Mease have had a great couple of months at school. There are always exciting things to celebrate when working with preschool and kindergarten students. We celebrate even the little things! Students have been enjoying our new swings outside on the playground. Thank you to the Humboldt Community Foundation Grant for the fantastic swings! We are excited to be thinking about possible grant ideas for this school year. It's an excellent opportunity to have the foundation support our community!

Kindergarten students had their first field trip to the Community Orchard in Fort Dodge. It was a great morning learning about the life cycle of pumpkins and bees, which provided a valuable educational experience. Students were also able to pick their own small pumpkin to take home! They enjoyed time on the back 40, a large area with multiple activities for students. Thank you to the donor who funded our field trip. Preschool is excited to go in mid-October.

This time of year always brings new challenges as students become more comfortable at school. Our teachers are always reteaching expectations and practicing procedures to ensure a successful school day. We will enjoy popsicles on the playground to reward students for earning cat cards for positive behaviors.

Have a great October, Wildcat Family! As always, please get in touch with me with any questions or concerns!