

CAM Community Schools

December 2017/January 2018

Hello! I hope this newsletter finds you all well. Thanksgiving is behind us and we have a few important weeks until Christmas break. The month of December is full of winter sports and concerts. These are great opportunities to see students perform in activities outside the classroom so please consider attending a concert or sporting event in the next few weeks.

I wanted to use this opportunity to talk about some of the priorities around student learning in the district. Much of our professional development work is lead by our Master Teachers, Joni Ehm and Grace Kopp, which is part of the teacher leadership and compensation program in our district.

Our staff is working in their second year of implementing instructional strategies from the TAP rubric. These instructional strategies are all research based and can be used across curricular areas and at any grade level. We are excited about this work and feel strongly that student learning will be positively impacted. Technology continues to be a big part of our teaching and learning process. At CAM we are fortunate to have laptop computers available to all students grade 6-12. In our elementaries, students also have access to computers during the school day. Because of this, our teachers are able to use technology to enhance learning for students. We will continue to invest in technology in this district because it is a part of the learning process.

In terms of what we teach at CAM, we implement the Iowa Core Standards. Many of the curricular areas have very new standards. For example, our science teachers have participated in professional development sessions in the last year designed to help them learn about the Next Generation Science Standards. There are new social studies standards as well that our teachers will be learning about. Our teachers now have more guidance on what they should be teaching, but there is still freedom and flexibility for how they teach. I encourage you to do some research on the Iowa Core Standards and not get them confused with the “common core” that you may hear about. While many of our curricular areas are aligned with the common core, there are differences between the Iowa Core and Common Core.

There are great things going on at CAM. We appreciate your support and welcome comments and concerns. Please contact any of the principals at their schools or myself at 712-762-3231 or by email at cberlau@cam.k12.ia.us.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and a happy new year!

Dr. Casey Berlau, CAM Superintendent

Commander Nathaniel McLaren Discusses Internet Safety at CAM

By Dominic Giegerich, CAM HS Principal

Nathaniel McLaren, 1998 graduate of the C & M Community School District - Commander with the Iowa ICAC Task Force - spoke to students at CAM High School, CAM Middle School and the district's parents in three separate meetings, Nov. 30.

In separate assemblies, McLaren demonstrated online dangers and how the ICAC network is involved within the state of Iowa, is a part of a nationwide network, and that it reaches out globally to protect children. It was both assuring and disturbing all at once because the criminals they catch are already committing these crimes and prevention really lies in the hands of parents and the community.

"I don't want to scare you off the internet," McLaren said. "But it's important students understand the threats that are online to prevent incidents like what we'll talk about today."

McLaren outlined a variety of steps parents and students can take to stay safe while online:

- Have a common charging area at night and have all devices there ½ hour before turning in for the night. A lot of communication happens at night when students should be sleeping, getting ready for the next school day.
- Keep clothing that identifies where you are out of pictures, selfies, snaps, etc. Things like "CAM High School" or "Atlantic-CAM wrestling" provide location information to people on the internet.
- Be aware that chat features on games, applications and google connect you with people around the world. Don't isolate yourself with them, stay in common chat areas.
- Have open communication about online activities. Let parents know, and parents ask, about what students are doing online. If someone makes a student uncomfortable, they should speak to parents about the situation.
- Have open passwords and access from students to parents. "If you wouldn't show Mom and Dad, you shouldn't take the picture, or post it," McLaren said. Parents check computers, phones and monitor devices in general.

McLaren showed a video about a young woman, who when she was in her teens, was abducted and held captive. This chilling account was a reminder that uncomfortable conversations and preventative action are necessary to minimize the risk of a student falling victim to the online predators that do exist.

"If we reach one student today and change their behavior, it will be worth it," CAM Middle School Principal Larry Hunt said at the parent meeting.

6-12 Vocal Music

Christmas Concert dates!

Dec 7: 6-8 MS- 7:00

Dec 14: High School- 7:30

Thank you to the CAM community for the awesome support for this year's variety show *Tie Warp!* We had such great crowds and your enjoyment made all the hard work worth it.

The following students were chosen to be part of the High School Mixed Ensemble for this school year. They will perform for the first time during the Christmas concert, and they will also be sharing their music with nursing homes in the area. Congratulations to: Madelyn Lund, Halie Giegerich, Alexis Ehrman, Mariah Murphy, Isabel Kinzie, Anna Stork, DeShawn Carr, Andrew Holste, Eric Vogl, Dakota Holaday, Jordan McDuff, Taymen Brawdy, and alternates Madelynn Stirek, Sam Martin, and Josie Williamson. Eight of these students will be chosen to participate in the SWI Honor Choir on January 18 at IWCC.

7/8 grade also has an auditioned group called the Mixed Ensemble. This year it consists of: Kristin Templeman, Helen Riker, Natalye Scholl, Logan Lawrence, Peter McAfee, Mason Stevens, Faith Nath, Mallory Behnken, Paige Jensen, and alternates Madison Daugherty, Ali Namanny, Gavyn Jessen. These students will also perform at their Christmas concert, and six of them will be able to attend an honor choir on March 6 in Treynor.

Sixth graders have been working on learning to read music, and are applying their skills to learning their Christmas music!

Thanks again for your wonderful support for music in our schools! We hope you can join us for our Christmas concerts.

Mrs. Nichols

Cumberland Public Library

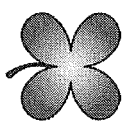
SUMMER HOURS
 Tuesday 8 am - 4 pm
 Wednesday 8 am - 4 pm
 Friday 4 pm - 6 pm
 Saturday 8 am - 10 am

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WINTER HOURS
 Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm
 Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm
 Friday 4 pm - 6 pm
 Saturday 9 am - 11 am

December Events

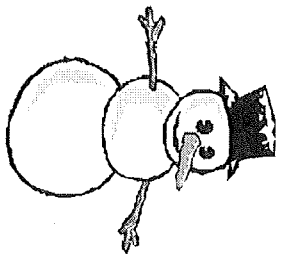
Dec. 6th - Noon Salad Luncheon
 Dec. 12th - Clover Kids 4 - 5pm
 Dec. 13th - Library Christmas Open House 10am - 12pm
 Dec. 19th - Library Board Meeting 6pm



The Cumberland Library would like to offer computer classes, kindle-reader, painting, walking, health, exercise and nutrition. Please call the library to register.

January Events

Jan. 3rd - Noon Salad Luncheon
 Jan. 9th - Clover Kids 4 - 5pm
 Jan. 10th - Dessert at 2:30pm
 Jan. 16th - Library Board Meeting 6pm



Let's walk to Atlantic again, call the Library to sign up. Walk on your own by road, treadmill, or keep track of your steps. A map at the Library will keep track of everyone's progress. Let's have some fun. Maybe we all could have a healthy lunch together when we set and meet our goals.



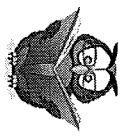
The Cumberland, Anita, and Massena Public Libraries have all purchased the GALE online database which is supplied to all libraries from the Iowa State Library. Gale includes full text journals, Chilton Library of Auto Repair Manuals, book & author database, academic and general interest topics as well as many more databases! There is information for all ages.

Get your Library Card Today!!

BrainFuse/HelpNOW is available to all CAM students and fans. Cumberland, Anita, and Massena Public Libraries offer this service to everyone! There is free tutoring and help for homework, specialty testing, and resume help! Talk to your local library for more information.

Anita Public Library

HOURS
 Monday 1pm - 7pm
 Tuesday 1pm - 6pm
 Wednesday 10am - 6pm
 Thursday 1pm - 6pm
 Friday 1pm - 6pm
 Saturday 9am - 12pm



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Library Fun Day
 Every Thursday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Crafts
 Games
 Puzzles
 Programs
 Legos

Christmas
 Open House!
 Every Wednesday
 @ 10 am

December 3rd, 2017
 4:00pm - 7:30pm

Santa's
 Sweet
 Shoppe

Kid's Movie Day!
 Dec 28th at 2pm
 Come vote for the movie!

Library Closed
 The Library will be closed on
 Monday, December 25th
 &
 Monday, January 1st

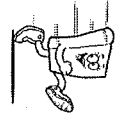


Dec 3rd - Dec 5th
 Helps purchase
 kid's books
 for the library.



Massena Public Library

HOURS
 Tuesday - 8 am - 12 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm
 Wednesday - 1 pm - 6 pm
 Friday - 12 pm - 5 pm
 Saturday - 9 am - 11 am

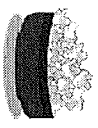


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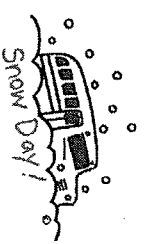
Bridges is now available through Massena Public Library! Sign up for a library card, and start checking out free E-books on your device!

Come to Your Massena Library after school and read. Treats are shared for just reading!

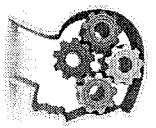
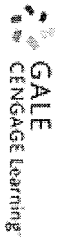


December Events

Dec 5th - Senior Luncheon at noon
 Dec 19th - Fresh Conversations with Alice Kenkel 10am



LIBRARY CLOSED
 The library will be closed on
 Tuesday, December 26th
 &
 Tuesday, January 2nd



December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1. Mid Terms 2- Quarter HSB BB Paton- Churdan @ CAM HSG BB Paton- Churdan @ CAM JHG BB Bedford @ CAM	2. Massena Historical Society Luncheon
3.	4. South Elem. Christmas Concert @ 7pm	5. JHB BB @ Riverside HSB BB @ Boyer Valley HSG BB @ Boyer Valley	6. 1 Hr Early Dismissal - PD	7. CAM Middle School Christmas Concert @ 7pm	8. JHB BB @ E-EHK HSB BB CRB @ CAM HSG BB CRB @ CAM	9.
10.	11. JHB BB @ Lenox JHG BB Lenox @ CAM HSB BB Essex @ CAM HSG BB Essex @ CAM	12. JHB BB @ AIB vs. Iowa Christian JHG BB @ AIB vs. Iowa Christian HSB BB @ AR-WE-VA HSG BB @ AR-WE-VA	13. 1 Hr. Early Dismissal- PD	14. JHB BB Griswold @ CAM JHG BB @ Griswold CAM North Elementary Christmas Concert @ 6:00pm CAM High School Christmas Concert @ 7:30pm	15. JVB BB @ E-EHK HSB BB @ E-EHK HSG BB @ E-EHK Brian Follmann Invitational Wrestling. Tournament @ Anita HS Mixed Assemble Tour	16. JHB BB @ AIB (Iowa Christian)
17.	18. JHG BB CRB @ CAM HSB BB East Mills @ CAM HSG BB East Mills @ CAM	19. JHB BB @ Audubon JHG BB @ Bedford	20. 1 Hr. Early Dismissal	21. JVB BB SWV @ CAM JVG BB SWV @ CAM	22. HSB BB @ Woodbine HSG BB @ Woodbine 2 Hr. Early Out Christmas Break	23. Christmas Break
24/31. Christmas Break Christmas Eve	25. Christmas Break Merry Christmas!	26. Christmas Break	27. Christmas Break	28. Christmas Break	29. Christmas Break	30. Christmas Break
	School Board Meeting 6:30					

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31. Christmas Break	1. Christmas Break	2. Christmas Break HSB BB Glidden Ralston @ CAM HSG BB Glidden Ralston @ CAM	3. Classes Resume 1 Hr. Early Dismissal	4.	5. HSB BB @ West Harrison HSG BB @ West Harrison	6.
New Year's Eve	New Year's Day					
7.	8.	9. HSB BB @ Paton- Churdan HSG BB @ Paton- Churdan	10. 1 Hr. Early Dismissal-PD	11. JHG BB E-EHK @ CAM JVb BB @ Bedford JVg BB @ Bedford	12. JHG BB @ AHSTW HSB BB Boyer Valley @ CAM HSG BB Boyer Valley @ CAM End of 2nd Quarter End of 1st Semester	13.
14.	15. HSB BB @ CRB HSG BB @ CRB NO SCHOOL PD DAY School Board Meeting 6:30 Martin Luther King Day	16. JHG BB Riverside @ CAM Start of 3rd Quarter	17. 1 Hr. Early Dismissal-PD	18. JHG BB @ E-EHK JVg BB @ AC-GC HSG BB AR-WE-VA @ CAM SWI Honor Choir	19. HSB BB AR-WE-VA @ CAM	20.
21.	22.	23. HSB BB E-EHK @ CAM HSG BB E-EHK @ CAM	24. 1 Hr. Early Dismissal-PD	25. HSG BB @ WCV	26.	27. North 4th Grade Shrine Circus Field Trip
28.	29. HSB BB Clarinda Academy @ CAM	30. HSB Woodbine @ CAM HSG Woodbine @ CAM	31. 1 Hr. Early Dismissal			