



RUE ELEMENTARY

Council Bluffs Community School District

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BUZZ INTO SCHOOL! ATTENDANCE IS A PRIORITY!

This year, the Council Bluffs Community School District is putting an even greater focus on attendance! There have been several activities that staff and students have been participating in! There are many incentives being set up for students that are **AT SCHOOL, ALL DAY, EVERYDAY!** Even doctor appointments, etc. count. There are no absences at all when considering perfect attendance. We encourage families to use Mondays from 2-4pm to arrange those doctor and dentist appointments, etc. so your child can remain at school to learn! When your child is gone, he or she is missed!

This week was Perfect Attendance week! We had 272 students in all grades PreK through Grade 5 that were at school EVERY DAY, ALL DAY this week! Congrats to those students! Their names are being entered in a drawing for a special lunch with Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Castellano!

Upcoming Events:

THURSDAYS in September, you are invited to wear green for attendance awareness days! Show your excitement for being in school by wearing green on Thursdays!

NEXT WEEK is a contest for the classroom with the best average daily attendance. One of our PE teachers, Mr. Ahrenhotz is sponsoring JUST DANCE for the primary and intermediate class that has the highest Average Daily Attendance from Monday, Sept. 16th through Friday, September 20th! Help your child's class win by assuring your child is at school every day, on time and that they remain at school all day.

SMILE....You Oughtta' Be in Pictures!



School picture day is set for Wed., September 25th. Students will be escorted by class down to the photographer. Every child has a photo taken and it is used in the classroom composite. Purchasing pictures is optional. Those wishing to purchase photo packages must send the form and the money for the package chosen on or before picture day. Siblings not yet in school are welcome to have pictures taken between 8:30-9:00am on that day.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
JOIN TS BANK, RUE JR. JACKET BRANCH!



It's not too late to join our special branch of TS BANK here at Rue! Our first week of banking went very well! We invite all students grades 1-5 to participate. (Kindergarten will begin banking in January). To bank with us, just fill out a participation form and send it to school with your child. Then on Tuesdays, send in their weekly deposits. Each week, the amount deposited is taken to the bank. Each child has a separate line in the account. Before you know it, your child will have saved lots of money! If you have any questions, please contact: Mrs. Evans, Principal, Mrs. Plummer, Gr. 4 Teacher, or Mrs. Castellano, SAM. A special thank you to TS BANK for their hard work and partnership with Rue Elementary School!

NEXT BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY, SEPT. 17th!!
Extra permission slips are available in school office!

DID YOU KNOW THAT RUE NOW HAS:

A School Facebook Page: Go to Facebook and search for Rue Elementary. Then use the link to vote for us on the GIVE with TARGET link! It's the LAST week to vote! Help us win up to \$10,000 in gift cards for supplies for Rue!

An updated website:
<http://www.cbcsd.org/schools/rue/>

DATES TO REMEMBER!	
September	
17	BANKING DAY!
18	PTO Fundraiser forms due.
25	SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!
October	
1	PTO Meeting Rue Library 7:00pm
11	No School

SCHOOL HOURS
Mondays (except Aug 26!)
8:45AM-1:55PM
Tuesdays-Fridays
8:45AM-3:35PM

RUE STUDENTS ARE:
Respectful
Responsible
Safe



TJ CHEERLEADING ANNUAL YOUTH CHEER CLINIC

Please join the TJ Cheerleaders on Thursday Oct. 3rd from 6-7:30pm in the Thomas Jefferson Activity Center (TJAC) for our annual Youth Cheer Clinic. Participants will learn 3-4 cheers, a simple 8 count dance, jump techniques and a small stunt. All age groups welcome. On Friday Oct. 4th at the Varsity football game the participants will get to perform on to the track with the JV and Varsity Cheerleaders. The game starts at 7:00pm and our field is located behind Wilson Jr. High. They will break the participants up into 3 age groups with all groups performing during the 1st or 2nd quarters of the game. This year's event will once again coincide with our annual PINK-OUT game. We will NOT however be selling STAND-UP for PINK shirts this year. The cost for students to attend the clinic is **\$25.00** which covers a shirt, set of poms, snack on Thursday night, and admission into the game. If you'd like to participate, you may get a form from the TJHS school office, Rue school office or look on the Rue school website for more information.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Thank you to all our families for their patience as we execute our new district wide security plan. We are so appreciative of your support. The nice thing has been the positive comments we've heard along the way! We are all focusing on one thing....SAFETY!

Buzzer at Front Entry: The buzzer at the front entry is fully operational and staff and visitors seem to be getting used to it. It is also essential that each person entering the building buzzes individually. That allows the office staff to assure the people entering have a reason to be in our school. Please do not piggy back on to anyone else and do not allow others to enter along with you if they are not part of your family. Sending K-5 students on their own to their classroom has gone very well. The children are pros at finding their way and staff is in the hallway to help! **If your child is late, parents MUST come to the front entry to buzz in and come to the office to sign your child in.** If you need to visit with school personnel, buzz at the 6th Avenue entrance and come into the office for further assistance.

Preschool Badges: All preschool families will be issued two badges this week. The badges have a photo of your child. Please give the two badges only to the people who have permission to bring or pickup your child. Treat the badges as you would any important document or credit card. They are your tickets into the school and are for the sole purpose of dropping off and picking up your preschool child. Please do not go to any other part of the building without first checking into the office. If you forget your badge or lose it, you will need to enter through the front office.

Preschool Entrances: Miss Frances' Preschool families will come in the front entrance this year. Mrs. Woods' and Miss Carissa's Preschool families will enter the West Preschool Doors.

5th Avenue Entrance: The 5th Avenue Entrance will be open ONLY from 8:30-8:45 for students to enter daily and will be monitored by an adult. Parents are asked to go to the 6th Avenue entrance if you need to enter the building.

Thank you, again, for your help and patience with the new system! Please keep in mind that the changes are to enhance safety. As we fully embark on the changes, we will encounter difficulties and will need to make adjustments. We ask for your patience as we proceed ahead. We apologize for any inconvenience you may encounter, but trust that you will embrace our efforts to provide the safest learning environment possible. Any questions, please see Mrs. Evans or Mrs. Castellano.

RUE PTO NEWS!

PTO FUNDRAISER FORMS DUE

Sept. 18th is the last day to turn in your orders for the PTO Fundraiser. LOTS of kids are trading their monkeys they've earned. Remember, you get a monkey charm for every two items you sell. If your child sells 10 items, they will receive a can of Silly String to be used at a fun school assembly. Wonder who will get sprayed with the Silly String?!! The class with the most total orders, will get VIP seating at the BMX Presentation IF Rue students have enough total sales to earn the show!



RUE PTO invites you to bring
your Superpowers
to the TJHS Homecoming Parade
Fri., Sept. 20, 2013



Please show your support by bringing your child(ren) & walking with them on September 20, 2013. We will gather at the TJ Parking Lot by 5:00 PM as the Parade starts at 5:30 PM!! **All children must have an adult with them.**

Show your school spirit by wearing black & orange. After the parade, you are invited to the First Annual Homecoming carnival at CB Stadium!!

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council Bluffs Community School District's Code of Conduct can be accessed online by families. We review school expectations with all students and those in grades 3-6 are shown a Code of Conduct Video. We ask that all parents/guardians also read and sign off on the same information. That allows us to work together and provides a consistent set of expectations for Rue students. Thank you for your assistance with this!

<http://www.cb-schools.org/district/district-handbook/>

A BIG THANK YOU!!!!!!

Dear Parents:

I would like to express my gratitude for all the cooperation and patience the families have shown with the new security system and coming to the office to get a pass. Your kindness and understanding made the process run more smoothly! The nice smiles you shared helped a lot, too! THANK YOU for remembering we are all putting safety and security first!

:) Mrs. Gorman