

CENTER POINT-URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRIDE Newsletter

December & January 2021/22

CPU Website: cpuschools.org

IMPORTANT DATES



DECEMBER

8th	30 minute late start
15th	30 minute late start
21st	Early dismissal @ 12:45 pm
22nd - 31st	*** NO SCHOOL *** Winter Break

JANUARY

3rd	Classes resume
5th	30 minute late start
12th	30 minute late start
13th	End of 2nd Quarter
19th	30 minute late start
26th	30 minute late start
31st	*** NO SCHOOL *** Professional Development

KEEP N TRACK

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, all CPU buildings require a driver's license for any visitor, vendor, or volunteer to enter a building beyond the office. We encourage volunteers to click on the link below to complete the Parent Volunteer Registration form. Completing this form registers you as a volunteer for the entire school year. If you were registered last year, you will need to complete a new form this year.



[PARENT VOLUNTEER
REGISTRATION FORM](#)

E FRIDAY FOLDERS

In an effort to reduce paper usage, the CPU district uses an eFriday folder. This contains information for all grade levels (PK-12). The link will be e-mailed each Friday to all patrons on the district email list. The link is located on the middle right side of the school webpage under Latest News. The information stays on there for many weeks and you can access the eFriday Folder at any time.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**PARENT PAY
ONLINE FEES**



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Would you like to be a substitute teacher? There is always a need for additional substitute teachers in the school system. If you have a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or hold a paraeducator certificate, you too can be a sub.

[CLICK HERE](#)

**SUBSTITUTES
NEEDED**



DISTRICT OFFICE UPDATES



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Center Point-Urbana Community School District would like to extend its deepest sympathies to the family of Doug Arnold who passed away on October 29, 2021. Doug started his career at CPU in 1990. Over the years, Doug served as a boys' basketball coach, girls' basketball coach, baseball coach, paraeducator, and bus driver. He touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

School Board elections were held on November 2, 2021 and the District would like to welcome Kim Simon and Kristeen Opfer to the CPU Board of Education. The District would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Joshua Katcher and Jane Dufoe for their service to the District.

Kim Simon

Kim is excited to take on a new role as a member of the CPU School Board. Kim and her husband Abe have lived in Center Point since 2007. They have four children Sophie 15, Ella 13, Cecilia 10 and Emmet 8. Kim is a physical therapist and works in Center Point at Ability Physical Therapy. Kim's free time is generally spent enjoying a sporting event of some sort that one of the kids are involved in. Kim looks forward to working with the other board members and administration as we continue to make Center Point-Urbana a great school district.

Kristeen Opfer

When Kristeen and her husband decided to build a house in 2008, they specifically looked in the Center Point-Urbana School District because they had family members who lived in the district and absolutely loved the school. They have not been disappointed. They have three boys, a 2020 graduate and current twin juniors. Kristeen feels that they have had a wonderful experience at CPU. As she takes her new position on the board, she plans to do everything within her power to uphold the current standards of excellence, and do her part with exciting plans for the future!

Financial Report

On October 27, the Board of Education received an overview of the 2020-21 financial report. During the 2020-21 school year, the District increased expenditures from \$15,193,317 during the 2019-20 school year to \$15,765,612. The increase in expenditures was expected due to an increase in staff and due to the shutdown during the prior school year. Revenues increased from \$16,347,000 to \$17,125,504 during the 2020-21 school year. This leaves the district in a strong financial position to start the 2021-22 school year. The Unspent Authorized Budget, which is the measure used by the State of Iowa to determine the amount that a district may spend, finished the year with a balance of \$4,794,956. A financial health report is available on the Board of Education home page at www.cpuschools.org.

Enrollment Report

In the State of Iowa, all schools report student count data on October 1 of each year. This data is then used to determine funding during the following school year. Center Point-Urbana saw a decrease of approximately 25 resident students during this year's fall count. However, open enrollment into the district continues to increase, resulting in a net loss of 10 students that are educated within the district. CPU will continue to carefully monitor enrollment trends in the future.

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS



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COVID-19 & Vaccine Information

The CDC recommends everyone ages 5 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.

- The federal government is providing the COVID-19 vaccine free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.
- Check with your child's healthcare provider about whether they offer COVID-19 vaccination.
- Check your local pharmacy's website to see if vaccination walk-ins or appointments are available for children.
- Contact your local public health for more information: Benton Co #319-472-6360 and Linn Co #319-892-6093.

Although children are at a lower risk of becoming severely ill with COVID-19 compared with adults, children can:

- Be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19
- Get very sick from COVID-19
- Have both short and long-term health complications from COVID-19
- Spread COVID-19 to others

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can help protect children ages 5 years and older from getting COVID-19:

- Vaccinating children can help protect family members, including siblings who are not eligible for vaccination and family members who may be at increased risk of getting very sick if they are infected.
- Vaccination can also help keep children from getting seriously sick even if they do get COVID-19.
- Vaccinating children ages 5 years and older can help keep them in school and help them safely participate in sports, playdates, and other group activities.

For more information click here:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2Frecommendations%2Fadolescents.html#print



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



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Hard Surface Only Schedule / Routes

The CPU Transportation Department has created the below modified schedule in case we are unable to travel on any of the gravel roads within our school district. If we need to utilize this schedule, the CPU School District will make an announcement as soon as possible.

Center Point Area Route #1 - Dennis Hamer-AM/PM

Central City Rd/Alice Rd(Alice Church) - intersection 7:40 a.m./4:00 p.m.
Central City Rd/West Otter Rd - intersection 7:44 a.m./3:57 p.m.
Central City Highway/Schultz Rd - intersection 7:46 a.m./3:55 p.m.
Central City Rd/Fairchild Rd - intersection 7:47 a.m./3:54 p.m.
Grubbs St stops 7:50-7:53 a.m./3:47-3:50 p.m

Center Point Area Route #2 - Dan Scheeler-AM/PM

N. Center Point Rd/Hagerman Rd - intersection 7:40 a.m./4:00 p.m.
N. Center Point Rd/Lafayette Rd - intersection 7:43 a.m./3:57 p.m.
N. Center Point Rd/Oliphant Addition: Vern Acres 7:47 a.m./3:55 p.m. - Entry St 7:48 a.m./3:54 p.m.
N. Center Point Rd/Fay Rd - intersection 7:51 a.m./3:52 p.m.

Center Point Area Route #3 - Greg Rhinehart-AM/PM

Iowa Rd/Alice Rd - intersection 7:27 a.m./4:00 p.m.
Forest Edge Rd/Alice Rd - intersection 7:30 a.m./4:04 p.m.
turn-around at Kenny Squires' farm (south)
Maplewood Dr/Iowa Rd - intersection 7:44 a.m./3:45 p.m.

Center Point Area Route #7 - Mitch Gericke-AM/PM

N. Center Point Rd/Schwiebert Addition 7:30 a.m./3:55 p.m.
N. Center Point Rd/Blue Creek Ct. Addition 7:35 a.m./3:51 p.m.
N. Center Point Rd/Franklin St stops 7:39-7:42 a.m./3:45-3:47 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



Hard Surface Only Schedule / Routes (cont.)

Center Point Area Route #121 - Shelly Pennington-AM/PM

Lewis Access Rd/Indian Boundry Rd - intersection 7:30 a.m./3:47 p.m.

Lewis Access Rd/Cedar Heights Addition 7:33-7:38 a.m./3:50-3:55 p.m.

Lewis Access Rd/Wildlife Rd - intersection 7:40 a.m./3:57 p.m.

Lewis Access Rd/Grain Ln 7:45 a.m./4:00 p.m.

Urbana Area Route #6-Gerald Bawek-AM/PM

32nd Ave/56th St Trl - intersection (pick up/drop off west side of road) 7:45 a.m./3:47 p.m.

Urbana Area Route #103-Bill Sargent AM/PM

Heartland Estates Addition 7:21 a.m./3:50 p.m.

55th St Kelty Daycare 7:27 a.m./3:51 p.m.

29th Ave/55th St - intersection 7:32 a.m./3:54 p.m.

30th Ave/55th St - intersection 7:40/4:02p.m.

Urbana Area Route #104 - Susan Morris-AM/PM

51st St/32nd Ave - intersection 7:35 a.m./4:00 p.m.

51st St/31st Ave - intersection (Kester's Corner) 7:37 a.m./3:58 p.m.

Casey's 5350 31st Ave (parking lot) 7:45 a.m./3:50 p.m.

Urbana Area Route #122 – Josh Holthaus-AM/PM

North Heartland Estates (Taylor Ave/Meadow View Dr/Madison Ln) 7:35-7:47 a.m./3:50-4:02 p.m.

31st Ave/55th St - intersection 7:48/4:04 p.m.

Jones Daycare 7:50 a.m./4:05 p.m.



FOOD SERVICE/NUTRITION UPDATE



FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS, PLEASE USE THE BELOW LINK:

CLICK TO VIEW MENUS 

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To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

FEATURED LUNCH OF THE MONTH

CPU HS - WED. DEC. 15

15

Breaded pork chop fritter

Mashed Potatoes

Brown Gravy

Cut Green Beans

Salad Bar

Fresh Grapes

Sliced Pears

Pumpkin Bread

1% Milk

Fat Free Chocolate milk available for grades 3-12

Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE



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Kindergarten Registration 2022/23

It's time for Kindergarten Registration for the 2022/2023 school year! If you have a child who will be eligible for Kindergarten next fall, please call 849-1102, ext. 9-5100 or e-mail kchesmore@cpuschools.org, with the following information:

- Child's full legal name
- Child's date of birth
- Both parent's names
- Address
- Phone number

*****If your child is already enrolled in our preschool program, you do not need to contact us*****

Please be aware that a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 15, 2022, to be eligible for Kindergarten or Alternate Kindergarten.

Because 95% of our students attend CPU Preschool, there will be **NO** 2022/2023 Kindergarten parent meeting in February. If you are new to the district, please contact the office and Mrs. Wooldridge or Mrs. Chesmore would love to meet with you and give you a tour.

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- Child's full legal name
- Child's date of birth
- Both parent's names
- Address
- Phone number

*****If your child is already enrolled in our 3 year old preschool program, you do not need to contact us for 4 year old preschool*****

Please be aware that a child must be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 15, 2022, to be eligible for 3 year old or 4 year old Preschool.

PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE



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2022/23 Preschool Parent Meeting

A preschool parent meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Primary building in Center Point. At that meeting you will fill out paperwork, hand in paperwork and Mrs. Wooldridge will describe many components of preschool at CPU. This meeting is for parents only. Your child does not need to attend.

Closegap continues use at the Intermediate Building

by Mrs. Jill Fair, Counselor

Students in 3-5 grade will be utilizing the online platform, Closegap, for a daily check-in with their feelings. Students will determine how they're feeling, connect that to how it feels in their body and energy level, as well as ask for help if they would like it. Students also utilize a coping technique during check-ins to help them practice and/or feel a little better.

A new feature this year is that students can type their own messages about their feelings if they choose to. If you would like to be added to their account to view their check-ins, please let me know and I can set up your access! Thanks for your support of this beneficial tool with our students.

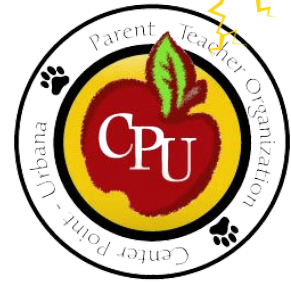


PTO NEWS 2021-22



PTO COMMITTEE

In order to accommodate the many busy schedules, most of the PTO meetings will be held via Zoom so that as many parents who want to participate, may! A zoom link will be sent to parents on the day of the PTO meeting via the primary and intermediate buildings' parent distribution lists.



PTO Activities

December	Pack the Gym on Dec. 11
January	Painting (Online/Cafeteria)
February	Game Night Rollerskating
March	Sock Hop PT Conferences Meals
April	Muffins With Mom
May	Teacher Appreciation Kernels Game Night

PTO Meeting Dates

January 10	6:30 pm (Zoom)
March 7	6:30 pm (Zoom)
April 4th	6:30 pm (Zoom)

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PTO NEWS

Thanks!

- To all who donated to our PTO Walkathon. PTO raised over \$12,000! A group of parents and teachers met in October to decide how to spend the funds. Many options were discussed. Expect a short parent survey to rank order how the PTO funds should be spent.
- To all who attended the PTO Trick or Treating Event on 10/30. Over 375 trick or treaters enjoyed the afternoon filled with trick or treating, voting for their favorite decorated pumpkin, visiting a haunted classroom, games and a craft.
- Thanks to the Dunn Family for providing the awesome photo booth opportunity at the Trick or Treating Event.
- Thanks to the Westendorf Family for creating and staffing the haunted classroom at the Trick or Treating Event.
- To all who attended the McTeacher night at our local McDonald's.
- Art to Remember projects are scheduled to be delivered in early December.



KC TUPA, PRINCIPAL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Did you know... .

- Our students continue to amaze us everyday. They are polite, respectful, and they challenge us everyday to be better than the last.
- 50 PBIS Golden tickets earned can be used to cut Mr. Tupa's tie. I'm down 2 ties this year.
- We have amazing substitute teachers and substitute paraeducators in this district. We would not be the district we are without them. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.
- Our students reached their goal and brought in over 500 items for our Food Drive.
- We continue to teach and practice our 7 Habits everyday as part of our Leader In Me culture. It is great to watch them grow in these habits knowing it will help them have success in everything they ever do. We have added student interest groups this year as well.
- We have middle school students serving as Bus Ambassadors to make sure ALL of our students have a 1)Win/Win bus ride everyday and 2) Safe bus ride everyday.

Here is our Fall Benchmark data:

- 8th math 84% proficient
- 7th math 80% proficient
- 6th math 68% proficient
- 8th reading 75% proficient
- 7th reading 75% proficient
- 6th reading 81% proficient

We use this data to form groups to better support our students.

- We have honored 35 students in the past 2 months as our Students of the Month.
- Our students have been acknowledged 5640 times through our PBIS ticket system.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Are you smarter than a Middle Schooler?

Band:

1. How many pieces does a clarinet have?
2. How many beats does a dotted half note get?

Art:

1. What are the positive & negative colors in a black & white optical illusion painting?
2. What does SSR mean? How do you use it?

Science:

1. What causes the seasons?
2. How many constellations are there?

Math:

1. What is the radical of 13?
2. What is 6.2×238 ?

7 Habits:

1. What are the 7 Habits in order?
2. What does Think Win Win mean?



ANSWERS

Band:

1. 7
2. 3 Beat

Art:

1. White is negative & Black is positive
2. Slip Score Reinforce... To put two clay pieces together strongly.

Science:

1. The tilt & how it revolves around the sun.
2. 88 constellations

Math:

1. -3.60555
2. -1475.6

7 Habits:

1. In Order
 - a. Be proactive
 - b. Begin with the end in mind
 - c. Put First Things First
 - d. Think Win Win
 - e. Seek first to understand than to be understood
 - f. Synergize
 - g. Sharpen the Saw
2. Having an "Everyone Can Win" attitude.



NEWS & UPDATES

Conferences

On September 30th & Oct 4th, CPU MS had their fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. The staff would like to thank all the family members who took the time to come in and meet with the teachers.

Lighthouse Snack Cart

The Lighthouse Team is a student leadership group that leads and organizes different activities throughout the year. This group has created a snack cart for all students to enjoy during the week. This gives the students the opportunity to purchase snacks during PRIDE.

Last year's snack cart money went towards the graphics within our building.

Sports

Middle School fall sports has ended and practices have started for girls' basketball, wrestling, and archery. Please check your calendars for games/meets and come out to support the students.

5-8th Grade Band Concert

Be sure to catch the 5th through 8th grade band concert on December 9 at 7:00 at CPU MS. You will not be disappointed!



MIDDLE SCHOOL



NEWS & UPDATES (cont.)

OPUS 2021 Participants

Rhys Jones, Jenna Small, Sydney Maue, Aurora Fowler, Brynne Hite, Katelyn Belyeu, Mya Randall, Carissa Niec, Braylee Otto, Bo Lawrence and Vaughn McDonough were recently selected for participation in the 35th annual Opus Honor Choir Festival. Over 2100 students were nominated by their directors for 720 positions in the four Opus Honor Choirs. Selections were made by means of a recorded audition. Guest conductors of the choirs include Nancy Ewing, LeMars Community Middle School, 5th & 6th Grade Honor Choir; David Fog, retired, 7th & 8th Grade Bass Clef Honor Choir; Cheryl Thompson, Atlantic Middle School, 7th & 8th Grade Treble Clef Honor Choir; and Samantha Robillard, Pella High School, 9th Grade Mixed Honor Choir. The 2021 Opus Honor Choirs will perform at 4:00 p.m. November 18th in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in the Iowa State Center in Ames. The Opus Honor Choir Festival is made possible by the Iowa Choral Directors Association, Inc.





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Holiday Break: Home Conversations

The holidays are a time when family and friends gather for fun and laughter. With all the generations gathered in one place it is a great time for students to learn from older generations about their life experiences and career path. These conversations can center around the importance of education now and in the future, job responsibilities, education and training required for their field of work, hope for children's future, and much more.

Below is a list of questions to help drive these conversations:

1. What do you love about your job?
 2. What's the best career decision you've ever made?
 3. What's the worst career decision you've ever made?
 4. What would you be doing if you were me now?
 5. How do you organize your time?
 6. What do you think is your greatest strength?
 7. What do you think is your greatest weakness?
 8. How do you make decisions?
 9. What do you read?
 10. What do you think are the secrets behind getting to where you've gotten to?
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All-State Music Festival 2021

(see article on next page)



HIGH SCHOOL



All-State Music Festival News Release

Students of Center Point-Urbana High School have attained the highest individual honor available to Iowa high school musicians by being selected as members of the 2021 All-State Music Festival. Shelby Channel, Jayce Hingtgen, Jaden Patterson, Steiger Manson, and Tucker Mensen have been selected to the All-State Chorus. Bobby Dunn and Delaney Jacobi have been selected to the All-State Band.

The 2021 Festival will celebrate the 75th anniversary of this prestigious event. District Auditions for the 278-piece All-State Band, 214-piece All-State Orchestra, and 602-member All-State Chorus were held Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Le Mars, Hampton, Independence, Atlantic, Indianola, and Washington. Approximately 17% of the students who audition are selected for membership in the All-State ensembles.

Participants rehearsed in Ames on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, and the Festival Concert was presented to the public at 7:30 PM in Hilton Coliseum, Iowa State University, Ames, on Saturday evening, November 20, 2021. Iowa Public Television recorded the concert for re-broadcast. Please check the IPTV website (www.iptv.org) for the exact dates and times. This program is under the auspices of the Iowa High School Music Association and the Iowa Music Educators Association.



SHOW CHOIR APPAREL FOR SALE!!!

CPU Summit Street Singers Show Choir Apparel is for sale! Support the Show Choir and order your apparel here: <https://summitstreet.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

The online store is open through Thursday, Dec. 16th.

INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES



CPU INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES

WINTER BOOK PICKS FOR PK-2 *by Sarah Rieck*

Miracle on 133rd Street by Sonia Manzano

It is Christmas Eve when Mami realizes the roast she bought for their family's Christmas feast is too big for their oven. José and Papa have a brilliant idea, they will ask Mr. Ray if they can use his pizza oven to cook the roast. As they walk from door to door through their apartment building with the uncooked roast, everyone they meet seems to have lost the spirit of Christmas.



Bird Count by Susan Edwards Richmond

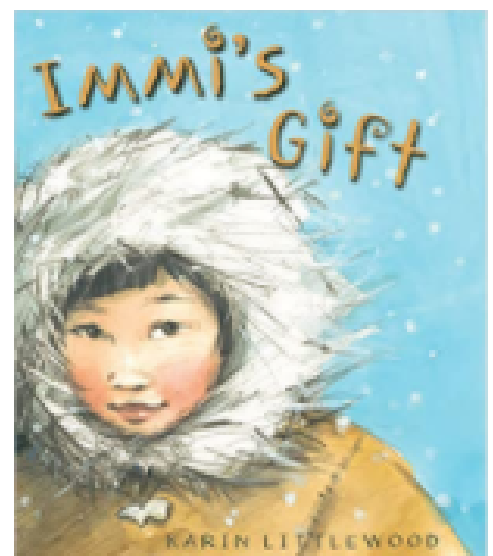
Ava is super excited to be a part of Big Al's Christmas Bird Count team. Ava's job is to record and tally the birds her team observes as they drive their assigned route. Ava and her team use both their eyes and ears to identify and count the many different types of birds in her community. When all teams arrive back at the school at the end of the day, they share their lists and combine their totals, then celebrate a job well done.

Immi's Gift by Karin Littlewood

Immi, a young Inuit girl, lives in the arctic wilderness. One day she goes ice fishing and is surprised to reel in a brightly colored wooden bird. Where did this wooden bird come from, she wonders.

On a shoreline, far away, a young boy walks along the beach when something catches his eye. A small wooden bear has washed up on the beach. Where did this wooden bear come from, the boy wonders.

Though a world apart, these two children learn that sometimes the simplest gifts are the best gifts!



INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES



CPU INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES

CPU Instructional Coaches Host Professional Learning Course for CPU Teachers

By Ellen Popenhagen, High School Instructional Coach, & Dani Kremer, Intermediate Instructional Coach

November 15th was the first day of the professional learning course Blended Learning - The CPU Way in 2021-22. Participants began with a session to learn about the benefits of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and implementation of blended strategies in the classroom. Future sessions will focus on identifying best practices in UDL and Blended Learning, but also taking a deep dive to explore the CPU District Pillars of Blended Learning and how to apply them in a blended classroom environment. By better understanding the components of the Pillars and the benefits of UDL, teachers will gain strategies and tools to support and meet the needs of ALL learners. Throughout all of the coursework, participants will experience a blended format to best serve all learner's experiences.

The substitute shortage made the Instructional Coaches (ICs) realize that providing professional learning during work hours while subs covered classes was not going to be an option this year. In a brainstorming meeting, Primary IC, Sarah Rieck, offered the idea of a course that offered the choice of taking it for credit or just to participate in learning with colleagues that would meet after school; the rest of the ICs jumped on board and the planning began.

First off, the ICs understand the power of collaboration and so designed a course that CPU teachers can learn face-to-face and share their teaching experiences and practice with Blended. Next, the ICs knew that Blended Learning underwent a metamorphosis during the COVID years and was in need of a review and some new perspective. As the ICs planned the course, the idea of UDL became even more apparent, so the course was designed to introduce the benefits of UDL and deepen participant's understanding and practice around blended learning models.

The planning and implementation of the course has been supported by Grant Wood Area Education Agency and consultants assigned to our district. (cont. on next page)



INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES



Digital Learning Consultant, Lynn Kleinmeyer, has had an integral part in the current planning of the course sessions, as well as a great thought partner for the ICs learning through a book study on UDL and Blended Learning: Thriving in Flexible Learning Landscapes, by Catlin Tucker and Katie Novak. ICs are also resourcing the webinars provided by Grant Wood AEA Digital Learning Team members Beth Swantz, who has also played a huge roll over the years in the district discussions of what blended should look like at CPU; Mindy Cairney, the digital consultant formerly assigned to CPU; Gina Rogers; and Amber Bridge.

The ICs are excited for our CPU teachers to have this in-house learning opportunity and look forward to the planning of the future sessions.



INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES



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Look who's visiting CPU! It's Dr. Paula Kluth!

by Sarah Rieck, Primary Instructional Coach

In January, CPU will host Dr. Paula Kluth. Dr. Paula Kluth is a consultant, author, advocate and independent scholar who works with teachers and families to provide inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities and to create more responsive and engaging school experiences for all learners. She is a former K-12 special educator who has served as a classroom teacher, co-teacher, and inclusion facilitator.

Paula has also been a university professor and has taught courses on both inclusion and disability studies. Most recently, Paula's work has centered on helping teachers and administrators educate all students in their schools and classrooms. She also frequently works with families and advocacy groups to support goals related to inclusion. In addition to inclusive education, her professional interests include Universal Design for Learning, co-teaching, and educating students with complex support needs.

Paula has authored and co-authored several professional books, articles and materials for educators, her latest book being *All In: 18 Ways to Include All Students in Virtual Classrooms*. Paula has also written children's books, including *Coaster*, a story about a puppy with wonderful wheels.

During her time at CPU, Dr. Kluth will speak to CPU teachers (PK-12) about the importance of honoring the learning differences found within our classrooms and structuring lessons that are both responsive and dynamic, meeting the needs of ALL students. It is sure to be a great day of learning for CPU educators!



CPU ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

SPONSORSHIPS



The Center Point-Urbana athletic seasons are here. The online broadcast of the Stormcast will be working with the CPU Athletic Department. Your sponsorship fee will go towards the annual video costs and broadcast equipment. The broadcasts will be on the @CPUActivities YouTube Channel.

The fee for being a Sponsor for all three of the following seasons is \$600. If you would like to do single seasons fall and winter will be \$250 each and the summer season will be \$200.

If you are interested in sponsoring, email Scott Kriegel skriegel@cpuschools.org. You can make checks payable to CPU schools.

You can mail the payment to CPU Schools, Athletic Department, PO Box 296, Center Point, IA, 52213 OR you can drop off the payment at the Athletic Office located in the High School at 145 Iowa Street, Center Point, IA 52213.

In addition to your sponsorship payment, please email a picture of your logo, so that it can be used to announce broadcasts on Twitter and Facebook, and during the broadcasts.

GO STORMIN' POINTERS!



ACTIVITY PASSES

STUDENT \$50
ADULT \$125
SENIOR 65+ In-District FREE
GRANDPARENT Out of District \$50
Contact Shiela Cooksley
scooksley@cpuschools.org

WAMAC WINTER CONFERENCE ADMISSIONS



High School
Adults \$6
Students \$5

Middle School
Adults \$5
Students \$2

EMAIL: skriegel@cpuschools.org
PHONE: 319-849-1102 x 1022

[@CPUActivities](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPUActivities) YouTube

ATHLETICS



Stormcast Schedule WINTER of 2021-22

The Stormcast will broadcast all home events. The lower level games will be broadcast with video only. Most of those game times will start at 4:30. We will share start times each day we broadcast on Twitter and Facebook. If you can't make it to a game, plan to listen or watch the Stormcast on the [CPU Activities](#) YouTube Channel.

Thursday, Dec 9	Wrestling	6:00	Vinton-Shellsburg
Friday, Dec 10	Girls Basketball	7:15	Maquoketa
Saturday, Dec 11	Girl/Boy Basketball DH	4:00	Dike-New Hartford
Monday, Dec. 13	High School Band and Choir Concert 7:00		
Tuesday, Dec 14	Girls Basketball	7:15	South Tama
Friday, Dec 17	Boys Basketball	7:15	Clear Creek Amana
Monday, Dec 20	Wrestling Junior Varsity Tournament	4:30	(Video Only)
Tuesday, Dec 21	Boys Basketball	7:15	Benton
Friday, Jan 7	Girls Basketball	7:15	Williamsburg
Tuesday, Jan. 11	Boys Basketball	7:15	Independence
Friday, Jan 14	Girls Basketball	7:15	Vinton-Shellsburg
Tuesday, Jan 18	Girls Basketball	7:15	Benton
Friday, Jan 21	Boys Basketball	7:15	South Tama
Saturday, Jan 22	CPU Wrestling Duals	9:00	
Tuesday, Jan 25	Girls Basketball	7:15	Independence
Thursday, Jan 27	Wrestling	6:00	Maquoketa
Friday, Jan 28	Boys Basketball	7:15	Williamsburg
Saturday, Jan 29	Girl/Boy Basketball DH	2:00	Marion
Tuesday, Feb 1	Boys Basketball	7:15	Vinton-Shellsburg
Friday, Feb 4	Girls Basketball	7:15	Clear Creek Amana
Tuesday, Feb 8	Girls Basketball	7:15	Beckman
Saturday, Feb 12	Girls Basketball	7:00	1st Round Regionals
Monday, Feb. 21	Boys Basketball	7:00	1st Round of Districts

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 **CPU**
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 YOUTUBE CHANNEL

CPU NATION TOUCHSCREEN



CPU Interactive Hall of Fame!



Spend some time looking at the history of the Center Point- Urbana, Center Point and Urbana schools. The CPU All-Sports Booster Club along with the Jim and Sally Wooldridge Memorial have purchased a website (cpunation.touchpros.com) and a Touchscreen TV for the high school commons. You can go to the bottom of the screen on that TV or your computer, click on CPU NATION at the bottom and spend time reminiscing. Go to your graduating class, the classes around you or visit your children's classes.

This is a living site and will continually have information, videos, and pictures added to it. Please checkout some of the following!

History of CPU Wrestling - Go to CPUNATION, then Athletics, Team History, then Wrestling.

Go to CPUNATION, then Athletics, Teams, Year and then 2019-2020, Boys Basketball. You can watch a video of the triple overtime CPU/Marion game to go to state from this year!

See video of the last year of Center Point Girls Basketball wearing skirts! Go to CPUNATION, then Athletics, Teams, Year and then 1974-75, Girls Basketball. You can watch a video of the girls basketball team!

Compare Show Choirs from 1980-81 to 2017! Go to CPUNATION, then Fine Arts, Choir, Show Choir and choose 1980-81 and 2014-15. You can see how much show choirs have changed over the years!

We are also looking for the following information:

- A video of the 2015 boys state track 4 x 400 Relay that clinched the state championship
- Urbana Yearbooks 1961-62, 1958-59, 1956-57, 1955-56, 1953-54, 1950-51 and all years prior
- Center Point Yearbooks 1954-55, 1953-54, 1952-53, 1950-51, 1949-50, 1947-48, 1945-46, 1944-45, 1943-44, 1942-43, 1941-42, 1940-41, 1938-39, 1936-37 and all years prior (we have 1917-1918)

If you have any of the above, email touchpros@cpuschool.org and we will make arrangements to get the information from you!

BOOSTER CLUB

EMAIL: cpubooster@cpuschools.org

@cpuboosters



Athletic Calendars are still available for purchase. Can be purchased online through Power Schools, or at any of the home events. Also please feel free to email the Center Point Boosters and they would be happy to get you one. The cost is \$30 and has coupons for local businesses at the bottom.

CPU ATHLETIC BOOSTER

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SOUP LUNCH

**Saturday, January 29
during the Basketball Tournament**

EEO / Non-Discrimination Policy

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There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. The Board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the Assistant Superintendent who is the designated Affirmative Action Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator by writing to the Center Point-Urbana CSD, 202 West Main St, Urbana, Iowa; or by phone at 319-849-1102.

