

THE FINDLEY FOCUS

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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¡Si se puede!

Mark your calendars!

January 18th—MLK Day (No School—Monday)

January 21st—Dali Quartet Performance

February 9th—Cultural Festival 5:30-7:00p

WE ARE A PBIS SCHOOL!

(Positive Behavior

Intervention and Support)

RESPECT Self

RESPECT Others

RESPECT Property

RESPECT Learning

Welcome to a safe and healthy new year!

Families, provide your child with a tobacco-free environment. Indoor air pollution from tobacco increases ear infections, chest infections, and even Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). If you smoke, consider quitting. If able, smoke outside, thus reducing the exposure your family gets from second hand smoke. Remember, the most important predictor of whether your children will grow up to be smokers is whether you smoke.

Make your home a smoke-free zone.

Thanks, Nurse Cynthia

Winter is here!

Please make sure your child dresses for cold, winter days. Students will be outside for recess when the weather is 19 degrees or warmer. Students may play in the snow if they have snow pants, snow boots (with a change of shoes for inside), mittens, and a hat.

Calling all parents!

Do you have a new cell phone number? Have you moved? Have you recently switched jobs? The new year is a good time to make sure that all Emergency Phone numbers for your child are up to date. Please help us reach you as quickly as possible in the case of an emergency.

Counseling Corner

During the month of January all Findley students will be focusing on conflict resolution. In classroom counseling, students will learn how to problem-solve conflicts with peers and family members. Please take a moment to talk to you child about how they can respectfully resolve conflicts with others. It is our goal to help all students to remain safe both inside and outside of school and we believe having problem-solving skills will help with them achieve this. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school -Miss Dehner, School Counselor

FREE INCOME TAX PREPERATION

January 22nd, 29th & February 12th & 19th
8a-4p, Findley Conference Room (Office)

Provided by I Have a Dream Foundation through the Iowa Center for Economic Success, prepare your taxes for free on these dates. You can drop your information off with a tax professional or stay for questions. Everything is completely confidential.

You will need to bring 1) proof of Identification, 2) SSN card, 3) proof of Insurance, 4) birthdates for all family members, 5) proof of childcare payment, 6) proof of income from all employers, 7) college tuition payments or student loan interest statements, and 8) previous year's tax return.

When your returns are ready, simply pick up your prepared tax return at **no cost** to your or your family and send it in!

FINDLEY'S MISSION:

Building Big Dreamers and High Achievers!

COLLEGE OF THE MONTH

College	Central College
Type	Private
Location	Pella, IA
Student Size	1,411
Top Majors	Business/Marketing, Parks & Rec, Social Services
Degrees Offered	Bachelors
Tuition	\$33,345
Average Financial Aid Award	\$24,872
Findley Staff: Alumni	Mrs. Isaacson – <i>I Have a Dream Foundation</i> Mr. Kirby – <i>I Have a Dream Foundation</i> Ms. Roberts – <i>Interventionist</i> Mrs. Sapon-Amoah – <i>ELL Teacher</i>

December Sing-a-Long

Just before Winter Break started, students gathered in the gym and participated in a performance by 3rd and 2nd grade followed by a sing-a-long full of festive holiday music. It was so much fun to have the entire staff and all of our students together in one place.



After-School Tutoring

Iowa Department of Education provides Supplemental Educational Services (after-school tutoring) to students attending Title 1 schools. Findley students who meet federal guidelines for free/reduced-priced meals can enroll in the program. Please look for a list of providers and additional Information sent home with students next week. The deadline for sign-up is February 5th.

Welcome Findley Student Teachers

Paul Forristall from Buena Vista University (Ms. S Smith's room) & Jennifer Keats-Snow from Iowa State University (Ms. Budreau's room)

We appreciate the partnership we have with our surrounding colleges. Findley students learn a lot from the shared experience.

FREE COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

If you haven't signed up your child for their FREE College Savings Account from Des Moines "I Have a Dream", please email or call Billy Kirby to do so. You will need a parent email address and your child's social security or tax ID number. *A one-hour parent orientation earns \$30 into your child's account!* We will hold more orientations second semester, so please watch your email and the newsletter for more information!

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