



The Wolf Den



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Registration is Wednesday, August 17

From Noon—7:00 p.m.

Welcome Back to School

Welcome Back to School, Culdesac Wolves!

First, I would like to introduce myself for those that don't know me. My name is Henry Filipponi and I am very excited to serve as your PreK-12 Principal for the upcoming school year! As you might know, this is my seventh year with Culdesac School District and my first year as full time Principal here at the Culdesac School. I have greatly enjoyed the last six years as your Ag/Shop Teacher and most recently, Dean of Students for the High School. My wife, Poppy Filipponi is returning to serve as the Administrative Assistant and School Secretary. My son, Thomas graduated from here two years ago with a great class of students. My youngest child, Henry, is entering the 8th grade.

Let me take a moment to welcome all returning and new students. Your continuing education is the reason we are all here. Without our students, our teachers and staff would have no purpose, so thank you for your continued support of our community school.

Secondly, I would like to welcome back all returning teachers and support staff who are ready to give their best for the students and Culdesac community. We have a few new faces this year so please help them feel welcomed into the community as warmly as my family has been. I am pleased to introduce our staff members and their 2022-2023 assignments.

PreSchool & Bus Driver: Melanie Gibbs
Kindergarten: Kelly Arnett, Tara Jolly (Para)
Grades 1/2: Cammi McCoy, Tammy Dudley (Para)
Grades 3/4: Scotti Mullen, Teresa Vorrasi (Para)
Grades 5/6: Corrine Filon
Grades 7/8: Hilaree Vanderpas
Grades 7-12 ELA, Dual Credit English (for LCSC credit): Shelly Romine
Grades 9-12 Mathematics: Bonnie MacMillan
Grades 7-12 Social Studies: Caitlin Cicrich
Grades 7-12 Science and CTE Agricultural Science & Shop: Elexus Moore
Grades PK-12 Physical Education, Health, GearUp, Athletic Director: Lindsey Felton
Grades PK-12 Counselor, Grades 9-12 CTE Business: Kala Parker
Special Education: Karissa St. Onge, Staci Smith (Para), Mindy Scrimsher (Para)
Food and Nutrition: Shirley Boyer
Title I: Kelley Hewett, Carol Hunt (Para)
Building Maintenance: Amanda Blosser
Mentor Teacher, Head Teacher: Jackie Smith
Administrative Assistant: Poppy Filipponi
Business Director, District Clerk, Loretta Hammond Nichols (Julane Lowry in training)
PreK-12 Principal: Henry Filipponi
Superintendent: Alan Felgenhauer

Every decision we make is made with the best interests of the students' education, safety and overall well being in mind. That is our top priority. With those factors to consider, there will be a few changes for the upcoming year to help improve the educational environment and building safety here at the school. By outlining the changes now, everyone should know what to expect for the upcoming year.

Cell Phone Usage: The existing cell phone policy will be changed slightly to eliminate the use of cell phones during the passing period. Cell phone usage per policy is posted on our website in the Student Handbook.

Even though we are a small school, the three minutes allowed for changing classes does not allow for time to send and receive texts and calls. In practice, those calls and texts tend to spill over into class time, causing a distraction to the students and teachers. By eliminating the use of cell phones during instruction time and in passing, our hope is to maximize student learning and focus. Teacher discretion to allow cell phone use is no longer allowed. The only period during the day that cell phone use will be allowed is during lunch, after a student has left the cafeteria and reported to one of the staff supervised recreation areas. As always, if a parent needs to contact a student, please continue to utilize the established procedures by contacting the office.

Hats & Hoodies: Hats and hoodies being worn by our students have proven to be a distraction as well as an easy way to shield students' eyes from teachers when they are not focusing on the classroom material. By eliminating the distraction of hats and hoodies in the school building, we seek to create an environment of learning as well as prepare our students for entry into the professional world that awaits them.

Closed Campus: With the current events related to school safety across the nation, best practices for safety dictate that we control access to our building as much as possible. With this in mind, our campus will be closed for all students during the lunch period. Students may still leave through the normal check out process. Any parent who wants their student to leave campus on a daily basis without going through a daily check out process, may sign a form which will be kept on file in the office.

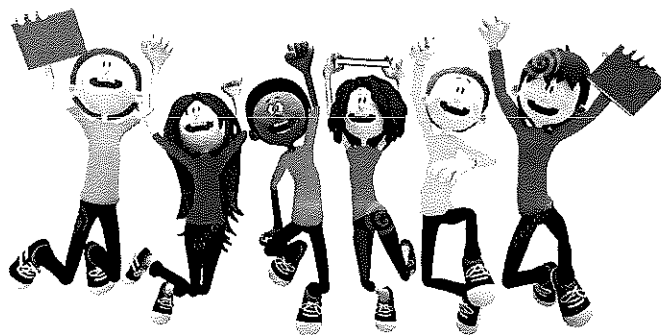
These three rule changes are being implemented with the intent of improving the educational environment for our students and staff so that we can get down to the business of learning. These have been difficult choices to make but I am confident that over time, we will reap great rewards in student achievement and happiness.

Changes to Facility: If you have been by the school recently, you might have noticed the window tinting that has been applied to the main entry doors as well as the doors to the cafeteria. This was done to enhance student safety by limiting outside visibility and allowing staff to detect any potential threats without being seen themselves. The exterior doors will remain locked during the school day and all visitors are asked to enter through the main office doors. There you will find an intercom system inside the entryway where you will speak with office staff and be let into the building. This security measure is put into place to enhance student safety as much as possible.

School Lunch Program- As the free meals for all program expires this year, we will have to make sure that all families who qualify for free and reduced meals fill out the required form. If you have previously qualified or think that your family would qualify, please make sure and fill out the form to avoid paying full price for your students meals. As a reminder, there is no charging of meals allowed so please act fast to avoid paying more than needed.

I hope all of our students and staff have a great year! We look forward to seeing you August 17th from noon to 7 p.m. for registration and August 22nd for the first day of an amazing school year!

Mr. Filipponi

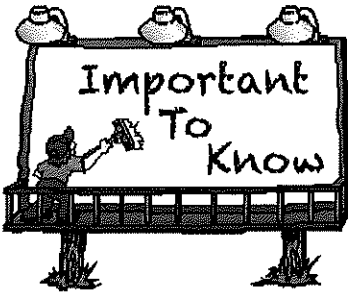


PRESCHOOL

Preschool will start back to school on September 6.

Children need to be 4 years old by September 1, 2022 to enroll.

Mrs. Gibbs is looking forward to a fun filled year of learning
and preparing for Kindergarten readiness!



Applications Required for Free and Reduced Meals for 2022-2023 School Year

This year, families who need assistance paying for school meals will be required to submit an application for free and reduced price meals for the first time since 2020. The change comes with Congress' passing of the \$3 billion Keep Kids Fed Act, which reinstates a requirement that low-income students who fall above the poverty line apply to receive a free or reduced price for school meals. Previously during the pandemic, the full price of meals was covered for all students, and no application was required.

Prices for meals:	Breakfast	Lunch
PreK-8th	\$2.25 per day/per child	\$3.25 per day/per child
9th—12th	\$2.25 per day/per child	\$3.50 per day/per child
Reduced	.30cents per day/per child	.40 per day/per child

Federal Food Service Program does not allow charges. Please pre-pay for student meals.

Parent Portal Account

Your PowerSchool Parent Portal allows you to easily log in to check your child's grades and attendance. If you need help accessing your Parent Portal account, please contact Poppy Filipponi in the office.

Office Phone Number: 208-843-5413

The mission of Culdesac Joint School District is to provide our students with the knowledge and skills that will foster a lifelong love of learning and the desire to become contributing members of our modern society.

Idaho Child Find

Some handicapped children are not in school. All school age children in Idaho have the right to a free public education. If you are the parent of a friend of a school-age handicapped child who is not enrolled in school or any educational program, call or write your local school district. Service programs offer extensive help in the following areas:

- Training for all exceptional children (school aged)
- Speech and Hearing Therapy
- Psychological Examinations
- Counseling Services
- Parent Training and Consultant Services



No two children are exactly the same. Every child is different, that's why it is sometimes hard to tell if you should be concerned about differences between children who are the same age.

Most of the time there is nothing to worry about, but for one in ten, the differences can be related to a disability. That is when Child Find can help. Also, if you have an infant or child ages 0-3 years old, who is not presently enrolled in school, and you feel the child may have a disability, please contact the school. They can provide you with disability screening information. If you know of a school aged handicapped child who is not receiving an education, call or write:

Culdesac School District
600 Culdesac Avenue
Culdesac, ID 83524
(208) 843-5413

Or

Idaho State Dept. of Ed.
Special Education Section
Room 245, LBJ Building
Boise, ID 83720





Guidesac School District

Recommended School Supply List

2022-2023

Kindergarten

- Disinfectant wipes
- Backpack labeled with name
- Gym shoes (non-marking soles)
- Headphones
- Pencil box
- #2 pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Round-tip scissors
- 1 box of 12 crayons
- 4 pink erasers
- 2 folders with pockets

Grade 1 & 2

- Disinfectant wipes
- Backpack labeled with name
- Gym shoes (non-marking soles)
- Headphones
- Pencil box
- #2 pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Round-tip scissors
- 1 box of 12 crayons
- 4 pink erasers
- 6 pens (any color)
- Ruler (metric & inches)
- 2 composition notebooks
- 2 folders with pockets

Grade 3 & 4

- Disinfectant wipes
- Backpack labeled with name
- Gym shoes (non-marking soles)
- Headphones
- Pencil box
- #2 pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Round-tip scissors
- 4 pink erasers
- Ruler (metric & inches)
- 3 composition notebooks
- 3 spiral notebooks
- 3 folders with pockets

Grade 5 & 6

- Disinfectant wipes
- Backpack labeled with name
- Gym shoes (non-marking soles)
- Headphones
- Pencil box
- #2 pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Pointed tip scissors
- 4 pink erasers
- Ruler (metric & inches)
- 2 folders with pockets

Grade 7-12

- #2 pencils
- Pens (black & blue)
- College ruled paper
- 1 3-ring binder (2" - 3")
- Binder tab dividers (8 tabs)
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- Scientific calculator
- For 9-12 English: 1 journal
- For Geometry: compass, protractor, ruler

Art Class

- Set of sketch pencils
- Erasers
- Sketch pad
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Ruler

Shop Class

- Closed toe (prefer leather) high-top boots or shoes

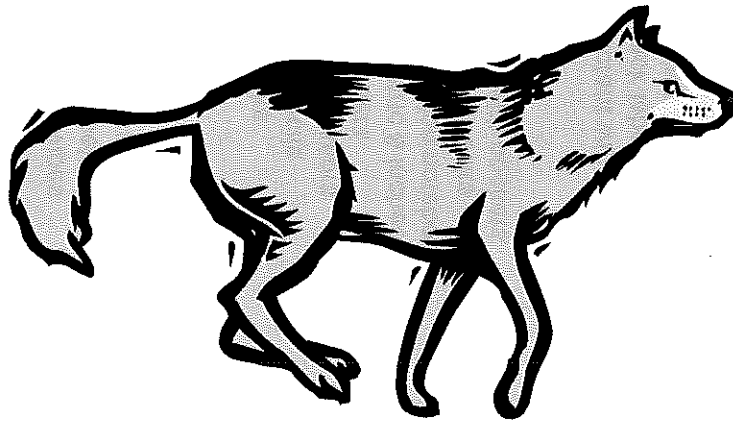
High School PE & Health

- Gym shoes (non marking sole)
- Spiral notebook

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Culdesac, Idaho 83524

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