

# Lu Verne Community School District

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## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

- October 14, 2022 - Picture Day (4 year old Preschool and 1-5)
- October 19, 2022 - No School /Professional Development
- October 26, 2022 - End of Quarter One
- November 1 & 3, 2022 - Early Dismissal/2:30 p.m.
- November 1 & 3, 2022 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- November 4, 2022 - No School
- November 22, 2022 - Early Dismissal/2:30 p.m.
- November 23, 2022 - November 25, 2022/No School/Thanksgiving Break
- November 29, 2022 - Hearing Screenings



## OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our August/September Students of the Month who are from left to right in the photo : Eddy Gomez, Kinnick McPeak, Rowan Wait, Hayden Lewis and Emily Hernandez.

Eddy was chosen because he is respectful and responsible in the classroom and out. He participates in his class discussion and projects and shows consideration to his classmates. He has put 100 percent effort into his classwork and has shown us all his humor. He is a great example for the rest of the entire school .

Kinnick was chosen because of his extremely good manners and kindness. He is willing to help whenever it is needed and always asks if he can help out. He was kind enough to help one of our teachers, Ms. Roman, carry in her things from her car, hold the door open and carry things up to her room. He has great manners!

Rowan was chosen for her kind, loving and always willing to help personality. She has compassion for other students and adults throughout the day. Rowan works hard to come to school everyday and learn her routines. She shows empathy for other students around her and always has a story to tell.

Hayden is learning to adjust to her new school. She was chosen for her willingness to learn routines, expectations and how to make new friends. She is a really hard worker and is willing to help other students in the classroom. She gets her work done on time and goes above and beyond to do extra work at home. She loves to write poems and share them with her teacher Mr. Olson.

Emily was chosen because she gets along well with her other classmates. She is a hard worker, participates in class, and does her homework. She is a very kind person.

## NATIVE AMERICAN WAYS

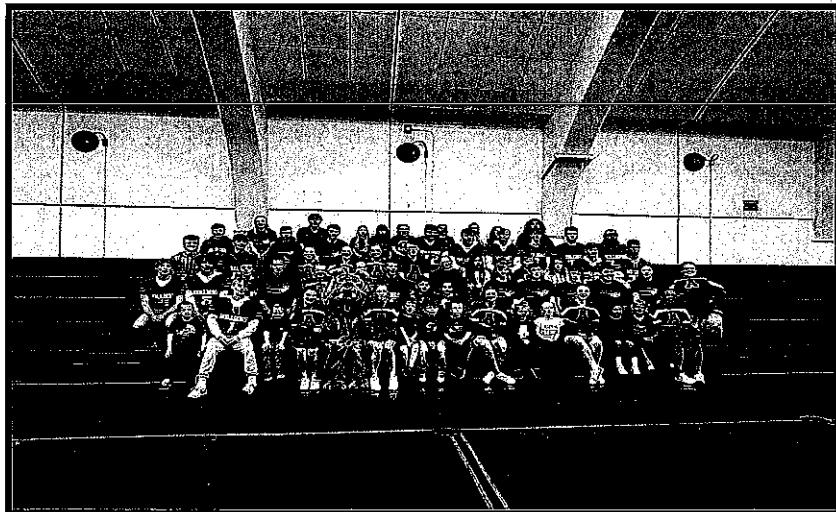
### FIELD TRIP

On September 20th the second graders took a field trip to the Smith Wildlife Area which is located two miles south of Algona on Highway 169 for a field trip to learn about native american ways.



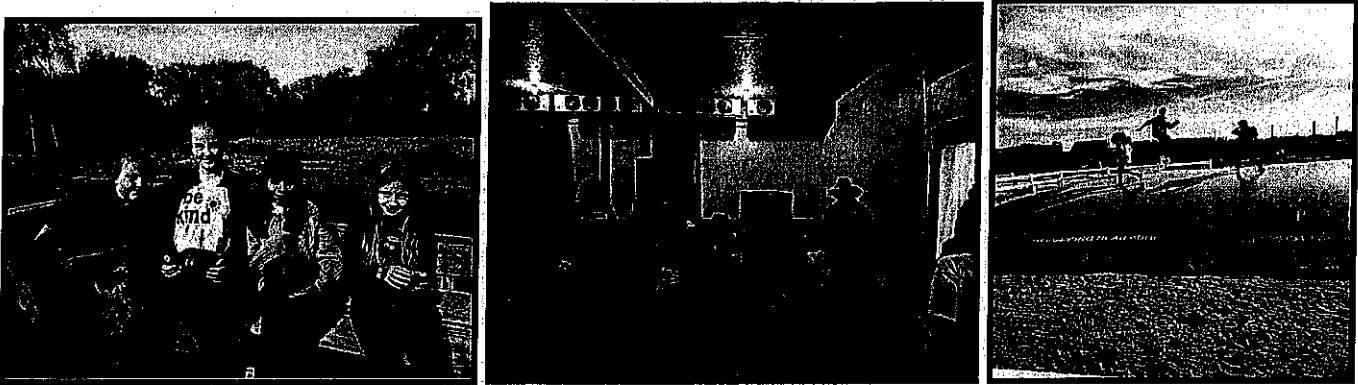
## HOMECOMING

On September 30, 2022 the Algona, Cheerleaders, Football players, Drumline, and some of the Coaches and Staff came to the Lu Verne (CWL) Elementary to present a Pep Rally to our students and staff. We had dress up days all week and the week ended with a Bulldog **WIN** at Friday Night's Football Game. Thank you Algona for coming over and Congratulations on an "overtime Homecoming WIN"!



## 1-5 FIELD TRIP TO THE APPLE ORCHARD

On October 3, 2022 the 1st - 5th Graders took a trip to the Community Orchard in Fort Dodge for a field trip. They left school at 9:00 a.m. and headed out. They took a ride to the pumpkin patch and every student got to pick out a pumpkin to bring home. They toured the entire orchard, got to eat their sack lunches our cook Sandy prepared for them and even got some time to have fun in the Back "40". It was a beautiful fall day AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL!



## HEALTHY STATE WALK

In October the State recognizes October 5th as an opportunity to join thousands of other Iowan's statewide in walking for 30 minutes. Workplaces, Organizations, Cities, Schools etc. are all encouraged to participate and walk. The LuVerne (CWL) Elementary participated all day in PE Class by walking and at 3:00 the whole school (kids and staff) walked for 30 minutes at the end of the school day. Being physically active is one of the most important things people can do to improve their health and there's no equipment to buy. All you need is "YOU".

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 1st and 3rd which means we have an early out on both of those days at 2:30 p.m. Conferences will be held from 4:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. You can begin signing up for a Conference on October 10th by going to the school website at [www.luverne.k12.ia.us](http://www.luverne.k12.ia.us) and under the Parent Resource Tab you will find PT Conference Registration. It is there you can sign up for a time. If you have any questions please feel free to call the school office at 515-882-3357.

## CONCERTS

I know this is early, but we want to make sure that everyone has time to make arrangements to attend our Holiday Concert and our Spring Concert. Our Holiday Concert will be held on December 15th at 6:00 p.m. and our Spring Concert will be held May 11th at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. If there are any changes we will get those to you right away.

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## Vote Passed, Now What?

First we would like to thank everyone who came out and voted in both the Algona CSD and at Lu Verne (CWL) CSD. With the vote being a special election it is hard to get people excited about getting out to vote, but you showed that this vote was very important to the area and we thank you for voting.

Now that the vote is complete, here are the next steps in our process. As always our school's attorney will help guide us through this process.

1. The cost of the election is split up (based on total number of registered voters in each of the two districts (general fund cost).
2. We used the alternate method for selection of the initial reorganized board. Algona's present board will select 6 members (which they will do at their regular October meeting) to this new interim board. Lu Verne selected 1 member to serve on this new initial board (Lany Mitchell has agreed to represent us on this board). Within 45 days of the election the AEA chief will call for an organizational meeting of the new school board. This will take place at the Algona PAC on October 24 at 5:00 pm. The AEA chief will chair the meeting until all members are sworn in and a new president and vice-president are selected.
3. The new reorganized board (at its first meeting) will appoint acting officers for this new board.
4. Three boards will be working at the same time. Algona present board, Lu Verne present board and the newly formed board. The newly formed board will take over contracts from both districts on the 3rd Thursday in January so this board can negotiate and set contracts for the following school year.
5. Both schools have the instructional support levy and that levy runs for both districts until 2026 - the new district will have this levy until 2026.
6. Lu Verne is one of the last school districts in the state of Iowa to still have the educational improvement program levy. Because Algona doesn't (because of past reorganizations), this levy will no longer be available to the new district. Algona has been aware of this.
7. We will have a new voter approved PPEL (since it passed in both districts) starting on July 1, 2023.
8. The new board will work on setting up an election schedule for its members (3 members get elected during one cycle and 4 the next cycle). We will work with our attorneys on this.
9. Terms of employment of staff will not be affected by the formation of the new board.
10. Collective bargaining agreement is taken from the larger of the two districts (so it will be the Algona agreement which is used for the new district).
11. Cumulation of sick leave shall not be affected or terminated due to reorganization. Your amount of days in sick leave will transfer to the newly reorganized district.

We will also have a lot of other things to work on as the year goes but those are things spelled out in Iowa code.

Superintendent Carter has come over and already talked to the staff and had them ask questions and we will be looking at and cataloging what we have in regards to technology, furniture, curriculum, interventions, library books, etc.

The Lu Verne CSD board will be looking to offer an early retirement for anyone in the district who is 55 or older and has served 10 consecutive years in our district (including years brought over from Corwith-Wesley when they dissolved). We will work closely with our attorneys on this plan and hope to get it approved and out later this fall so anybody of retirement age who wants to retire can do so.

Now that the vote is done, we have a lot of work to do to get ready for July 1, 2023 and we still have students in our building to educate. We are excited for this year, excited about the future (also a little nervous) and excited to be watching our students grow!

As always if you have any questions, please contact me at 515-882-3357 or email me at [jhueser@cwl-csd.org](mailto:jhueser@cwl-csd.org)

Thank you,  
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