

As winter starts to give way to warmer weather, the students are showing great progress in achieving their annual learning goals. The culminating event to showcase their success is the WI Forward Exam given to students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade in April. The students of the Cornell School District have done very well on this exam in the past and are consistently some of the best academic performers in the region.

While people are very good at encouraging and supporting athletes throughout their various competitive seasons, it's not near as often that we see the same regarding academics. Please ask students about their academic successes and encourage them to do well in school and take advantage of upper level academic classes or get more involved with our Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses. We have set up our required high school courses in order to encourage all seniors to become involved with various programs at Chippewa Valley Technical College. It is such an advantage for students to get a jump start on their post-secondary education, but only about ½ of our students currently do so.

We have many students that are taking full advantage of our educational opportunities, but it would be better if we could say ALL of our students are doing this. Education helps build more career success, and that's the overarching goal of the Cornell School District.