

With the new year began a new rule in the Cornell School District. Students are no longer allowed to use cell phones or other personal electronics during the school day. I am happy to report that this transition went smoother than anticipated, so thank you to all the families that supported us in this endeavor. It is energizing and encouraging to see middle and high school students physically talking to each other and playing card games at noon hour. It has also helped students do a better job at keeping up with their studies and completing homework at school during our Chief Time where they can study and meet with teachers for additional help.

The new year has also brought some new faces to the district. Mr. Dylan Baker from Bloomer and UW-EC is a Math Intern at the MS/HS with Mrs. Schlageter for the semester. At the Elementary School, Miss Kaylee Nye from Cadott and UW-Superior will be student teaching in Mrs. Steinmetz's 2nd grade for the third quarter and then Mrs. Alix's 1st grade for the fourth quarter. It is always fun to welcome upcoming educational professionals into the district and help them achieve their goals of becoming a teacher.

Finally, the new year means we are already half-way done with school for the academic year! 2024 was a positive year for the Cornell School District and we hope 2025 will be the same. Thanks for your support of the district, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything school related, please feel free to reach out to me.