

# the MESSENGER

Indianola Community Schools

Fall 2021

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

**W**elcome to the Fall 2021 edition of *The Messenger*! In this edition we introduce you to new staff, thank our outgoing board members, and offer a look at some fall activities. I am so thankful to have students and staff in school, enjoying a consistent educational experience, even as we continue to respond to various COVID-19 concerns. I am very proud of the efforts of our staff and students and appreciative of the flexibility and support that our school community has shown. Indianola truly is a great place to work and learn and live! Please follow Indianola Community School District on Facebook to keep up with the good news, look for ways to volunteer at the district, and come out and support our activities participants. Thank you for being part of a tremendous school community.



### Art Sathoff

Indianola Superintendent

## Outgoing School Board Members

Indianola CSD has three outgoing board members who have decided not to run for re-election this fall. Carolyn Langenwaller is the longest-serving board member and former board president. Carolyn has served from 2006 - 2021. Ken Bresnan has had three stints on the school board: 1992 - 1995, 2001 - 2007, and 2017 - 2021. Laurie Abernathy has served from 2017 - 2021. Board service is some of the most important volunteer work, and we thank these members and past members of the Indianola CSD School Board. I think everyone would agree that time on the board involves a lot of commitment, hard work, thought, and patience. Without dedicated schoolboard members prioritizing students and staff, we would not have the excellent school district that we do. Once again, thank you to these three outgoing members and thanks as well to the ten candidates who ran for these three seats. New members will be sworn in November 15.



Carolyn Langenwaller  
Indianola CSD board member  
2006 - 2021.



Ken Bresnan Indianola CSD  
board member: 1992 - 1995,  
2001 - 2007, 2017 - 2021.



Laurie Abernathy  
Indianola CSD board member  
2017 - 2021.

## Meet Our New Teachers

We are delighted to introduce the talented new and veteran teachers who joined our staff this year. Many already have roots in Indianola, while others come to the district from different parts of the state. What they have in common is their passion for teaching, creating strong relationships, and motivating student learning.



### Jessica Anania - High School Ag/FFA

I grew up in Indianola and all throughout school I was active both academically and with the FFA chapter. I attended ISU and majored in ag education. Before teaching in Indianola, I taught science for three years at Martensdale St. Mary's Junior-Senior High School. In 2020 I married my husband who is also an Indianola Alumni. That same year we bought our farmhouse and some cattle. I am active in the community as a volunteer for the Warren County Horse Project and as a superintendent at the Warren County Fair.



### Tyler Archer - High School Social Studies

This is my fifth year in the teaching field. For the last four years I taught high school social studies at Cardinal Community School District in Eldon, Iowa. Currently I am teaching 11th grade U.S. History along with AP U.S. History at IHS. I also keep busy coaching the 8th grade football team. I recently moved to the area with my fiancée, Ashlyn, and my two cats. Ashlyn is also an educator and she teaches math at Johnston Middle School.



### Kyle Bloom - Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary 3rd Grade

I am a third grade teacher at Wilder Elementary. This is my 14th year teaching. In the past I have taught 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Born and raised in Indianola, I attended Simpson College and majored in elementary education, criminal justice, and sociology. I have three sons; Paxton (15), Kingston (13), and Sorensen (8). Our dog named Ozzy also shares our home with us! We are a very active family and enjoy soccer, running, swimming, the outdoors, and cooking. We also enjoy hot air ballooning and traveling.



### Maggie Brandt - Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary 4th Grade

I am originally from Louisiana, but I grew up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In college I played soccer for the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, and have been involved in coaching soccer in Indianola for over 15 years, including the girls' high school soccer team for six years. I have taught in Louisiana; Bogota, Colombia; and now Iowa. I love to travel, work in my garden, and spend time with my family. I have been married to my husband, Randy, for 25 years. Our son, Chris, graduated from college this past spring and our daughter, Anna, is a junior at IHS.



### Josh Breitbarth - Whittier Elementary PE

I was born and raised in Hilo, HI. which is on the Island of Hawaii (the one with the active volcano). After high school I moved across the ocean to Fort Dodge, IA. where I attend Iowa Central Community College and played baseball for two years. I graduated from Simpson College in 2021 with degrees in K-12 physical education and sport administration. For the past three years I have coached baseball and volleyball, and will begin coaching 7th grade boys basketball this January. I live in the Des Moines area with Emily, my girlfriend of seven years.



### **Amanda Carnes - Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary Kindergarten**

This is my 13th year teaching; most of those years have been in kindergarten at Southeast Warren, with one year teaching preschool at Perry. I grew up on a farm near Martensdale, was a MSTM Blue Devil, and graduated from Simpson College. My husband and I have a daughter (6) and a son (2), and have called Indianola home since 2010. As a family we love to do outdoor activities and keep our children involved in the programs and events around town. I feel blessed to have my dream job and teach in the wonderful community where my own children will attend school.



### **Brock Caviness - Whittier Elementary 1st Grade**

I was born and raised in Knoxville, Iowa. I attended Iowa Western Community College, where I obtained my associates degree in education while playing football. I spent the next three years at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, earning my degree and playing football there. When I am not at school I spend my time reading, fishing, or pretty much anything outdoors. A couple of my favorite summer/fall activities are boating and camping. I have a dog named Henry that I adopted from the Maryville Humane Society. Fun fact - I love the cold & snow!



### **Delaney Christian - High School Family Consumer Sciences**

My name is Delaney Christian and I am the HS Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. I grew up in Altoona and attended Southeast Polk High School. During high school I participated in DECA, National Honor Society (NHS); and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). I graduated from ISU in December of 2020. In my free time I love to bake, hike, and spend time with friends and family. I have two dogs, Duke (Pit Bull) and Hades (Doberman), that are very spoiled!



### **Megan Cooper - Whittier Elementary Special Education**

I am originally from Sidney, Iowa and came to Indianola in 2005 to attend Simpson College. There I majored in Elementary Education, played softball (Go Storm!), and met my husband, Joe. We have four children: Cam (10), Anderson (6), Calvin (4), and Casey (2). Previously, I taught at Southeast Warren CSD and Studebaker Elementary in Des Moines, as both a general education teacher and special education teacher. We love the Indianola community and are so happy to call it home!



### **Vicki Cooper - Emerson Elementary 1st Grade**

I live in Indianola with my husband and my stepson, who is a sophomore in high school. I have three daughters and a stepdaughter, who all live in Iowa. My teaching career started in Tama in 2000 teaching Head Start while going to college to get my degree from Buena Vista University. After graduation I taught at South Tama CSD for 14 years. In 2019, I moved to Indianola and taught Preschool in Des Moines. In 2020, I returned to Head Start in Marshalltown and then at mid-year, Head Start in Tama. I literally went full circle in 20 years! In my free time I am with my family.



### **Jeff Ebling - Middle School Math**

I am a 6th grade mathematics teacher at Indianola Middle School as well as the new head varsity boys basketball coach. I graduated high school at Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock CSD and then attended NIACC and UNI to earn my bachelors degree in Elementary and Middle Level Education. I also have my Master's degree in Coaching and Athletic Administration from Concordia University - Irving. This will be my 20th year of teaching in the middle school setting as well as my 21st year of coaching high school basketball. I look forward to being part of the district and community.

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## **Anthony Gallagher - HS Business & MS Math Int.**

This will be my first year teaching. I grew up in Northwest Iowa and attended Woodbury Central High School in Merville, a small town next to Sioux City. I attended college at Buena Vista University, where I was a four-year letter winner on the golf team. I have four siblings who have all been teachers at some point in their career, and my mom is also a teacher. The past few summers I taught summer school and coached freshman baseball.



## **Emily Hillinger - Irving Elementary Special Education**

I grew up in the small town of Elk Horn with a graduation class of 29. I attended UNI and majored in social work and criminology. After graduation I became a paraprofessional and that is when I fell in love with the idea of becoming an educator. I earned my Master of Science in Teaching from Drake University last December, and soon after found myself as the district's virtual special education teacher here in Indianola. I am thrilled to join Irving's team of educators this year. When I'm not teaching, you might find me in my garden, at the yoga studio, dining locally with my book club, or going on adventures with my husband.



## **Emma Kinney - High School Language Arts**

I am from Des Moines and graduated from Iowa State in Fall 2020. This is my first year teaching, but I student taught in the metro area. This fall I had the privilege of being the assistant coach for the girls' swim team and it has been a blast! In my free time, I enjoy going to Iowa State sporting events, hanging out with my friends and family, and trying new things. If you see me at an IHS event, feel free to say hi! I am usually the one with a camera on my neck, or helping students with their cameras!



## **Angela Lawrence - Wilder Elementary Special Education**

I am from Altoona but my husband's job as the athletic trainer here at the high school is what brought us to Indianola a few years ago. I taught special education with Des Moines Public Schools for 13 years; then I decided that I wanted to teach closer to home where my two awesome kids will attend school. This fall I started teaching special education at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary and I am learning the ropes of being part of the Indianola school community.



## **Jessica McKenzie - High School Science**

I have my AS degree and have worked as a certified medical assistant, completed Basic EMT training and worked as an EMT and first responder, and earned a BS degree in Healthcare Administration. I hold a Class B license to drive school buses and a CDL A license with endorsements to drive semis. I completed my teaching degree at Simpson College and student taught with Mrs. Garrels at IHS. I enjoy outdoor activities, music, tattoos, and playing with my three children. I don't want to stop learning new things. I strive for progress, not for perfection.

Follow ICSD Teaching and Learning on Twitter to learn more about what is taking place in Indianola schools. Teachers and their classes are highlighted. @ICSDTeach\_Learn



### **Caria Philgreen - Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary 1st Grade**

I am from a small town in Northeast Iowa called Manchester. I got my bachelor's degree at Wartburg College in Waverly, and I taught previously at Andrew Community School District for two years. I am so happy to work at Wilder Elementary in Indianola, and I have been overwhelmed with the amount of support I have received while being here. I like to sing, watch movies, and be outside with my family and friends. Here's a picture with my favorite (and only) nephew!



### **Reade Reiter - Emerson Elementary Kindergarten**

I grew up and went to school in Keokuk. I chose to go to Simpson College because I wanted to play tennis and to be close to my brother, who lives in Des Moines. I played four years of college tennis, where I met a lot of my greatest friends. I also worked at Indianola Child Care while attending Simpson, so I already have ties with the school district. I love playing and watching sports; I especially like watching the St. Louis Cardinals and the Iowa Hawkeyes. I am very excited to start my teaching journey with my kindergarten class here at ICSD.



### **Faye Tipping - Whittier Elementary Music**

My name is Faye Tipping and I am the music teacher at Whittier Elementary. This is my 7th year of teaching and I am very excited to be joining this awesome district. My husband and I are both Iowa State University graduates and we have called Indianola home for the past four years. We also have a one year-old son who keeps us very busy!



### **Shanice Lloyd - Middle School Language Arts**

Shanice is from Goldfield, Iowa and teaches 7th grade language arts at the middle school. Shanice is a graduate of Simpson College, where she was on the Dean's List. Previously she taught language arts at Prairie City - Moncroe CSD.

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## **Annual Notice**

### **Notice of Nondiscrimination: Code No. 102.E1**

The Indianola Community School District (ICSD) offers Career and Technical Education to its students in the following areas of study: (Agricultural, Food, and Natural Resources,) (Applied Science, Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing,) (Business, Finance, Marketing, and Management,) and (Human Services.) It is the policy of the ICSD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator: Mimi Kelly, Director of Human Resources, 1301 East Second Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125, at (515) 961-9500 or [mimi.kelly@indianola.k12.ia.us](mailto:mimi.kelly@indianola.k12.ia.us). For further guidance, visit the Iowa Department of Education website - Equity Guidance.

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## 2021-22 Calendar Highlights

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### TRADITIONAL CALENDAR

#### November 24

1 Hour Early Release

#### November 25 - 26

Thanksgiving Break - No School

#### December 21

1 Hour Early Release

#### December 22 - January 4

Winter Break - No School

#### January 14

Building Meeting Workday - No School

#### January 17

Professional Development - No School

#### February 15 - 17

Parent Teacher Conferences

#### February 18

No School

#### March 14 - 18

Spring Break - No School

#### April 11

Professional Development - No School

#### May 20

Last Day Preschool & Seniors

#### May 22

Commencement

#### May 27

Last Day of School - 1:30PM Release

#### May 30

Memorial Day Holiday

#### May 31

Building Meeting Workday

### YEAR ROUND CALENDAR

#### November 24

1 Hour Early Release

#### November 25 - 26

Thanksgiving Break - No School

#### December 17

90 Minute Early Release

#### December 20 - January 7

Winter Break - No School

#### January 14

Building Meeting Workday - No School

#### January 17

Professional Development - No School

#### February 15 - 17

Parent Teacher Conferences

#### February 18

No School

#### March 11 - 18

Spring Break - No School

#### March 21 - 25

Intersession - No School

#### April 11

Professional Development - No School

#### May 20

Last Day Preschool & Seniors

#### May 22

Commencement

#### May 27

Last Day of School - 1:30PM Release

#### May 30

Memorial Day Holiday

#### May 31

Building Meeting Workday

**Weekly Early Dismissal: There will be a weekly, one hour early dismissal on Wednesdays for professional development.**



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## Students in Action!

This fall we currently have 433 students participating in various activities. Fall activities include Cheer, Impulse, Marching Band, Football, Boys Golf, Girls Swim, Girls and Boys Cross Country, and Volleyball. The season is winding down, but you still have time to catch these students in action!



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## Annual Notice

### Unmanned Aircrafts - Drones: Code No. 906

The Indianola Community School District believes in maintaining the safety, security, and privacy of students, employees, and visitors. In keeping with this belief, the use or possession of unmanned aircrafts is prohibited on district property or in the space above the property that reasonably can be considered part of the district property.

The superintendent may make an exception to this policy in specific cases where the circumstances warrant such exception. In such situations and prior to approval, unmanned aircraft operators shall:

- Supply proof of insurance meeting liability limits established by the district;
- Present appropriate registration and authorization issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
- Sign an agreement holding the district harmless from any claims of harm to individuals or damage to property; and
- Meet additional requirements as determined appropriate by the district.

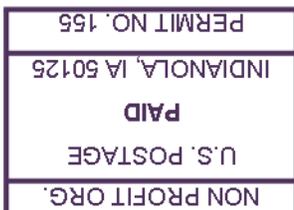
### Use of District Owned Recording Devices on District Property Regulation: Code No. 804.6R1

The Indianola Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of recording devices on school district owned property. The recording devices will be used to enhance safety and security within the educational environment. Students, employees, and parents are hereby notified that the content of the recording may be used in a student or employee disciplinary proceeding. The content of the recordings may be considered confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student or employee disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view the recording of their child.

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