

# ***AROUND THE HALLS***

## ***APRIL 2018***

### **NEW TEACHER HIGHLIGHTS:**



Mrs. Paula McGinnis has taught for Cuba Elementary for 20+ years. This year she elected a new challenge teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Title Reading and is also our district's new English Language Learners (ELL) instructor. New to her CCR2 position but not new to education, Paula is in her 22<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching. She earned a Bachelor's and then Master's degree in Elementary Education. She is passionate about kids and truly enjoys working with all students.

She and Dave McGinnis have been married for 28 years. They've raised two boys together. Austin, 19, is attending welding school; Andrew, 23, is married to Sara. This past January Andrew and Sara had Nellie, Paula's first grandbaby. To emphasize, people and family are important to her. She loves to spend time with her friends and family.

While she loves to read, travel, and take time for friend and family, one thing you might not know is that Paula is a life-long learner. She is currently learning a second language.

### **BUILDING HIGHLIGHT:**

On March 21 the Crawford County R-2 PTO helped sponsor our Donuts with Dad event. This event was for students in K-8 and a male figure in the students' lives. We had an overwhelming response with over 800+ RSVP's for the morning. The activity was held in the MS gym from 7:20-8:00. Everyone that attended got a donut and juice to enjoy. We were also very thankful for all the support we got from the Cuba Police Department, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and Highway Patrol. At the end of April we will have our Muffins with Mom event so please watch for flyers to come home. Our goal is to provide additional events like these in the future to help increase our parent involvement within the school.



**DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT:**

In January, the district began piloting a Universal Breakfast Program in the elementary. Universal Breakfast means that every student is eligible to receive free breakfast. As part of the program, a Grab 'n Go concept was also implemented where students who were late to school could grab a breakfast sack on their way to class. The objective has been to ensure that students are fed and not hungry during the learning time. Research indicates improved on-task behaviors and higher engagement that equates to better learning when students eat a nutritious breakfast.

As the elementary pilot has gone well, the middle school and high school are conducting shorter pilots during state assessment windows this April. At the conclusion of the pilot, administration will review data and conduct cost-analysis. We truly hope that beginning in 2018-19 that CCR2 will be able to provide Universal Breakfast K-12.