

# Cass County Conservation Board

## August/September 2020



### Conservation Updates:

COVID-19 Changes- To minimize risk and contamination Cass County Conservation Board (CCCB) is giving each district a week per month to schedule their Environmental Educational Programs. This is to minimize any district crossing. We realize this is not perfect and different from how we usually schedule, but there is flexibility in this schedule too.

September example:

Aug 31-9/4- Atlantic SD      9/7-11 Griswold SD      9/14-18 CAM SD  
9/21-25 Others (like Headstart, Jack n Jill etc.)      9/28-10/2 Atlantic SD

Program lists can be found here: <http://www.atlanticiowa.com/county/county-departments/conservation-office/> I have continued the process of correlating our programs to NGSS, and Iowa CORE is listed on the program lists. I have shuffled some for better fit, this is just a guideline, you may still request any available program listed even if its not listed for your grade. We can discuss how we may have to change it. Also look for the programs listed in **Green** this means this programs may be taught outside or how we (CCCB) can help facilitate teaching outdoors while weather permits this year. Many programs can be brought to you virtually, there are some that just don't work. Let's chat about your program selections and see which ones will work for virtual.

Schedule the WJFOLE year!! Before you get busy with your students, I am available to sit down with you or a lead grade teacher and schedule before the year starts! I am available all week leading up to the first day of classes! We can adapt the programs to current restrictions. We are also planning outdoor field trip/program dates into my schedule for those families doing virtual or homeschooling.

Outdoor Educational Classroom Nature Trunks. Four of the trunks are finished so far are on Birds, Tracks, Water monitoring, and Orienteering

Surveys!! We have a survey for programs that I do for you in classroom. You will see this many times this year but here is the link! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZCHBJ5L>

Extra Resources!! We have many items to loan out to your classroom; don't be afraid to ask if I have something! GPS. These trunks contain both indoor and outdoor activities for Pre-K to 12th grade, for use at the Outdoor Educational Classroom. These activities are also correlated to the Iowa Core. For more information email Lora!

Fall Field Trips! Fall is a great time to do Orienteering, water monitoring, and much more!

Finally, think ahead to winter and our Snowshoe equipment ready to use all winter long! Subjects that can be utilized are history, science and physical education. Please consider field trips to Outdoor Educational Classroom, Turkey Creek Educational Area, and Pellett Memorial Woods just to name a few!

*Future monthly newsletters will be sent by E-MAIL!*

If you are a NEW teacher please make sure I have your e-mail address for the newsletters. **Please save my email in your contacts so you may receive this right to the inbox. If you are having difficulties of any kind, please let me know!** My e-mail address is [lkanning@casscoia.us](mailto:lkanning@casscoia.us) You can also find our teacher newsletters, program lists, and upcoming events on the website, listed below!

MONARCH PROGRAMS...Please call/email me to arrange for your monarch program as soon as possible! I hopefully will have monarchs to tag for your program! I cannot provide you with caterpillars but I can supply you with tags! I also have TONS of monarch nets, games, puzzles, crafts, and books available for check out! And can be done virtually so let's make the most of this learning experience!

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