

Cass County Conservation Board

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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!** I am hoping that you will continue to use my e-mail account as an easy way to contact me for scheduling programs. My e-mail address is lkanning@casscoia.us You can also find our teacher newsletters, program lists, and upcoming events on the website, listed below! Schedule the WHOLE 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!

Conservation Updates:

Surveys!! If you attended a spring field trip with me last spring please fill out a survey for us! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMFXB76> 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! We have bulletin board kits on the following topics: Dinosaurs, Life Cycles, Recycling, Rocks and Bugs. We have stamps, puzzles, and posters on these topics and many more.

Program lists can be found here: <https://www.casscountytia.gov/county-departments/conservation-office/> I have continued the process of correlating our programs to NGSS, and the NEW Iowa science standards (updated May 2025) listed on the program lists. If your districts science curriculum have changed, please let me know how I can help. I have shuffled some programs 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. I created a new document that correlates my programs with mystery science email me for it. Not finding the program you need? Have a subject that you are struggling with? I want to offer programs that fit directly into your curriculum. Please contact me to discuss any new program requests or ideas you have. Your class could test a new pilot program and help create the learning environment you want.

Outdoor Educational Classroom Nature Trunks. Four of the trunks are finished so far are on Birds, Tracks, Water monitoring, and Orienteering/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/NGSS. 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! We have added cross country skis to our winter equipment! 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!

Important information:

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! Make the most of this learning experience!



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