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Dear **Cardinal** Staff and Families,

Thank you for a memorable **Homecoming Week**! Soon, October welcomes continued fall **athletics** and **activities**, the 66th Annual Southwest Iowa **Band** Jamboree, the Clarinda **Craft** Carnival, the Cardinal **Foundation** Gala, and many other school and community festivities. Mark your calendar, as Clarinda **pride** and **involvement** surrounds us!

This week, a team will attend the Career Fair at **NWMSU**! The CCSD student council created a video starring some of our **amazing teachers** in order to **recruit** more of the best teachers to our district. **Student** engagement and empowerment make a **difference**, and I appreciate the time and energy invested in the creation of this message. <https://youtu.be/xysLRJLc92M> If you have a minute, **send a note** to a teacher who has inspired you or your children this year. Showing **gratitude** will be appreciated and will lift your day as well!

Another form of student **engagement** and empowerment I would like to share involves second-grade students and their teacher, Mrs. Pullen. At our last meeting, board members, the audience and I were treated to the problem solving and **coding genius** of these learners! Right before our eyes, the students pushed buttons on Bee-Bots that followed their commands. Bee-Bots help students understand directional language, early programming, cause and effect, and other skills related to many content areas. Scroll through the photos on our website, and you can see it for yourself! <https://www.clarinda.k12.ia.us/>

On October 12th, I will participate, alongside a team of 6th-12th grade students, in a **bike audit** sponsored by the **Healthy Hometown** initiative in Clarinda. The goal is to gather feedback on celebrations and areas of improvement for this recreational activity and transportation mode. Previously, our students supported a **walking audit** to share ideas on sidewalk **accessibility** and **improvement**. Evidence of their input, along with the input of the Healthy Hometown team is evidenced in city improvements seen across the Clarinda landscape. Our students are participating **citizens** impacting community enhancement!

Respectfully,

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