

August 16, 2011

To: Band Students and Parents

From: Neil Ruby

Re: Cow Chip Bingo Tickets

Students received tickets today for the Cow Chip Bingo fundraiser. **The date of the event will be Saturday, September 17.** This is the same day as the Roopville Parade. That afternoon, the Marching Pride will be performing our show at 2:00 p.m. in the stadium. Following the performance, the cow will be released! This is a great fundraising opportunity for the students to raise money for his/her band trip this spring to San Francisco. Please review the following procedures of the fundraiser:

*Students are expected to sell at least 10 of the Cow Chip Bingo tickets. The profit from the first 10 tickets sold will go to pay the prize money and help support the band booster club with the purchase of music and equipment.

***After the first 10 tickets sold, students will receive 100% of each ticket (\$5) for their individual student account!**

*Students are responsible for the tickets checked out. If they are lost, damaged or stolen, the student/parent will be required to pay for the tickets.

*Students may only check out 10 tickets at a time and must turn in money for those tickets before additional tickets can be checked out. Parents may sign out additional cards if they do it in person but please do not take more than you can sell.

*Please make sure the stub part of the ticket is completely filled out by the customer. This is what will be turned in with the money collected. They do not have to be present to win so we want to make sure we have all of the contact information needed.

*An information sheet with facts about Cow Chip Bingo and its procedures was given with the tickets. Please share this information with those purchasing tickets. It will answer most of the questions they will have about how the contest will operate.

***All collected money, stubs, and unsold tickets must be turned in by Thursday, September 15, at 5:00 p.m.**



WHAT IS COW CHIP BINGO...AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Naturally of course...

Cow Chip Bingo is an activity that pits your luck against the gastronomical actions of a cow onto a playing field. The playing field is sectioned off into 3' x 6' squares; each square is considered a land parcel, is assigned a number and "deeded". A cow is allowed to roam freely on the playing field and when it does "what comes naturally" on a parcel, (aka PLOPS), the owner of the parcel wins. The owner of the winning deed need not be present to win.

The playing field will be laid out on the Central-Carroll HS Football field, 50 parcels wide and 50 parcels long for a total of 2500 parcels. Each deed is sold for \$5 each.

Cow Chip Bingo Official Rules

Each deed/parcel will be randomly assigned a number 1 to 2500 prior to the beginning of the contest and a copy of the assignments will be posted.

The cow will be released on the playing field after a performance of the Marching Pride at 2:00 p.m. and will commence 1.5 hours after being released.

When the cow "plops", a professional land surveyor will locate the center of the plop and provide the coordinates to the Cow Chip Judge and the winning parcel will be announced.

If a plop falls on an unsold parcel, we will move one cell north and then clockwise in an ever-widening circle to find a winner. (Per Land Parcel Deed Plans)

If a plop falls out of bounds, we will move to the nearest parcel along the edge of the field.

In the event a plop is not recorded in the 1.5 hours after being released, the Cow Chip Judge will draw for the winning deed.

No one is permitted inside the fenced area of the playing field except the judge and surveyor.

You must be at least 18 years of age to purchase a deed. Deeds purchased by anyone less than 18 years of age will be considered void.

THE DECISION OF THE COW CHIP CONTEST JUDGE IS FINAL!!!

Disclaimers: A "deed" to a Cow Chip Contest parcel confers all rights of ownership on the day of the event for the duration of the activity. Thereafter, Cow Chip Contest "deeds" will be worth only the value of the paper and illustrations it contains, plus memories that might accompany an event of this magnitude.

Deed tickets may be purchased from Central-Carroll Marching Pride band members or by contacting the Central Band office at 770.832.7257