

CVES celebrate NE 150th Bday

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SCOTIA -- Students and staff celebrated 150 years of Nebraska statehood with facts, dancing and dessert at Central Valley Elementary School (CVES) on March 1.

Instead of 150 lit candles on a cake, CVES staff arranged cupcakes to show the number and to celebrate Nebraska's birthday. Mary Wood, CVES 4th grade Instructor, and her students study Nebraska History throughout the year and kicked off the afternoon of activities by sharing facts about our state. The facts that included the Cottonwood being the state tree and the Prairie Agate being the state rock, were also found on their hallway bulletin board that they designed and Wood previously installed. The presentation ended with the 4th graders showing those in attendance how to square dance before providing an opportunity for all to try it.

The event was extra special for Connie Shafer, CVES Principal, and Vicki Keep, CVES Paraprofessional, because 50 years ago in 1967, when Nebraska turned 100-years-old, they were in 4th grade, studying Nebraska History and participating in the Centennial Celebration. About 50 years later both instruct students and as of March 1, 2017 have successfully contributed to another Nebraska birthday celebration.