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Craig Elementary & Middle School
October 2026 Board Report (FY27)
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October has been a great month at Craig Elementary and Middle School! Routines are well established, learning is in full swing, and students and staff are settling into our new CMS building. It has been exciting to see our students thriving in their learning environments and our school community making the most of these new spaces. From classroom learning and family engagement to the start of basketball and cheerleading seasons, there is plenty of positive momentum at CEMS as we move into the second quarter.

CEMS Staffing Updates

No new staff members joined the CEMS team in October. We have received a few applications for substitute positions and welcome additional applicants as we continue to build our substitute pool and ensure coverage needs are met.

CEMS Enrollment (as of October 24, 2026)

- **CES:** 86 students
- **CMS:** 48 students

CEMS Extracurricular Activities

CMS Cross Country – The CMS cross country team wrapped up its season on October 3 in Ketchikan, with runners earning impressive 2nd-, 5th-, and 6th-place finishes. It was another successful season filled with hard work, great sportsmanship, and outstanding kids. A big thank-you to coaches Melissa Smith and Sandra Marker for their time, dedication, and commitment to supporting our student-athletes. We appreciate all you do for our kids!

CMS Basketball – The CMS basketball season began on October 5, with 10 girls and 17 boys participating this year. The boys played their first games at home in Craig on October 20, and both teams traveled to Klawock for games on October 22. An exciting weekend of basketball continues October 23–24, with a girls' game scheduled for Friday evening at approximately 8:00 p.m. Saturday's games begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue throughout the day, with the final games expected to conclude around 8:30 p.m. We encourage families and community members to come out and support our CMS student-athletes!

CMS Cheerleading – The CMS cheerleading season is officially underway, with five girls participating this year. The cheerleaders will be supporting our teams at CMS home basketball games throughout the season.

We encourage families and community members to come out, enjoy the games, and show their support for our student-athletes and cheerleaders. The basketball schedule is included below under Upcoming Activities and Events.

CEMS Events and Happenings

Parent/Teacher Conferences – CEMS had excellent attendance and participation during parent/teacher conferences on October 15–16. We appreciate our CEMS families taking the time to meet with teachers to discuss student accomplishments, progress, and areas of need. We value these opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school in supporting student success. I'm sure students also appreciated the bonus day off and the chance to enjoy a three-day weekend!

Picture Retakes - CEMS had picture retakes scheduled for October 21st, but they have been moved to Wednesday, November 4th.

Fire Safety Presentations – On October 29, the Craig Fire Department will visit CEMS to provide students with fire safety presentations and help reinforce the importance of fire prevention and emergency preparedness.

Teacher Inservice – October 30 – All CCSD staff will participate in an island-wide inservice on Friday, October 30, at Craig High School. This will provide an opportunity for staff from across the island to collaborate, learn, and share ideas to support student success.

CEMS Assessment Updates

MAP Assessment – MAP testing was completed for CEMS students grades 3-8 and the results were shared with parents at parent/teacher conferences.

Alaska Developmental Profile (ADP) – Kindergarten students at CES are currently participating in the Alaska Developmental Profile (ADP), which provides information about students' development and learning as they begin their kindergarten experience. All ADP profiles have been entered for our current CES kindergarten students.

Upcoming Activities and Events

- **October 28:** Basketball Klawock @ CMS
- **October 29:** Halloween Carnival
- **October 29:** End of Quarter 1
- **October 30:** No School/Teacher Inservice
- **November 1:** End of Daylight Savings Time
- **November 4:** Picture Retakes
- **November 5:** CMS Boys Basketball @ Hydaburg
- **November 11:** Veterans' Day - Assembly @ CHS for Veterans
- **November 11:** CMS Boys Basketball @ Thorne Bay
- **November 13-14:** Stikine Basketball Tourney @ Craig
- **November 16:** CMS Basketball Klawock @ Craig
- **November 19-20:** Island Tourney @ Craig
- **November 25-27**: Thanksgiving Break