



Craig Elementary & Middle School

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CEMS School Board Report March 2022

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
19	15	12	15	18	23	12	17	28	159

Total Student Enrollment: CES (K-5) @ 102 & CMS (6-8) @ 57 Students

Appreciations

- Thank you to the CES Student Council for hosting a successful Read Across America Week in the elementary school. Thank you to the CES Staff for their support of the activities as well.
- Thank you to Ms. Kristine Cervera and to our kitchen crew for preparing a fun breakfast and lunch for Read Across America Day (March 2nd) in support of CES Read Across America Week.
- Thank you to Mrs. Christy House for coordinating the CEMS School-wide Spelling Bee for the CEMS. Thank you to Mr. Bill Seibel, Mr. Cody Williams, and Ms. Melissa Peavey for their assistance in judging the bee also.
- Thank you to Mr. Hollis Yenna for coordinating and leading the CEMS Science Fair.
- Thank you to Mr. Bill Seibel and Mr. Josh Andrews for coordinating the CMS Drama Play titled, **A Seussified Midsummer Night's Dream**.
- Thank you in advance to Mrs. Kellie Ebbighausen and Mrs. Sandra Marker for their assistance with third quarter report cards. All elementary and middle school report cards will be printed and mailed out the week of March 28th.

CEMS School Events & Activities

- February 28th – March 4th – CES Read Across America Week
- March 1st – CEMS School-wide Spelling Bee
- March 4th – CMS Volleyball @ Naukati
- March 9th – CEMS Science Fair
- March 10-11th – CCSD In-service (No School)
- March 15th – CEMS AK STAR Trial Run (Grades 3-8th – checking bandwidth for state testing)
- March 17th – CMS Drama Rehearsal (for CES Students) – A Seussified Midsummer Night's Dream
- March 18th – CMS Drama Matinee – A Seussified Midsummer Night's Dream
- March 18th – CCSD End of Quarter 3
- March 21st – 25th – CCSD Spring Break (No School)
- March 28th – CMS Quarter 4 Start/New Schedules
- March 30th – CMS Volleyball @ Hydaburg

CES Read Across America Week

- The CES Student Council hosted exciting reading-based activities all week from February 28th – March 4th in honor of National Read Across America Day on March 2nd. The CES was decorated with Dr. Seuss balloons, flags, vinyl stickers for windows, and a life-size Cat and the Hat cardboard cutout.

Elementary students participated in three (3) themed spirit days and were entered into a “just for fun” raffle drawing as well.

- In addition, the council arranged for classroom visits with Thing 1 & Thing 2 (volunteering MS Students), a special Dr. Seuss lunch, DEAR Reading (Drop Everything And Read), and even arranged an exciting game of hide and seek with Dr. Seuss character toys.
- Please see the Read Across America Week flyer attached below for more information. In sum, our elementary students were active participants in the activities led by the CES Student Council and the council once again successfully promoted love for reading during Read Across America Week.

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK!

The CES Student Council is honored to host elementary reading activities in recognition of Read Across America Day the week of February 28 - March 4th, 2022.



- **Read Across America Spirit Days:**
 - March 1st: **Twin Tuesday** - grab a friend & dress as twins!
 - March 2nd: **Wacky Wednesday** - wear your wackiest socks!
 - March 3rd: **Top Hat Thursday** - wear your favorite hat!
- **Read Across America Guest Visitors:**
 - February 28th: Thing 1 & Thing 2 will visit all classes & have a surprise for each student!
- **Read Across America Food:**
 - March 2nd: Surprise! It'll be a FUN Breakfast & Lunch Day!
- **Read Across America Hide & Seek:**
 - March 4th: Keep your eyes peeled and find 12-Dr. Seuss characters in and around the CES during school transitions!
- **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read):**
 - March 4th: Listen for special announcements during the school day to DEAR Read - on the spot!

CEMS Spelling Bee

- Our annual CEMS School-wide Spelling Bee was held in the CMS Gym on Tuesday, March 1st. Mrs. Christy House coordinated the bee and Mr. Bill Seibel, Mr. Cody Williams, and Ms. Melissa Peavey served as spelling bee judges.

- Classroom finalists competing in the bee were as follows: Mava Yenna & Jayraj Panicker (3rd Grade), Ula Scheidecker & Annabelle Smith (4th Grade), Mable Nelson & Arianna George-Sheakley (5th Grade), Katelynn Smith & Brook Sharp (6th Grade), Aulis Nelson & Liam Andrews (7th Grade), and Mae Grosenbaugh & Josh Bennett (8th Grade).
- Please join me in celebrating Jayraj Panicker (3rd Grade). Jayraj was our CEMS School-wide Spelling Bee Champion and is scheduled to compete at the Virtual Alaska State Spelling Bee on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

CEMS Science Fair

- Our annual CEMS Science Fair was held in the CMS Gym on Wednesday, March 9th. Mr. Hollis Yenna coordinated the fair and Ellen Hannan, Cheryl Fecko, Cody Williams, Kellie Ebbighausen, Marla Dillman, Courtney Wood, Mike Nelson, Nicole Nelson, and Isabelle Priddy served as science fair judges.
- More than thirty-five (35) student designed and student led projects were presented in the CMS Gym.
- CEMS Science Fair projects will fall under one of the following categories: Technology, Rube Goldberg, Sports & Nutrition, or Music. Thank you for your continual support of our co-curricular school events and activities.

CEMS AK STAR State Assessments Update

- Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) has partnered with NWEA to implement a creative approach to balanced statewide assessment that better reflects learning throughout the school year and helps educators target instruction to students' individual needs. The Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) is designed to streamline the testing experience for grades 3–9 in the areas of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. This balanced approach connects fall and winter MAP Growth interim assessments and the Alaska spring summative assessment to provide a comprehensive assessment system that improves efficiency and cohesion and drives student outcomes by prioritizing teaching and learning.
- The AK STAR Window will open on Monday, March 28, 2022. As that is the Monday immediately following CCSD's Spring Break, the CEMS will be looking at the week of April 4th and April 11th for AK STAR Testing in the elementary & middle school.
- Please make note that students in Grades 3-8 will be administered the computer-based version of the AK STAR in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (MA). Students in grades 5 & 8 will also be tested on Science (SCI).
- Tentatively, Grades 3-5 in the elementary school are to be scheduled to test on Tuesday, April 5th (ELA), Wednesday, April 6th (MA), and Thursday, April 7th (SCI/5th only). Grades 6-8 in the middle school are to be scheduled to test the following week on Tuesday, April 12th (ELA), Wednesday, April 13th (MA), and Thursday, April 14th (SCI/8th only).
- Testing will begin at approximately 8:25 AM in the elementary and middle school. The estimated total testing time for each individual assessment varies and can be anywhere from 150-180 minutes; however, the tests are not timed, so students may take as long as they need – up to one school day.

CEMS Athletics Update

- CMS Volleyball has begun. Ms. Shannon Isaacs is our CMS Volleyball Head Coach and Ms. Jessica Priddy is the Assistant Coach.
- CMS Volleyball is scheduled to hold games on POW as well as will host the Middle School Stikine Volleyball Tournament and will travel to Ketchikan for the Schoenbar Volleyball Jamboree (4/8 – 4/10/22) as well as to Thorne Bay for the Island Tournament (4/16/22). Our volleyball season is scheduled to end on Saturday, April 16th.

- Saturday, April 16th also marks the end of our middle school extra-curricular athletic season for the 2021-2022 school year. I'd like to thank our CMS Athletic Director, Mr. Chuck Hanson, as well as all of our coaches, volunteers, student athletes, and fans for their continued support of our middle school athletic programs.

Volunteers...a BIG thanks! 😊

- **CMS Thing 1 & Thing 2:** Kaileah Durgan (8th) & Lillian Owen (8th)
- **CEMS Spelling Bee Judges:** Ms. Christy House, Mr. Bill Seibel, Mr. Cody Williams, and Ms. Melissa Peavey.
- **CMS Science Fair Judges:** Ellen Hannan, Cheryl Fecko, Cody Williams, Kellie Ebbighausen, Marla Dillman, Courtney Wood, Mike Nelson, Nicole Nelson, Isabelle Priddy.