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School Board Report October 2023

Craig Elementary/ Middle School Calendar of Events

- 10/02/2023 – CMS Girls and Boys Basketball season begins
- 10/04/2023 - CMS Staff Meeting
- 10/05/2023 -CCSD Administrative Team Collaboration Meeting
- 10/06/2023 - Battle of the Books Initial 2023 – 2024 Meeting (Parents Included)
- 10/06/2023 - CCSD All Staff Meeting at CHS Commons
- 10/09/23 - Indigenous Peoples Day
- 10/09/2023 - CCSD Board Meeting
- 10/10/2023 - CCSD Special Board Meeting
- 10/11/2023 - CES Staff meeting
- 10/12/2023- Parent Conferences 2:00PM – 7:00PM
- 10/13/2023 - Parent Conferences 8:00AM – 12:00PM
- 10/16/2023 – CES Staff Meeting
- 10/16/2023 – PTSA Meeting @ CES Library
- 10/17/2023 – CCSD Administrative Team Collaboration Meeting
- 10/18/2023 – CMS Staff Meeting
- 10/18/2023 – CMS Basketball @ Klawock

- 10/20/2023 – CES Staff Meeting
- 10/20/2023 – CMS Basketball. Hosting Schoenbar Middle School. Tip-Off 8:00PM
- 10/21/2023 – CMS Basketball. Hosting Thorne Bay and Schoenbar Middle Schools. Tip-Off 9:00AM
- 10/23/2023 – CCSD Teacher Inservice @ CTA
- 10/24/2023 – CCSD Teacher Inservice @CEMS
- 10/24/2023 – Region V Honor Music Festival @ 7:00PM CHS
- 10/25/2023 – 10/27/2023 Spirit Week/ Red Ribbon Week
- 10/25/2023 – CCSD School Board Meeting @ CHS
- 10/26/2023 – Indigenous Education Committee Meeting@ PACE Office
- 10/27/2023 – CMS Halloween Carnival 5:30PM – 7:00PM. Taco Dinner with a drink \$7.00 @ CEMS Gym
- 10/28/2023 – CMS Halloween Movie Night “Addams Family” @ 5:00PM; “Casper” @ 7:00PM @ CEMS Gym

Craig Elementary/ Middle School September Month in Review:

- October brings a crisp feeling in the air and students are invigorated with the change in temperatures. Basketball season is off and running! Coaches Vanessa James and Hollis Yenna have prepared the students by conducting daily practices. Coach James and Coach Yenna conducted Parent Meetings to explain expectations both academic and behavior. The meetings were attended by CEMS Athletic Director Tobias Frieb and myself. Last night, both the Girls Team and the Boys Team were victorious in their away game at Klawock. This weekend CMS is hosting Schoenbar Middle School and Thorne Bay teams. As a side note, during the 2023 – 2023 CEMS Cross Country season, both Ketchikan Charter and Schoenbar middle School were housed at CMS. Damaged ceiling tiles were discovered Monday morning in the CEMS Gym. It was called to the attention of both visiting school’s athletic directors with phone calls by CEMS Athletic Director Tobias Frieb. The CCSD maintenance staff had repaired/replaced all damaged tiles during the summer of 2023. As a follow up, I spoke with the principal of Schoenbar

Middle School on 10/18/2023 and requested her assistance in relaying CCSD expectations in regards to property and her traveling students. I will do the same with Ketchikan Charter before their next scheduled visit.

Upcoming games include hosting Klawock on 10/25/2023 @ 6:00PM, CMS traveling to Thorne Bay on 10/30/2023 @6:00PM, CMS hosting the Stikine Tournament on 11/03/2023 @ 8:00PM and 11/04/2023 @8:00AM, CMS at Hydaburg 11/08/2023 @ 6:00PM, CMS traveling to Thorne Bay 11/10/2023 & 11/11/2023 for the Island Tourney.

We conducted our first formal CCSD PTSA meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023. It was a well-organized meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Amy Hjort. Board members were selected and a few committees were populated. Future events were discussed, and further planning is anticipated at the next meeting. The budget was reviewed, and an informative discussion was held with many parents, students, CCSD Board members and staff in attendance

- A CMS SRP Student assembly occurred on 09/28/2023. An explanation on what to expect on the various Student Response Protocols (SRP) was conducted. A **Hold & Secure Drill** was conducted on the 09/29/2023. A **Lockdown, Evacuate & Shelter** training will be conducted on 11/02/2023 with a drill to follow on 11/03/2023. These drills are announced. The next round of drills will be unannounced. I will attempt to involve Craig Police and Emergency Response Teams to assist in the **Lockdown, Evacuate & Shelter Drill**.
- Craig CMS had 19 students participate in the Ketchikan Cross Country meet. On 09/30/2023. Craig CES Cross Country Team traveled to Thorne Bay and competed in the elementary cross-country race.
- **2023 CEMS Fall MAP Growth Benchmarks:** We have completed all required exams. I will breakdown the results and include the information in my November CCSD Board Report.
- On 09/28/2023 CMS conducted Student Council Elections with the following results:
 - Mabel Nelson – President**
 - Allen Trimmer – Vice President**
 - Alex Trimmer – Secretary**
 - Hayden Fithian – Treasurer**
 - Jack Conatser – Entertainment Director**

Class Representative's

Oriana Claeys

Belle Worley

Wylie Schwanke

Lakota Stock

- The CES Student Council held elections and the following results were recorded:

Aspen Holstein – President

Ram Stock – Vice President

Mava Yenna – Secretary

Eziekel Jenkins – Treasurer

Class Representative's

Arianna Vickers – 5th grade

Karmen Marvin – 4th Grade

Avner Yenna – 3rd Grade

Personnel

- CEMS SEALS teacher position is vacant
- CMS SPED Aide position is filled pending CCSD Board Approval

Craig Elementary Certified Staff

- K – Mr. Tobias Frieb
- 1st – Ms. Grace Beckham
- 2nd – Ms. Vanessa James
- 3rd – Mr. Bernie Grieve
- 4th – Mrs. Heather Mendoza
- 5th – Mr. Mike Nelson
- Title I – Mrs. Christy House
- CES SPED Teacher – Mrs. Marsha Browder

Craig Elementary Classified Staff

- Migrant Education – Mrs. Melissa Smith
- SPED Aide – Mrs. Linda Heidy
- SPED Aide – Mrs. Amanda Vickers
- SPED Aide – Mrs. Shirley Brazille
- SPED Aide – Mrs. Lonnie Bennett
- SPED Aide - Mrs. Tina Nelson
- GenEd Aide – Mrs. Anne Myre

CEMS Classified Staff

- Library Paraprofessional – Mrs. Tamara Cross
- CMS Custodian – Mr. Doyle Canada
- CES Custodian – Mr. Thomas Mills
- Maintenance – Mr. Trampus Conatser
- Computer Tech II – Mrs. Karen Packer
- Nutrition Service Assistant – Mr. Alan Burk
- Nutrition Service Assistant – Mrs. Nora Kampnich

CMS Certified Staff

- Math – Mr. Howie Daggs
- Language Arts – Mr. Bill Seibel
- Social Studies – Mrs. Courtney Frieb
- Science – Mr. Hollis Yenna
- SEALS - Mr. Ronnie Fairbanks

CMS Classified Staff

- Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Sandra Marker

CES Classified Staff

- Administrative Assistant – Mrs. Kellie Ebbighausen

CEMS Certified Staff

- Music – Mrs. Rachael Balcom
- P.E. – Mr. Troy Thain

State of Alaska “READS Act”

- The Alaska READS ACT Legislation has progressed since it’s ratification in June of 2022 becoming the focal point of many Alaska school districts heading into the 2023 – 2024 school year. On September 1, 2023, CES submitted a K-3 MTSS Plan detailing the CCSD Screening Tool (Amplify mClass Dibels 8th Edition), the CCSD Core Curriculum for Tier I, II and III (Into Reading, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness), the Interventions in use for Tier II and Tier III (NWEA MAP Growth, Fountas – Pinnell, Star Reading Early Literacy and Star Reading).
- K-3 students were assessed by Christy House, CEMS Title I teacher in September using the Amplify mClass Dibels 8th Edition screening tool. The READS Act legislation dictates the assessing of K-3 students, but Mrs. House conducted a full sweep of the entire CES (K-5) student population. If a student scores in the proficient range after the initial baseline, the student continues with the CCSD Universal Core Curriculum with no Interventions (Tier I). Progress monitoring continues via MAP Growth in the winter and AK Star in the spring. If a student scores in the below proficient range, the student continues with the Universal Core Curriculum, as well as, mClass Dibels 8th Edition Progress Monitoring on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis, administered by the Title I Reading Specialist (Christy House). Christy also performs weekly push-in or pull-out intervention administration (Tier II). Progress monitoring continues with Star Reading or Star Reading Early Literacy depending upon grade level every 4 weeks in CES classrooms and NWEA MAP Growth in the winter and AK Star in the spring. If a student scores well below proficient, the student continues with the Universal Core

Curriculum and weekly/daily pull-out intervention with the Title I Reading Specialist. Progress monitoring continues with Star Reading or Star Reading Early Literacy depending upon grade level every 4 weeks in the CES classroom and NWEA MAP Growth in the winter and AK Star in the spring. K - 3 instructors will be required to complete State of Alaska Science of Reading coursework by June of 2025. All Alaska schools which have K – 3 exposure will be required to have building principals who have also completed the State of Alaska Science of Reading for Leaders coursework by June 2025.

As stated before, Mrs. Christy House, CEMS Title I teacher performed the first set of mClass Dibels 8th Edition assessments for K-5 CES students. Grade levels K-3 assessments are required by the State of Alaska to be completed by 09/29/2023. We met the deadline with time to spare. With these baseline tests it was determined which students fell into the “Well Below Proficient” category. The CES has approximately 35 students who fall within the “Well Below Proficient” category. They will be assigned an Individual Reading Intervention Plan with weekly progress monitoring. Mrs. House will lead all READS Act intervention services and documentation. The READS Act requires parent participation. Written notification to parents is to be sent home on a regular basis. It is our hope that this population of students can be elevated to a “Below Proficient” category and eventually attain “Proficient” status.

CMS Basketball Practice Schedule

□ CMS BB practice:

Monday - Thursday 3:00PM – 4:30PM (On a rotating Girls/ Boys Schedule)

Monday - Thursday 4:30PM – 6:00PM (On a rotating Girls/ Boys Schedule)

Friday 2:00PM – 3:30PM (On a rotating Girls/ Boys Schedule)

Friday 3:30PM – 5:00PM (On a rotating Girls/ Boys Schedule)

CMS Cheerleading Practice

Monday – Friday – 3:00PM - 4:00PM in the CEMS Cafeteria

CMS NAEP Testing

- CMS has been selected to participate in the nationwide 2024 testing administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). CMS 8th grade students will participate in both math and language arts assessments on February 27, 2024.

CEMS Counselor Report

Ms. Peavey K-8 School Counselor **October 2023** Summary

~Visits to K-5 classrooms to cover SecondStep Character Education lessons - so far the following topics have been discussed:

Who the school counselor is and what my roles and responsibilities are here at CEMS, how to find me throughout the day, and who to go to if you need immediate support. The first few lessons in SecondStep include Listening with Attention, Empathy & Respect, Using Positive Self-Talk, Growth Mindset, alongwith creating "I Am" Flowers from TeachersPayTeachers - lessons always begin with a Brain Building activity such as "Stand Up/Sit Down" (Stand Up if you enjoy coming to school, Stand Up if you have a brother or sister who go to this school, Stand Up if you enjoy reading, etc.)

~Begin each morning in the CES Cafeteria greeting all K-5 students and give extra help to our K-1 students transition from home to get ready for the school day with breakfast

~Facilitated statewide Department of Education Wall of Hope activity with Community Connections visitors for Suicide Prevention Week - had students write 1-3 things they're hopeful for for the future and taped them on a big banner in CMS Hallway

~Plan for Red Ribbon Week next month and coordinate with Craig PD and PeaceHealth classroom visits in K-8

~Provide a calm, safe atmosphere for students with daily individual and small-group school counseling services and lunch bunch groups for K-8 students

~Daily classroom visits to do informal check-ins with students and provide support for classroom teachers

~Attend CEMS Staff meetings

~Parent/guardian letters and phone calls home to build relationships and keep open communication

~Offered support services and resources for students and families post propane leak and national bomb threat

~Attend CMS SRP Training and be available for questions from students

~Provide student(s) with resources regarding coping strategies and skills while connecting to SEARHC, Community Connections, and American/Alaskan School Counseling Resources on mental health topics

-Correspondence with SEAK Office of Children's Services

Thanks,

Melissa

Teacher Reports

Heather Mendonsa 4th Grade Teacher

- Fourth grade moving along! We are focusing on decoding for reading and spelling. Reading fluency has also been practiced daily. We had a mini unit in social studies learning about how to read maps and identify the continents and oceans. We are now doing a science unit on the Human Body, which is integrated with our language arts program. The class wrote some

fractured fairy tales last month. This month, they are writing their first explanatory essay. The class is also beginning multiple digit multiplication. When we aren't focused on the core programs we are learning how to embrace the wind storms and make amazing airplanes! The class is looking forward to the Halloween party at the end of the month.

Tobias Frieb
Kindergarten Teacher / CEMS Athletic Director
Craig Elementary School

The Elementary student council is getting ready for a busy year. They will be opening the student store on Fridays and helping with the concession stand at the middle school basketball games. To encourage team spirit the student council will be buying every elementary student a T-shirt with "Craig Panthers". The student council board is excited to put on its first event on October 28. We will be hosting a movie night for the community.

Courtney Frieb
CMS Social Studies

Student council elections happened in the middle school and we have officers and representatives elected from all 3 grades. They have held their first meeting and are excited for their positions and have some exciting things planned for this school year.

CMS is gearing up for the Halloween Carnival. Students are excited to put this on for the elementary and young children in the community.

7th grade social studies just completed a history/STEM assignment. They built Roman Chariots and then used the Sphero Robot to race them in the gym. Thank you to the CCSD tech department for all their work in having these things available for our students!

Current Enrollment

K - 15

1 - 14

2 - 15

3 - 17

4 - 14

5 - 18 = Total 97/ Female - 39/ Male - 58

6 – 22

7 – 24

8 – 13 = Total 59/ Female – 33/ Male - 26

Total Enrollment for CEMS - 156