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School Board Report December 2023

Craig Elementary/ Middle School Calendar of Events

- 12/01/2023 – Native Youth Gathering Day - CES
- 12/01/2023 - 4:00PM Set Up for 12/02/2023 “Breakfast With Santa”
- 12/02/2023 - PTSA Sponsored “Breakfast With Santa” 9:00AM - 1:00PM
- 12/02/2023 - CMS Masquerade Ball @ CMS Gym 6:00PM - 8:00PM
- 12/04/2023 - CCSD Retention Committee Meeting @ CES Library 6:00PM
12/06/2023 - CES Staff Meeting @ 3:00PM - CES Library
- 12/07/2023 - CES K-4 Holiday Concert Rehearsal 8:05AM @CMS Gym
- 12/07/2023 -CES K-4 Holiday Concert 6:30PM @ CMS Gym
- 12/12/2023 - CMS Staff Meeting
- 12/12/2023 - 5th Grade, CMS and CHS Holiday Concert @CHS Auditorium
6:30PM
- 12/14/2023- CHS Elder Christmas Concert @ CHS Auditorium
- 12/15/2023 - Last day of before Christmas break begins

Craig Elementary/ Middle School December Month in Review:

The month of December consists of 11 school days. Of those 11 days, 3 included student activities conducted during and after school hours. CES hosted its first “Native Youth Fall Gathering Day” on December 1st. The CCSD Indigenous Committee, which consists of Haida/ Tlingit community members, teachers and administrators, organized the all day event. The guest speaker

Our students will be lifelong learners who will be resilient, compassionate, self-sufficient members of society.
CCSD will provide an environment that empowers every student, every day to transfer their learning to life.

was Jon Rowan who explained the cultural workings in regards to making totem poles. He also was a Story Telling presenter in each of the elementary classrooms. Leslie Sheakley worked with students in the CMS Staff room preparing and cooking Frybread. Ken Yates worked alongside Jon Rowan presenting various cultural stories. Julie Yates and Nicole Mackie presented Baby Raven Reads, which included crafts for kids to work on. Yvette Taylor was the Haida, Tlingit, Tsimshian languages presenter. Kaila Canada and Judy Helgesen traveled to elementary classrooms giving Weaving lessons. Rob Yates was charged with presenting Haida language education. CTA provided each student and staff member with t-shirts to commemorate the event. We hope this can be an annual event. The students really enjoyed the day! On December 2nd CCSD PTSA sponsored a community wide event titled "Breakfast With Santa Claus". The event was widely attended by area community members. CEMS students, PTSA members and volunteers decorated the CMS gym, cooked waffles and sausages along with Hot Cocoa. Of course the main event was Santa on the stage posing with children for their traditional Christmas photo. Kudos to Amy Hjort, PTSA President, for organizing the event.

The annual K-4 Winter Concert, this year titled "Make A Joyful Noise" is scheduled for December 7th at 6:30PM. CCSD PTSA is providing cookies as an after concert snack. CES 5th grade will once again participate in the Winter concert held at CHS along with CMS Band members and CHS Band members. Mrs. Balcom always puts on a terrific program!

- . A **Lockdown, Evacuate & Shelter** training was to be conducted on 11/02/2023 with a drill to follow on 11/03/2023. I have rescheduled the training for December 13th with the drill to follow on 12/14/2023. The drill will be announced. All subsequent drills will be unannounced. I will attempt to involve Craig Police and Emergency Response Teams to assist in the **Lockdown, Evacuate & Shelter Drill**.
- **2023 CEMS Fall MAP Growth Benchmarks:** We have completed all required exams. (From Fall 2022 - Fall 2023) Scores of note are as follows:
CMS Math Takeaways:
6th Grade - Two students scored in the 75th percentile
7th Grade - Two students scored in the 73rd percentile
8th Grade - One student scored in the 83rd percentile

CMS MAP Reading Takeaways

6th Grade - One student scored in the 92nd percentile, One student scored in the 90th percentile and One student scored in the 85th percentile

7th Grade - One student scored in the 92nd percentile, One student scored in the 88th percentile in the 73rd percentile.

8th Grade - Two students scored in the 90th percentile

CES Math Takeaways (4th & 5th Grades)

5th Grade - One student scored in the 90th percentile, one student scored in the 80th percentile and One student scored in the 75th percentile

4th Grade - One student scored in the 99th percentile, One student scored in the 80th percentile, One student scored in the 73rd percentile

- CEMS is proceeding with WIDA and NAEP testing requirements. All documents have been completed and returned. We have a 01/03/2023 appointment with the NAEP Field Staff regarding our February 27, 2023 test date.

□ 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. Of our 13 8th Grade students, some are taking the NAEP Math test while other are taking the NAP Reading test.

Personnel

- CEMS SEALS teacher position is vacant

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. Loni Bennett
- SPED Aide - Ms. Madison Stumpf
- 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

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
- Counseling - Melissa Peavey

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 will submit 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.

UPDATE*

Mrs. House has begun parental meetings, as required by the READS Act Legislation. Letters were mailed out with appointment times. The response has been good.

UPDATE**

A READS Act Community Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023 at 5:30.

TEACHER SNAPSHOTS!

Kindergarten:

We have completed all letter names/sounds and are working on making complete sentences using our sight words. In math we are focusing on counting to 100 and counting money.

CES student council:

The student council is putting on 2 events. We are having a tree decorating contest in the elementary school and are also having a penny war. All proceeds will be donated to the family affected in Wrangell.

CEMS Athletics:

Wrestling is starting up in January when the students get back from break.

Tobias Frieb

Kindergarten Teacher / CEMS Athletic Director

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Hi,

Currently have students working on block coding Java Script in Coding, 6th-grade math is working on converting ratios, tables, graphs, and equations into one another. 7th-grade is currently working on identifying terms in expressions, and 8th-grade is solving Algebraic expressions using the Algebra Mat. Small Engines is finishing the safety unit and starting to identify the tools unit.

Thanks,

Howie Daggs

CMS Math Teacher

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Current Enrollment

K - 15

1 - 14

2 - 15

3 - 18

4 - 14

5 - 18 = Total 98

6 - 22

7 - 22

8 - 13 = Total 57

Total Enrollment for CEMS - 155