

CRAIG ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL



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April Board Report
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As we move into the final stretch of the school year, I want to share updates and celebrate the work happening across CEMS. This report includes information on staffing, enrollment, student learning, activities, and upcoming events. I am grateful for the dedication of our staff, the hard work of our students, and the support of our families and community. I also want to extend a sincere thank you to our substitute teachers for their support this year—we truly could not have made it through without them.

Our CMS staff and students are also looking forward to the opportunity to move into the newly renovated building. We are hopeful that we will receive the green light soon to take this important next step.

CEMS Staffing Updates

I am pleased to share that we have successfully filled our K–12 Health and PE position. CCSD has received a signed commitment from Ms. Jessica Becker, who will be joining our team in this role. With this addition, CEMS is now fully staffed for the upcoming school year.

CEMS Enrollment (as of April 25, 2025)

- **CES:** 82 students
 - **CMS:** 46 students
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CEMS Extracurricular Activities

CMS Volleyball - Our CMS volleyball team recently competed in their final event of the season, bringing a successful year to a close. We congratulate our student-athletes on their hard work, growth, and accomplishments throughout the season.

With the conclusion of volleyball, all CMS extracurricular activities have now wrapped up for the school year. We extend our sincere appreciation to the coaches, staff, parents, and community members whose support made these opportunities possible for our Panthers.

CEMS Events and Highlights -

CEMS Awards Assemblies - We held our Quarter 3 awards assemblies in April, recognizing students for their academic achievement. These assemblies provided an opportunity to celebrate student success, effort, and growth in their learning. We are proud of the accomplishments demonstrated by our students this quarter and appreciate the continued support of staff and families in helping them reach these milestones.

CCSD Staff In-Service – Staff participated in an in-service on Monday, April 20. The session featured James Nottingham, who continued his work with our team on the Learning Pit, deepening our understanding of how to support student learning through productive struggle.

CEMS Spring Concerts – Students in grades 5–12 showcased their talents at the Craig Spring Concert on April 21, which was a great success. We look forward to our CES students taking the stage for their performance on May 12.

CES Earth Day Cleanups – In recognition of Earth Day on April 22, our K–2 students participated in campus and community clean-up efforts, focusing on school grounds and nearby roads. Our older students will be engaging in similar activities in the coming days as we continue this important work. We appreciate the efforts of our students, teachers, and volunteers for their commitment to service and for helping care for our school and community.

CMS Tour for 5th Grade / Upcoming 6th Graders – Our current 5th grade students toured the newly renovated CMS building, and there was great excitement as they explored their future learning environment. This visit helped students begin preparing for the transition to middle school next year, and we look forward to welcoming them as 6th graders.

CEMS Assessment Updates

CCSD is currently in the midst of our state testing window. The AK STAR assessment is administered to students in grades 3–9, and the Alaska Science Assessment is given in grades 5, 8, and 10. Most students have completed the required testing, and we are using this final week to finish a small number of make-up assessments. The testing window closes on May 1.

Our K–3 students will complete their final mClass DIBELS assessments in the coming month. These results will help us measure reading growth over the course of the year and inform how we support students as they transition into the next school year.

Upcoming Activities and Events

- April 27 - May 15: CES 4th and 5th Grades - Voices on the Land
- May 4: School Psych (Theresa Slavik) on Campus
- May 12: K - 4th Spring Concert @ 6:30 at CHS Auditorium
- May 18-22: Sea Week
- May 25: Memorial Day - No School
- May 28: CHS Graduation