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School Board Report December 2021

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
18	16	12	14	16	20	13	17	27	153

Total Student Enrollment: CES (K-5) @ 96 & CMS (6-8) @ 57 Students

Appreciations

- Thank you to Mrs. Kellie Ebbighausen and Mrs. Sandra Marker for their assistance with mid-quarter reports. All CEMS progress reports were printed and mailed home to parents/guardians by Friday, December 3, 2021.
- Thank you to Rogan Hanson for his work in getting the CES Kid Cupboard Project up and rolling in the elementary school.
- Thank you in advance to Mrs. Rachael Balcom for coordinating the CEMS Winter Music Concerts. A special thanks in advance to PTSA volunteers for helping with elementary concert decorations and for providing refreshments after the concerts as well.

CEMS School Events

- December 1st – CEMS Mid-Quarter 2
- December 3rd – CEMS Friday Collaboration/K-8 Social Studies Curricula Resource Review
- December 9th – CES K-4th Grade Winter Concert (@ CMS Gym)
- December 15th – CMS Shifty Santa Event
- December 16th – CES 5th/CMS/CHS Band Winter Concert (@ CHS Auditorium)
- December 17th – CMS Winter Celebration Day + CCSD Staff Holiday Party
- December 20th - January 2nd – CCSD Winter Break (School Resumes 1/3/22)

CEMS Student Council Food Drive/Community Service Project Updates

- The CEMS Student Councils sponsored food drives in each building the week before Thanksgiving break, in which our CEMS students brought in 892 food items, weighing over 850 pounds!
- The donated goods were gifted to the Salvation Army in Klawock on Tuesday, November 23rd, in an effort to help families in need on Prince of Wales Island.

CES Kid Cupboard

- Rogan Hanson provided individual elementary classroom presentations regarding the CES Kid Cupboard, which is now up and rolling!
- As you may recall, the CES Kid Cupboard was Rogan's Eagle Scout Project. Rogan built the cupboard as a community service project designed to help CES students in need.
- The CES Kid Cupboard will be open at the end of each school week to students in need of food/snacks over the weekend. In Rogan's classroom presentations, he explained that the CES Kid Cupboard works on a "trust" policy. Students understand they only take food, if

they need food. Additionally, Rogan suggested if there were students that would like to support the CES Kid Cupboard project, that they could bring in packaged, shelf stable food items to donate to the CES Kid Cupboard.

- On December 2nd, the CES Student Council approved developing a partnership with Rogan, in an effort to support and sustain the CES Kid Cupboard project within the elementary school. Craig PTSA is also supporting the project, in which is much appreciated as well.

CEMS Winter Concerts

- Our CEMS Winter Concerts are right around the corner! Please note, these events will be mitigated accordingly. Masking and social distancing expectations have been communicated to all stakeholders.
- For additional reference, Mrs. Balcom's CEMS Bulletin messages to CEMS parents and guardians read as follows:
 - *"The CES K-4th graders have been working hard to prepare their winter musical - Flakes! A Musical Celebration of Snow, Slush, and Snirt! Singing, dancing, acting and reacting are all a part of preparing for a musical. We look forward to presenting our musical to the public on December 9th at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!"*
 - *"The Craig Middle School Band students are hard at work preparing for their winter concert on December 16th. We have a small group this year, but they are working hard on learning their notes and how to play musically together as a group. Using playing tests and rehearsing in class, these students show the development of key skills that are musically important. Communication, collaboration, and listening skills are just several of the many skills and concepts the CMS Band students learn when playing as an ensemble. Please encourage your children to join music - any kind of music class or ensemble - as it benefits them not only artistically but academically and socially as well. Also, encourage your children who are already in music to continue to develop their musical abilities at home through practice. We look forward to seeing you at our concert on December 16th at 6:30pm at the CHS Auditorium!"*

CES Paper Chain Challenge & Toy Drive

- The CES Student Council is sponsoring two (2) events for elementary students to participate with in December. The first is a CES Paper Chain Challenge and the second is a CES Toy Drive. Please refer to the flyers attached at the bottom of my Board Report for additional information in regards to these events.

CMS Winter Celebration Day

- On Friday, December 17th the CMS will host a Winter Celebration Day. Group activities involving the entire student body will be mitigated accordingly. Students will also have a chance to participate in a service-learning project along with a hands-on workshop session of their choice.
- The service-learning project involves sending season greetings to the Senior Center in Klawock. Students will choose a seasonal card, color it themselves, and add a festive message in the card. Cards will be signed by/from the "Craig Middle School" and delivered to the Senior Center, in an effort to brighten a senior or elder's day.

- Winter Celebration workshop sessions are organized and taught by staff working in the CMS. Please view the workshop title and teacher list below for ease of reference:
 - *Cocoa & Karaoke – Mrs. Balcom*
 - *Mason Jar Candle Holders – Ms. Peavey*
 - *Fishing Fly Ornaments – Mr. Seibel*
 - *Winter Themed String Art – Ms. Wood*
 - *Felt Ornaments – Ms. Alzner*
 - *Sugar Cube Houses – Mr. Yenna*
 - *Handsewn Mini Fur Mitten Ornaments – Mr. Williams*
 - *Alder Salad Tongs – Mr. Andrews*
 - *Watercolor Holiday Cards – Mrs. Packer*
- We are looking forward to building student and staff relationships during our Winter Celebration Day and believe the event will continue to support our positive school climate in the CMS. Thank you in advance for your support of our efforts.

CEMS Athletics Updates

- CMS Wrestling will begin on January 4th, 2022 – Mr. Chuck Hanson is the middle school wrestling coach. The CMS wrestlers are scheduled to compete in Craig, Wrangell, and Ketchikan this year.

Volunteers...a BIG thanks! 😊

- **CES Kid Cupboard Volunteer:** Rogan Hanson

CES Paper Chain Challenge!



Sponsored by CES Student Council
November 29th - December 8th, 2021

How does the challenge work?

The CES Student Council has provided elementary teachers & staff with 3-colors of pre-cut, paper-chain links. Students will be provided a certain "link" when teachers or staff observe the according bucket-filling behaviors:

Dark Blue Link = Using Manners & Being Considerate

Light Blue Link = Helping & Being Nice to Others

White Link = Performing a Random Act of Kindness

When students receive a "link" they will write their name on the corner of the "link" in pencil & turn it in to the elementary office (Ms. Kellie). Each day names will be transferred in a fancy, decorative font by marker & added to our CES Paper Chain. At the end of the challenge, the paper chain will be provided to Mrs. Balcom & used for decoration at the CES Winter Concert!

Join the fun, elementary students! The CES Student Council encourages you to accept the challenge, fill some buckets, and decorate for our Winter Concert all at the same time!



**Sponsored by CES Student Council
December 13th - December 17th, 2021**

How does a Toy Drive work?

A Toy Drive helps provide children of all ages with a brand new toy/gift over the holiday season.

How can I help?

If you would like to support the CES Toy Drive, please feel free to bring a pre-purchased and brand new toy to the elementary office anytime from December 13-December 17th.

Where will my donation go?

The CES will donate all toys from the CES Toy Drive to the Klawock Salvation Army. Donated toys will be gifted to families and children in need on POW by the Salvation Army on behalf of the Craig Elementary School.

**~Bring a TOY & Spread the JOY~
Thank you for your support!**

