



Craig Elementary & Middle School

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CEMS School Board Report March 2021

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
15	12	14	12	18	13	14	25	21	144

Total Student Enrollment: CES (K-5) @ 84 & CMS (6-8) @ 60 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, Ms. Courtney Wood and Ms. Karen Packer for their support of CES Read Across America Week and all CMS student volunteers (see volunteer list below) who participated with our CES Virtual Read Aloud initiative.
- Thank you to Mrs. Christy House for coordinating the Virtual CEMS School-side Spelling Bee for the CEMS. Thank you to Mr. Bill Seibel and Ms. Melissa Peavey for their assistance in judging the bee also.
- Thank you in advance to Mr. Hollis Yenna for coordinating the Virtual Science Fair for the CEMS, which is scheduled to take place via Zoom on Thursday, March 18th. Stay tuned!

CEMS School Events & Activities

- March 1-5th – CES Read Across America Week
- March 3rd – CEMS Virtual School-wide Spelling Bee
- March 11-12th – CCSD In-Service (No School)
- March 18th – CEMS Virtual Science Fair
- March 19th – CCSD End of Quarter 3
- March 19th – CCSD Collaborative Meetings (ELA Curriculum Review)
- March 22-26th – CCSD Spring Break (No School)
- March 29th – CMS Quarter 4 Start/New Schedules

CEMS Battles & Bees!

- **CEMS Battle of the Books Updates:**
 - Thank you once again to Mrs. Wendy Brown for her time and dedication with our 3/4 and 5/6 Battle of the Books Teams.
 - Our 3/4 Team included Jack Conatser, Harper Grosenbaugh, Mable Nelson, & Wylie Schwanke – they ranked 7th out of 29 teams. Our 5/6 Team included Madison Conatser, Payton McCoy, Brooke Sharpe, & Ashlynn Smith – they ranked 7th out of 30 teams. Congratulations to both teams for their reading diligence and battle accomplishments.
- **CEMS Virtual School-wide Spelling Bee Updates:**
 - As mentioned in my February Board Report, the CEMS School-wide Spelling Bee was virtual this year and was held on Wednesday, March 3rd via Zoom.

- Unfortunately, some unforeseen technological issues caused our bee to be a tad delayed – we began shortly after 8:30 am, rather than 8:15 am. Nonetheless, our mitigation plans for the bee were carried through accordingly, and I'm pleased to report that in the mist of a few electronic glitches, our first virtual bee was a success. Moreover, students, staff, parents/guardians, and community members joined the virtual event in an effort to support our spellers.
- With that said, our classroom finalists competing in the CEMS Virtual School-wide Spelling Bee were as follows: Aspen Hulstein & Jayaraj Panicker (2nd Grade), Wylie Schwanke & Laney Lucero (3rd Grade), McKinley Burgess-Fitzpatrick & Arianna George-Sheakley (4th Grade), Brooke Sharpe & DJ Peel (5th Grade), Liam Andrews & Ashlynn Smith (6th Grade), Mae Grosenbaugh & Kaileia Durgan (7th Grade), and Wes Mank & Jeremy Newcomb (8th Grade).
- Please join me in celebrating Mae Grosenbaugh (7th Grade). Mae was our CEMS School-wide Spelling Bee Champion and is scheduled to compete at the Virtual Alaska State Spelling Bee on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

CES Read Across America Week

- The CES Student Council hosted exciting activities all week from March 1st – March 5th 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 two (2) themed spirit days and were entered into a “just for fun” raffle drawing as well.
- In addition, the council arranged for a special Dr. Seuss lunch, virtual read aloud sessions with volunteering middle school students, classroom visits with a masked Thing 1 & Thing 2, 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, the week was a blast for our elementary students and our school-wide goal to promote love for reading was accomplished.



The CES Student Council is honored to host elementary reading activities in recognition of Read Across America Day the week of March 1st - March 5th, 2021.

Here's a glimpse of what's happening!

- **Dr. Seuss Spirit Days:**
 - March 2nd: Celebrate Cat in the Hat & wear red & white!
 - March 4th: Celebrate Fox in Sox & wear crazy or mix-match socks!
 - PS - Earn a ticket each day for participating in each Spirit Day to be entered in a raffle drawing on Friday, March 5th.
- **Dr. Seuss Food:**
 - March 2nd: Surprise! It'll be a FUN Breakfast/Lunch Day!
- **Dr. Seuss Visitors:**
 - March 5th: Masked Thing 1 & Thing 2 will visit all classes & have a surprise for each student!
- **Dr. Seuss Hide & Seek:**
 - March 5th: Keep your eyes peeled and find 12 Dr. Seuss characters in and around the CES during school transitions!
- **Virtual CMS Student Readers:**
 - Enjoy a virtual classroom read aloud with a CMS Student!



CMS Virtual Science Fair

- Our annual CEMS Science Fair will be a virtual event this year and is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 18th.
- Beginning at 6:00 pm, more than 40 - student designed and student led - projects will be presented via Zoom. We will be conducting an elementary session as well as a 6th grade session, a 7th grade session, and an 8th grade session. The Zoom link will be made available to all parents/guardians and students as well as will be included in the CEMS School Bulletins.
- CEMS Science Fair projects will fall under one of the following categories: Health and Safety, Boys vs. Girls, and Animal Science. Thank you for your continual support of our co-curricular school events and activities.

CEMS PEAKS State Assessments Update

- The Performance Evaluation for Alaska Schools (PEAKS) Assessment Window will open on Monday, March 29, 2021. As that is the Monday immediately following CCSD's Spring Break, the CEMS will be looking at the week of April 5th or April 12th for PEAKS Testing in the elementary & middle school.
- Please make note that students in Grades 3-8 will be administered the computer-based version of the PEAKS Assessment 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 6th (ELA), Wednesday, April 7th (MA), and Thursday, April 8th (SCI/5th only). Grades 6-8 in the middle school are to be scheduled to test the following week on Tuesday, April 13th (ELA), Wednesday, April 14th (MA), and Thursday, April 15th (SCI/8th only).
- Testing will begin at approximately 8:15AM in the elementary and middle school. The estimated total testing time for each individual assessment varies and can be anywhere from 60-105 minutes; however, the tests are not timed, so students may take as long as they need – up to one school day.

CMS Athletics Update

- The CMS has been collaborating with other school districts on our island in an effort to hold a middle school basketball season this April/May. We plan to use the ASAA Basketball mitigation plan for practices and games as well as will have school specific mitigation plans in place as per the CCSD Smart Start Plan.

Volunteers...a BIG thanks! 😊

- **CMS Virtual Student Readers:** Kai Durgan (7th), Ashton Bean (7th), Liam Andrews (6th), Madison Conatser (6th), Grant Maygren (8th), Savannah Stamon (8th), & Ashlynn Smith (6th)
- **CMS Masked Thing 1 & Thing 2:** Olivia Callier (7th) & Chelsea Thompson (7th)