



Craig Elementary & Middle School

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School Board Report April 2022

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| 19 | 15 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 23 | 11 | 17 | 28 | 156 |

Total Student Enrollment: CES (K-5) @ 100 & CMS (6-8) @ 56 Students

Appreciations

- Thank you to Mrs. Kellie Ebbighausen and Mrs. Sandra Marker for their assistance with third quarter report cards. CEMS report cards were printed and mailed by Friday, April 2nd.
- Thank you to Mrs. Karen Packer, Mrs. Kellie Ebbighausen, and Mrs. Sandra Marker for their assistance with compiling our third quarter student honor awards and recognitions. The CEMS Virtual Honors Assemblies were held on Friday, April 9th.
- Thank you to our CCSD Testing Coordinator, Mrs. Cindy Glore, for her coordination efforts of the Alaska System of Academic Readiness (AK STAR) for CCSD. The CES completed state testing the week of April 4th, whereas the CMS completed state testing the week of April 11th.
- Thank you to Mrs. Christy House, Mr. Tim Bloodgood, Mr. Cody Williams, as well as Ms. Kristi Ford, Ms. Linda Frame, and Mr. Abel Ryan, for working collaboratively to schedule an in-school residency known as Voices on the Land. The opportunity began April 8th and ended April 20th and has been a wonderful cultural and literacy opportunity for our 4th and 5th grade students.
- Thank you to Mr. Mike Nelson and Mr. Tobias Frieb for their collaborative efforts in planning our CES Family Game Night scheduled for Thursday, April 28th. Thank you to all CES Teachers for giving their time to this event in an effort to connect and build strong partnerships with the families of our elementary students.
- Thank you to our CMS Athletic Director, Mr. Chuck Hanson, for his work in coordinating a very successful CMS Stikine Volleyball Tournament in Craig. Given the end of volleyball marks the end of our extra-curricular athletic programs at the middle school level, I would like to also extend a big thanks to all of our coaches, volunteers, and fans for their continued support of our middle school athletic programs throughout the school year this year.

Elementary & Middle School Updates

- April 1-2nd – CMS Stikine Volleyball Tournament @ Craig
- April 5-7th – CES AK STAR Testing (Grades 3-5)
- April 6th – CMS Volleyball @ Craig (vs Naukati)
- April 7th – CMS Honors Assembly (QTR 3) & CMS Volleyball @ Klawock
- April 8th – CES Staff Connectedness Activity
- April 8-9th – CMS Volleyball @ Ketchikan (Ketchikan Jamboree)
- April 8-20th – CES 4th & 5th Grades Voice on the Land (in-school residency)
- April 12-14th – CMS AK STAR Testing (Grades 6-8)
- April 15th – CES Honors Assembly (QTR 3)

- April 16th – CMS Volleyball @ Thorne Bay (Island Tourney) + End of Volleyball Season
- April 18-20th – CEMS AK STAR Make-Up Testing
- April 21-22nd – CCSD In-service/No School
- April 20th – CMS Basketball Game @ Craig/CHS (vs. Kassan)
- April 22-23rd – CCSD In-service Days (No School)
- April 28th – CES Family Game Night
- April 30th – CES Healthy Futures Challenge Ends

CMS Quarterly Electives & Student Recognitions

- As CMS elective classes are quarter based, the start of Quarter 4 brought our students choices for their new elective class. First hour elective offerings include: Audio/Video Production, Up-cycling, Basketball Techniques, Band, SEALS, & Study Hall. Seventh hour elective offerings include: Math Lab, Horticulture, Home Ec., School of Rock, & SEALS.
- Please join the CMS in recognizing the following Students of the Quarter for Third Quarter: Xavier Lawnicki (6th), Conner Heidy (7th), & Sabrina Nelson (8th).

CEMS AK STAR English/Mathematics & Alaska Science State Assessments

- As originally scheduled, CES students in grades 3-5 participated in AK STAR & AK Science Testing on Tuesday, April 5th (ELA), Wednesday, April 6th (MA), and Thursday, April 7th (SCI/5th only).
- CMS students in grades 6-8 participated in AK STAR & AK Science Testing on Tuesday, April 12th (ELA), Wednesday, April 13th (MA), and Thursday, April 14th (SCI/8th only).
- The CEMS provided an opportunity for CEMS Make-Up Testing from Monday, April 18th – Wednesday, April 20th. On Wednesday, April 20th the CEMS completed AK STAR and AK Science test administration.
- It's important to let the Board know that although the CEMS was successful in administering the computer-based state assessments, and minimal technology issues existed, the CEMS Staff and myself wasn't pleased with how testing went overall. The consensus was that NWEA missed the mark with appropriately gauging how long it would take students to test, especially at the elementary level. The CES did have students testing the entire school day, which is way too long for the developmental levels of our students. Additionally, concerns with test format were brought forward during CEMS Staff Meetings, in which our District Testing Coordinator, Cindy Glore, will provide to the State Assessment Office with the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. I would be happy to speak to these additional concerns at the Board meeting, if necessary and/or requested.
- The primary reason these concerns are being mentioned now, is to create awareness at the Board level when CCSD/CEMS Assessment Results are received in the fall. It's imperative to take this information into consideration as it may provide a better insight into what the data may, or may not, represent. Granted, this year was the first year of AK STAR Assessment implementation in the State of Alaska; hence, perhaps the constructive feedback received from districts around the state will spark change prior to state testing next year.

Voices on the Land – CES 4th & 5th Grades

- As detailed directly from a flyer provided by Sealaska, Voices on the Land is a Sealaska Heritage education program that integrates storytelling, performing arts, formline design, and digital storytelling into local schools to help students create theatrical productions, songs, scripts, and digital stories based on traditional knowledge.

- Over the next three (3) years, the Voices on the Land program will explore the artistic and cultural ways stories are told thorough and in-school artist residency. CES 4th & 5th grade classes are/were involved in their first residency from April 8 – April 20, 2022. Each residency incorporates lessons that help students strengthen literacy skills corresponding to narrative, language, speaking, and listening at grade-level standards.
- Mr. Abel Ryan is the residency artist working with our 4th & 5th grade students and has been a pleasure to work with. Please see additional details below regarding each type of residency.

VOICES ON THE LAND In-School Residencies

Voices on the Land, a Sealaska Heritage education program, integrates storytelling, performing arts, formline design, and digital storytelling into local schools to help students create theatrical productions, songs, scripts, and digital stories based on traditional knowledge.

Over the next three years, the Voices on the Land program will explore the artistic and cultural ways we tell stories through in-school artist residencies. Each residency incorporates lessons that help students strengthen literacy skills corresponding to narrative, language, speaking, and listening at grade-level standards.

Performing Arts Residency

Theater, Tlingit culture and music. This residency culminates in a student showcase. Students will share Tlingit children's songs and a Raven story with soundscape accompaniment.

Graphic Arts Residency

Storytelling through Northwest Coast formline design. Students explore the connection between the people, stories, and land using formline design to visualize traditional stories and original student works.

Digital Storytelling Residency

Visual arts exploration and stop motion animation as an entry point to exploring traditional and personal storytelling. Students will learn to utilize contemporary technologies as creators rather than consumers as they develop skills to share their stories.

Voices on the Land is a Sealaska Heritage program funded by the US Department of Education.
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CES Family Game Night

- Mr. Mike Nelson and Mr. Tobias Frieb had been coordinating a CES Family Game Night with CES Teachers. The event is planned for Thursday, April 28th at the elementary school from 6-7pm.
- The CES invites our students and their families in for a time of fun and games with CES Teachers in CES Classrooms and/or outdoor areas.
- AC's Thompson House has generously donated card and board games for our event; hence, we will also host a door prize raffle for any attending students' grades K-5th. The CES is very much looking forward to an evening of fun and games with our families and are also excited to strengthen our partnerships with the families of the students we serve.

Craig Elementary
School
Presents...

Family Night

CES invites families for a time of fun and games.

Where: Craig Elementary School
When: Thursday April 28, 6:00-7:00 pm



GAMES!!



FUN!!

CMS Athletics

- All three (3) of our CMS Volleyball Teams did very well at the MS Stikine Tournament in Craig. Our Mix 6 Team took first place and our A as well as B Team both took second place. At the Ketchikan Jamboree the CMS entered the B bracket and took first place. In Thorne Bay at the Island Tournament our Mix 6 and B Team took first place as well.
- On behalf of the middle school staff & students, I would like to thank all the coaches as well as Mr. Chuck Hanson, the middle school athletic director, for their service to our extra-curricular programs this year.
- A big thanks to all of our athletics/sports volunteers and fans this year as well!

CEMS Volunteers...a BIG thanks! 😊

- **Voices on the Land Program:** Abel Ryan