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Cedar Rapids Community School District

Just a reminder that classes are canceled and district offices are shut for today, January 12th, due to the winter storm. We hope everyone stays safe!

Winter is Here!

Now that we have snow on the ground and arctic air moving in, we wanted to remind families to send everything their student needs to stay warm and dry during the school day. If your student walks to school, is dropped off before schools open, or has to wait for a ride home, please ensure they have the appropriate winter clothing to keep them warm and protected from frostbite. Elementary and preschool students need snow pants, snow boots, and mittens/gloves to play in areas with snow during recess and before/after school. Those not wearing snow pants and boots will be required to stay on the shoveled hard surface areas. Students are also asked to change out of their boots into a dry pair of shoes when inside the building.



No School Reminder

Just a friendly reminder that there is no school for students on Monday, January 15th, and Tuesday, January 16th. While Mother Nature threw us a few curve balls this week, these were already scheduled days off. You can check out the 2023-24 CRCSD calendar to see the remaining staff learning days when school is not in session. District offices will remain open on both days.



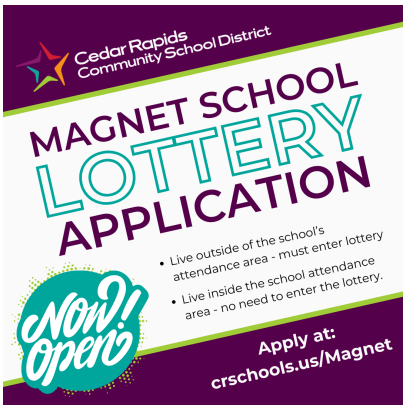
2024-2025 District Calendar Approved

The CRCSD Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 school year calendar at the board meeting on Monday night, January 8th. The calendar can be found on the district website or by clicking here. Please note that the district is moving away from the early dismissals on Fridays next year.



News and Updates

CRCSD Magnet School Lottery Open



The CRCSD magnet school lottery for the next school year (2024-25) is now open. Online applications for the magnet school lottery will be accepted through March 4, 2024. Students who live within a magnet school's attendance boundary are automatically enrolled in that school. However, if a student lives outside the magnet school's attendance zone and wishes to attend, they must enter the magnet school lottery.

Magnet schools are theme-based schools providing another choice for student learning. These schools still utilize state and district educational standards but deliver instruction within a designated theme. For more details about the district's six magnet schools and the lottery application.

Kennedy Student Wins Corridor Jazz Art Contest


"Jazz Duo" by Amari Jacobo

KCCK announced yesterday the winners of it's high school art contest. Amari Jacobo, a senior at Kennedy High School, was selected as one of the winners. Her art piece titled "Jazz Duo" will be the cover design for the "The Corridor Jazz Project XVII Album." The album is a compilation of recordings produced by Iowa's Jazz Station that features the top jazz bands from area high schools, including Jefferson, Kennedy, Prairie, Xavier, Washington HS, Linn-Mar, Marion Iowa City High, and Iowa City West High.

Four other Kennedy students received honorable mentions in the contest - Lillian Marchbanks, Alex Potts, Amanda Speidel, and Raelene Swore.

Amari's winning artwork, as well as those receiving an honorable mention, will be exhibited during the Corridor Jazz Project Concerts on March 4th at the Paramount Theatre and on March 5th at Voxman Hall of Music at the University of Iowa. For more information, visit www.kcck.org.

Supporting All Students - Crisis Prevention Update

On Sept. 12, 2022, the Cedar Rapids Community School District (CRCSD) entered into an agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) around the areas of seclusion and physical restraint of students with behavior concerns. The district has worked diligently with our buildings to ensure that we are implementing student behavior

management approaches that are evidence-based, positive, and the least restrictive means of responding to each student. As a result, our efforts heavily emphasize prevention and de-escalation strategies such as truly knowing and understanding the reason for individual student behaviors, giving student choices, listening to a student, and encouraging/collaborating with the student to find a solution.

On Thursday, January 18, 2024, the district will host a public meeting to invite the community to ask questions and comment on these student behavior strategies and the District's DOJ agreement. The meeting will be streamed live on the district's YouTube Page. The public can submit questions beforehand through this Google form.

New District Activities Director



CRCSD is pleased to announce that Adam McDonnell has been chosen as CRCSD's new District Activities Director, pending board approval. Adam has spent five years as a PE teacher and a coach and five years in administration. Most recently, Adam was the Activities and Athletics Director for Xavier High School and Ankeny High School. In this new position, Adam will oversee the high school athletic directors and all activities and athletics across the district.

"I am excited to make an impact and bring meaningful change to our programs. I look forward to building meaningful relationships with our administrators, athletic directors, coaches, students, and the community and celebrating all of the amazing things that are happening in our schools," commented Adam.

Help give Adam a warm welcome to the district.

Glance Around The District



The French Revolution Puppet Show is a long-standing tradition in Mr. Ficken's AP European History class at Washington High School. It is a fun and unique way to teach students about history.



Students at Hiawatha Elementary School were introduced to a new STEM activity, BeeBots. The students had to use the BeeBots to navigate around a map.



Students at Cedar River Academy enjoyed reading a book about birds and then made bird feeders to hang outside to help our feathered friends find food this winter!



The talented students at Garfield Elementary held a “coloring party” last week. Each class got to draw and color whatever they wanted on long sheets of paper.



Grant Wood Elementary students enjoyed the Cedar Rapids Opera’s performance of “Charlie and The Wolf.”



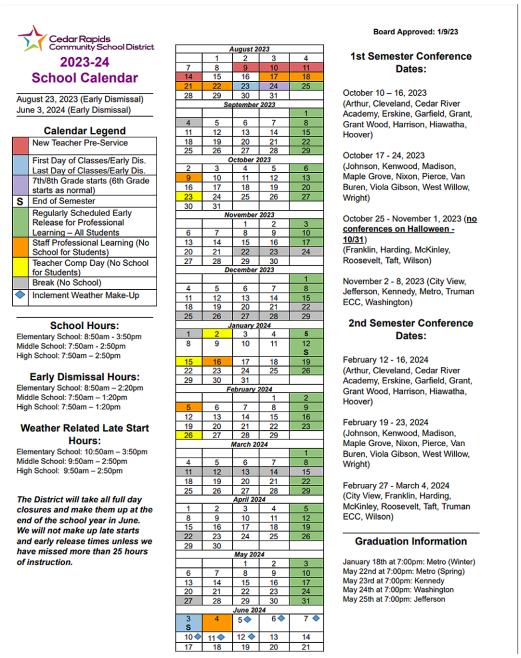
Metro High School students and teachers enjoyed a few rounds of bowling last week for their last activity of the 1st semester.

CRCSD In The News

In case you missed it, here are some of the recent stories in the news media about or of interest to students, teachers, and parents of Cedar Rapids Community School District.

- **KCRG:** Snow plows feature images painted by Cedar Rapids students
- **KCRG:** East dome at Taft reopens for students following repairs

District Calendars



Cedar Rapids Community School District

2023-24 School Calendar

August 23, 2023 (Early Dismissal)
June 3, 2024 (Early Dismissal)

Calendar Legend

- New Teacher Pre-Service
- First Day of Classes/Early Dis.
- Last Day of Classes/Early Dis.
- 7th/8th Grade starts (6th Grade starts as normal)
- S — End of Semester
- Regularly Scheduled Early Release for Professional Learning – All Students
- Staff Professional Learning (No School for Students)
- Teacher Comp Day (No School for Students)
- Break (No School)
- Inclement Weather Make-Up

School Hours:
Elementary School: 8:50am - 3:50pm
Middle School: 7:50am - 2:50pm
High School: 7:50am – 2:50pm

Early Dismissal Hours:
Elementary School: 8:50am – 2:20pm
Middle School: 7:50am – 1:20pm
High School: 7:50am – 1:20pm

Weather Related Late Start Hours:
Elementary School: 10:50am – 3:50pm
Middle School: 9:50am – 2:50pm
High School: 9:50am – 2:50pm

The District will take all full day closures and make them up at the end of the school year in June. We will not make up late starts and early release times unless we have missed more than 25 hours of instruction.

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Board Approved: 1/9/23

1st Semester Conference Dates:

October 10 – 16, 2023
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October 17 - 24, 2023
(Johnson, Kenwood, Madison, Maple Grove, Nixon, Pierce, Van Buren, Viola Gibson, West Willow, Wright)

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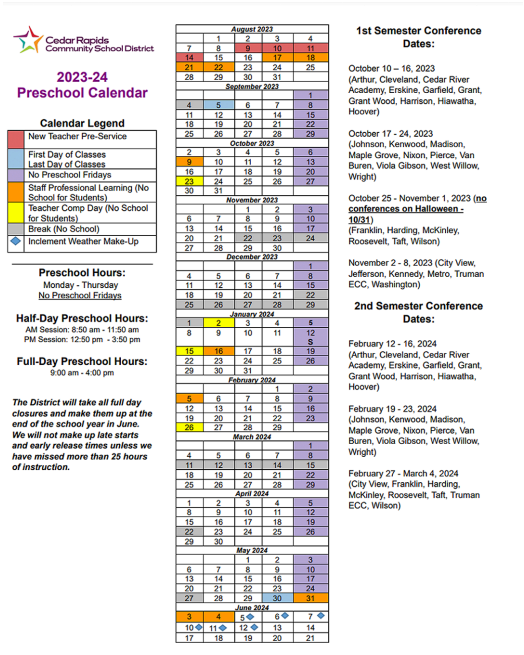
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Graduation Information

January 18th at 7:00pm: Metro (Winter)
May 22nd at 7:00pm: Metro (Spring)
May 23rd at 7:00pm: Kennedy
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May 25th at 7:00pm: Jefferson

[2023-24 School Calendar]



Cedar Rapids Community School District

2023-24 Preschool Calendar

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- Last Day of Classes
- No Preschool Fridays
- Staff Professional Learning (No School for Students)
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- Break (No School)
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Preschool Hours:
Monday - Thursday
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Jefferson High School Activities Calendar

Kennedy High School Activities Calendar

Washington High School Activities Calendar

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January 12, 2024

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