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Cedar Rapids Community School District

No School - Monday, February 5th

Just a friendly reminder that there is no school for students on Monday, February 5th. This is a scheduled day off for staff professional learning. School employees will be present in the buildings and district office on Monday. You can check out the 2023-24 CRCSD calendar to see the remaining staff learning days for the year when school is not in session.



Tentative Weather Make-Up Dates



Wow, we've had quite the winter weather in January, and who knows what February and March will bring. The groundhog did not see his shadow today, which means an early spring! So, we will have to wait and see if his prediction holds true.

With all the snow days we have had already this year, we wanted to let you know that our tentative last day of school for 2023-2024 is now **Friday, June 7, 2024**, for students. This will be an early release day. By Iowa Law, we must have 1080 instructional contact hours with students each school year. So far, we have lost 41 instructional hours this year, including five cancellations, two early releases, and one delay.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation and thank you for your continued support.

News and Updates

High School Decathlon Teams Advance to State

Congratulations to three CRCSD high school Academic Decathlon teams for their outstanding performances at the regional competition this past weekend. The Jefferson, Kennedy, and Washington teams are all moving on to the State competition. This year's academic decathlon theme is "Technology and Humanity." The Iowa High School State

Decathlon competition is taking place at Kennedy High School on March 1st and 2nd. We wish all the teams the best of luck!



MVC Boys Swim Honors

The Mississippi Valley Conference released their all-division selections for boys' swimming and diving. 13 CRCSD swimmers were awarded honors! Click the button below to see this year's honorees. Congratulations to all of our swimmers on an amazing season!



Check out the honorees

Preschool & Kindergarten Registration Now Open



We are excited to announce that preschool and kindergarten registration for the next school year (2024-2025) is now open! Preschool and kindergarten set the foundation for school success and a lifetime of learning. In fact, did you know that kids who go to a high-quality preschool are 35% less likely to drop out of school, 40% less likely to become a teen parent, and 70% less likely to be arrested for a violent crime?

CRCSD currently offers a variety of options for local families, including 3 and 4-year-old preschool, alternative kindergarten, and traditional kindergarten. Our preschool and kindergarten classrooms provide a safe and nurturing environment where students are embraced, educated, and empowered to be future-ready. Click here to enroll now!

Student Spotlight

From Classroom to CEO: A Roosevelt Student Entrepreneur

Connor Fitzgerald, a 7th grader at Roosevelt Creative Corridor Business Academy, is proving that age is not a barrier when it comes to turning ideas into reality. Not only is he trying to navigate middle school and all that it entails, but he is also navigating the world of business and entrepreneurship, fueled by the knowledge and opportunities magnet schools have provided him.

Connor began his educational journey at Johnson STEAM Academy, where he explored his passion for art, innovation, and project-based learning through the magnet school's program. The school also sparked his interest in business, engineering, and entrepreneurship and led to his first business venture at the age of 8. He set up a small table in his mom's cafe to sell his intricately crafted paper snowflakes to patrons for a $1 or a goodwill donation. In a matter of weeks, he had raised $60, a portion of which he donated to a nonprofit. He was hooked from there.



Learn more about Connor

Girls Wrestlers Qualify For State



The second year of girls' high school wrestling in Iowa is coming to an end. Last week, girls from across the state competed in the super regionals, trying to qualify for the state tournament, which started yesterday. We are excited to announce that five CRCSD girls have punched their ticket to the state - Josephine Budederi (Jefferson, 10th), Emma York (Jefferson, 11th), Olivia Hallam (Kennedy, 10th), Joscelyn Stricker (Kennedy, 10th), and Ella Brown (Kennedy, 11th). Congratulations!

Third-Grade Clay Exhibit



Third-grade students from across the district are sharing the clay projects they made in art class in an exhibit at the downtown Cedar Rapids Public Library. Their creations will be on display in the Beems Auditorium A/B.

- **Saturday, February 3 - 2:30 - 4:00 PM**
- **Sunday, February 4 - 1:00 - 5:00 PM**
- **Monday, February 5 - Thursday, February 8th *(Regular Library Hours)***
- ***Friday, February 9 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM***
- ***Saturday, February 10 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM***

Glance Around The District



It was a battle of the minds at Taft Middle School's Spelling Bee this week. The top three finishers were Kinnick Bascom (1st),



Cedar River Academy first-grade students learned about the sun's movement across the sky by tracking its



The first crops have been harvested at Metro High School's new greenhouse. Students gathered snap peas and green beans. The class entitled Food Inc. is

Morgan Biderman (2nd), and Lochlan Palmer (3rd).

shadow with homemade sundials.

learning the science and history of food.



City View Mock Trial students are busy preparing for their upcoming completion in March.

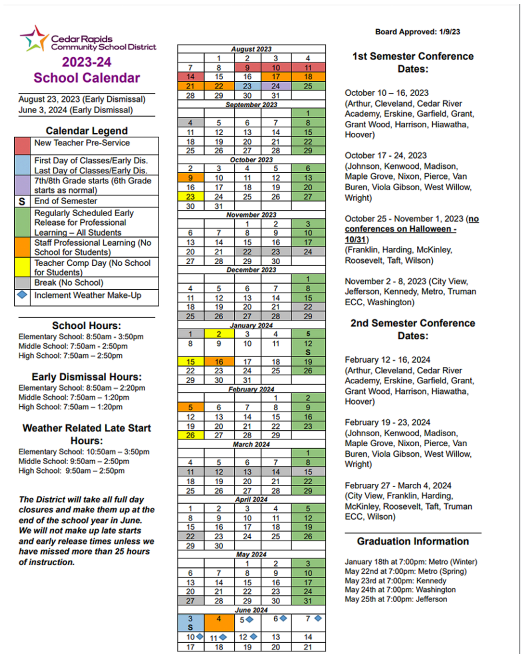


Hiawatha fifth-graders have been learning to play the violin during their 5th-grade fiddles lessons.



Kennedy students made a Valentine's Day collage in the school's foyer. It is made out of hearts with encouraging words written on them

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

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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
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November 2 - 8, 2023 (City View, Jefferson, Kennedy, Metro, Truman ECC, Washington)

2nd Semester Conference Dates:

February 12 - 16, 2024
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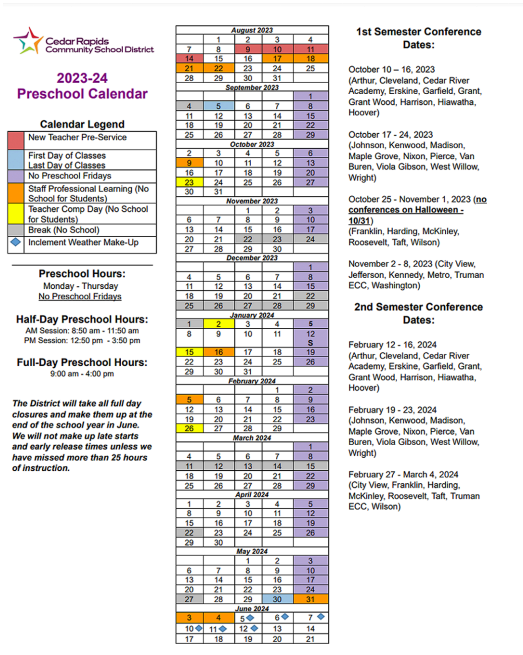
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Graduation Information

January 18th at 7:00pm: Metro (Winter)
May 22nd at 7:00pm: Metro (Spring)
May 23rd at 7:00pm: Kennedy
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February 2, 2024

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