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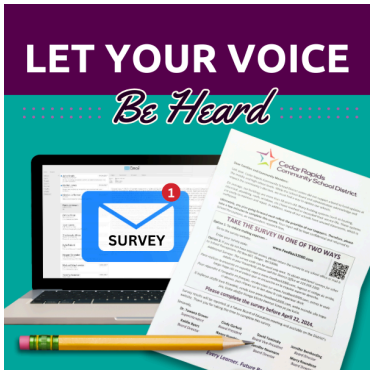
Just a friendly reminder that there is no school for students on Monday, April 22nd. This is a scheduled day off per the 2023-2024 District Calendar. Office staff will be present in the buildings, and the district office will remain open on Monday. While there won't be any classes, we encourage students to use the time to catch up on assignments and relax as we head into the final stretch of the school year. Also, remember that the last day of school for students is June 6th, and it will be an early dismissal day.



News & Updates

Get Your Surveys In

Hurry! There are just a few days left to submit your CRCSD Community Facility Survey! Help us reach our goal of getting over 10,000 responses.



Your input will help shape the future of CRCSD. The survey is administered by School Perception and asks for your thoughts on the district's Future Ready Facilities Plan and how we should address our aging buildings going forward. The survey is available in English, Spanish, French, and Swahili, ensuring everyone's voice is heard.

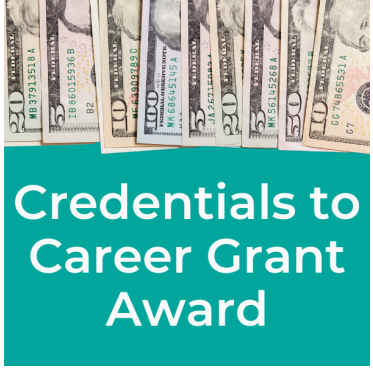
The deadline to complete the survey is 11:59 PM on Monday, April 22nd. Your responses are confidential and will be analyzed by School Perceptions, with findings shared at the May 13th Board of Education meeting for future planning.

CRCSD Receives Iowa Department of Education Grant

Cedar Rapids Community School District is pleased to announce that it has been selected as one of the twenty Iowa school districts to receive a Credentials to Career Grant from the Iowa Department of Education. The Credentials to Career Grant was developed to help school districts create or enhance their career and technical education programs so that high schoolers can earn industry-recognized credentials/certifications before graduating. This grant aligns well with the CRCSD's new Strategic Plan goals of elevating

students' plans, pathways, and passions and graduating college and career-ready students.

The District will receive $281,776 through the grant for the 2024-2025 school year. The district plans to use the funds to purchase equipment for high school industrial technology programs. The equipment will enable students to earn industry certifications in precision measurement instruments, hand tool identification and safety, and electricity introduction, all of which are “stackable credentials” that help to increase employability in various industries. The district will procure the equipment through Snap-On tools, an approved industry-recognized provider.



Garfield & Arthur Elementary Open House

This is the last school year at Arthur Garfield Elementary School. The schools will be merging and relocating to the new Trailside Elementary School, slated to open its doors in August. To commemorate this significant transition and to celebrate the cherished memories created at both Arthur and Garfield over the past 100+ years, a Community Open House will be held at both buildings on May 4th, from 10:00 AM to noon. Join us for a walk down memory lane as you tour the building and browse through over 100 years of memorabilia.



CRCSD Teacher Named New ISEA Vice President

This past weekend at the Iowa State Education Association's Delegate Assembly, Hoover kindergarten teacher Kelly McMahon was elected as Vice President of the ISEA. She currently serves as the ISEA’s treasurer and will begin her three-year term as vice president on July 15, 2024. Kelly is a leader in both the CREA and the ISEA and helped to bring the “Community School” model to Hoover Elementary School. Congratulations Kelly!



Washington Special Ed Department Wins Award

Last week, the Washington High School special education program (students & staff) won the United Way of East Central Iowa’s “Outstanding Group Volunteer Award.” The school's special education program offers students the opportunity to gain work experience in the community through partnerships with local organizations. HACAP nominated the department for this prestigious award, and Washington Special Education Teacher Cheryl Tlusty-Marsh accepted the award on the department’s behalf.



Spring Vaccine and Sports Physical Clinics

The District’s Metro Care Connection is partnering with Linn County Public Health to offer spring vaccine and sports physical clinics over the next few weeks. These clinics are

FREE and open to all CRCSD 6th-8th-grade and Washington HS students. Written parental permission is required to participate. Please contact your student's school nurse for more information and to request a parental permission form and paperwork. Below are the scheduled clinic dates and times.



- April 23rd - Franklin Middle School - 9 AM - 3 PM
- April 24th - McKinley STEAM Academy - 9 AM - 3 PM
- April 30th - Harding Middle School - 9 AM - 3 PM
- May 2nd - Roosevelt Creative Corridor Business Academy - 9 AM - 3 PM
- May 21st - Washington High School - 9 AM - 2 PM
- May 22nd - Taft Middle School - 10 AM - 2 PM

Please note that the Wilson school nurse will contact families directly to set up appointments as needed, and students at Kennedy, Jefferson, and Metro can make an appointment with the Metro Care Connection nurse practitioner in their school's health office.

Westside Community Opportunity Expo



Jefferson High School is excited to announce its first-ever Westside Community Opportunity Expo on Wednesday, April 24th. The event will take place from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Jefferson High School cafeteria, gym, and surrounding hallways. Attendees are encouraged to use the school's main entrance doors and parking areas. The event, planned by school staff and student volunteers, will showcase community organizations, college and university representatives, local businesses, and employment opportunities. School counselors and translators will also be on hand to assist families throughout the event. The Expo aims to strengthen ties between the school and the surrounding community, while also offering vital support and resources. Join us for an evening of connection and empowerment.

More Information

Glance Around The District



A team of Metro students and staff traveled to the Iowa State Capitol to meet with legislators and discuss alternative education



2nd graders at Johnson STEAM Academy got a musical treat this week. The school's 3rd-5th grade Orff Ensemble presented a mini-concert to excite and inspire



Cedar River Academy Third graders took an expedition to the Fossil Gorge! They were surprised to learn that Iowa was an ocean 375 million years ago, but found plenty of seashells and coral

programs and the great things happening at Metro.

the younger students to join the musical group next year.

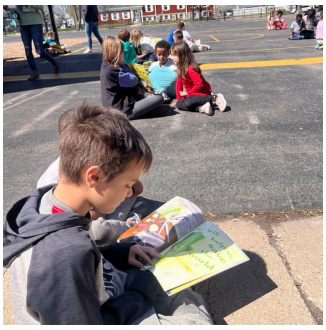
fossils as evidence of prehistoric marine life!



2nd graders at Garfield Elementary are learning about mining for natural resources. They tried it for themselves by trying to mine chocolate chips out of cookies. It was tougher than they thought.



Members of the Hiawatha Elementary Kindness Club presented a quilt made by students and staff to New Covenant Bible Church in appreciation of their 13-year partnership with the school.



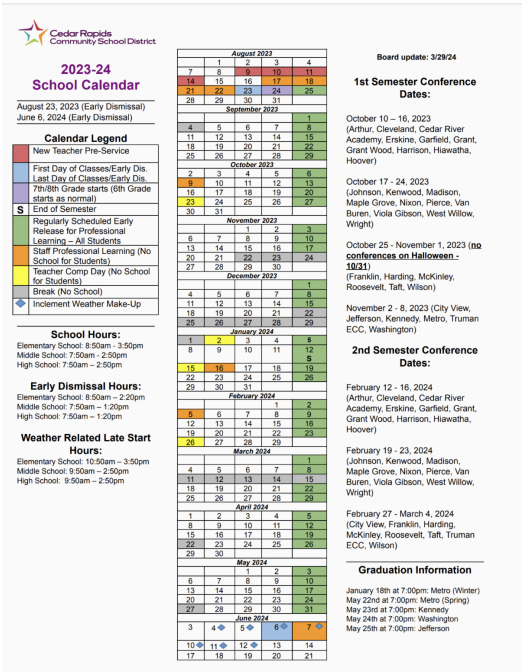
A group of Washington High School students had the opportunity to attend the Black College Expo in Chicago, where they attended seminars and connected with different historically black colleges and universities.

CRCSD In the News

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

- Gazette: 'Transformational' career readiness programs coming to Cedar Rapids high schools by 2025

District Calendars


Cedar Rapids Community School District

2023-24 School Calendar

August 23, 2023 (Early Dismissal)
June 6, 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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October 25 - November 1, 2023 (**no conferences on Halloween - 10/31**) (Franklin, Harding, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson)

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

2nd Semester Conference Dates:

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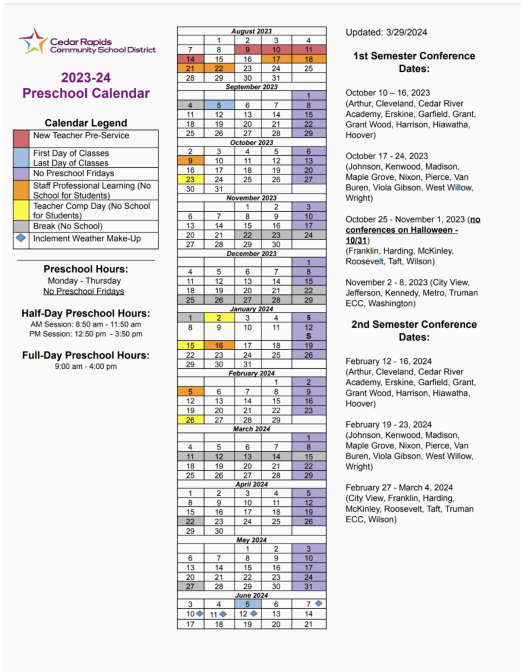
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February 27 - March 4, 2024 (City View, Franklin, Harding, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Truman ECC, Wilson)

Graduation Information

January 18th at 7:00pm: Metro (Winter)
May 22nd at 7:00pm: Metro (Spring)
May 23rd at 7:00pm: Kennedy
May 24th at 7:00pm: Washington
May 25th at 7:00pm: Jefferson

[2023-24 School Calendar]


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2023-24 Preschool Calendar

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- No Preschool Fridays
- Staff Professional Learning (No School for Students)
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Preschool Hours:
Monday - Thursday
No Preschool Fridays

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