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Cedar Rapids Community School District

A Message from Dr. Grover



As we continue to strive for excellence at Cedar Rapids Community School District, it's essential that we engage with all of our stakeholders (students, staff, families, and the community). We are committed to gathering stakeholders' input in order to make informed decisions about the future of our district and our aging facilities. We know that any plan going forward must reflect the priorities of our taxpayers. With that said, I am excited to announce that the Cedar Rapids Community School District is conducting a comprehensive community survey aimed at gathering insights from staff, families, and the broader community regarding our facility needs and aspirations moving forward. Your participation in this survey is crucial as it will help us understand the needs and priorities of our stakeholders.

The survey, administered by an independent research firm, School Perceptions, was sent out earlier this week via email to all CRCSD parents and staff, as well as mailed to 60,000 active registered voters within our community. The survey will is available in English, Spanish, French, and Swahili to ensure inclusivity. Please know that your responses and email/mailing address will be kept confidential and will be returned to School Perceptions for analysis. The research firm will present its findings to the Board of Education on May 13th, and the district will use the information to help guide our Facility Master Plan moving forward.

I cannot stress enough the importance of your participation in this survey. Your voice matters to us and is essential in helping to shape the future of our district. Please take the time to share your thoughts and insights by completing the survey by April 22nd. Together, we will continue building a bright future for our students and community.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support!
Dr. Tawana Grover
CRCSD Superintendent

Survey Q & A

- The survey was mailed to all active registered voters who reside in the district. If your household has more than one active voter, you will receive a copy of the survey for each one. We encourage each person to complete a survey.
- The District hired a third-party research firm to administer this survey. The firm does not provide the district with any identities. The responses are sent directly to them, and the results cannot be tracked or traced by your email address.
- Participants can either complete the paper copy of the survey that was mailed out or complete it online.
- The deadline to complete the survey is April 22nd.
- Survey results are expected to be shared with the Board of Education at the May 13th board meeting.

News & Updates

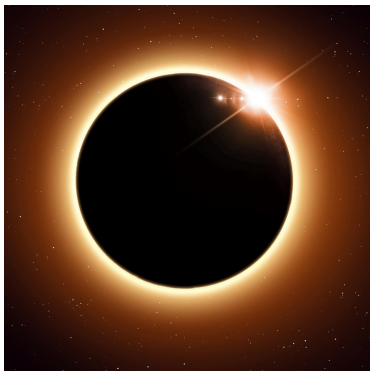
Conditions of Learning Survey

In the coming weeks, CRCSD will be administering the annual school climate and culture survey called “Conditions for Learning” to all students in grades 3-12. You may have already received information about this survey from your student’s school. All public schools in Iowa are required to administer this survey as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. The survey is to help school districts across the state improve safety, student engagement, and the overall learning environment in their buildings. The Survey will focus on a range of topics, from student safety and positive student relationships to school rules and how they are enforced.

The survey is taken online and takes about 20 minutes to complete. All student responses are confidential, and individual responses will not be available on the survey platform or in the reporting. Results will be totaled, and a summary will be provided to each school to help them identify what they are doing well and what needs to be improved.

Student participation in this survey is voluntary but highly encouraged as it gives them a chance to share their opinions about their school’s climate and culture. As a parent/guardian of a student, you can choose not to have your student participate in the survey. There is no penalty for choosing not to participate. To opt out of the survey, parents must fill out a Refusal of Consent Form and return it to their child’s school office. Please contact your school’s office for one of these forms.

Solar Eclipse on Monday



On Monday, April 8th, a total solar eclipse will cross North America from Mexico to Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. While Iowa isn’t in the path of totality (full coverage), we will see about 86% of the sun obscured. The eclipse will occur in Cedar Rapids from 12:46 PM to 3:16 PM, with the maximum coverage at 2:02 PM.

Safety is a priority for all students and staff when viewing the eclipse. It is NOT safe to look directly at the sun at any time, even during an eclipse, without specialized eye protection. Viewing the sun through cameras, phones, binoculars, or telescopes is still dangerous without a special solar filter over the front of the lens.

Please educate your students about the dangers of looking at the sun and the need to use protective eyewear to view the eclipse.

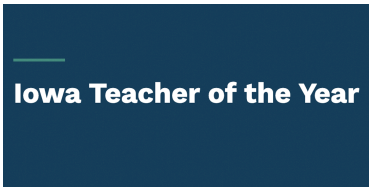
Garfield Elementary Sets Community Open House



This academic year marks the final one for the Garfield Elementary building. Garfield and Arthur Elementary Schools will merge and relocate to the new Trailside Elementary School, which is slated to open its doors in August. To commemorate this significant transition and celebrate the cherished memories created at Garfield over the past 114 years, a Community Open House is planned for 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.

Teacher of the Year Nominations

IOWA Department of Education



Has a CRCSD teacher made a difference in your student's life? The Iowa Department of Education is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Iowa Teacher of the Year award through April 16th. Staff members, parents, and community members can submit a nomination for an outstanding teacher in our district. Nine semi-finalists will be selected from all the nominations to receive the Regional Teacher of the Year awards. Then, one lucky teacher will be named the 2025 Iowa Teacher of the Year.

Over the last twenty years, CRCSD has had two teachers chosen for this prestigious honor, and many more have received regional awards. Help shine a light on the amazing teachers in our district by submitting your nominations today!

Nominate a Teacher

Donation Matching



It's GIVE & GROW time! Each April, GreenState Credit Union offers its members a Give & Grow School Match program. For every dollar a GreenState member donates to the Cedar Rapids Community School Foundation in April, GreenState will match. They will match up to $15,000 in donations! Plus, the donations go right back into our schools. If you are a GreenState member, please consider making a donation to the foundation during the month of April to double your gift!

Learn more here

Hawkeye Women's Hoops

It's really hard not to want to jump on the Iowa Hawkeye Women's basketball bandwagon, especially now that they've made it to the Final Four of the NCAA Women's Basketball

Tournament. The Hawkeyes will be taking on the UConn Huskies tonight, April 5, at 8:30 PM. If they win, they will advance to the national championship game on Sunday.

But did you know that a CRCSD alumni is on this year's team? Iowa Forward Hannah Stuelke is a 2021 Washington High School graduate. During her time at Washington, Hannah excelled in volleyball, track, and basketball, earning numerous district and all-conference honors. We're thrilled to support and cheer on Hannah and the entire Hawkeye Women's basketball team as they compete this weekend.

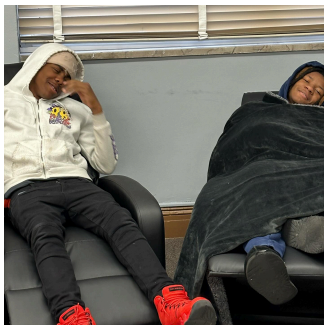


Last Day of School Reminder

As we communicated last Friday, the last day for CRCSD students will now be Thursday, June 6th. This will be an early dismissal day, with high school and middle school students dismissing at 1:20 PM and elementary students at 2:20 PM. The last day for preschool students will be Wednesday, June 5th. Click here to see the district calendar.



Glance Around The District



The Wilson Middle School Library received two new reclining chairs for their reading corner. Some of the middle schoolers even helped to assemble the chairs when they arrived. Way to go!



Johnson STEAM Academy 3rd graders visited the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art this week. They saw works by Grant Wood and local Black artists, including JSA staff member Marcus Irvin!



2nd and 5th graders at Hoover Community School partner up each month for a "Buddy Day activity." They have a great time working together, and the 5th graders enjoy being role models for the younger students.



In science, the 5th graders at Hiawatha Elementary were tasked with figuring out



Students from RCCBA visited Septagon Construction on-site to learn



To kick off their unit on oviparous animals, 1st graders at Cedar River

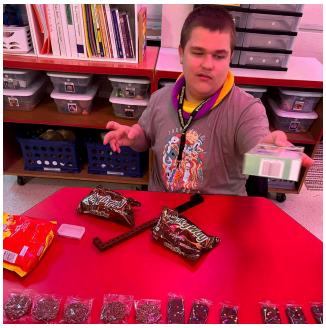
which planets in our solar system get enough solar energy to power a solar panel rover.

about the different stages of construction and the various careers and skill sets required to build many of the structures they see.

Academy started a batch of chicken eggs in an incubator. They will watch the chick's progress as they grow in the egg and hatch over the next 21 days.







Pierce Elementary School held its annual Career Day this week. Several volunteers from the community came in to teach the students about their jobs.

Safe Kids Linn County, along with local fire and police departments, visited the kindergarten classrooms at Wright Elementary School to teach them about bike safety and the importance of wearing a bike helmet.

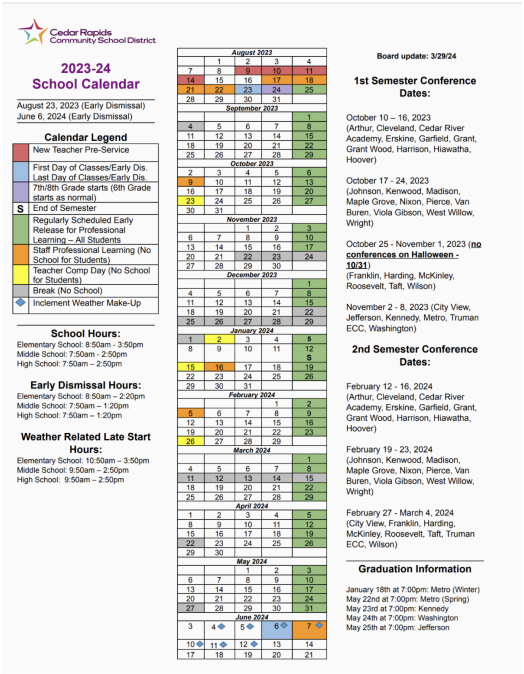
Megan Lewis' Life and Work Skills Class at Washington High School made solar eclipse snack packs for school administrators and secretaries this week. The fun activity allowed students to grow their skills and gain real-world experiences.

CRCSD In the News

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

- **Gazette:** Architects tour Cedar Rapids schools. to gauge facility needs
- **Gazette:** Cedar Rapids' Harrison Elementary to stay open this fall

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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Board update: 3/29/24

1st Semester Conference Dates:

October 10 – 16, 2023
(Arthur, Cleveland, Cedar River Academy, Erskine, Garfield, Grant, Grant Wood, Harrison, Hiawatha, Hoover)

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

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:

February 12 - 16, 2024
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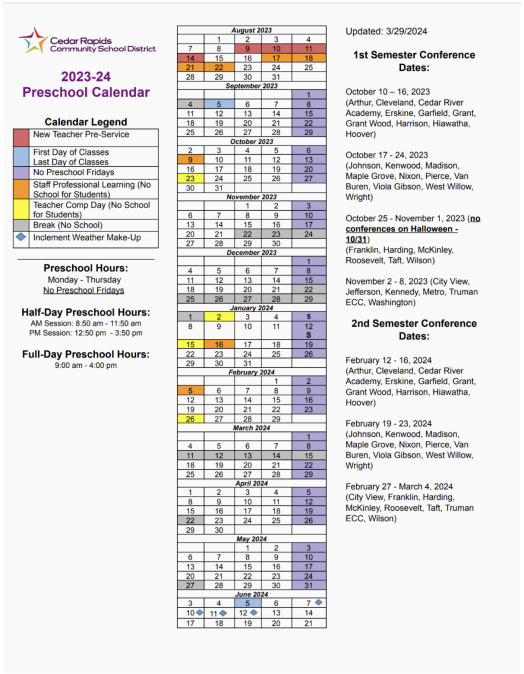
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Graduation Information

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

[2023-24 School Calendar]


Cedar Rapids Community School District

2023-24 Preschool Calendar

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- First Day of Classes
- Last Day of Classes
- No Preschool Fridays
- Staff Professional Learning (No School for Students)
- Teacher Comp Day (No School for Students)
- Break (No School)
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Preschool Hours:
Monday - Thursday
No Preschool Fridays

Half-Day Preschool Hours:
AM Session: 8:50 am - 11:50 am
PM Session: 12:50 pm - 3:50 pm

Full-Day Preschool Hours:
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Jefferson High School Activities Calendar

Kennedy High School Activities Calendar

Washington High School Activities Calendar

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