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Cedar Rapids Community School District

Teacher Appreciation Week

While we appreciate our educators all year long, they received a little extra love this week in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10). As a District, we would like to thank all of our incredible teachers for their unwavering dedication, hard work, patience, and tireless efforts to shape the minds of our students.

Over the last two weeks, we have asked students, staff, parents, and community members to submit messages of gratitude and appreciation for our staff. We were excited to receive almost 300 messages of love and support.



News and Updates

Student Built House Open House



After 119 days of dedication and hard work, twenty-two CRCSD high school students are putting the finishing touches on this year's Student Built House. Located at 344 Worthington Ct, Hiawatha, this new home is a testament to teamwork, ingenuity, and the power of hands-on education. In total, the students poured almost 7,600 hours of labor into the 2,350-square-foot home. This marks the 51st Student Build Home to be completed by the program.

Since its inception in 1972, the Student Built House Program has provided a unique opportunity for students to merge their classroom learning with real-world experiences.

The students get hands-on experience in construction but also get to apply things they have learned in mathematics, communication, reading, and science. They also develop essential life skills such as work ethic, problem-solving, and responsibility.

A Community Open House is planned for 3:30-6:30 PM on May 16th to celebrate their achievement and showcase their handiwork. Community members are invited to tour the home, meet the student builders, and witness firsthand the fruits of their labor. For those who find themselves enamored with what they see, the home is currently listed with Jesse Arp of Skogman Realty.

See the flyer

Senior Walks



The Cedar Rapids Community Schools Foundation is excited to announce the 2024 series of Senior Walks. This annual tradition allows seniors to take a trip down memory lane before they walk across the stage to get their diplomas. During the designated times, the graduating seniors will wear their caps and gowns and return to the elementary school where they began their CRCSD education journey. They will then walk through the school halls, greeting the elementary students and catching up with their former teachers. This year's senior walks will take place between May 14 - 22.

Full list of dates and times

Arthur and Garfield Open Houses Reflections

The atmosphere at the Arthur and Garfield Elementary School open house was filled with warmth and nostalgia as the community came together to bid farewell to these two beloved institutions. Last Saturday morning, past and present students, staff, and families gathered to reminisce about the cherished memories made within those walls over the past century. It was heartwarming to see hundreds of people take a stroll down memory lane, sharing stories and laughter as they toured the buildings and explored over 100 years of memorabilia. As we prepare to merge and relocate to the new Trailside Elementary School in August, we are incredibly grateful to everyone who came out to celebrate the rich history of Arthur and Garfield Elementary. Thank you for making this open house a truly special and memorable event.



Arthur Open House Images



Garfield Open House Images

Mary Poppins - Jefferson



Are you looking for a fun family outing? Well, if the wind is blowing in the right direction, consider catching Jefferson High School's delightful theater production of Disney's classic hit, "Mary Poppins." This timeless classic reminds us that kindness, empathy, and a positive attitude truly matter in our professional and personal lives. After all, as Mary Poppins herself would say, "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun."

So come and experience the joy of this beloved musical, guaranteed to leave a smile on your face and the catchy tunes stuck in your head. There are two performances remaining: tonight (Friday, May 10th) and tomorrow (Saturday, May 11th). Both shows begin at 7 pm. You can purchase your tickets online here.

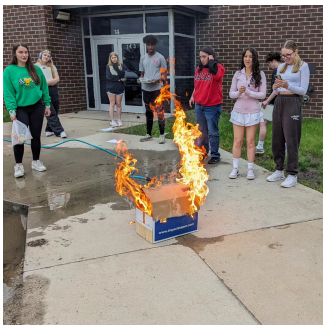
Glance Around The District



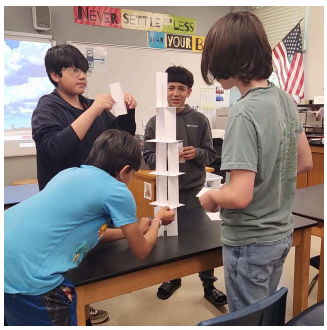
Congratulations to Viola Gibson, 3rd grader Avery Tillman. She won a contest and got to ride in a CRFD fire truck home from school! Congratulations Congratulations Avery!



Wilson Middle School's Leadership Council wrote special notes for teachers and staff this week for Teacher Appreciation Week.



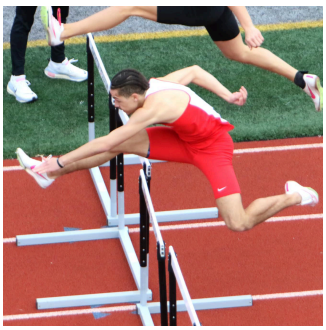
Kennedy High School students in the forensic science class took part in an arson lab this week. They got to learn about the behavior of fire as it burns something and how to identify an arson.



Harding 7th graders in Ms. Dierks' class were challenged with building a tower using only index cards, no tape or glue. Their goal was to have the tallest free-standing structure in class!



First graders from Hiawatha Elementary were immersed in hands-on learning at Ag in the Park. The event educates kids about agriculture, plants, how food is processed, small animal care, weather, natural resources conservation and more.



Washington's Isaiah Skvor set a new Washington track and field record in the 110m hurdles. The previous record was held by Larry Johnson (Class of 2009).



Cedar River Academy held their annual Expo Day on Thursday. The students put their work on display to show their families and the community what they have been learning.



Students and staff at Erskine Elementary school got a chance to try out their new interactive system, the Lu, in PE class!



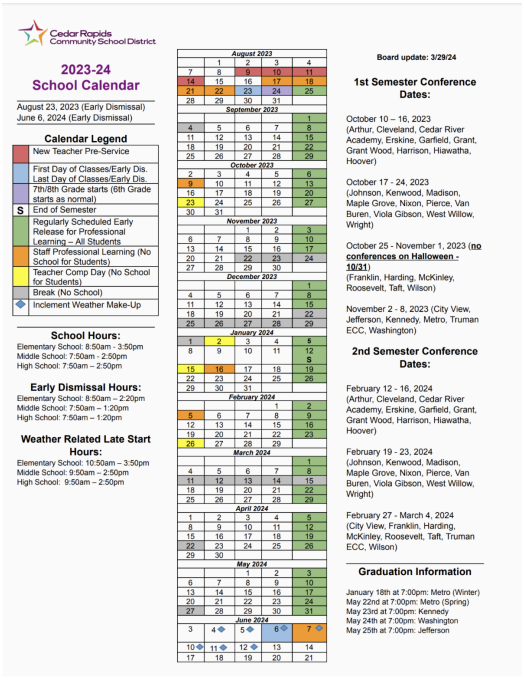
Twelve CRCSD 8th graders received a Quota Award last week. The award recognizes their personal and educational growth through middle school.

CRCSD In the News

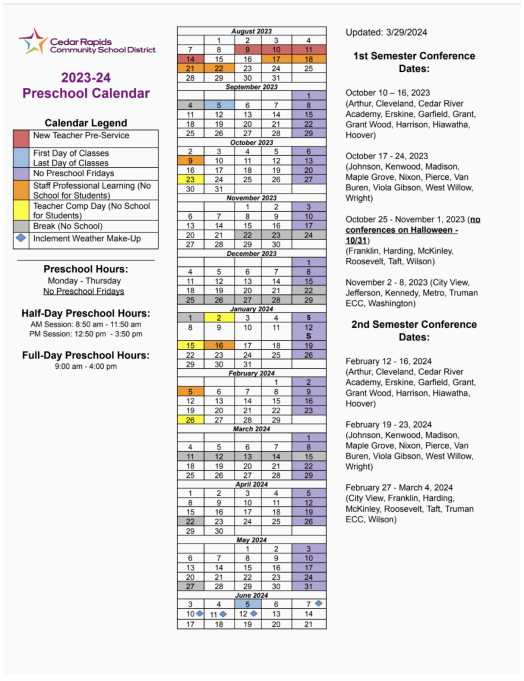
In case you missed it, here are recent news items about or of interest to Cedar Rapids Community School District students, teachers, and parents.

- Gazette: A community says goodbye to Arthur, Garfield elementary schools
- KWWL: Swatting Surge: Local Police and Schools Investigate Swatting Calls
- Gazette: Cedar Rapids teachers to get 3% base wage increase next year
- Gazette: New reading curriculum expected to improve literacy of Cedar Rapids elementary kids

District Calendars



2023-24 School Calendar



2023-24 Preschool Calendar

Visit our Calendar page

Jefferson High School Activities Calendar

Kennedy High School Activities Calendar

Washington High School Activities Calendar

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