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DR. GROVER'S MESSAGE



Dear CRCSD Families,

What a joyful week it has been across our schools! I had the honor of joining the homecoming parades at Jefferson and Washington, and the energy and pride were unforgettable. Kennedy's homecoming is coming up soon, and I look forward to celebrating with that community as well.

At Washington High School, I had the privilege of meeting members of the Class of 1960. Even today, in their 80s, they radiate pride in their school and the impact it has had on their lives. That same pride could be felt throughout the celebrations, reminding us that

homecoming is about more than a parade or a game. It is about belonging, tradition, and the powerful connections that bring students, families, and alumni together.

Thank you for bringing spirit and pride to life in Cedar Rapids. Together, we make CRCSD a place where everyone feels at home.

With gratitude,
Dr. Tawana Grover
Superintendent

Check out a video from the Founder's Reunion

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



At the latest 1 Million Cups Cedar Rapids event, held at the scenic Cedar Ridge Winery, the spotlight shone on a remarkably young entrepreneur, **16-year-old Maddox Liechty.** A City View High School student, Maddox, isn't your average teenager; he's the founder of Majonty, a premium American purebred Wagyu business.

Maddox's passion is evident. He wants to provide high-quality, trusted products. His business focuses on delivering premium Wagyu beef, emphasizing purebred genetics and a commitment to quality. During his presentation, Maddox shared his journey and vision for building a brand synonymous with excellence.

But his entrepreneurial spirit doesn't stop there. Maddox is expanding his business with a new venture: a raw dog food line. Using the same high-quality ingredients that go into his Wagyu products, this new line aims to provide pet owners with a nutritious and trustworthy option for their furry companions.

It was inspiring to see such a young individual with a clear business plan and the drive to bring it to life. Maddox's story is a powerful reminder that age is just a number regarding passion, vision, and hard work. The Cedar Rapids community can look forward to seeing what this talented young entrepreneur accomplishes next.

ACCESS YOUR STUDENTS' ISASP SCORES



Want to see how your child performed on the recent Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) tests? Accessing their scores is simple and can be done right from your Infinite Campus parent portal. Follow these easy steps to view their results.

1. Log in to your Infinite Campus account.
2. Once logged in, look to the far right side of your screen and scroll down until you find Student Reports. Click on it.
3. A list of your students will appear. Select the student whose scores you wish to view.
4. From the report options, select "ISASP 2025."
5. Finally, click "Generate Report" to view the results.

This report will give you a detailed breakdown of your student's performance on the 2025 ISASP tests. If you have any questions about the scores, please contact your student's school counselor or principal.

AMERICA READS DAY



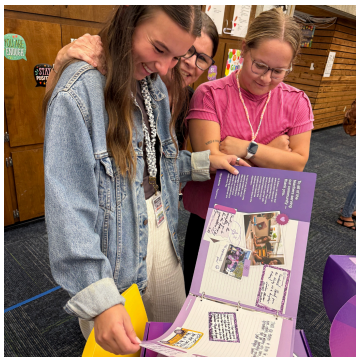
Cedar Rapids Community School District is excited to once again take part in America Reads Day on Thursday, October 9, and Friday, October 10! This annual tradition brings community members, families, and local leaders into our schools to share the joy of reading with our students.

Volunteers are invited to spend time in classrooms across the district, reading a favorite book and sparking excitement for literacy. It's a simple act that makes a big impact, helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading in our students.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, neighbor, or community partner, we welcome you to join us in celebrating the power of books and storytelling.

Sign Up For A Time Slot

DAVE WRIGHT NISSAN SUBARU DONATION



A huge thank you to Dave Wright Subaru for their incredible generosity and partnership with AdoptAClassroom.org during Subaru Loves Learning Month! Ten lucky Nixon teachers were chosen to receive a total of $5,000 to support their classrooms. This donation will go directly toward providing students with the tools and resources they need to learn, grow, and excel.

Not only did Dave Wright Subaru make this wonderful financial gift, but their team also visited Nixon to meet the staff and personally share their support. Teachers were also surprised with boxes of classroom supplies and a special book filled with heartfelt "thank you" notes from customers and community members who visited the dealership.

We are beyond grateful for this meaningful partnership, which directly impacts our classrooms and inspires our educators. Thank you, Dave Wright Subaru, for showing your love for learning and supporting Nixon students and staff in such a big way!

VAN BUREN GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Join us this afternoon for a public groundbreaking ceremony for the new Van Buren Elementary School. The event will take place outside the current building at 2:00 PM.

This exciting milestone marks the start of construction on a modernized school building while honoring Van Buren's history and legacy in the community.



HOMECOMING DATES



It's Homecoming season at our high schools—a time when students, staff, alumni, and the community come together to celebrate and show their school pride.

Each school has its own cherished traditions that highlight the unity and spirit of CRCSD. Below are the dates for each school's Homecoming celebrations. Please check with each school for details on times and locations.

Kennedy

- Parade - October 8
- Game - October 9
- Dance - October 10

Washington

- Game - September 26
- Dance - September 27

We Believe In Our Students



Pierce Elementary Kindergarten students had a visit from our local fire department. They loved learning from firefighters and seeing the fire truck.



First graders at Hoover Elementary are learning about measurement in math by using popsicle sticks to measure their height.



Metro STEAM Academy students explored the electromagnetic spectrum with Elham Amiri, an astrophysicist from Denmark and founder of her own STEM technology startup.



Wright Elementary Students celebrated Sports Day during their spirit week with a visit from the Washington High School Cheer Team.



The Taft Middle School Tigers' 8th-grade football team secured a win this week!

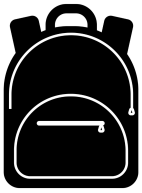


Trailside Elementary Kindergartners learned about fire safety from CRFD and followed it with a learning activity.

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: Cedar Rapids school board continues to grapple with ‘workload’ of some district administrators — Read Here
- Gazette: New McKinley Med Lab strengthens student exploration in health care sciences — Read Here
- KCRG: CRCSD breaking ground on new Van Buren Elementary — Read Here



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Jefferson Activities Calendar

Kennedy Activities Calendar

Washington Activities Calendar

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