



AFE Newsletter



August 2026- Back to School

Message from the Principals

Welcome Back, AFE Families! We can't wait to welcome our returning families and those joining Allen Frear Elementary for the first time. We are excited for another year of learning, growth, and making memories together as AFE Champs! At Allen Frear, we are committed to being "All In. All the Time." Every day, we encourage our students to learn with confidence, lead with kindness, and support one another as we work toward success. Join us for "Meet the Teacher" on **Tuesday, August 25th from 12 pm - 1:30 pm**. Our school staff, cafeteria staff, Boys & Girls Club, and more will be present to answer any questions you might have. Check out the supply list on our website or linked below. We look forward to seeing you soon and kicking off another fantastic year at Allen Frear!

We are so excited to welcome you back for the 2026-27 school year!

~Mrs. Cole – Principal & Mrs. Rogers – Assistant Principal



Save the Dates

8/17- 1st Grade Sneak Peek! 5:00-6:00pm
8/24- Notification of Homeroom Teacher
8/25- Meet the Teacher 12:00-1:30pm
8/27- 1st Day of School
9/2- PTA Meeting 5:15pm
9/17- Parent Information Night 5:30-7:00pm
9/10-9/28- Academic Olympics Fundraiser
*Donations are due Sept. 28th
9/16- 5th Gr. Band Exploratory Night 6-7:30pm
9/23- PTA Skate Night 5:00-7:00pm
10/1- Academic Olympics Event
10/7- Marking Period 1 Interims Issued
- PTA Meeting 5:15pm
10/10- Rider Pride Day @ CRHS
10/16- ½ Day (12:45pm Dismissal) & HOCO Parade
10/20- Fall Picture Day
10/23- Inservice Day- No School

→ [Click for CRSD 2026-27 SY Calendar](#)

PTA Meetings

PTA meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month starting at 5:15PM. Join today!

Contact Information

Phone: 302-697-3279

Website: <https://afe.crk12.org/>

Important Information

Daily Operations:

- ❖ You will be notified of your child's teacher on August 24th via a phone call/text through our automated phone call system.
- ❖ Important handouts will be sent home at the Meet the Teacher event (or the 1st day of school), please return those that need to be completed as soon as possible.
- ❖ The Allen Frear Student Handbook with important information is listed on the white folder that will be sent home with your child the first week of school.
- ❖ Bus information will be posted via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Contact CR Transportation with any questions at 302-697-4147.
- ❖ Doors open daily at 8:30 am. Students must be in class by 8:45 am. If after 8:45 am, please use our main front lot and walk your child to the main office to sign them in.
- ❖ Dismissal will be at 3:45 pm. If a transportation change is needed, please email your child's teacher and the main office secretaries prior to 2:30 pm. (Carolyn.Dawick@cr.k12.de.us & Michelle.Gravatt@cr.k12.de.us)
- ❖ The front parking lot is closed from 7:30 am– 9:00 am and from 2:30 pm– 4:00 pm as buses will unload and load in the front of the building.
- ❖ Parent Drop-off and Pick-Up will be in the back of the building. Enter through the Charlton main entrance, go straight, and follow the road to the back of AFE. Please display your assigned car tag when the vehicle arrives in the pick-up zone. Car tags for parent pick up will be issued at the Meet the Teacher event or on the first day of school. Complete the [Car Rider Tag Request](#) link.

Boys & Girls Club:

- ❖ Boys and Girls Club is available for before and after school care. When dropping off for care after 7:30 am you must park in the parking lot and walk your child to the cafeteria as Charlton buses will be accessing our front lot.

Important Information Continued...

Infinite Campus:

- ❖ CRSD uses the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to access announcements, assignments, grades, schedules, etc... Please review the attached [Getting Started-Campus Parent Portal](#) document for more information.

School Communication System- Final Site:

- ❖ You will receive weekly School global phone calls, text messages, and/or emails with school wide information and updates. A cell phone number must be listed as the primary number on the emergency card or during enrollment in order to receive the text messages. Log into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to ensure your information is updated to ensure you receive the messages.

Policies: The following policies are available on the [CRSD Website](#).

- ❖ Code of Conduct
- ❖ Parent/Student Handbook
- ❖ Civility Policy

Breakfast/Lunch/Food Distribution Procedure:

- ❖ School breakfast and lunch are available daily and free to all. Extra portions can be purchased for \$2.50 and snacks items can be purchased at varying prices- ice cream \$1, Chips \$1.25, Cookies 0.50, water \$1, and Switch drink \$2. Menus are posted on the website. [Menu](#)
- ❖ Due to food allergies present in our school community, AFE will not allow families to distribute food to students other than their own.

NEW

CAESAR RODNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT CELL PHONE AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Research shows that cell phone use can lead to:

- distractions from learning
- a negative impact on school safety
- temptation for academic dishonesty
- an increase in cyberbullying
- social isolation
- an increase in mental health concerns

Students K-5
Cell phones and personal electronic devices are to be powered off and remain in backpack during the school day.

Students 6-8
Cell phones and personal electronic devices are to be powered off and remain in locker during the school day.

Students 9-12
Cell phones and personal electronic devices are to be silenced and put away during all instructional periods. Device use is prohibited in restrooms and locker rooms.

More details will be posted on www.crk12.org and shared at the school level.

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Important Links

[CR 26-27 School Calendar](#)

[Supply List](#)

[Car Rider Tag Request](#)

[Titan \(Electronic Lunch Account\)](#)

[Approved District Flyers for the School Community](#)

Track your child's ride to/from school.
[Where's the Bus? App](#)

Daily Schedule

Grade	Lunch	Recess	Essential Arts
1st	11:40-12:10	2:10-2:40	10:50-11:40
2nd	10:50-11:20	1:40-2:10	10:00-10:50
3rd	11:20-11:50	10:50-11:20	1:50-2:40
4th	12:00-12:30	12:30-1:00	1:00-1:50
5th	12:30-1:00	1:00-1:30	11:40-12:30