

Cougar News

Parler's Ponderings:

- 1. Your child may have told you that this past Tuesday, October 12, I had to put the building on "Hold" twice. Following the CCSD Standard Response Protocol, a "Hold" was implemented because I wanted the hallways cleared due to a student who refused to cooperate with the administrative team. At no time was any student in danger. The anger was all directed at the administrators. We released the hold as soon as the parent arrived to take the child home. A "Hold" is different from a "Lockdown." During a hold, teachers continue to teach. During a lockdown, lights are off, the door window is covered, and students and teachers hide in a corner of the room and remain silent until the door is unlocked by someone in authority. The second hold that day was due to a fight on the 8th grade recess field. While the students who fought were contained, the event heightened the level of excitement for the 8th graders who witnessed it. This hold was mainly for the 8th grade class to ensure that they were all refocused and ready to change classes in the upstairs hallway. I have always said that schools are a microcosm of the community in which they are placed, and there are all kinds of folks with all kinds of values, morals, and beliefs; and schools work with them all. Sometimes that is challenging!
- 2. This past Thursday's "Terrific Thursday" was **postponed**, not cancelled. After reviewing the numbers of students signed up for events and the numbers of students who would have been outside versus inside, I chose to postpone it and take another approach. The management and supervision of the entire student body being at the celebration at the same time would have been daunting. I realize that the school did it at least once last year, but last year there were probably 200 students still in virtual instruction. I believe a better approach is to do the celebration one grade level at a time. We will get this rescheduled once we are past this week with our current focus on benchmark testing and end of the nine weeks grades.
- 3. Congratulations to our 6th grade girls' volleyball team which competed in the "A league" and finished in a tie with Laing Middle School as runners-up in their division. I am grateful to those parents and community volunteers who provided access and opportunity for approximately 60 girls and 6 teams this fall.
- 4. There is much happening over the next few weeks with Spirit Week, final PTO spirit wear sales, Spirit Night at Hideaway, fall performing arts concerts, and basketball tryouts. Check it all out in this newsletter.

Have a great week and stay healthy.

FINAL SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

We celebrated our eighth grade summer readers on Wednesday, October 6, in the media center with a Chick-fil-a breakfast. At that time, the top three eighth grade summer readers were recognized.

Congratulations to:

Alexis Hatfield, 3180 points Lillian Duncan, 2453 points Alanna Biel, 2294 points

GIFTED AND TALENTED NOMINATION

If you are interested in nominating your child for gifted and talented academic testing please complete the attached nomination form here <u>link</u>

If your child has already been identified as gifted and talented through the process in elementary school, DO NOT fill out this form again please.

CRMS CELEBRATES SPIRIT WEEK

Camp Road Middle School will be celebrating spirit week this week in conjunction with Homecoming Week at JICHS. We encourage all of our students and staff to participate in the Island celebration. Here is the plan for the week:

Tuesday wear royal blue and silver/grey

Wednesday wear royal blue and orange (orange also supports CCSD Unity Day)

Thursday wear your favorite team shirt

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT CONCERT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 19 Chorus concert, 7:00 PM, JICHS performing arts center

Tuesday, October 26 Strings concert, 7:00 PM, CRMS gymnasium

Thursday, November 4 7th grade band concert, 6:30 PM, CRMS gymnasium

8th grade band concert, 7:15 PM, CRMS gymnasium

Tuesday, November 16 6th grade beginning band concert, 6:30 PM, CRMS gymnasium

CCSD CELEBRATES UNITY DAY ON OCTOBER 20

Wear and share orange on Wednesday, October 20 to promote anti-bullying and show that CCSD is united in showing kindness, promoting acceptance, and encouraging inclusion.

#UNITYDAY2021

BASKETBALL INFORMATION

Please open the attached link for information on Camp Road Middle School's upcoming basketball season played through the Trident Area Basketball League.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fJ7rBBDDc30_43UVzQLJCWAWiko1aBd5MwpH3dBV9t4/edit?usp=sharing

PTO SPIRIT WEAR SALES ENDS AT MIDNIGHT ON OCTOBER 17

We are selling for 2 weeks only, October 4-October 17.

We have short and long sleeved shirts, hoodies, joggers, and beanies in youth and adult sizes.

The 3 designs were created by CRMS students!

This will be the only opportunity in 2021 to purchase CRMS spirit wear.

Use the code FREEPICKUP for delivery to your student directly at school and to avoid shipping costs.

Here is the link or QR code to our online sale https://www.marktapparel.com/store/c87/CRMS.html.



CRMS SPIRIT NIGHT AT HIDEAWAY PIZZA



CAMP RD MS SPIRIT NIGHT AT HIDEAWAY PIZZA ON WED., OCT 20TH, 3 - 9 PM

Delivery and take out encouraged (dine in space is limited).
Tell them you are there for Camp Road! 10% of proceeds go back to
CRMS. Two students will win Hideaway gift cards during the morning
announcements, sponsored by Katie McCabe, realtor, and Jamie Minster,
Lender.

Calendar

<u>October</u>

October 17 PTO Spirit Wear sales end
October 18-19 6th & 8th grade math benchmark tests
October 19 6th grade ELA benchmark tests

HIDEAWAY PIZZA October 19 Chorus concert, 7:00 PM, JICHS
October 20 7th & 8th grade ELA benchmark tests
October 20 PTO Spirit Night at Hideaway Pizza
October 20 CCSD & CRMS celebrate Unity Day
October 20-21 7th grade math benchmark tests

October 22 eLearning Day (all students learn at home); end of Quarter 1

October 22 JICHS Homecoming football game, 7:30 PM

October 25 Report Cards will be distributed this week, day TBD

October 26 7th grade spelling bee during lunch period
October 26 Strings concert, 7:00 PM, CRMS gym
October 27 6th grade spelling bee during lunch period
October 28 8th grade spelling bee during lunch period

October 26-28 Halloween candy grams sold during lunch for 50 cents

November

November 2 Election Day; no students; teacher workday; Family Data Conferences TBA

November 4 Q 1 honor roll celebration during lunch

November 4 7th grade band concert, 6:30 PM, CRMS gym; 8th grade band concert, 7:15 PM

November 9 Make up day for School Picture Day

November 16 6th grade beginning band concert, 6:30 PM, CRMS gym

November 22-26 Fall Break

November 30 Progress Reports will be distributed

<u>December</u>

December 14 6th grade science benchmarks

December 17 Half day, students are dismissed at 11:45 AM

Would you like to recognize a student, teacher, or parent? Click Here