

«Creekside FEBRUARY Monthly News»

Creekside Elementary School

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February Dates:

February 8: PTO Mtg. @ 6:30 CES STEM LAB

February 14: Valentine's Day Celebrations

February 21: NO SCHOOL for CES students

February 28-March 4: Spring Book Fair

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:50-3:50pm

Fridays

8:50-2:50pm

Dear CES Families,

WOW, January flew by! Hope everyone is enjoying the snow. The month of February always has had a focus of love and kindness. I hope families are spending the time to remember what is important and how just a small act of kindness or love goes a long way. Thanks to all our JK/K parents for attending our Saturday Kindergarten Orientation it was so amazing to see faces again. The CES Staff looks forward to the day where we welcome families back into our building.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Moore-Way

Absence Line

Absence Line: 810-626-2605 Please call this number to report your child's absence

Hartland Winterfest Hartland

WINTERFEST is the perfect excuse to experience Hartland's outdoor living at its finest. Plan to join your friends, family, and Hartland community on February 12 for a FREE spirit-warming day in the middle of our cold Michigan Winter.

Find more info on our website : <https://www.hartlandtwp.com/community/page/winterfest-2022>

Arrival and Dismissal Changes

Arrival

Students will arrive either in person or by bus. We will operate a kiss and go lane, which means students move as quickly as they can, and parents stay in cars. There will be adults outside to help guide cars and students. Students will not be allowed to enter the building until 8:40 am. Please do not let your child out of the car before there is adult supervision outside. Upon entering the building students will go to cafeteria. Students will be separated by class. Once the bell rings students will be escorted down hallway by grades to avoid any congestion.

Pick Up Students

In order to facilitate our new pick up procedure's students will not be allowed for early pick up after 3 pm. We do not have adequate staff to support students being picked up between 3:00 and 3:45. We thank you in advance for your understanding and if you have any extenuating circumstances please feel free to call the main office.

Dismissal

Parents will park and walk up to the main entrance doors. They will check their student out with staff. Staff will call students outside while parents wait outside. When you or a family member comes up to the door, please have your ID available in order make sure anyone that is picking up your student is listed as an emergency contact in the parent portal.

Please make sure you are contacting the main office for any transportation changes. When parents only tell or email teachers/students, it causes confusion for your child and staff. Safety is our utmost concern and want your child to get where they need to be safely.

Cromaine Winter Reading Challenge – Accepted!

Our neighborhood Cromaine Library kicked off their winter reading challenge on December 1. We are excited for our Villagers to get a chance to participate in this exciting event. Please see below for the winter reading challenge documents based on your student's grade-level.

Pre-K <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.snr6jwvy32qh>

Grade K-2 <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.a6xvfhpewgqk>

Grade 3-4 <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.gn6rupyx0k9r>

Adult <https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.8elts8ov3ra0>

The library also put together a wonderful list of books that are great for each age-level.
<https://sites.google.com/cromaine.org/winterreading2021/home#h.h3hvhfepd9as>

Also, you can always reach out to the library to assist you in any way.

They are wonderful and happy to help.

It's Cold Outside!

Please make sure that you send your student to school with warm clothes. Students will go out to recess each day multiple times. We want to make sure that they are protected from the elements.



Birthday Celebrations

Due to the high number of life-threatening allergies at our school it is necessary to eliminate food items from our birthday celebrations. Celebrating with non-food items will ensure that our school is safe for all students. Classrooms and the office will continue to ensure that birthdays are special days for students. We will continue to celebrate holidays as we have in the past. Your child's teachers will share details specific to their classroom. Thanks for your understanding as we work to make Creekside safe for all students.

Spring HAYAA Flag football registration is NOW OPEN!

This is a FUN based flag football league that is designed to teach, introduce, and get moving playing a team sport. We have divisions that go K-8 and no experience is needed! Here are a few of the benefits of HAYAA Flag football.

1. Small time Commitment - games are played on Sunday afternoons, one-hour practice followed by a football by a one-hour game.
2. Kids at any skill level are welcome, this a great sport to introduce your child to team sports
3. Great opportunity to coach! If you want to try coaching a sport with your child, this is a great opportunity to get your feet wet.

Please click the link below to register, if you are new you will need to create an account. Registration ends February 28, 2022. <https://hayaa-football.sportngin.com/home>

What is the plan when we have a case of Covid-19 at school?

Update to Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Isolation & Quarantine Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention ("CDC") recently amended their guidance for how schools should approach the isolation and quarantine of personnel and students. As a continuation in our efforts to keep students in school, we are intending to implement the new CDC guidance for students and staff beginning on **Monday, January 10th**.

The [Overview of COVID-19 Isolation for K-12 Schools](#) and detailed [Quarantine and Isolation guidance](#) can be found on the CDC's website.

Following is a very brief summary of the new guidance as it pertains to isolation and quarantine of school personnel and students:

You isolate when you are sick or when you have tested positive even if you don't have symptoms.

You quarantine when you might have been exposed to the virus and may or may not have been infected.

	Instructions for Exclusion from the School Environment	Instructions to Return to the School-Environment
Isolation	Those with a positive test result should isolate for a period of 5 days, with day 0 being the day symptoms start or a positive test is received.	Return to school may occur on day 6 if symptoms have resolved or improved and a well-fitting mask MUST be worn through day 10. During days 6-10, if symptoms have not resolved continue to isolate until symptom free or 10 days have passed.
Isolation pending test results	Symptomatic students or staff with a pending COVID-19 test should isolate until the result is received.	If the test is negative, the student or staff member may return when symptoms subside. If positive, see the isolation instructions above.
Quarantine from a home exposure	Unvaccinated individuals that come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 outside of school or in the home should quarantine for at least 5 days. The date of exposure is considered day 0.	A return to school may occur on day 6 if asymptomatic and wearing a well-fitting mask through day 10. Vaccinated close contacts are excluded from this recommendation although masking is recommended through day 10.

<p>Identified cluster of cases in the school-environment</p>	<p>In the case of an identified cluster of cases (<i>3 or more cases that are possibly linked within a classroom or grouping</i>), targeted interventions will be issued in collaboration with LCHD. Interventions may include masking the entire staff and student body for a period, a short-term shift to virtual learning for a classroom, a grade level or a school.</p>	<p>The appropriate length of time for the short-term intervention will also be set in collaboration with LCHD.</p>
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Please continue to notify your school building/district office directly if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone in your household with COVID-19. In addition, please use <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6359915/UPDATED-COVID-19-Self-Report-Form> to self-report the case to the LCHD.

HCS will continue following the approved process for those individuals who have been identified as a close contact *within* the school setting in which parents will be notified, students are encouraged to get tested, wear a mask, monitor symptoms and stay home if they become symptomatic.

There is a strong possibility that additional updates will be issued in the coming weeks ahead and we will make sure to keep our school community informed as new guidelines are presented.

PTO NEWS

PTO News

Join us on February 8th at 6:30 pm in our beautiful new STEM lab for our monthly meeting. Get involved, meet other parents and help make a difference at our school!

We are looking for a treasurer for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. General responsibilities include: bank statements, budget, deposits, receipts, reimbursements & taxes. If interested, please send an email to creeksideelementarypto@gmail.com

Please join our group to stay connected:
[Facebook.com/Creekside PTO Families Hartland. MI](https://www.facebook.com/CreeksidePTOFamiliesHartlandMI)