

«Creekside JANUARY Monthly News»

Creekside Elementary School

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January Dates:

January 11: CES PTO meeting, 6:30 pm STEM LAB

January 17: MLK Day NO SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday-Thursday

8:50-3:50pm

Fridays

8:50-2:50pm

Dear CES Families,

Welcome Back! Happy 2022! We hope everyone had a wonderful break. We are very optimistic about the New Year. A new year always brings new ideas, goals and the hope for better things. I hope this year will be better for all. We hope we will be able to offer more fabulous events and opportunities as the year progresses.

Please mark your calendars, 3rd graders will be taking the Smarter Balance Test, again on Feb 15 and 16 while 4th graders will be tested on Feb 10 and 11.

Please scroll down to read the new policies and procedures for COVID.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Moore-Way

Absence Line

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

Arrival and Dismissal Changes

Arrival

Students will either arrive 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.

Dismissal

Pick Up Students

In order to facilitate our new pick up procedure's students will not be allowed for early pick up after 3pm. We do not have adequate staff to support students being picked up between 3 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.

We are moving back to a traditional pick-up system. Parents will park and walk up to the main entrance doors. They will sign their student out with staff. Staff will call students outside while parents wait outside. When you or a family member come up to the door, please have your ID available and make sure that anyone that is picking up your student is listed as an emergency contact in MiStar.

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.

4th Grade Yearbook Cover Winners

Front Cover: Molly Hamill

Honorable Back Cover: Isabella Rybarczyk, Grayson McLaughlin, Julia Spinneweber,

Megan Burgess

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.

It's Getting 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.



Reinstating Routines

After taking a vacation, enjoying a summer, or coming back from winter break, it's important to reinstate routines both at home and at school. As we begin second semester, our teachers will work with students to reiterate classroom and school-wide expectations. These are important to everyone as they are our guiding principles at school. You can help us by talking with your student about our school-wide and classroom expectations.

Ask questions like

- * What are you expected to do as you walk through the hallway?
- *What are you allowed to play on the playground?
- *How do the teachers expect you to behave in the classroom?
- *What are the rules in the bathroom?

While these questions may seem silly, they give insight into how your student views the rules of school and how they see themselves operating from day-to-day inside the building.

Having a conversation with your student at home further solidifies the bond between school and home. It is never easy to get back in the swing of things after an extended break, but we know that our students are resilient and will pick up right where they left off with a few reminders.

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.
Identified cluster of cases in the school-environment	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.	The appropriate length of time for the short-term intervention will also be set in collaboration with LCHD.

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

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Join us on January 11th at 6:30pm 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.

Thank you for all the donations that made the week before Christmas break extra special for the entire staff at CES. Everyone enjoyed the gift cards supporting some amazing local businesses! Thank you also to Meijer for a generous donation of \$250 that helped provide a delicious breakfast and additional gift cards.

Looking forward to a great second half of the year!

Please join our group to stay connected:

Facebook.com/Creekside PTO Families Hartland, MI