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# Cannon River STEM School News

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**August is upon us  
School is drawing near  
Mark your calendars now**

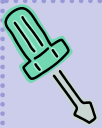
**So, you know all the things that are going on here!**

In this newsletter we want to explain some of the traditional before school events we have at Cannon River STEM School; during the school year the monthly newsletter will be an important tool that will help you know what events are coming in the month ahead and will highlight research we are reading, events and activities that have happened, and short articles that will help you learn about CRSS. This newsletter is to remind you about some important dates in August and to explain some of the before school events that have become traditions at CRSS. We hope to see you at all of the August events because honestly we can't wait for school to start. So seeing you at these events will be sort of like a sneak preview of the year!

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** Saturday is scheduled on the calendar as a Family Work Day. There have been some delays in the summer work schedule and construction projects so we are going to try a little different work day approach. Listed below are some of the ways you and your family could help us get ready for the start of school.



If it works for you to help on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. we will have the supplies ready and work places assigned. If some of the jobs interest your family and you aren't able to come on the 9<sup>th</sup>, but could do them throughout the next two weeks (August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>) all you need to do is check in with Ashley and she'll get you set up. One of the reasons for a family work day is that it is a chance to contribute to the good of the school, another is to meet other families and work toward a common goal – many hands make light work. CRSS does not have a full time custodian and the work you help out with falls to the staff on hand so we truly appreciate every hour of work that you donate.



## **These are just a few of the jobs that could happen in preparation for the students to return**

- Assembling 12 classroom tables
- Wiping down cubbies
- Vacuuming and replacing carpet strips
- Sewing or repairing snowpants\*
- Sewing valances for 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade windows \*
- Scrubbing classroom tables, both top and bottom.
- Scrubbing wastebaskets – approximately 14\*
- Adding mulch to the playground area
- Raking sand and pulling weeds on the playground
- Weed the coniferous tree garden
- Paint 4-Square court lines on the tennis courts (court will need to be swept first)

- Organizing the Middle School supply center
- Cutting pancake breakfast tickets and preparing signs for local businesses\*
- Moving furniture out of the Middle School classrooms onto the mezzanine and into the hallway
- Pinning up number lines in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – need to be comfortable on a ladder
- Rinsing (a few need scrubbing) 40 plastic paper holders for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade\*

**Please call the office to let us know that you will be attending the family workday. 507-331-7836**

\*tasks marked with the asterisk could be taken home



**August 11<sup>th</sup>** Monday, is the second Kindergarten play date from 5:00 to 6:00. Over half of the kindergarteners were able to attend the July play date. While the children played and did some activities with Mrs. Girard and Ms. Wiles many of the families toured the campus. During this coming play date we would ask that the adults and siblings help us with a project – details will be sent after Saturday’s family work day.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>** Thursday, is a more formal orientation for Kindergarten families and for families with students in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are new to CRSS. You will receive an invitation to this in the next few days. This orientation is provided based on requests by previous families as a way to help new students be on campus several times before the start of the school year. Families also reported that getting information about lunches, schedules, and school culture is important to an easier transition to the campus and success at school.



**August 15<sup>th</sup>** Friday, from 5:00 to 7:30 the CRSS staff will be cooking up a storm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Well, more like making hamburger baskets or chicken finger baskets but it will be a great chance to connect with other families, teachers you know, and to meet new staff as well as eat a meal. Order forms for school logo wear will be available.

\$5.50 gets you a hamburger basket or chicken fingers basket. The basket includes French fries. Cheese, raw onions or fried onions can be added at no cost. An extra burger is just \$2.50. Beverages are available for purchase, water will be provided.

**August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday and Wednesday will be set aside for before school conferences. You will receive an email this week explaining how to sign up for a before school conference for your child(ren). This email will also tell you who your child’s classroom teacher will be. If you have any trouble signing up help is just a phone call away (507-331-7836) and ask for Ms. Ashley or Ms. Nicole. These first conferences serve many purposes at CRSS. Our goal is 100% attendance because we believe that taking the time before school begins to introduce ourselves, to check in with the students about their interests, and to lay out some of the plans for the school year help the students to have a more successful start to the school year.

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** Tuesday is the first day of school. We look forward to beginning the next five years with excitement, anticipation and the prospect of forming more wonderful friendships.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Family Workday 8-10 am
10	11 Kinder Playdate	12	13	14 New Family/ Kinder Orientation	15 Burger Fry 5 -7:30 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Conferences	27 Conferences	28	29	30
31	1	2 First Day of School	3	4	5	6