

Summer Learning – opportunities to continue to prevent summer slide.

August is a great time to practice the basic math facts and operations -

<http://everyday-math.uchicago.edu/parents/parent-links/> is a link you might try.

Once on this page if you look at the left hand column and click on Games and Extra Practice you will have access to a number of math resources geared for specific grade levels.

A website that is focused on science concepts and skills is <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com>. There are activities ranging from seasons at the primary level to learning about the periodic table at the upper grades. One caution is that there are some links to ads that run across the top of some of the pages. Working together as a family to practice technology skills, science concepts and reading will help prevent summer slide.



Middle School students headed to the Rice County Historical Society to make bricks and then on a hunt for the brick making yard that is near our campus.

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Volunteers

During June and July we saw a number of volunteers on the CRSS campus. Summer session students from the Middle School performed service as part of their summer work – they prepared the July newsletter mailing and planned for some interior decorating at the Middle School.

The library is within inches of being ready for students when school begins in September. This wouldn't be possible without the dedicated volunteering of Kathy Smola, St. Kate's professor, some of her colleagues and students, and a group of CRSS parents.

The first through eighth grade classrooms were able to be waxed thanks to Mr. Todd, CRSS Staff and two families who moved furniture. Ms. Jirik, Mr. Todd, and CRSS graduates moved furniture back into classrooms.

The campus looks cleaner too thanks to a group that volunteered in Faribault last week called STORM Camp. These six young people with an adult leader moved furniture out of classrooms, cleaned walls, pulled weeds and painted during the two days they were on campus.

Even with the hundreds of hours donated this summer there is still work to be done on campus. We depend on volunteers for many things and would like to see you at the next two volunteer opportunities:

- August 16th – attend the Burger Fry at the KC Hall
 - August 17th – help out at the Family Work Day
- More information on the back.

Welcome

Welcome to all of those of you who are new to Cannon River STEM School.

It is also exciting to welcome new staff to the Cannon River STEM School faculty. At this time we would like to welcome:

- Ms. Libby Stahly to 2nd grade from 6th grade
- Ms. Madi Cooper, former CRSS Promise Fellow, to 4th grade
- Mrs. Laura Sammon to 6th grade
- Mr. Michael Berger to music
- Ms. Li Liu to Chinese (**We are still in need of a host family for fall, please contact Ms. Nalani.**)
- Mrs. Nikky Scheffler to the special education department
- Mr. David Duba, Promise Fellow

Farewell

Mrs. Grundmeier will not be returning to second grade. Baby Brandon has asked her to stay home with him. We will miss her and wish them happy playdates.



Summer Session Successes

Summer Sessions were well attended by students during July. Preventing "summer slide" in academics is a way to be a partner with CRSS. Elementary students ended their 5 week session with a reader's theater play outside on the stage and an engineering exhibit.

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting 7pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 New Families and Kinder Orientation	16 Burger Fry Fundraiser at KC Hall	17 Family Work Day
18	19 CRSS hosting Mental Health First Aid for Youth Training	20	21	22	23	24
25 Kindergarten Play- date 3-5pm (CRSS Playground)	26 Teacher Workshops Office closed 8am- 1pm	27 Before School Conf. Title I and SPED Advisory Committee	28 Before School Conf.	29 Teacher Workshops Office closed 8am- 3:30pm	30 Teacher Workshops	31

August 15th Orientation for kindergarteners and their families is intended to provide another experience for our youngest CRSS members. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Girard will meet with the children while the office staff and Ms. Nalani meet with the adults. An invitation was sent earlier, please RSVP.

August 15th Orientation for 1st through 8th grade new families. An invitation was sent earlier, please RSVP.

August 16th The Hamburger Fry at the KC Hall in Faribault is a chance for the Cannon River STEM School staff to serve our families. For \$5 a basket you can order a hamburger and fries, a cheeseburger and fries, or chicken strips and fries. Water and lemonade will be provided. The Raptor League will also be holding a bake sale and selling tickets for the Pancake Breakfast in September. Join us from 5:00—7:30!

August 17th is Family Work Day. Over the summer the staff and volunteers have pitched in to accomplish many tasks that help to make the school look good and run well. It seems the list is never ending and this is a time for families to work together to help get those jobs done that are still on the list. Putting shelves together, wiping down cubbies and lockers, staining and painting, weeding and sprucing up the grounds, indoor work and even some paperwork – are just a few of the tasks that would help us be ready for the first day of school.

August 27th and 28th Conferences, these before school conferences are one of the ways we feel we are unique at Cannon River STEM School. You will receive an email explaining how to sign up for conferences electronically using the SchoolView system. It is important to remember that the times are a little different between the elementary and the middle school conferences, so double check that you are giving yourself time to get from place to place.

August 26th through August 30th is the Workshop Week for our staff. We will be getting reconnected, getting rooms set up for the opening of school, reviewing curriculum, doing required state trainings, and learning more about the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program that will be implemented at CRSS this fall.

September 3rd First day of school!