

Reading Corps information:

We are fortunate at CRSS to have opportunities that help all students continue to progress as readers. The upcoming literacy nights are one way our teachers can share reading strategies for all readers. We hope that you will attend.

According to information received at a recent Minnesota Reading Corps training: "About 100 words account for 50% of print in children's school books (Adams, 1990)" It is important to work on sight words, especially at the K-4 level, as a way to build reading fluency.

Reading Corps member, Sherry Benson, works with students at CRSS on skills to become more proficient readers. She tutors each of her students for 20 minutes per session.

Some statistics shared at the training showed that given a block of 20 minutes to read there is a big difference between readers. A struggling reader actually reads less than a minute of the time, while a more proficient reader reads more than 14 minutes of the time. Choosing a just right book helps all readers to be able to spend more time in actual reading.

Veterans' Day Celebration:

Veterans' Day will be observed on November 11th from 1:30-2:15 in the gymnasium. This program has been planned by the 8th graders as part of their music performance standard. CRSS parents or family members that are veterans are invited to attend. Please provide their name and branch of the service to the office or the

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Library Opens!

Sometimes a chance comment or a random connection can make the difference in many lives. As students begin using the CRSS library next week they can be grateful to Ms. Deni who made a chance comment in her library science class more than a year ago. This comment led to our CRSS Library being "adopted" by a small group of retired librarians and "soon to be" librarians from St. Catherine's University.

With their guidance and the help of a group of CRSS volunteers it is with great pride and excitement that our library will open. Kathy Smola, our St. Catherine's connection, took the lead on making this project happen. She showed volunteers how to sort books, cover books, catalog books, shelve books, put spine labels on books, and probably another dozen activities necessary to make a library work. She took home trunkloads of books to enter into the catalog system and even sent questions about books while on vacation! Thank you to Kathy and to the CRSS volunteers for making this project a reality.

There are currently 14,000 entries between our library books and our leveled library selections. There are still books to be added and now there will be books to put back on the shelves. Volunteers are needed and welcome. If you have a regular hour or two once a week to dedicate to the library please contact Ms. Ashley at 331-7836 or at aringlien@cannonriverstemschool.org



Faribault Public School District Levy Vote on November 5th!

The Cannon River STEM School (CRSS) believes that all schools benefit when students have strong and adequately funded educational choices. Additionally, CRSS believes that the Faribault Public Schools are an essential part of the fabric of educational choice in the Faribault area. CRSS believes that the Faribault Public Schools and the Cannon River STEM School should be strong and mutually-supportive partners in educating the children of Faribault and the surrounding area.

It is because the Cannon River STEM School Board of Directors believes strong schools make strong communities that at their October 10th, 2013 Board Meeting they approved a resolution supporting the proposed \$1,101 per student ten-year Faribault Public School levy which will appear on the November 5th, 2013 ballot. The CRSS Board believes that the revoking of the existing \$465/student levy that expires in two years and establishing a \$1,101 per student levy (the existing \$465 + an additional \$636) for ten years will stabilize and strengthen the education of children in our community.

We urge our families to do what they can to support education in our community: work with your children to support their education, give your time and talent to support our community's youth, and vote on November 5th! Polling places are located at Nerstrand Elementary School and Faribault High School and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5th. Thank you for your support of education for our youth!

Fall Conferences

Fall Conferences, the 2nd conference of the CRSS school year, are wrapping up. Currently 94% of our students' families learned about the first six weeks of school and helped set academic goals for the next weeks. Teachers appreciated the time they could spend with you to help ensure a positive, successful school experience for your child. Please help us reach the goal of 100% by scheduling a conference with your child's teacher if you were unable to attend in October.

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3	4	5	6	7 Parent Information Night (Literacy Focus) 5th-8th grades at 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day Music Performance from 1:30–2:15 pm in the gymnasium	12 Parent Information Night (Literacy Focus) K-4th grades at 6:30 pm	13 Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm	14 Board Meeting at 7:00 pm	15	16
17	18	19 Tentative Explore Test 8th graders	20	21	22 End of Trimester	23
24	25	26	27 Teacher Workday	28 No School	29 No School	30



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Just a reminder that Give to the Max Day is November 14th! Cannon River STEM School uses Give to the Max Day as a way of fundraising for our school that doesn't

involve students selling products. This year we have an anonymous donor who has provided a \$1,100 matching grant...so every dollar will be matched for a total of \$2,200! Please consider helping us out, and spreading the word with your friends and family! www.givemn.org

Attendance

Did you know that attendance problems in Kindergarten and 1st grade can have lasting effects? Studies in California showed that students missing 5% or more of school (which would be 9 days over the year here at CRSS) on average scored 50 points lower on English and 75 points lower on Math standardized tests two years later when tested in 3rd grade as compared with their peers! In fact, missing 13 days/year during your K-12 career would mean that a student has missed one full year of school by the time they graduate!

Donations Please

SHOE BOXES

Our 4th grade classes and Art are in need of shoe boxes. You can send them in with your students or drop them off in the office.

BOX TOPS ONLY

We will no longer be participating in the milk caps or soup label programs. We will only be accepting the Box Tops.



Volunteers

Once again, the parent volunteers and staff volunteers helped to make the Book Fair a success during conferences. Students previewed books and families stopped to browse and shop the fair. 699 books were purchased which equates to 125,892 reading minutes.