

# Madison Highlights and Happenings\*

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## Fourth and Fifth Grade Concerts

**Monday, April 24 – Café**

**Fourth Grade – 6:00 PM**



**(Students should arrive at 5:45 and go to the gym.)**

**Fifth Grade – 6:45 PM**

**(Students should arrive at 6:30 and go to the gym.)**

## Incoming Kindergarten Spring Visit



Kindergarteners starting next fall have an opportunity to come visit Madison School on Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Families will enjoy a tour of the school, kids will go to classrooms and learn a bit about kindergarten while parents go to the library to learn about Madison.

## Earth Day and Love Thy Neighbor Day

Madison students were amazing neighbors on Friday! Students delivered between 250 and 300 thank you cards to our neighbors. We are thankful to be located in a safe neighborhood with many great families surrounding us! In the afternoon students worked hard at picking up sticks, trash, raking leaves, pulling out dead plants, spreading mulch and sweeping up sand in the parking lot! Our kids are great! We are proud to be partnering with families in raising students



who honor both learning and kindness along with hard work and effort.

## Facilities Master Planning Input Sessions...are over, BUT...

You can still learn about the process and information. To access the information presented at the Input Sessions follow this link:

<http://www.cr.k12.ia.us/every-voice-matters/>

### Facilities Master Planning Survey

Dear CRCSD Community Member,

Every community member has a voice in the Cedar Rapids Community School District's ongoing pursuit of excellence.

Today, I am asking for your feedback to Reimagine, Re-envision, and Reinvest in our students and school facilities. The district is engaging in a planning process to understand our facilities needs and determine how we can provide the best possible learning environment and student experience. Your feedback will inform the development of a facilities master plan.

[Take Facilities Survey](#)

Or go go:

<http://survey.k12insight.com/survey.aspx?k=QsYUQUsQUPsUVPQWSXUUsP&lang=&ver=new&data=>

This survey will take 10–15 minutes to complete. Your feedback is strictly confidential. All responses are anonymous to Cedar Rapids Community School District, so please respond honestly.

After the survey closes, we will share the findings and what we have learned.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention. Engaging in an ongoing two-way dialogue is critical as we work together to build a successful future for our district.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brad Buck  
Superintendent  
Cedar Rapids Community School District

## Iowa Skipper Jump Rope Camp 2017



The Iowa Skipper Jump Rope Team is once again conducting a 3 day camp for grades K – 8 on June 7, 8, and 9 at Taft Middle School. This is a camp for all to enjoy the benefits of jumping rope for fun and fitness. Over 100 different single tricks will be taught, as well as fun jumping long ropes, double Dutch, Chinese wheel, chants, and many other exciting long rope tricks. The cost is \$45 which includes a rope. More information and registration forms are available at [www.iowaskippers.org](http://www.iowaskippers.org) or contact Hal Garwood 393-4897 or Jim Patterson 390-3439.

## Western Day and Learning Celebration

Each May Madison School enjoys 'Western Day'. On Western Day (May 26) staff and students dress up in their western gear and enjoy a grilled hot dog lunch outdoors. We always greet and eat with many parents on this fun day. This year we are adding another layer to the day: Learning Celebration!

The idea behind a 'Learning Celebration' is to continue to great conversations students have with their families at the October and February Parent/Teacher Conferences. At both the conferences, students show and share their learning using their Data Binder/Folder. Madison staff continue to assist students to add to their Data Binder/Folder after the February conferences but felt little emphasis placed on the students' hard work and parents did not get to enjoy seeing the growth of their child from August to the end of the school year in May.

Please make plans to join us on Friday, May 26 during your child's lunch hour for a time to eat together, and be dazzled by your child's learning and enjoy one another's company. More details to follow.



## School Start and End Times Changing for 2017-18 School Year

The Cedar Rapids Community School District will adjust start and end times by five minutes for elementary and middle schools **for the 2017-18 school year**. The revised schedule will provide bus drivers a full hour instead of 50 minutes to complete their elementary routes, ensuring that all students arrive to school in time for breakfast and start the school day with their peers.

“Under the current schedule some students are arriving late for breakfast, making for a rushed start to the day,” explained Val Dolezal, Executive Administrator of Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

“Adjusting the school times slightly is expected to resolve this. In addition, all of our schools will start at 50 minutes after the hour, which is easier for everyone to remember.”

### **Starting with the 2017-18 school year:**

- Elementary schools will **begin classes at 8:50 a.m. and dismiss at 3:50 p.m.** Early dismissal time will be 2:20 p.m.
- Middle schools will **begin classes at 7:50 a.m. and dismiss at 2:50 p.m.** Early dismissal time will be 1:20 p.m.
- High school classes will continue to **begin at 7:50 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.** Early dismissal will be at 1:30 p.m.

The 2017-18 calendar can be found on the District website at [www.cr.k12.ia.us](http://www.cr.k12.ia.us)

## Upcoming PTA Events

**Teacher Appreciation Week – May 1 – 5**

**PTA Meeting – May 4 – 5:30 – Library**

**Walk-A-Thon and Running Club Races – May 19 – 12:30 - 2:00**

**Spring-A-Thon Carnival – May 19 – 6:00 – 8:00**

## Calendar Reminders



**April 24 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30**

**April 24 – Garden Club 3:45 – 4:45**

**April 27 – Running Club - 3:45 – 4:30**

**April 27 – Incoming Kindergarten Spring Visit – 6:00 – 7:00**

**April 28 – Early Dismissal – 2:15**

**May 5 – Early Dismissal – 2:15**

**May 12 – Kindergarten Author’s Luncheon**

**May 12 – Early Dismissal – 2:15**

**May 19 – Walk-A-Thon and Running Club Races– 12:30 – 2:00**

**May 19 – Spring-A-Thon Carnival – 6:00 – 8:00**

**May 19 – Early Dismissal – 2:15**

**May 26 – Western Day and Learning Celebration**

**May 26 – Early Dismissal**

**May 29 – No School – Memorial Day**

**June 1 – Mad-I-Sun Day**

**June 2 – Last Day of School – Early Dismissal – 2:15**

**Every Friday is Early Dismissal at 2:15!**



## **Virtual Backpack**

**Check out the CRCSD Virtual Backpack for information and opportunities for families. Go to the link below to access information on the events/opportunities listed below.**

<http://webapps.cr.k12.ia.us/virtualbackpack/FlyerLinks.aspx?school=Madison>

[Trolls Outdoor movie night fundraiser - Event Date: \(5/5/2017 - 5/5/2017\)](#)

[Diversity Focused Swim Clinic - Event Date: \(5/6/2017 - 5/6/2017\) -](#)

[Summer Fun Program - Event Date: \(4/30/2017 - 7/15/2017\) -](#)

[Summer Programs at the Arts Academy - Event Date: \(6/1/2017 - 8/10/2017\) -](#)

[Coe College Men's Basketball 2017 Camps - Event Date: \(6/12/2017 - 7/13/2017\) -](#)

[Food Camps - Event Date: \(6/16/2017 - 8/18/2017\) -](#)

[Kids Festival - Event Date: \(5/6/2017 - 5/6/2017\) -](#)

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