



Cub Newsletter

September 2018

Main Office 324-2800 Attendance Line 324-2802

Office hours 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

School day hours 8:05 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

Library hours 7:30 a.m. - 3:20 p.m

Transportation 324-2100

Welcome Back to C.R. Anderson Middle School!

The 6th grade students will begin school with WEB Day on Wednesday, August 29th. The 7th/8th grade students will begin school on Thursday, August 30th.

The Open House for 6th graders at C.R. Anderson was held at 2 different times on **August 29th; 8:15-9:15 a.m. or 6:00-7:00 p.m.** The Open House for 7th & 8th graders will be held on **Thursday, September 6th**, with the 7th graders/parents at 6:00, and 8th graders/parents at 7:00. Picture day will be **Tuesday, September 4th**, and retakes will be October 15th.

Our Middle School activities programs will be up and running beginning September 11th. The schedule is included in the newsletter. Students will be participating in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Cross Country or 8th grade Girl's Volleyball, beginning September 11th. Schedules will be posted on the website and each player will be given a game schedule.

We have bus lanes right behind the school - please do not drive or park in these lanes at any time, as we would like to keep them open for any busses throughout the day. In an attempt to clear some of the congestion in front of the school, along Knight Street, we are asking that 6th grade parents drop off/pick up on Knight Street, and 7th/8th grade parents drop off/pick up behind the school, along Allison Street. A great place to avoid traffic and pick up your student is to have them walk one block east down Choteau Street. There is little traffic and you can get in and out of the area quickly on those busy days. **Please be safe & careful drivers when picking up and dropping off your student(s).**

Our new security systems will be up and running. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate these changes!

Have a great September!!

(N)ew Staff/Changes

- (N) Cori Krick – 8th Grade English-406 team
- Dick McMahon – 8th Grade Math
- Kylie Pancich – 6th Grade Social Studies-Platinum Team
- Jake West – 6th Grade Art
- Lindy Hale – Special Education
- (N) Lindsey Orem – Special Education
- (N) Paul Connolly – 8th Grade English-Vigilante Team
- (N) Lauren Miller – 7th Grade English-Wildside Team
- Beth Douglass – 6th Grade Math-Gold Team/Computer Applications
- (N) Sarah Hogan – English/Computer Applications/Computer Tech
- (N) Ben Dudek – 6th Grade Science-Gold Team, 7th Grade Geography-Meadowlark
- (N) Erin Hunt – Building Learning Coordinator and Literacy Coach
- (N) Cara Heath – School Psychologist
- (N) Lori Braese-Speech
- (N) Sarah Vulk-Kelly – ½ Special Education
- (N) Duran Caferro-IEFA Tutor

Important Dates:

- 8/29 WEB Day for 6th graders
- 8/29 Open House for 6th gr. @ 8:15 a.m./6:00 p.m.
- 8/30 First Day of school for 7th/8th graders
- 9/3 No school - Labor Day
- 9/4 Picture Day
- 9/6 Open House for 7th gr. @ 6:00, 8th gr. @ 7:00
- 9/9 Carnival Classic-Memorial Park
- 9/11 Cross Country begins
- 9/11 8th grade volleyball begins
- 9/15 Picture Retake Day
- 10/1 Angel Fund applications available at each school or on the Angel Fund website
(<http://www.angelfundhelena.org/HowToApply>)

Please let us know
if any phone
numbers, addresses
or e-mails have
changed so we can
keep in contact
with you!

Student Attendance

If your **student** is to be **absent** from school due to sickness, an appointment or any other reason, please call the school **attendance line at 324-2802**, or you may send a signed note to school with your student, or you may come into the building to check your student out. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The 2018-19 District Calendar and the A/B Day Calendar are posted on our website.

<http://cra.helenaschools.org/resources/>

CRA Library Hours 7:35am-3:20pm

Students using the library at 7:35 need to use the NW entrance
(by the basketball hoops)

Early Release on Mondays!

Students will be released from classes at 2:15 p.m.
each Monday, for professional development time for teachers.
Busses will run their regular routes.

Our district is very appreciative of our community for supporting our efforts to schedule professional development time that is directly related to student achievement. Teachers and support staff will be using the early release time to work together to improve their professional practice in an effort to ensure more students learn more. Our work will include:

- **Studying and clarifying the meaning of the MT State Standards and The Career and Technology Education industry standards**
- **Developing an understanding of what the standard looks like in student work**
- **Designing units of study**
- **Writing common assessments**
- **Analyzing the results of the common assessments**
- **Planning additional, time, support and extension for students.**

Our goal is simply to have more students learning more.

2018 Fall Pictures will be Tuesday, September 4th.

Order forms will be coming home with your student the first couple days of school.
Picture packages may be ordered online at mylifetouch.com – no need to return the order form.

Picture Day ID JX618364Y0.

PICTURE RETAKES WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.

Middle School Sports

C.R. ANDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS 2018-2019

Cross Country	Sept 11th - Oct 17th-registration closes Sept. 11th	Girls & Boys - Grades 6-8
Volleyball	Sept 11th - Oct 17th-registration closes Sept. 6th	Girls - Grade 8
Basketball	Oct 23rd - Dec 6th-registration closes Oct. 12th	Girls - Grades 6-7
Wrestling	Oct 23rd - Dec 6th -registration closes Oct. 23rd	Boys - Grades 6-8
Basketball	Dec 11th - Jan 24th-registration closes Nov. 30th	Girls & Boys - Grades 8
Basketball	Jan 29th - March 7th-registration closes Jan. 22	Boys - Grades 6-7
Volleyball	March 12th - April 18th-registration closes Mar 1st	Girls - Grades 6-7
Track	April 23rd - May 30th-registration closes April 23rd	Girls & Boys-Grades 6-8

Each sport must be paid for before your student may participate!
Registration forms will be available at the main office before each sport begins.
We will not be registering students for activities on-line. We are unable to take credit/debit cards for payment.

After-School Kids Academic Assistance Program

We are currently accepting applications for the after-school study program. Applications are available in the main office. Return completed applications to the main office.

Mrs. Bisom will contact you prior to your child starting, which will be early October.

We will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00.

Students in this program receive assistance with their homework from teachers. The participants are expected to follow all school rules and come prepared to work during the study time. Attendance is expected unless there has been an excused absence for the school day. Enrollment is limited and a waiting list is kept for any overflow.

2018/19 Breakfast and lunch prices and information

	Full Price	Reduced Price
Breakfast	\$1.40	\$.30
Lunch	\$2.75	\$.40

Procedure for putting money onto a student's meal account is as follows:

1. You may go on-line to the meal account program and use your credit/debit card to put an amount on to your student's account <https://www.mymealtime.com/signin.aspx>. Funds will not be available for 48 hours.
2. You may send a check or cash to school with your student and they may bring it to the main office before school. If sending a check to school, please put the student's first and last name along with their student ID number on the memo line.
3. **You may also register here for free/reduced meals.**
We are not able to take credit/debit cards at the school.

MealTime Parent Portal Overview

This portal is for both Pay Online and Apply Online.

Logging in:

1. Go to <http://www.mymealtime.com>
2. If you already created an account
 - a. Enter your username and password
 - b. Click on Sign In
3. If you need to create an account
 - a. Click on Register
 - b. Enter YOUR OWN date of birth (not your student's)
 - c. Mark the box stating You have read and agree to Terms of Use
 - d. Click OK
4. Please fill in the fields to create your MealTime Online Parent Profile. You are entering **YOUR** information here not your student's information.

Adding Your student:

1. On the Left side, click on Manage Cafeteria Accounts
2. Under Add student, **click New**
3. Select State, Enter **Montana**
4. School Name, Enter **CRA Middle School**
5. Student ID, Enter your **Student's ID #**
 - a. If you don't know their ID #, please call 324-2757
6. Click Add

Free/Reduced Meal Application:

1. On the Left side, Under MealTime Apply Online, Click **Let's go!**
2. You will have to Sign In again
3. Click on New Application
4. Please follow the prompts to apply

If you have any questions, please call Rachelle Lilletvedt at 324-2757.

Parent Council

CR Anderson Families,

On behalf of the CR Anderson Parent Council, welcome to the 2018-19 school year. We hope the start of the school year has proven a smooth transition for your family. While our middle school students are maturing and becoming more independent, we feel it is still important for families to feel connected to the school community. To help with this effort, we would like to invite you to become involved in CR Anderson Parent Council activities.

Knowing how busy middle school families are during the evening hours, we hold our Parent Council meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from noon-1:00pm. The first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 19th, in Room 200 at CR Anderson**. We will discuss our activities for the year. Please make plans to join us!

We have a wonderful student population and staff at CR Anderson. There are many activities and events throughout the year that you can be involved in. Check in with you student's teachers, the office staff, or any parent council member. We are looking forward to a great school year at CRA!

CRA Parent Council Officers 2018-2019

President – Jennifer Lintner	775-225-1545	JennferLintner83@gmail.com
Treasurer – Marlana Reichert	431-2262	marlanareichert63@gmail.com
Secretary – Jodi Robertson	324-2756	jrobertson@helenaschools.org

Hi CRA families! I am your student's school nurse. Please contact me with any health concerns that may affect your student while at school. Take some time to update yourselves on our health services and medication policy in the student handbook, page 24-29. Emergency medications may be kept with your student by providing a release to self-carry. All other medications need to be kept in the health room for all our student's safety. I look forward to taking good care of your children this year.

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School Cell: 437-2676

