



# Cub Newsletter

November 2022

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.

Transportation 324-2100

*From the Principal, Kathleen Prody*

The Halloween Dance was the first dance since the COVID pandemic interrupted all of our lives, and the kids had a great time!! Our Student Council sponsored the dance and sold over 600 tickets! Several other student groups provided activities so there was no lack of fun for the students. Thank you to Student Council, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and everyone who helped to make this a great event.

The end of the quarter is Friday, November 4. The first quarter was busy with academics, field trips to support classroom activities, athletics, and assessments. Report cards will be available online November 14th. Remember, the report card grade is a snapshot of where your student is academically on the last day of the quarter. There will be many opportunities to grow academically as we move through 2nd quarter.

Conferences are the week of November 7. You should have been contacted by your student's advisor to schedule a time to visit with teachers. We are looking forward to meeting with you to celebrate your student's successes and identify ways we can work as partners to support your student.

Please continue to work with us on reducing morning tardiness. Students who miss 5 minutes of class daily due to being tardy miss 3 hours and 45 minutes of class time per quarter. We want every student to be successful and starting the day being on time and prepared sets the student up for a great day. Thank you for your support in promoting positive lifelong habits.

Beth Douglas received the Helena Education Foundation's "Let's Talk About Great Teachers" award which recognizes extraordinary teachers who go above and beyond. Beth will be recognized at HEF's "Great Conversations" on November 16. Congratulations Beth!!

## Attendance Office phone number 324-2802

If your student will be absent from school, PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE LINE at 324-2802 to notify us. If you do not get an answer, PLEASE leave a message. We check the voicemail frequently. With 1000+ students enrolled at CRA, the phones ring constantly, and we aren't always available to answer.

Also, if you will be picking your student up from school early, please try to contact us ahead of time. We are able to have your student available much more efficiently. ☺

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

### Important Dates

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Winter Choral Concert – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades & VOT  
Nov. 23-25<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break-No School  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade BBB begins  
Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert 6 PM at Myrna Loy  
Dec. 13 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Informance 12 PM – Myrna Loy  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Winter Band Concert – 4:00 & 7:00 pm – at CRA  
Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Break- No School



Our lost and found is overflowing! If your child is missing something, please have them check the lost and found. These items will be removed from C. R. Anderson November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **\*\*\* Chromebook Accidental Damage or Loss Protection Plan \*\*\***

Reminder- If you have not filled out a technology use agreement and paid for the protection plan for your child, you might want to consider doing so and opting into the "Accidental Damage and Loss Protection Plan." The plan costs \$15 dollars per year and can be a BIG savings to families.

Over the past 2 weeks there has been BIG increase of "accidents" regarding Chromebooks. A dozen computers have been returned by students with cracked screens, broken trackpads, or broken cases. Many computers were dropped accidentally and beyond repair. Additionally, 4 computers were lost and have not been found yet. The cost to replace the screen is \$100, trackpad - \$60, the outer casing- \$150, and the entire computer costs between \$229-\$289 depending on the model year. The protection plan covers all accidental damage and loss. We issue a new computer to your child with no fee to replace any broken parts.

If you are interested in opting into the Accidental Damage or Loss Protection Plan. Have your child stop by the office or library and pick up a form. Fill it out and return it with the \$15 fee to the main office.

## **C.R. ANDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS 2022-2023**

<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Dec 5th - Jan 19<sup>th</sup> - registration closes Nov. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Boys - Grades 6-7</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Jan 31<sup>st</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup> - registration closes Jan. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Boys &amp; Girls – Grade 8</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>March 14<sup>th</sup> - April 21<sup>st</sup> - registration closes Mar 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Girls - Grades 6-7</b>
<b>Track</b>	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> - registration closes April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Girls &amp; Boys-Grades 6-8</b>

**Each sport must be paid for before your student may participate!**

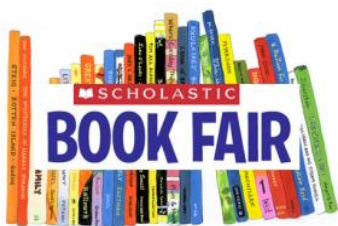
**Registration forms will be available at the main office before each sport begins, and payments can be made by cash, check, or online using RevTrak.**

## **Early Release on Mondays!**

Students will be released from classes at 2:05 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.**



## **CRA 2022 BOOK FAIR!**

**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Open every day before school starting at 7:50am.**

**Open after school Tuesday until 3:30pm.**

**Open during Parent/Teacher conference nights Wed. and Thurs. 'til 7 pm.**

**Open during the day to shop with teacher permission.**

**All sales support your CRA Library!**

**CRA Library phone – 324-2813**

**Mrs. Peterson - [npeterson@helenaschools.org](mailto:npeterson@helenaschools.org)**

**Mrs. Hanson - [jhanson@helenaschools.org](mailto:jhanson@helenaschools.org)**

## **C.R. Anderson Middle Choir Concerts - November 17<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Parents,

The Winter Choir Concert is less than a month away! It is on Thursday, November 17th in the Helena Middle School Auditorium. Students are asked to arrive no earlier than **15 minutes before their performance**; this will help in congestion in the halls and parking areas. ***Singers need to be at the Concert for their grade level.***

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Both choirs at each concert stay in the auditorium for their respective turn as performers and audience members. All singers need to stay till the conclusion of the concert in order to fulfill the audience-member educational component of the concert and to also avoid disruption of the second choir's performance.**

Please **DRESS UP** to the best of your ability for this special occasion!

**6<sup>th</sup> graders** (both choirs) start at 6PM

**7<sup>th</sup> graders** (both choirs) start at 7 PM.

**8<sup>th</sup> graders and VOT** start at 8 PM



## December Band Concerts

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Concert Band & CRA Jazz:** Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Myrna Loy, please arrive between 5:30-5:40 (*NOTE: This concert was originally with a different date and time*)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band & CRA Jazz:** Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, CRA Upper Gym, Arrive between 6:30 and 6:40 in the CRA band room.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band:** Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, CRA Upper Gym Students will remain after school for the "Dress Rehearsal" from 3:00-3:45. Doors open at 3:46.

All concerts are free and open to the public. Links for livestream of the concerts will be emailed to parents and can be shared with friends and family.

Thanks!

Chris Nevinski  
Director of Bands, CRA Middle School  
406-324-2822

# The MET, Live at C.R. Anderson Middle School!

The Helena School District is in its fifteenth year partnering with the Metropolitan Opera Company (the MET) for the *Live in Schools* program. The *Live in Schools* program provides tickets to as many as eight operas each season to introduce students to this incredible art form. Each opera is streamed live to our local movie theater, and the MET provides rich and detailed educator guides that help teachers and students learn about each show.

With our next show a month away—*The Hours* on Saturday, December 10—we want to remind C.R. Anderson students that everyone is welcome to be a part of the *Live in Schools* program. If you want to get involved with the opera you can still contact Mr. Cleary at [kcleary@helenaschools.org](mailto:kcleary@helenaschools.org). We hope to see you at the opera!

## New York City 2024

As the first quarter wraps up, Mr. Cleary and Mrs. Shockley are looking ahead to Spring Break in two years and the next music and art tour to New York! Although that seems a long way off, planning early makes it easier to save the money needed for such an exciting experience.

To get the planning process started, Mr. Cleary has been working with EF Explore America to craft a dynamic and engaging experience for students and family members alike. Anyone interested in being a part of the 2024 tour may contact Mr. Cleary at [kcleary@helenaschools.org](mailto:kcleary@helenaschools.org) or Mrs. Shockley at [rshockley@helenaschools.org](mailto:rshockley@helenaschools.org) for general information about this amazing educational opportunity.

Our next enrollment meeting will be held in Spring 2023, but details have not been finalized. In the meantime, you may email if you want to join our distribution list. Everyone is also invited to learn more at <https://www.efexploreamerica.com/2574971WR> (or sign up to attend).

We hope you will consider being a part of this travel adventure so we can all experience the majesty of New York!



*Ironhorse Youth Music* is halfway through our fall semester, and students are making tremendous progress! Our diverse ensembles welcome students of all ages and ability levels who want to explore challenging symphonic, choral, and even rock literature with their peers. Ensembles meet on Thursdays, but our lesson program has a varied schedule.

If you are interested in learning more about our organization, or in obtaining an enrollment brochure, please visit our website (<https://ironhorsemusic.org/>). We welcome strings, brass, woodwind, and percussion players along with vocalists. Talk with your music teacher or contact Mr. Cleary ([kcleary@ironhorsemusic.org](mailto:kcleary@ironhorsemusic.org)) if you are interested in joining an Ironhorse program!

## From the Health Room:



Be Aware! There are many products students can use to hide vaping products. This picture shows a Vaporizer that looks very similar to an Asthma inhaler.

In school we want to ensure the health of our students.

If your student carries a Asthma rescue inhaler at school, complete the "Self-Carry Form" to help us know it is a legitimate Asthma inhaler.

The Self-Carry Form can be located at:

<https://helenaplive.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Authorization-to-Carry-Inhaler-Fill-In-Form.pdf>

If you have any questions, contact our Nurse's Office at 406-324-2766.