



# Cub Newsletter

December 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*

*CRA Anderson Administration and Staff wish all of you  
a safe and happy holiday season.*

Winter has us in its cold grip and we want everyone to be safe and warm. Students go outdoors in the morning and at lunch if the temperature is above zero. Students should bring warm coats, gloves, and hats so that they have appropriate gear for outdoor activities. If your child needs a winter coat or other winter gear, please contact the school for support.



*Celebrate Teachers and Students!*



Applause to The CR Anderson choir directed by Mr. Helseth and the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra directed by Mr. Cleary. The winter concerts were spectacular! Our music directors produce amazing performances, and the students worked hard to learn the music. This combination of effort and passion produces AWESOME results. If you missed these concerts, you still have an opportunity to hear the CR Anderson students play. Upcoming concerts include 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Myrna Loy, 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Myrna Loy, and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade band December 15<sup>th</sup> in the CRA upper gym. Don't miss out on these great opportunities to celebrate our students and staff.

The mid-term of Quarter 2 is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please check PowerSchool on or around that date to see how your student is doing. If you click on the Q2 grade for each class, you will be able to see the list of assignments and if your student has any missing or incomplete assignments. If you have any questions, please call the teacher so that he or she can help you support your student.

Thank you to all of you who braved the freezing temperatures to attend parent/teacher conferences in November. We had a great turn out in person and on TEAMS and the teachers and administration very much appreciate your partnership in helping your students be successful at CR Anderson. I want you to know that you do not need to wait until the next conference in February to talk to a teacher. Any time that you have a concern about your student's progress, please give us a call. If we can put supports in place quickly, the student benefits significantly. The parent/teacher partnership is a strong indicator of success in the school setting.



We are continuing to emphasize the importance of regular attendance. Students who miss school fall behind and often become overwhelmed trying to learn the skills that they have missed, as well as being introduced to new skills. If your child has a significant absence due to illness or medical issues, please contact us so that we can put together a plan to support your student. Please limit other absences and contact the school before an absence of several days or more whenever possible. Students who miss school for reasons other than medical or emergency are expected to keep up with classwork. Teachers post class agendas on the website so students not in school can continue with assignments. We appreciate your assistance in supporting regular attendance.

With the holidays approaching and the winter weather making it feel like the holidays, students are becoming excited for the winter break. Please remind your student that every day counts and instruction will continue up to the last day before break. We have only 3 weeks until the end of the semester when we return from break, so we would like all students to leave on December 22 with all assignments completed! Thank you for helping us to instill a strong work ethic toward school assignments so that your student does not return from break and have to complete a lot of makeup work.

*Happy  
Holidays  
And  
Best Wishes in the  
New Year*

## 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 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 30-60 minutes 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

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands (Jazz, Concert, and regular Band) 6 PM at Myrna Loy

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Informance 12 PM – Myrna Loy

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade BBB begins

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

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> School Resumes

Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra music screening

Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> No School/Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> End of Semester/Noon Release

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> No School

Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> Start of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter/Second Semester

**Christmas Break December 23rd-January 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**School resumes Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

# 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



*Attention all Mathletes!*

MATHCOUNTS will begin on Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> in Mr. Anfinson's room (Room 215). Our first meeting will be held after school from 3pm-4pm. We will meet every Wednesday between 3pm and 4pm until our regional competition in February. All grades are welcome!

Tyler Anfinson  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher  
CR Anderson

### **\*\*\* 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.

### **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.**

## **Middle School Activities**

*The C.R. Anderson Sports Program is to provide equal and safe opportunities for all students to participate. Our focus is to foster competition, sportsmanship, teamwork, and individual improvement.*

<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Dec 13th - Jan 26<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.

## **After-School Kids Academic Assistance Program**

We are currently accepting applications for the after-school study program. Please fill out application below and email to [ksprott@helenaschools.org](mailto:ksprott@helenaschools.org) or pick one up at the office and drop off.

### **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. **This year, there are no buses available, so all parents must pick up students at 4 pm in front of CRA.**

We will start Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and run thru May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you have any questions, please call our After School Coordinator, Ms. Sprott, at 324-2784.

Here is the link:

 [2022 After school signup for parents.pdf](#)

# YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

CRA 2023 Yearbooks are on sale now!

Pick up an order form at the front office or order online at <https://yearbookforever.com/>



## Find School

There's a great new way to show our school spirit! On Walsworth Yearbook's new site, you can buy this year's yearbook or a yearbook ad. I showed my school spirit, and you should too. Just go to the website and have fun!  
[yearbookforever.com](https://yearbookforever.com)

## **Eighth Grade Yearbook Baby Pictures!!**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

Each year we set aside space for 8<sup>th</sup> grade baby pictures in the CRA Yearbook. If you would like to be included in this special section, please send a digital copy of your child as a baby to – [crandersonyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:crandersonyearbook@gmail.com)

Make sure to include your child's FIRST and LAST name!

- Please title the subject – **first name last name baby picture**
- Example Subject: Charlie Brown Baby Picture

Using the subject format will really help me organize hundreds of pictures that we get for the yearbook and to know who is who!

The **deadline** for submitting baby pictures is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. This is a **HARD deadline** as the yearbook submission date is very soon after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Once it is submitted to the printer no changes can be made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Peterson or Mrs. Hogan

[npeterson@helenaschools.org](mailto:npeterson@helenaschools.org)

[shogan@helenaschools.org](mailto:shogan@helenaschools.org)

**REMEMBER SEND ALL PHOTOS to [crandersonyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:crandersonyearbook@gmail.com)**

## Be a Yearbook Angel!!

To Sponsor a Yearbook:

Go to **yearbookforever.com** and search for our school name.

Order a yearbook with **YEARBOOK** as the student first name and **ANGEL** as the last name. Select **STAFF** as the grade.

First Name: YEARBOOK

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## From the health room:

The school nurse will be trying to complete Vision Screenings this school year for:

- \*\*All 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- \*\*Students with vision concerns
- \*\*Students with no past documentation of vision screenings

Please encourage your students to wear their glasses or contacts to school if they use them.

If you need resources to help with eye exams and/or glasses, call the school nurse at 406-324-2766.

The school nurse will contact you if a vision concern is identified during the screening process.



### **ATTENTION: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents** **“Calling the Shots”**

This is a reminder that our sixth grade students will need a booster of **tetanus** containing vaccine before they can enter school next fall. The **Montana** law states students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade must provide documentation of a tetanus bearing vaccine booster within the past 5 years.

Please call your health care provider to schedule this tetanus booster, or take your child to the Lewis & Clark Health Department's:

- Walk-in immunization clinic every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the County Health Department, 1930 Ninth Avenue. 443-2584

**We would encourage you to obtain these vaccines at your earliest convenience before school is out in June.** Please send documentation to school as soon as these immunizations are received.

If you have any questions regarding your child's need for this booster, please call me at 324-2766.

Shelly Maag, R.N.  
School Nurse  
C.R. Anderson Middle School

## **TRAFFIC/DRIVERS EDUCATION**

**Registration for the Winter/Spring Session of Driver's Education will begin January 3rd. Applications will be available at approximately 9:30 am on the traffic ed website or at PAL. Students must be 15 by May 31, 2023 to participate in this session. For more information check out the traffic ed. website or call 324-2123.**