



Cub Newsletter

November 2021

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

Attendance Office phone number 324-2802

**** 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. 10th & 11th Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov. 18th Winter Choral Concert – 6th, 7th, 8th grades & VOT

Nov. 24-26th Thanksgiving Break-No School

Dec. 9th 8th Grade Band Concert 7 PM at Myrna Loy

Dec. 14 8th grade Orchestra Informance 12 PM – Myrna Loy

Dec. 14th - 8th grade girls and boys basketball begins

Dec. 16th 6th/7th Winter Band Concert – 4:00 & 7:00 pm – at CRA

Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd Holiday Break- No School

**Fall Picture Retakes will be
Thursday, November 11th.**

Covid Testing and Vaccination info:

Good Afternoon HPS Family,

I am pleased to announce that – with yesterday’s CDC approval of COVID-19 vaccinations for kids ages 5-11 – HPS is partnering with East Helena Public Schools and Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) to host free vaccination clinics open to all children, regardless of where they attend school.

There are no residency requirements for these clinics, but pre-registration is required. The clinics will offer first Pfizer doses for children **ONLY**. Second dose appointments will be automatically scheduled three weeks out. Confirmation of second-dose appointments will be sent to parents via email.

All caregivers and children must wear masks at the clinic, which will be indoors. Vaccine recipients and their guardians will be expected to wait on-site for up to 30 minutes after receiving the vaccine. Please note that this is an indoor clinic (drive-thru vaccinations are not available).

Free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics for children ages 5-11

East Helena: Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., East Helena High School, 2760 Valley Drive

Helena: Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Bryant Elementary School, 1529 Boulder Ave

We’re grateful to our partners at LCPH and Bryant Elementary for making this safe and convenient opportunity available to our children.

"COVID-19 Rapid Antigen testing is available at CRA for students. If your child develops ill symptoms and/or they are a close contact to someone who has COVID, and you want them tested, call the Health Room at 324-2766 to schedule a time for testing."

The 2021-22 District Calendar:

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

***** 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 you 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
2021-2022**

Basketball	Dec 14th - Jan 27th - registration closes Dec. 3rd	Girls & Boys - Grades 8
Basketball	Feb 1st - March 10th - registration closes Jan. 21st	Boys - Grades 6-7
Volleyball	March 15th - April 28th - registration closes Mar 4th	Girls - Grades 6-7-8
Track	May 3rd – June 1st - registration closes April 29th	Girls & Boys-Grades 6-8

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

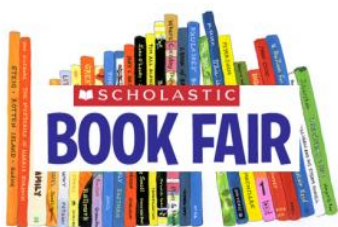
Registration forms will be available at the main office before each sport begins, and payments can be made by cash, check, or online using RevTrak.

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 2021 BOOK FAIR!

Monday, November 8th through Friday, November 12th

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

Open after school Tues, Wed, and Thurs until 3:30pm.

Open during the day to shop with teacher permission.

100's of great books! Bargain books starting at \$2.00!

All sales support your CRA Library!

☹️ Sadly, parents are not allowed in the building BUT your librarians are happy to help make arrangements for payment if you need any help. Give us a call or email us!

CRA Library phone – 324-2813

Mrs. Peterson - npeterson@helenaschools.org

Mrs. Hanson - jhanson@helenaschools.org

Book Vending Machine

Your child may have noticed a book vending machine in the hallway over near the library! YES! A BOOK VENDING machine!

How can your child get a book from this vending machine? It's easy! There are 2 ways!

1.) - Teachers hand out "Cub Shout-Outs" each day to students they see....

- completing schoolwork
- being kind or respectful to others
- demonstrating positive behaviors
- being a leader or positive role model
- etc. etc. etc.

They trade in each "cub shout-out" for a 'cub coin' at the front office. These cub coins can be saved up and traded in for prizes.

A book cost 4 cub coins!

2.) - The CRA librarians love to hand out special golden tokens that student can immediately take to the vending machine and get a book. How does a student get a golden token? 100's of different ways!

- returning a library book on time
- being kind and respectful to others
- being helpful to others
- just because they seem to need a pick-me-up on a given day
- being polite and friendly
- taking a risk in library skills class by answering a question
- using manners like please, thank you, and excuse me
- etc. etc. etc.

Eighth Grade Yearbook Baby Pictures!!

8th Grade Families,

Each year we set aside space for 8th 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

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

- Please title the subject - **last name first name baby picture** Example Subject: Peterson Nancy 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 1st. This is a HARD deadline as the yearbook submission date is very soon after Feb. 1st. Once it is submitted to the printer no changes can be made.

YEARBOOKS are NOT on sale yet! - They will go on sale soon!

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

npeterson@helenaschools.org

jhanson@helenaschools.org

REMEMBER SEND ALL PHOTOS to crandersonyearbook@gmail.com

CRA Off-Campus Emergency Evacuation

Recently all students participated in our annual evacuation drill to our Off-Campus Emergency Evacuation Sites. We practice this drill in case there would be a situation where our students can not stay in the building or need to leave the building due to an emergency.

The following are the locations our student would evacuate to:

6th grade and special needs: Headwaters Covenant Church, 1030 Choteau St. (formerly Alliance Church)

7th grade: Headwaters Covenant Church, 1030 Choteau St. (formerly Alliance Church)

8th grade: Alliance Church, 1400 Stuart St. (formerly Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church)

If CRA would need to evacuate the building and could not return we would put into use our all school In-Touch notification system. This is the same system that is used for our attendance calling/emailing. You would receive a call and/or email letting you know the situation and the location of the grade levels.

We hope to not use these Off-Campus sites, but if we need to, we are prepared and ready.

Thank you to the churches and their staff members for allowing our students into their buildings!

We greatly appreciate it!

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

The Helena School District is in its fourteenth year partnering with the Metropolitan Opera Company (the MET) for the *Live in Schools* program. The *Live in Schools* program provides tickets to operas each season so teachers can 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 second show airing next month—*Eurydice* on Saturday, December 4—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 get a permission slip from any music teacher or contact Mr. Cleary at kcleary@helenaschools.org for more information. We hope to see you at the opera!

New York City 2022!

The new school year is finally here, and that means you should be thinking about what you are doing over spring break! Why not spend it in New York? The tour group that Mr. Cleary is leading in 2022 is just beginning the planning phase of their travel experience. With seven months until the plane leaves Helena, now is a great time to sign up!

To help interested participants become familiar with tour plans (and find answers to travel questions), Mr. Cleary has scheduled a tour meeting on **September 21 at 6:00 pm over Teams**. All current and interested travelers can join the meeting at <https://short.cleary.xyz/nyc22meeting>. We hope to see you there! You can visit <https://www.efexploreamerica.com/2438819EY> to see the itinerary and get pricing information. Please contact Mr. Cleary at kcleary@helenaschools.org if you are interested in receiving email updates; we hope you will consider joining us for this amazing educational opportunity!

Even if you don't travel with us, we invite everyone to consider supporting student fundraising through FlipGive. Anyone can join our team at <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=2679ZB> (you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop) or by entering the code 2679ZB in the app. Thank you for your support!



Ironhorse Youth Music is excited to announce the start of its 2021-2022 season! 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 and class programs have 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) if you are interested in joining an Ironhorse program!