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Pride

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The challenges of the year were met with great staff, teachers and parents/guardians. They were given the impossible and overcame it!

Hats off to our Cougars!



Overall I think Cedar Mountain Schools has done an AMAZING job getting this all whipped together in less than two weeks. It wasn't anything we have ever imagined would happen or even be prepared for. So kudos Cedar Mountain Schools – you're doing an amazing job and thank you!

Rhonda Garrioch – CM Parent



"I just wanted to send a shout out to you and all the teachers at Cedar Mountain. You did an amazing job putting the binder together with a whole month of schooling. In addition to that, you continue to post videos about their school work, read stories, ask for photos/videos of the kids and it has not gone unnoticed. My kiddos miss being at school seeing you all and their friends. I just wanted to thank you for everything you did and continue to do to make this crazy time manageable. I absolutely love sitting down with both of my kids a few hours a day to "teach" them (with your help!). It has really opened my eyes to their world.

Thank you again!"

Trista Radermacher – CM Parent



"Our time home together hasn't come without challenges. My husband and I both work full time so we have needed to make adjustments to our schedules. As I work from home full time, I work with the kids around meetings and then when Seth gets home he works with the girls in the afternoons so I can focus on work. We check school work together and get it all sent in around supper time. Not ideal for timing in terms of teacher time, but it's what we have made work for our family so that we aren't adding one more stress point. A BIG thank you for the thorough lesson plans and for teacher availability! Also, for offering lunches. It has been so helpful to not have to worry about what to make each day."

Christine Sherman – CM Parent





Rob Brandl
Superintendent

Best of luck to our seniors

As each school year draws to a close, we say farewell to our graduating seniors. The graduating class of 2020 along with all Cedar Mountain students experienced a school year like no other. COVID-19 took away a lot of potential experiences and opportunities, but we cannot allow it to overshadow those it did not. The 2019-2020 saw our students learn and grow as they gained new skills and prepared themselves for new challenges. From the first day of school and through distance learning, our students and staff met the challenges set out in front of them and together accomplished great things.

A special thank you to our principals, teachers, support staff and parents for everything they did with distance learning. So many great things took place in a short period of time and it was the efforts of everyone that made it happen. Cedar Mountain provided thousands of free meals to our families during a time of need and many people stepped up to make sure our students got what they needed. Our teachers prepared tirelessly for our students learning and were great communicators as we navigated the new normal. Our parents provided tremendous support for their student as traditional learning took on a whole new look. As a superintendent, I am beyond proud of our district and those that we serve.

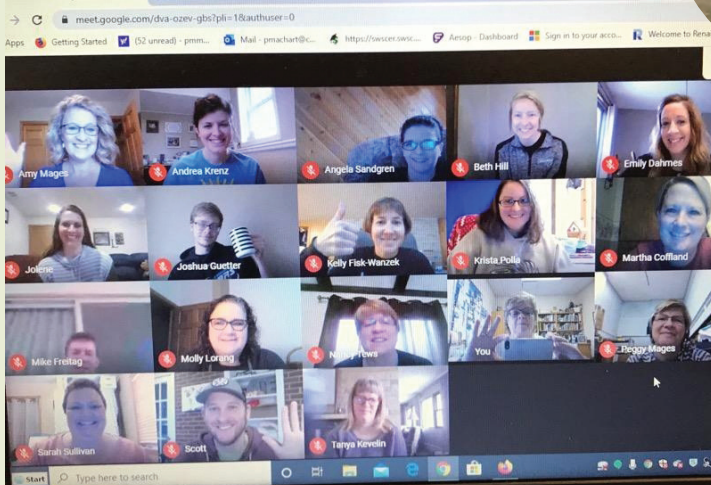
We want to wish each and every senior the very best as they transition into a new and exciting phase of their young lives. We hope that the experiences that they have had at Cedar Mountain have prepared them to be successful in whatever path life takes them. Thank you to both the students and parents of the class of 2020 for the efforts that they have made as we work together to provide a high quality education.

Thank you for your continued support of Cedar Mountain Schools. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer! Go Cougars!



The "Grab and Go" lunch program is serving up to 275 students per day. Students receive a cold or hot lunch as well as breakfast for the following day. Meals are served in both Franklin and Morgan.

"Students enjoy weekly dress up days and posting fun pictures. I am really impressed with how well my 3rd graders are doing with technology. They do a wide variety of activities on their iPads including Quizizz, Wizer Me, IXL, recording videos, taking pictures, Kaboots, and utilizing Schoology. They work very hard and are great at asking questions when they need help." - Mrs. Krista Polla - CM 3rd Grade Teacher





*Patti Machart
Elementary
Principal*

“So... what is new?”

That is a common question asked when you meet people --- but right now my answer to this would be ...“EVERYTHING”! With two weeks of notice – educators in our state of Minnesota changed entirely how we teach our children! As a district we prepared for an event that we never imagined...with the additional requirements of child care and food service... all with the underlying concern of safety! There is no playbook for this! I am so proud of how our staff stepped up to the challenge and within days put together a Distance Learning Plan that is workable am also proud of our parents and children for stepping up to the challenge. It is not easy working full days and then teaching your children at night in an area that you have not studied for years! For children, it is not easy completing work without collaborating with your classmates and talking face to face with your teacher. We understand the concerns that some may have. We are all doing the best we can in the situation we are in --- and that is

all we can ask for. I have seen some amazing learning going on when I visit the See Saw app. Yes, it is different... but, it is also pretty cool watching the back and forth communication, videos, experiments, and creativity that is taking place.

Our Grab and Go food program is serving up to 275 students a day! After one week, we added hot meals with the fan favorite being Tacos in a Bag! Our Essential Workers Child Care program is helping out many families at no cost so they can continue to work. Our para-professional staff are all doing new duties at Cedar Mountain during this time, because, as one staff said, “I will do whatever it takes to help our school!”

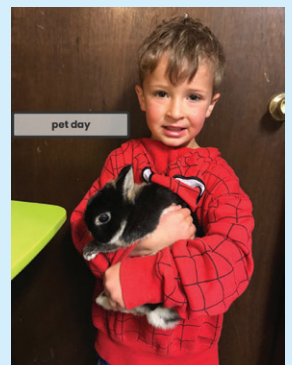
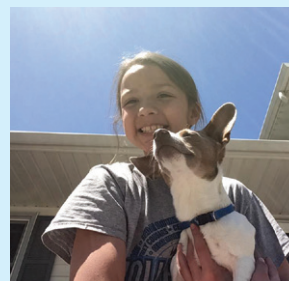
We are sad that many of our spring events have had to be cancelled or postponed. We were so looking forward to meeting our new kindergarten families this spring and promoting reading with our Dads at FRED Night...to name a few. In addition, we know that in spring parents are looking for registration information for school, pre-school, summer programming... we will keep you up to date on that as we learn more. We are trying to keep families informed via our website, Instant Alert and Facebook. If you have not followed us on Facebook – be sure to do that! We are sending out information and some fun posts to maintain our connections with families!

Please remember...At the end of all of this, the memories that we have all created with our children will be the most important. How the children feel during this time will stay with them forever! It is so vital to keep their mental health in mind. Be thoughtful, children pick up on our feelings and moods. Have some fun and insert a bit of humor into every day. I’m hearing stories of families going on scavenger hunts, putting together 1000 piece puzzles, daily walks, doing science experiments... What kids need most right now is to feel comforted and loved. They want to know that it is going to all be ok. For once in our life, we have something that we all crave for, TIME! Make the most of this time together!

VIRTUALLY THEMED DAYS!



HATS OFF CMS STAFF & STUDENTS





Tammy Yackley
MS/HS Principal

As we begin to wind down another school year, albeit a year like no other year, we look to the future. Next fall will be here before we know it and we will hopefully be back to normal as we remember it.

As we look to next fall we get excited to offer all the best. Our school district serves Franklin, Morgan and surrounding communities. For those of you returning to Cedar Mountain, we are glad to have you back and look forward to collaborating with

you to reach your milestones whether that be moving to the next grade or your journey to graduation. For those new students and families who are either just joining our community or are looking at what we have to offer, we encourage you to reach out to myself, Mrs. Machart, the elementary principal or the school offices to help you answer any questions you may be having. We are here to support you every step of the way.

Looking forward to next year, I would like to share the many opportunities we have to offer you here at Cedar Mountain. As you start thinking of a new academic year, take advantage of the many opportunities available to help you achieve your full potential. We offer co-curricular programs to complement what is happening in the classroom with 1:1 technology, E-Sports team, a geography bee, spelling bee, book clubs, plays, River Watch program, Knowledge Bowl and young artist conference to name a few. Each year we look at ways to add programs and enhance current programs to meet student needs- whether in the classroom, in the gym, the lab, on the stage or at the job site.

To remain relevant for our students and families, we consistently evaluate our programs to ensure we are meeting their needs within the confines of resources available. With over 400 students enrolled in our Pre-K through 12th grade programs, we have our

work cut out to provide all types of services. Our very talented and capable staff does this day-in and day-out.

Did you know that Cedar Mountain Schools offers 14 college credits to students who attend our classes at the High School?

Minnesota leads the nation in ACT scores – the measure of student readiness for college. Cedar Mountain offers a course dedicated to juniors and seniors looking to get a high score on the ACT. Our program has been recognized by ACT as a model for student success.

Our Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructor continues to adjust the programs to meet community, business and industry needs. Our instructor spent time this fall visiting other schools and communities, along with meeting with our local businesses and industry partners to learn more about ways to provide relevant career experiences. We have a licensed instructor in Agriculture and within Ag we have a wide variety of programming for a lot of different interests. We will look for ways to build our CTE program more each year. While our main focus is on career awareness and exploration, we are looking at pathways that allow students to be ready for the workforce in many of the CTE areas.

The extracurricular activities we offer allow you to be as busy as you want to be. We offer most MSHSL sponsored sports including E-Sports. We have a strong FFA chapter, National Honor Society, Blue Crue, and SADD group. We offer a Student Athlete Leadership team as well as Speech.

Supporting you is very important to us here at Cedar Mountain. We are here to guide you as you become the best version of yourself. If you have questions about how to get involved in any of the above mentioned activities, please reach out to the school. Also if you are wanting more information on registration please visit our website where you will find all the information you need to register your child. <https://www.cms.mntm.org/>

Essential Worker CHILD CARE



Our Essential Workers Child Care Program is helping out many families at no cost so they can continue to work. Paras working in this program help the students stay caught up on their school work as well as provide a fun and safe place for students while their parents work.



STATE FAIR BRAND

Although the annual 4th Grade State Fair at the elementary school was cancelled this year, that didn't stop the students from making it happen anyway! Instead of presenting to parents, family, friends, and other students in a live setting at school, the fourth graders fired up their iPads and presented from the comfort of their own homes. As the saying goes — "the show must go on!" These kids should be so proud of themselves for having a great attitude through it all, working hard, and completing the project like it's never been done before...and on short notice! Way to go, kids! You represented the states of this country very well, and you've all made Mr. Babbitt super proud to be your teacher.



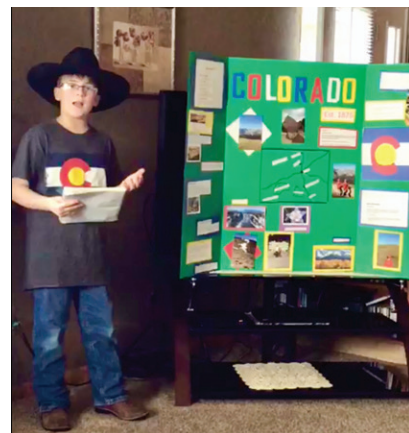
Evelyn Heibel



Gabe Grunke



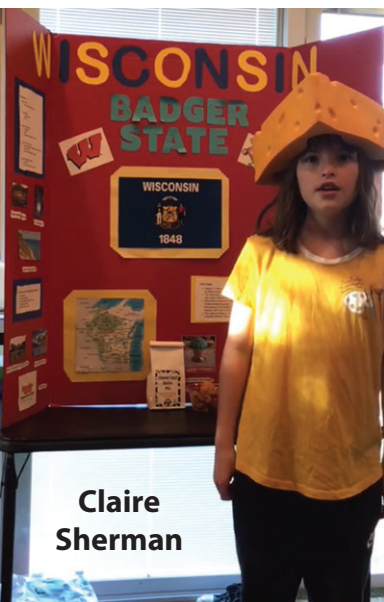
Marley Hewitt



Clayton Dauer



Reagyn Kleinschmidt



Claire Sherman



Ryder Garrioch



Maycee Weber

Nurse's Nook

For Kindergarteners entering 2020-21 school year immunizations needed are:

- DTAP (5th dose)
(diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis)
- Polio (4th dose)
- MMR (2nd dose) (measles, mumps & rubella)
- Varicella (chickenpox)

For 7th graders entering 2020-21 school year immunizations needed are:

- TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis)
- Meningococcal

This is also a great time to get a sports physical.

New this year

For 12th graders entering 2020-21 school year immunization needed is:

- Meningococcal (2nd dose)

Letters will be sent out to individuals who are in need of these immunizations.



Seniors

Have you been admitted to multiple colleges? Make sure to let the other colleges know that you will be attending a different college but remember to thank them for the opportunity.

Juniors

Try to get some college visits in this summer and early fall, you should have an idea of what your plans are after high school; where do you want to go to college and what for? A good website that can help you with this is <https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/> Many colleges are now offering virtual tours at this time.



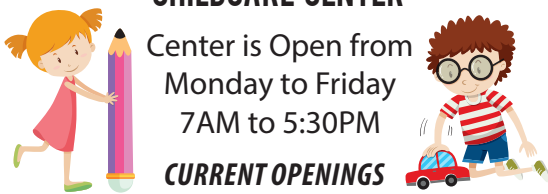
Scholarship Thank-You Letters

Scholarship donors are generous and caring people who unselfishly give to support the educational endeavors of students like you. They typically ask for nothing in return, but receiving a well written thank you letter from a student is always special and lets the donor know that his or her scholarship was greatly appreciated. Your letter reminds them why they gave in the first place and often help secure continuing gifts for future students.

Keep letters brief, but make sure to tell the donor(s) about yourself, the impact their generosity has on your education, as well as future goals that are supported by the educational funding that has been provided. Generally, your thank you response should be submitted in paper form, to the individual or organization most instrumental in landing you the award. Follow these guidelines for most scholarship thank you letters.

- Grammar and spelling should be checked and correct – it is, after all, an academic award.
- Be genuine and sincere in the tone of your thank you letter.
- Show your personality. The formality remains, but you are now an appreciative recipient, rather than a prospective candidate. There is nothing wrong with acknowledging your enthusiasm and excitement about winning the scholarship.
- Submit your letter in a business-type structure, typewritten.
- Above all, convey your message of thanks clearly and somewhat concisely.

Cedar Mountain COUGAR CUB EARLY LEARNING CHILDCARE CENTER



Center is Open from
Monday to Friday
7AM to 5:30PM

CURRENT OPENINGS

Infant (6 weeks-16 months)
Preschool (31 months-Kindergarten)

Contact us

PO Box 13 • 215 2nd Ave East • Franklin MN
507-557-2254



Kate Lorang

MSHSL Triple A Award Recipient

CMS is proud of our Cougars Achieving EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Kate Lorang, who was selected as the Cedar Mountain recipient of the MSHSL Triple A award for her efforts in arts, athletics, and academics. Presenting the award is CM Activities Director, Jeremy Robinson.



Trey Peterson-Juhl

1,000 Point Recipient



Congratulations to Cedar Mountain senior basketball player Trey Peterson-Juhl who scored his 1,000th career point on Friday, February 21. Way to go Trey!

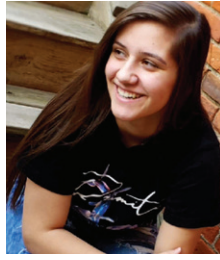
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020



Brooklyn Ball
Work



Nicole Cook
South Central College
or MSU
Mankato, MN



Americus Dallenbach
Ridgewater College
Willmar, MN



Tanner Engholm
Work



Dawson Hacker
Work



Nathaniel Johanneck
Work



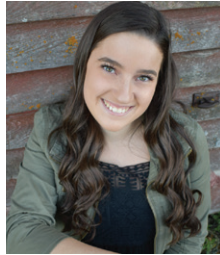
Alex Kanzenbach
SE Tech
Winona, MN



Levi Kerkhoff
Work



Kimberly Klima
Ridgewater College
Willmar, MN



Kaitlyn Lorang
SDSU
Brookings, SD



Jessica Lund
MSU
Mankato, MN



Rosalyn Madsen
SDSU
Brookings, SD



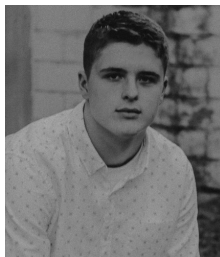
Chandler Nelson
MSU
Mankato, MN



Vincent Ochs
Minnesota West
Luverne, MN



Chasyti Pendleton
Normandale
Community College
Bloomington, MN



Trey Peterson-Juhl
SDSU
Brookings, SD



Yzabelle Rendon
School



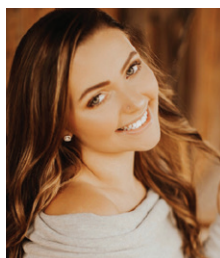
Kenneth Robertson
Minnesota West
Worthington, MN



Maddison Rose
MSU
Mankato, MN



Brennan Schaefer
School



Shaylee Schiller
NDSU
Fargo, ND



Austin Schumacher
SMSU
Marshall, MN



Trista Smith
Minnesota West
Granite Falls, MN

Class Flower:
Tea Rose
Class Colors:
*Navy,
Columbia
Blue, and
Silver*



Lydia Sullivan
Rio Grooming School
Hastings, MN



Megan Trebesch
Concordia College
Moorhead, MN



Jonathon Varner
St. Cloud Tech
St. Cloud, MN



Novelynn Wabasha
U of M Twin Cities
or MSU
Mankato, MN

Class Motto:
*Our lives are
before us, our
past is behind
us, but our
memories are
forever with us.*
- Anonymous

Early Childhood Development

Hello from Cougar Cub Child Care!

We would like to share with you some fun things we have been doing!

Back in March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a party and crafts. Treat Bags were traded among the kids. The weather started getting nicer outside and we were able to play on our playground. All of this, while trying to social distance when we can.

In April of course, we talked about the Easter Bunny and did a lot of fun crafts centering around spring and Easter themes. We did a couple of Easter egg hunts with the toddlers and preschoolers outside.

On Tuesday, May 5, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo day. The toddlers and preschoolers got to swing at a pinata until it broke open with treats spilling out for them. Becky our cook, made everyone yummy churro's as part of their snack in the afternoon. Churro's are a sweet treat from the Latino culture.

On Friday May 8th we celebrated Indigenous People Day (Native American Day) and made a dream catcher craft with the toddlers and preschoolers. Becky is made wild rice soup for lunch. The kids have had a lot of fun with these two special days!

Also, on Friday May 8, the center is celebrated all our "Special Moms" and had Muffins for Mom come and go in the morning

when they drop off their children. We appreciate each and every one of you and the wonderful things you do for your children! "Happy Mother's Day!"

Looking ahead as we head into some warmer weather, we look forward to lots of nature walks, picnics outside and hopefully some water activities if circumstances allow!

A huge *thank you* to everyone who has been so supportive to our child care center through the shelter in place order. We were surprised a couple of weeks ago with goodie bags for the staff, donated masks from local persons, treats for everyone from the Renville County EDA and 40 May Day baskets delivered by a parent. We truly have caring, supportive, communities!



2020-21 OPTIONS FOR PRESCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

We are now taking registrations for our Cedar Mountain preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan for the 2020-21 school year! Registration forms and more information about each program are available from the preschool teachers or online on the school website at www.cms.mntm.org under the Community Programs tab. If you would like more information, please contact:

Rachel Krenz – Franklin Preschool Teacher rkrenz@cedarmt.org

557-2251

Sarah Sullivan – Morgan Preschool Teacher ssullivan@cedarmt.org

249-5990 or 320-212

3 Year Old (AM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2022-23.

Days & Time: Mondays & Wednesdays from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$60 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

Location: Morgan & Franklin

4 Year Old (PM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2021-22.

Days & Time: Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 12:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Cost: \$90 per month - billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)

Location: Morgan & Franklin



**Preschool Registration
2020-2021**

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

E-mail address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child Resides With: _____ Parents' Marital Status _____

List others living in the home. Please list birthdates for any children in the home:

My child will need transportation to and from daycare

Childcare Provider's Name and Address: _____ Phone: _____

- **Cost: \$25 registration fee due with this form.** This will be put towards the \$25 snack fee.
- Child must be 3 by September 1st, 2020.
- More information will be sent to you prior to the start of the school year.
- Transportation to and from daycares may be provided for a fee.

Please indicate the class/classes you would like to register for:

3 yr. School Readiness class - Franklin
Mondays & Wednesdays (\$60 per month)
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
**For students who are entering
Kindergarten in 2022-23.*

3 yr. School Readiness class - Morgan
Mondays & Wednesdays (\$60 per month)
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
**For students who are entering
Kindergarten in 2022-23.*

4 yr. School Readiness class- Franklin
Mon., Tues., Wed. (\$90 per month)
12:45 PM – 3:15 PM
**For students who are entering
Kindergarten in 2021-22.*

4 yr. School Readiness class - Morgan
Mon., Tues., Wed. (\$90 per month)
12:45 PM – 3:15 PM
**For students who are entering
Kindergarten in 2021-22.*

Kindergarten Jumpstart – Franklin
Fridays – Approx. every other week.
8:20 AM – 3:15 PM
**For students who are entering
Kindergarten in 2021-22 only.*

Please fill out the back of form. →

**Preschool Registration
2020-2021**

Photo / Video Release

I give my permission for photo/video of my child to be taken and used for promotional or staff training by Cedar Mountain Schools. Some of these promotional/training uses are but not limited to: school brochures, school web page, school newsletter, school Facebook pages, staff development training, and /or teacher web page.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Field Trip Permission

My Child has permission to participate in all school sponsored field trips. When we will be traveling on a school bus, you will be notified ahead of time.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

◆ Releases/Permissions are valid for the 2020-21 school year.

If you have questions, please contact:

Sarah Sullivan – Morgan School Readiness Teacher
249-5990 or 320-212-3403
ssullivan@cedarmt.org

Rachel Krenz – Franklin School Readiness Teacher/Jumpstart Teacher
557-2251
rkrenz@cedarmt.org

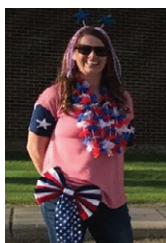
Return completed form and \$25 registration fee to:

CM Elementary – Rachel Krenz
PO Box 38
231 4th Ave. E.
Franklin, MN 55333

OR

CM MS/HS – Sarah Sullivan
PO Box 188
207 Gallager St.
Morgan, MN 56266

May 15th was supposed to be one of the most exciting nights of the year, the end of the year dance at CM Elementary. Due to COVID, that wasn't possible this year, so a car parade was held instead. The happiness and excitement felt by students, families and staff was wonderful and everyone appreciated the chance to see each other, even if from a distance. Thank you for all of the smiles, waves and signs, it was a great night!



Kindergarten Jumpstart

Franklin Site

This program will be held all day every other Friday in Franklin for Cedar Mountain students going to kindergarten in 2021-22. This class will help prepare your child for kindergarten by teaching various routines such as using the lunchroom, visiting specialists in other parts of the building such as Phy. Ed, computer lab, library etc..., emphasis will also be on letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and math skills to prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Transportation is unique to this program, you will work with your child's teacher to plan a smooth transition for your child.

Days: Every other Friday

Time: 8:20 AM – 3:20 PM

Cost: \$20 per session – billed the month prior to services (scholarships are available to those who qualify)



PRESCHOOL

Thrilling Thursdays

Ages 3-5 years

This class is put on by CM Community Ed., it is not part of the School Readiness preschool program but is another option of programming for preschool aged children. The class is broken down into themed based 7 week sessions so if you want child to attend one session you can, or you can register for the whole year! This activity will be very hands on and will allow children to explore their environment in ways that include walking field trips, science lessons, music and much more! Those turning 3 during the school year may be able to join if room allows.

Days & Time: Thursdays from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Cost: \$35 per session (one session is 7 classes) – sorry, no scholarships available for this class

Location: Morgan

Instructor: Mikayla Rudenick

To Register: Contact Mikayla at mrudenick@cedarmt.org

POSTAL PATRON

Cedar Mountain Schools Calendar & Dates

School Calendar 2020-21

September 2	Open House
September 7	Labor Day
September 8	First Day of School
October 15-16	No School - MEA Conference
November 17 & 19	Conferences at MS/HS
November 19 & 23	Conferences at Elem.
November 25 - 12:10	Dismissal
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Break /No School
December 23-31	No School
January 1	No School
January 22	Teacher In-Service
February 15	President's Day - No School
February 22	12:10 Dismissal, PT Conferences
March 12	No School -Teacher In-service
March 31	12:10 Dismissal
April 1-5	No School - Spring Break
May 31	Memorial Day - No School
June 3	Last Day of School
June 4	Graduation

Cans for Crush

Blue Crue held their "Cans for Crush" fundraiser for Valentine's Day. This has been an annual event for many years. Students can purchase a ticket for a friend for \$1.00 and on the last day of the fundraiser, students are able to pick up their cans of crush.



Summer Programming

Although Summer Rec may look a little different this year due to COVID-19, we are excited to be offering some type of programming that will be engaging and give your child something to look forward to during the summer months. Mikayla, Mr. Guetter and Tasha A. will all be returning to offer some unique and fun experiences. Be sure to watch the Cedar Mountain Schools Facebook page for updates, more information will be coming soon.

