FEBRUARY 2026

District COUGAR NEWS

OUR VISION:
Crest Ridge R-VII is determined to be a dynamic and innovative school district in an evolving world

OUR MISSION:
We cultivate and empower every student for success

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH

2 NO SCHOOL PD DAY
9-13 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
16 NO SCHOOL
16 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6PM
23 NO SCHOOL PD DAY
30 SCHOOL IS IN SESSION!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

CSIP

WE ARE REVISING OUR CSIP THIS YEAR!!

Crest Ridge will engage in the CSIP revision process on April 15 and April 22.

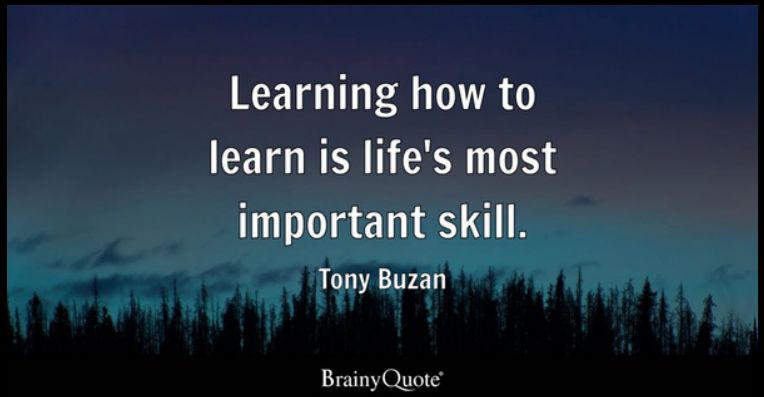
We have enlisted Dr. Kevin Daniel with FiredUP Consulting to lead us in this effort.

We are looking forward to developing our new strategic plan!

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: MONDAY MARCH 30TH!!!

NO SCHOOL

ON MONDAY MARCH 2,9,16,23



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HABIT #4: THINK WIN-WIN!



CREST RIDGE SECONDARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

CREST RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Colt Bryan
8th Grade

We are thrilled to honor Colt Bryan as our Middle School Student of the Month for January! Although he is naturally reserved, Colt shows kindness to all his classmates and consistently achieves excellent grades in every subject. He excels in his classes and effectively manages his workload as well. Keep up the good work!!

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

CREST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Aubrey Lowrance
11th Grade

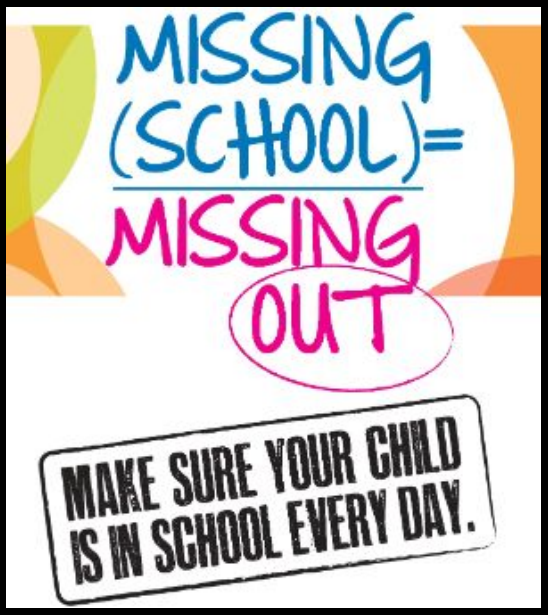
Aubrey consistently produces high-quality work & demonstrates great effort. She brings a delightful energy to the classroom with her creative engagement. You can always rely on her to focus, complete her tasks, and make them enjoyable! She is responsible and always ready to assist her peers when needed. Aubrey infuses enthusiasm into every task she undertakes, making her a joy to have in class.

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Board Recap: February

- THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVED THE 2026-2027 DISTRICT ACADEMIC CALENDAR.
- THE BOARD REVIEWED ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH MEUHP AND PARTICIPATED IN A MEMBER VOTE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE INSURANCE CONSORTIUM. MEUHP WILL HOLD A MEETING AND COMMUNICATE THEIR FUTURE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMBERS IN THE NEXT WEEK.
- THE FEBRUARY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT CAN BE VIEWED HERE.

NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 16, 2026
6:00PM



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

CSIP SMART GOAL #7: BY 2026, DISTRICT OVERALL ATTENDANCE WILL BE NO LOWER THAN 95%.

ATTENDANCE, FEBRUARY:
CR ELEMENTARY: 90.48%
CR MIDDLE SCHOOL: 92.72%
CR HIGH SCHOOL: 84.62%

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS WHO ACHIEVED

ACADEMIC ALL STATE!



CONGRATULATIONS! ...AND WELCOME TO DR. BARIE KREWSON!

THE CREST RIDGE R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE HIRING OF DR. BARIE KREWSON AS OUR NEXT SECONDARY PRINCIPAL.

DR. KREWSON, A RESIDENT OF THE CREST RIDGE COMMUNITY, ATTENDED CREST RIDGE SCHOOLS AND GRADUATED FROM CREST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2001.

DR. KREWSON GRADUATED WITH HER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGLISH EDUCATION FROM MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY IN 2005. SHE LATER EARNED HER MASTERS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, HER SPECIALIST IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (PRINCIPALSHIP) FROM WILLIAM WOODS UNIVERSITY, AND MOST RECENTLY WAS CONFERRED WITH HER DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY IN 2025.

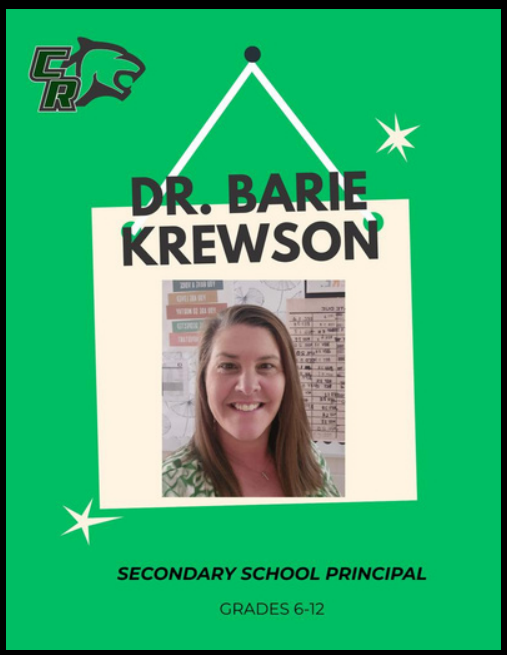
DR. KREWSON BEGAN HER TEACHING CAREER AS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER IN THE BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 2006 AND HAS SPENT 16 YEARS TEACHING ELA IN THE ODESSA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DR. KREWSON STATES, "CREST RIDGE IS MY HOME. IT IS THE COMMUNITY WHERE I HAVE SPENT NEARLY MY ENTIRE LIFE—LEARNING, GROWING, SERVING, AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. HAVING MY OWN CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE DISTRICT SPEAKS TO MY TRUST AND FAITH IN THE SCHOOL LEADERS AND TEACHERS WHO PROVIDE THEM WITH A MEANINGFUL EDUCATION EACH DAY."

DR. KREWSON IS MARRIED TO PAUL KREWSON AND THEY HAVE TWO SONS WHO ATTEND CREST RIDGE. BROCK IS A JUNIOR AT CREST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AND MAX IS A FIFTH GRADER AT CREST RIDGE ELEMENTARY!

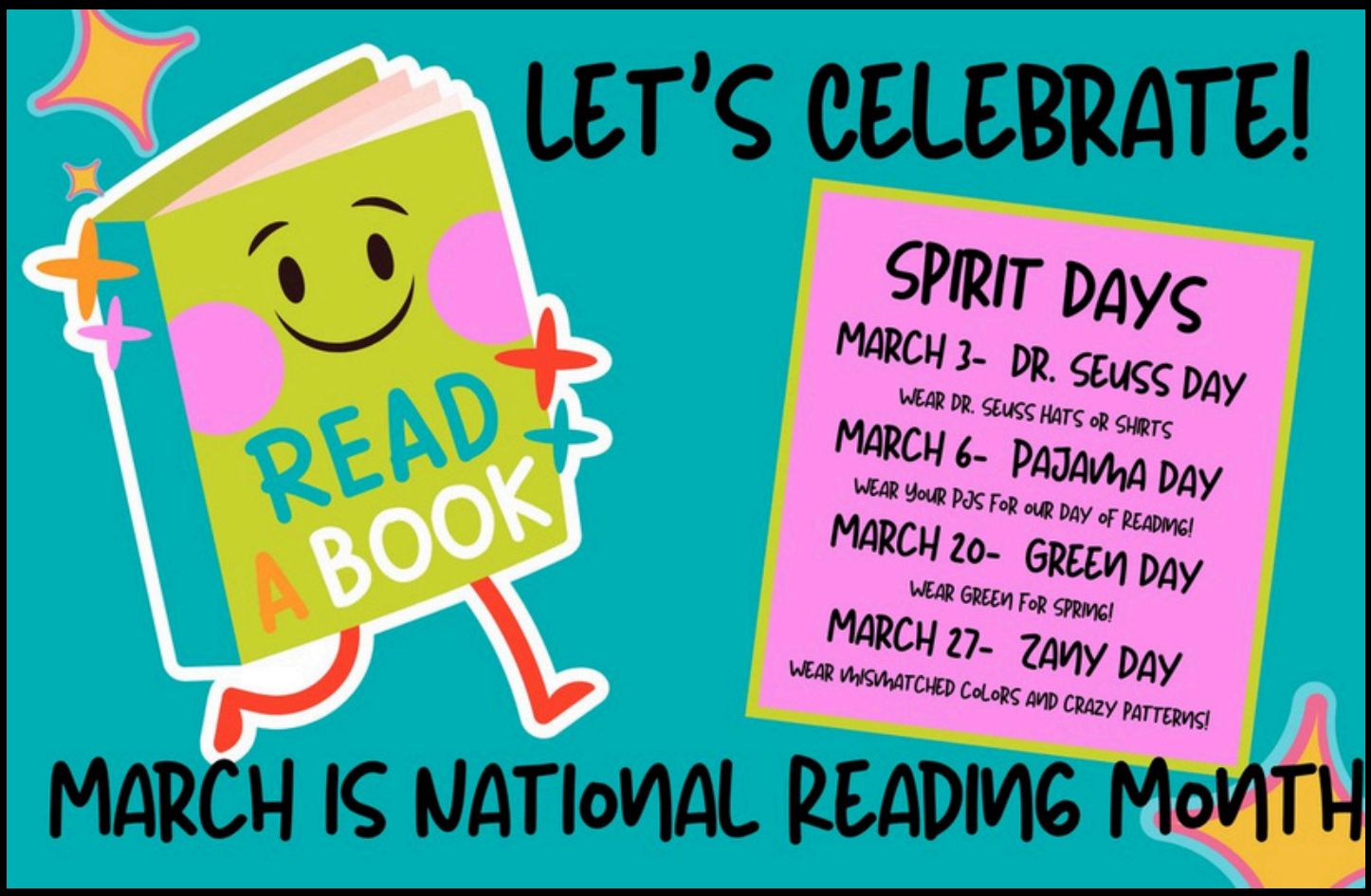
THE DISTRICT IS EXCITED TO HAVE DR. KREWSON JOIN OUR TEAM, CONTINUE OUR CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE, AND LEAD OUR SECONDARY STUDENTS AND STAFF TO SUCCESS.

DR. KREWSON WILL BEGIN HER NEW ROLE IN JULY 2026!



SPIRIT WEEK @ CRE

CELEBRATING NATIONAL READING MONTH!



Crest Ridge Preschool Screening & Kindergarten Enrollment



May 4, 2026



Crest Ridge Elementary

7:30-10-30am & 1:30-5:30pm

Who

Pre-K eligible Children turning 3 by 8/1/26

Kindergarten eligible Children turning 5 by 8/1/26

Call

to schedule an appointment!
(660)656-3000

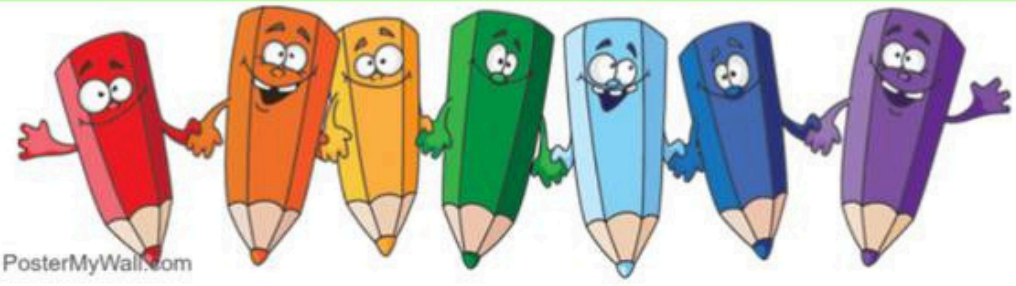
or Kristal Wyatt
Parents As Teachers at
(816)263-5665

Bring

Immunization record

Birth Certificate

Proof of Residency



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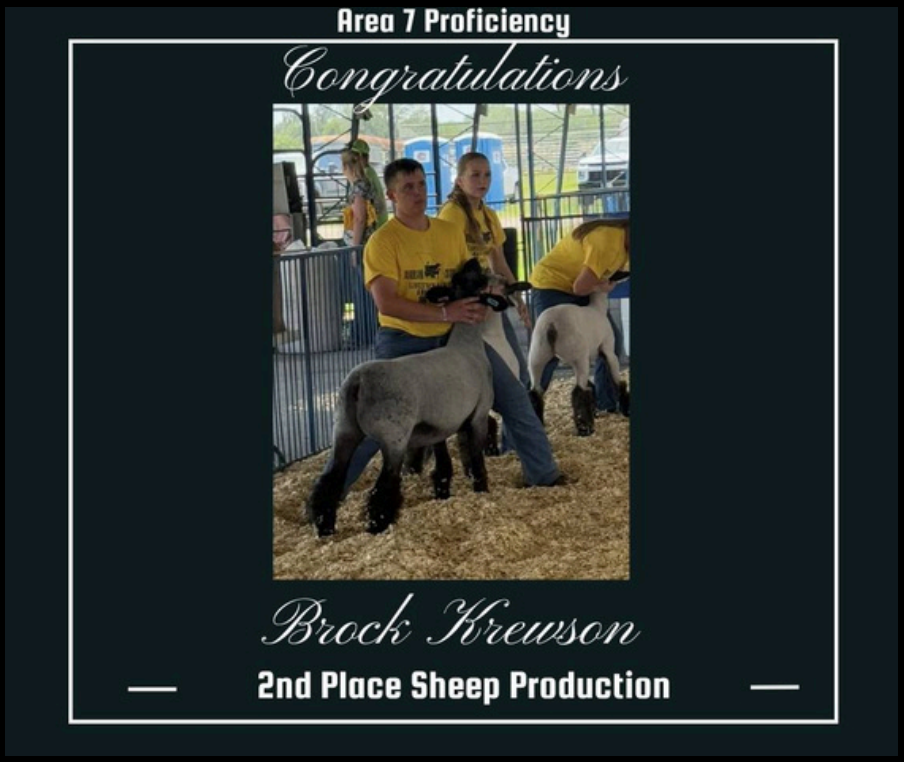
CONGRATS TO OUR FFA STUDENTS!!





Congratulations!

CORBIN BROCKHAUS
FFA AREA DEGREE



Congratulations!

BRODY LEE
FFA AREA DEGREE



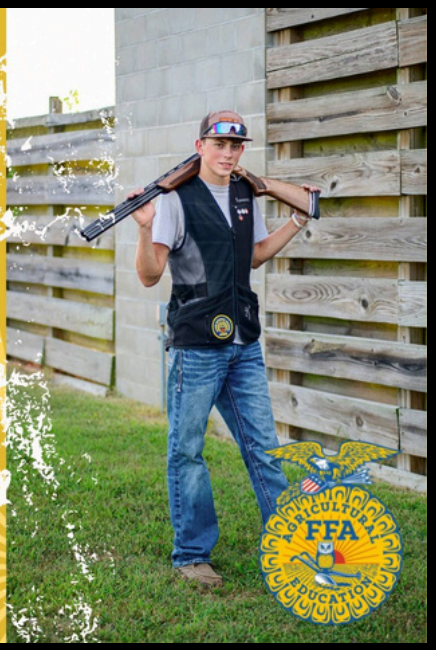
Congratulations!

ADDISON COUNTS
FFA AREA DEGREE



Congratulations!

OWEN WYATT
FFA AREA DEGREE



Congratulations!

SAVANNA BRAMWELL
FFA AREA DEGREE



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR FBLA STUDENTS!

HEADED TO STATE:

WILLA MOYLAN - 2ND IN INTRO TO PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES & 3RD IN INTRO TO RETAIL & MERCHANDIZING

WYATT BRANT - 3RD IN INTRO TO BIZ CONCEPTS

COOPER AUDSLEY - 2ND IN DATA ANALYSIS

RUNNERS UP:

PARKER MEYRAND, DANNI CHUGG & KAMRYN WASHELESKY - 5TH IN PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

HARLEE FRAZEE AND SOPHIE CODILLA - 5TH IN INTRO TO BUSINESS PRESENTATION

BRILYNN FLEMING, SOPHIA BARTLETT AND WHITNEY WINDERS - 3RD IN HOSPITALITY AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

BREANNA SHIPPY, LANEY WILHITE AND ADDIE SHIPPY - 3RD IN EVENT PLANNING

TATUM MARTIN, AUBREY LOWRANCE AND NADIA READY - 4TH IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM

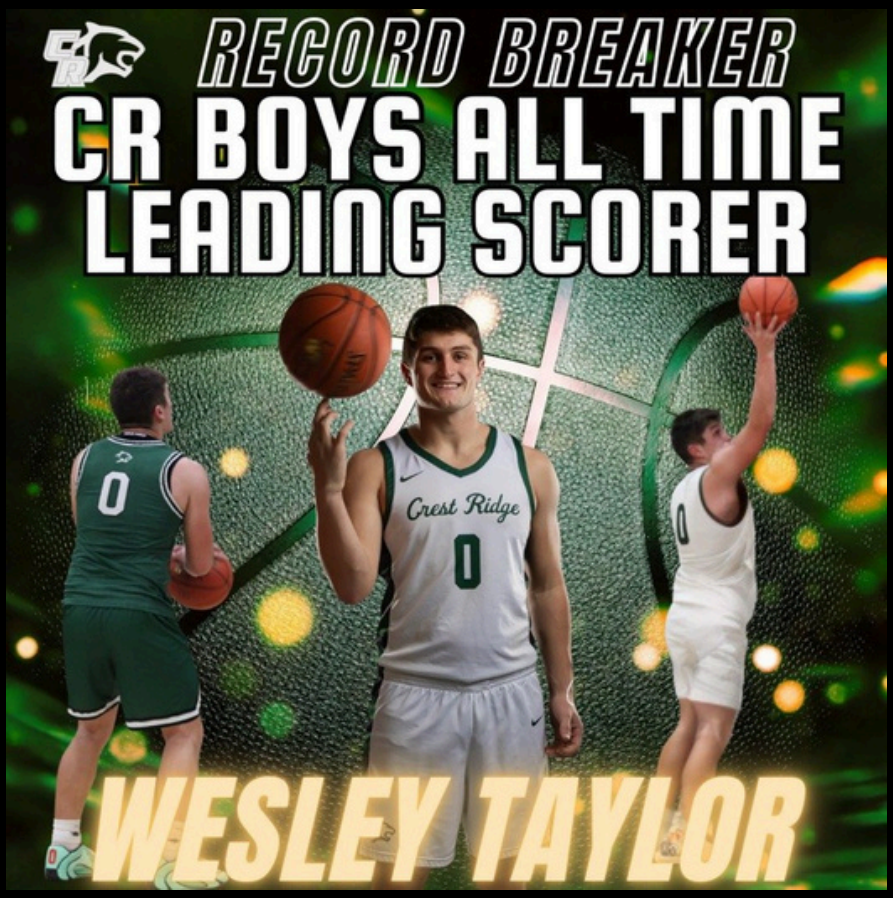




COURTWARMING ROYALTY!!

ADDI SHIPPY, QUEEN; WES TAYLOR, KING;
BRI FLEMING, PRINCESS; LANDON EVANS, PRINCE





RECORD BREAKER!!!!!

CONGRATS TO WESLEY TAYLOR ON BECOMING CREST RIDGE BASKETBALL'S ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER! WESLEY SURPASSED COACH SCHMIDLI'S RECORD SET IN 2020!



TRACK AND FIELD

WE WILL HAVE OUR TRACK AND FIELD RIBBON CUTTING ON MONDAY, MARCH 2ND AT 10:30AM.

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO OFFICIALLY OPEN OUR TRACK AND FIELD.

THANK YOU, CREST RIDGE COMMUNITY, FOR VOTING YES!!



PLEASE READ FOR OUR TRACK USAGE RULES

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REMINDERS!!

STANDARDS-BASED GRADING

CSIP SMART GOAL #4: PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED COMPETENCY-BASED INSTRUCTION IN 100% OF CLASSES/COURSES BY ADDING ONE SECONDARY GRADE LEVEL EACH YEAR, BEGINNING WITH GRADE 6 IN FALL 2024

- **WE ARE CONTINUING TO IMPLEMENT OUR BOARD APPROVED CSIP AND THIS INCLUDES WORK TOWARD STANDARDS-BASED GRADING**

- **A REMINDER THAT YOU CAN VIEW INFORMATION TO GROW CAPACITY IN STANDARDS BASED GRADING HERE!**

PROJECT KIDS

SMART GOAL #1: STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS WILL INCREASE BY 3- 4% IN "AGREE" CATEGORIES THAT OUR FACILITIES WILL HAVE A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE THAT GENERATES PRIDE IN STAKEHOLDERS.

We have many updates and upgrades happening in the district. Please adhere to signage and safety around the District during this exciting time!

Here is an update on our projects thus far:

- **SAFE AND SECURE ENTRYWAYS: COMPLETE**
- **TRACK AND FIELD: COMPLETE**
- **ELEMENTARY ROOF: BEGINNING SOON!**
- **FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING: INSTALLATION, COMING SOON!**
- **ELEMENTARY ADDITION: IN PROGRESS, COMPLETION SUMMER 2026**
- **SECONDARY BUILDING WINDOWS: INSTALLATION, JUNE 2026**
- **TRACK AND FIELD EQUIPMENT: DELIVERED!!**

THANK YOU, CREST RIDGE COMMUNITY, FOR VOTING YES ON PROJECT KIDS!!