APRIL 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: MAY

4 NO SCHOOL PD DAY
11 NO SCHOOL
11 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6PM
15 CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION!
18 SCHOOL IS IN SESSION
22 EARLY RELEASE; LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

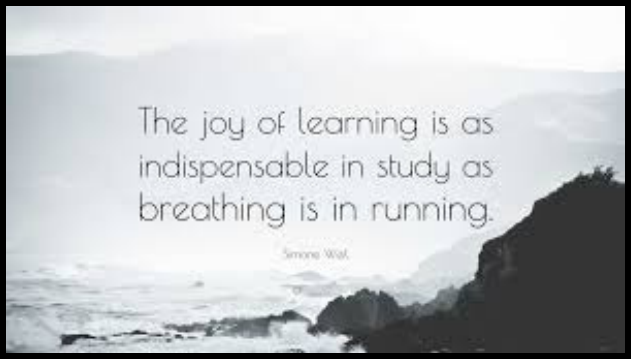
CSIP

THE DISTRICT CSIP TEAM MET ON APRIL 15 AND APRIL 22 TO REWRITE OUR CSIP FOR 2026-2029.

THE NEWLY PUBLISHED CSIP WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL AT THE JUNE 22 BOARD MEETING.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: MONDAY MAY 18TH!!!

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY MAY 4 AND MONDAY MAY 11



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HABIT #6: SYNERGIZE; TOGETHER IS BETTER!



CREST RIDGE SECONDARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

CREST RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Gavin Armstrong
8th Grade

We are thrilled to honor Gavin as our Middle School Student of the Month for March! Gavin is a great student to have in class he sets a positive example of behavior in class and shows in achieving excellent grades. He consistently demonstrates kindness and respect towards his peers and teachers, making the classroom a welcoming environment for everyone. Gavin's dedication to his studies is truly commendable. His commitment to excellence make him a role model for other students. Congratulations, Gavin, on this well-deserved recognition!

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

CREST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Brilynn Fleming
10th Grade

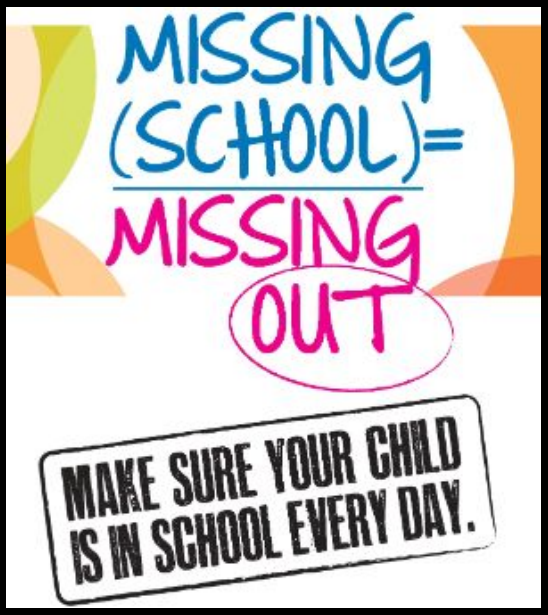
We are thrilled to honor Brilynn as our March High School Student of the Month. This exceptional student consistently goes above and beyond in her assignments, showcasing her dedication and strong sense of responsibility. She embodies the highest level of integrity and sets a positive example through her actions. Brillynn excels both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. Her determined attitude and unwavering commitment to her goals exemplify the Culture of Excellence that we strive for at Crest Ridge High School. We are delighted to recognize her achievements and eagerly anticipate the great things she will accomplish in the future.

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

Board Recap: April

- MEMBERS OF THE 2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION WERE SWORN IN. THIS INCLUDED INCUMBENTS, DEKE ALKIRE AND BOB BRAMWELL. NEW MEMBER DANIEL RING WAS ALSO SWORN IN TO REPLACE MELISSA LIVENGOOD. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO MS. LIVENGOOD FOR HER 9 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CREST RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY!
- THE BOARD WAS REORGANIZED TO FILL BOARD MEMBER ROLES: PRESIDENT: TONY REYNOLDS; VICE PRESIDENT: JAMES HOPPENTHALER; TREASURER: DREW SHANKS; SECRETARY: MECHELLE TOOLE.
- THE BOARD APPROVED THE 2026-2027 SALARY SCHEDULES, THE HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDER, AND THE DISTRICT CAREER LADDER PLAN.

NEXT MEETING:
MAY 11, 2026
6:00PM



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

ATTENDANCE, APRIL:
CR ELEMENTARY: 95.36%
CR MIDDLE SCHOOL: 95.56%
CR HIGH SCHOOL: 90.15%

REMINDERS!

2026-2027 REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN JULY:

BIG CHANGE THIS YEAR:

EVERY STUDENT/PARENT WILL BE
REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
PROOF OF RESIDENCY!

PROOF OF RESIDENCY
WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED IN THE FORM OF A UTILITY BILL, GAS BILL OR MORTGAGE CONTRACT.

MORE INFO TO COME!

ELEMENTARY ADDITION

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AND WHY?

BEFORE THE BOND ISSUE PASSED

- A long-range study was completed in 2024 to determine building usage, need, and capacity
- It was determined that Crest Elementary was at 98% capacity at that time
- Considerations regarding more support for students with disabilities and early intervention were discussed
- A portion of the bond issue was desginated to the growth in Early childhood and the need to account for early intervention which expands the programming at the Elementary

AFTER THE BOND ISSUE PASSED

- Surveying has been issued to determine the number of students (3 and 4 years old) as well as the scope of students, and the types of early intervention needed
- School personnel, including Student Services Director, Elementary Principal, and Parent Educator are in collaboration to determine families with children eligible for early intervention (early childhood special education and/or preschool)
- School personnel are working to determine classroom design to support eligible students which could result in varying possibilities
  - continued half-day classrooms at fuller capacity
  - a consideration for a full-day classroom
  - adding early childhood classrooms
  - pursuit of alternative funding and perhaps tuition-based classrooms

**All of the efforts toward our Elementary Addition are based on student need, building capacity, and funding capability. The District is committed to providing programming to support the diverse needs at our elementary building. We are excited to provide the space needed to adequately house the programs we have in the building!

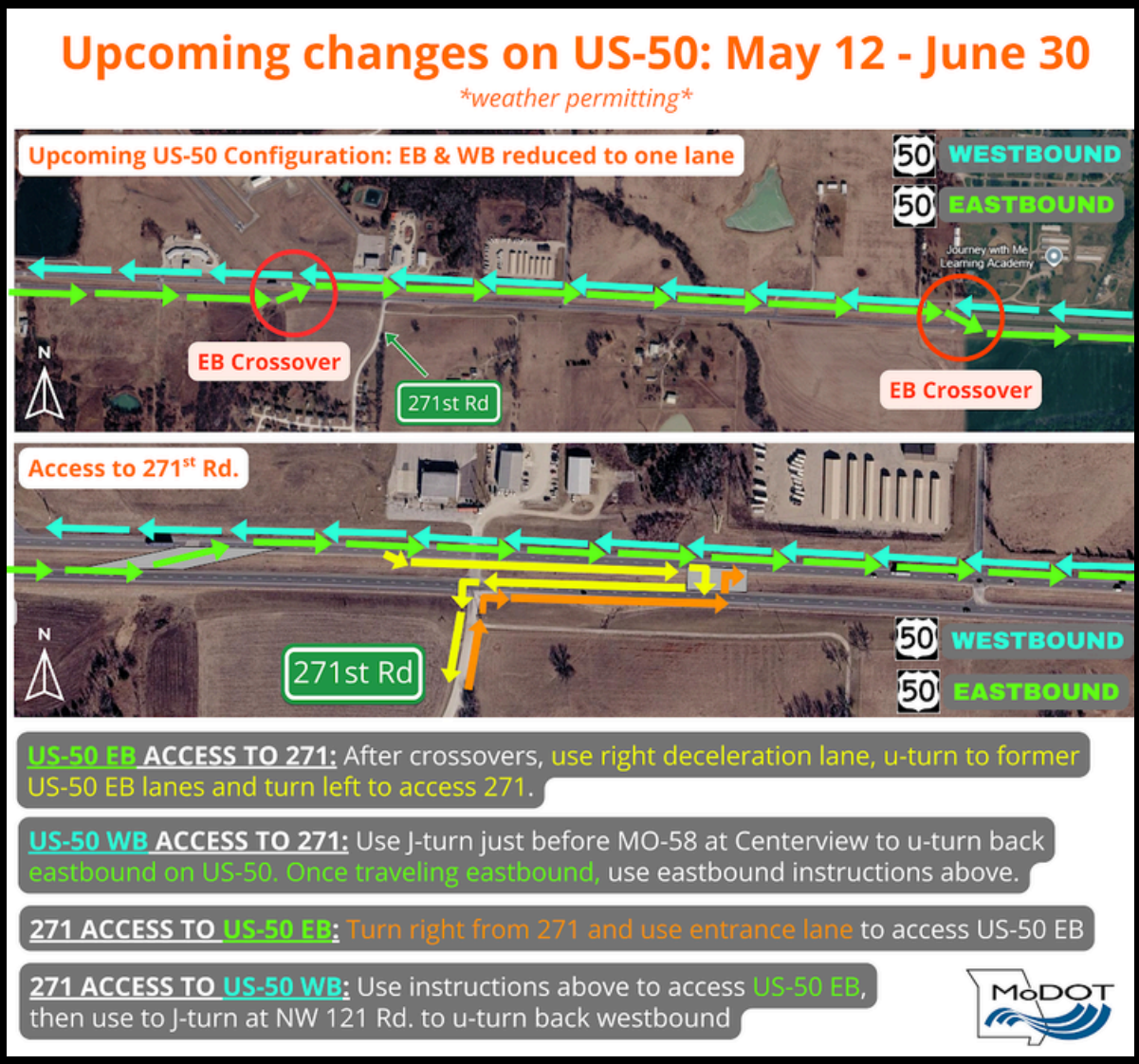
UPCOMING ROAD CONSTRUCTION WILL AFFECT COMMUTE TO SCHOOL!
MAY 12-JUNE 30

BELOW IS AN IMAGE PAGE PROVIDED BY THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

THE TOP PART OF THE PAGE SHOWS HOW TRAFFIC WILL LOOK WHEN EASTBOUND TRAFFIC IS MOVED INTO THE WESTBOUND LANES.

THE BOTTOM PART OF THE PAGES SHOWS HOW TRAFFIC FROM 271ST ROAD WILL NEED TO DETOUR TO GET ON US 50.

WEATHER PERMITTING THE TRAFFIC CHANGE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MAY 12 AND LAST UNTIL THE END OF JUNE.



CELEBRATIONS!

Congratulations to Addison Counts and Hannah Cochran on their acheivement in the West Central Electric Contest!





RECORD-BREAKING PERFORMANCES!



Congratulations to Logan Duffy on breaking the 110m Hurdle record with a time of 15.64!



Congratulations to Carsen Hursh on breaking the stolen bases record with 49!





Congratulations to Erin Harms on breaking the career strikeout record with 543 strikeouts!

STEAM NIGHT AT CRE!!





















Prom night









MONTHLY HOUSE TIME @ CRE

LEARNING TARGET: TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION!





















CRE AR (READING) LOCK-IN!
60 STUDENTS COMPLETED THE READING CHALLENGE!!

















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: HAPPENING NOW!**
- **FOOTBALL FIELD LIGHTING: HAPPENING NOW!**
- **ELEMENTARY ADDITION: IN PROGRESS, COMPLETION SUMMER 2026**
- **SECONDARY BUILDING WINDOWS: INSTALLATION, JUNE 2026**
- **TRACK AND FIELD EQUIPMENT: IN USE!!**

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

CREST RIDGE WILL HOST ITS FIRST TRACK MEET ON SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026!
THE I70 CONFERENCE TRACK MEET WILL BE HELD ON OUR NEW TRACK AND FIELD!
THANK YOU, CREST RIDGE COMMUNITY, FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!

