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CR-B COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Guardians

As we enter the month of April, we begin to look ahead to the conclusion of the school year. The 2025–2026 academic year is progressing quickly, and there is still important work to be accomplished. It is essential that students remain focused on their priorities, particularly as they work to finish the year strong. We also sincerely appreciate the continued support of our parents and guardians in reinforcing this focus, especially as the arrival of spring may bring additional distractions.

A major renovation is planned for this summer, including updates to the school office and the main entrance. These improvements are designed to enhance the security of our students and staff while also modernizing office spaces that are currently outdated. The upgrades will contribute to a more efficient and welcoming environment. We are grateful to our school board for its ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, functional, and up-to-date facility. A walk around our campus reflects this dedication, with numerous improvements completed in recent years. For example, last year saw updates to the elementary playground, school parking lot, and the restrooms and concession stand at the athletic complex. Several of these projects were made possible through the generosity of private donors and clubs, for which we are deeply appreciative.

Spring Break will take place from April 3 through April 6. We hope this provides your family with an opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together. Upon our return, we will begin the final stretch of the school year, which includes a variety of important end-of-year activities.

Thank you for your continued support of Coon Rapids-Bayard.

Mr. Ridder

ELEMENTARY

As we move into February, I want to take a moment to thank you for the continued partnership you show our school. Our students are working hard, showing kindness to one another, and growing each day—not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well. Your support at home makes a meaningful difference, and we are grateful for it!

This month, I'd like to share a gentle reminder about the importance of conversations we have with children regarding school-appropriate language and topics. As students grow and are exposed to more media, games, and conversations outside of school, they sometimes bring ideas or language into the classroom that are not appropriate for a school setting. This can include unkind words, pretend talk about weapons, or topics that may feel harmless at home but can be unsettling or distracting at school.

We know that children are naturally curious and often repeat things without fully understanding their impact. That's why we ask for your help in talking with your child about what is and is not appropriate to talk about at school. Simple conversations about using kind words, avoiding jokes or comments about weapons, and choosing topics that help everyone feel safe and comfortable can go a long way.

Our goal is to maintain a learning environment where every Crusader feels secure, respected, and ready to learn. These shared expectations between home and school help students understand boundaries while still feeling supported and heard.

February is also a wonderful time to reinforce values like kindness, empathy, and responsibility. When we work together, we help our students grow into thoughtful, respectful individuals.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you ever have questions or need support!

Mrs. Sigler

YEARBOOK

NEWS FROM THE JOURNALISM ROOM!

You can order directly at this link:

<https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02313200>

Please reach out to Mr. Kenkel with any questions -
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The image shows the cover of the 2025 yearbook, titled "SHINE BRIGHT STAND OUT". The cover features a globe made of a grid of small photos. To the right of the cover is a QR code. An arrow points from the text "This year's cover!" to the yearbook cover. Another arrow points from the text "Scan to order!" to the QR code.

This year's cover!

Scan to order!

**Time is ticking...
It's the fourth quarter!**

**CATCH EVERY SHINING MOMENT!
BUY YOUR YEARBOOK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

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The Scholastic Book Fair will be here and open during conferences in the CRB Library! Please stop in and support our school library fundraiser. We appreciate all your continued support! -Mrs. Adams & Mrs. Bonney



Upcoming FFA events:

April 14th, the Livestock Team will be participating in the annual Mt. Ayr Livestock Judging.

April 20th-21st, High School FFA members will be attending the 98th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference



Crusader Community Pantry

We are excited to announce the opening of our new School Food Pantry, the Crusader Community Pantry, designed to support students, families, and community members who may be experiencing food insecurity.

The Crusader Community Pantry will be open:

April 8th
April 22nd
May 6th
May 20th

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jenny Muhlbauer, School Social Worker, or Danielle Willenborg, School Nurse.

We are proud to offer this resource as part of our ongoing commitment to caring for our school families and strengthening our community!

