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## Spring Concert ... CMS students bloom in talent

Students in the middle school/high school held their spring concert on May 7th, 2015. Students in grades 6-12 music classes participated and various groups performed, including the junior high band and choir, the senior high band and choir and guitar class. Individuals were also able to showcase their talents before the concert as well as in between sets throughout the evening. Once again, it was a

wonderful concert put on by the students at CM as well as their

instructor, Ms. Holly Nester.



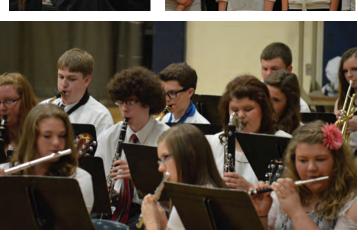
















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Mr. Robert Tews Superintendent

We are working hard to meet the needs of students and families in the 21st Century at Cedar Mountain. Some changes for next year include:

**10 MINUTE LATER START** – School will start 10 minutes later next year. The length of the day won't change, but this will allow us to adjust breakfast times, start bus routes later, and better utilize student time at the end of the day with practices and meetings. We would like all bus routes to start no earlier than 7:00 a.m., but that might not be possible. Students are still welcome in the buildings at 7:30 a.m. On those cold, nasty winter mornings, an extra 10 minutes can be very important.

**RAMP-UP TO READINESS** - Cedar Mountain be implementing a new college and career readiness program this year for students in grades 6-12. Ramp-Up to Readiness is a comprehensive, school-wide advisory program designed to provide students with the knowledge, habits, and skills necessary for success in college. Ramp-Up to Readiness meets the requirements of the state legislation for schools to prepare students for postsecondary education and employment.

The Ramp-Up to Readiness program defines college as any sort of postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree. This includes technical schools, community colleges, and 4-year colleges and universities. The goal of Ramp-Up is to help students reach their highest potential and succeed at the next level.

All students in grades 6-12 will meet throughout the entire school year. Students will participate in activities that will help prepare them for college in 5 areas:

- Academic Readiness
- · Admissions Readiness
- Career Readiness
- Financial Readiness
- · Personal and Social Readiness

**EXPANDED ONE TO ONE INITIATIVE** – This past year, each seventh grader received an iPad that was used in an educational setting. Next year, students in grades 6-8 will all have iPads. Plans are add additional grades to our One to One Technology Initiative in 2016-17. We are also upgrading existing computer labs in the high school.

Technology has become an increasingly critical educational tool at Cedar Mountain. With so many invaluable resources moving online, student access is essential to the learning process. Teaching students to become good digital citizens by guiding them to appropriately use technology is crucial in this electronic age. These skills will easily translate into higher education and the real world they will soon enter. We see great potential for its use in the learning process as we work to equip students with the skills they need to be successful in the 21st century, and beyond.

INCREASED PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS – The preschool program at Cedar Mountain has earned a 4 Star Rating for Parent Aware through the MDE. Parent Aware is a rating tool that helps parents find high-quality preschool programs. Four stars is the highest rating available. This is the first requirement to receive the Pathways II Scholarship. Through the Pathways II Scholarship, Cedar Mountain is able to offer expanded preschool options to our families. Parents can look forward to getting registration materials in the mail in May announcing our new offerings.

FRED Night

"Cedar Mountain Elementary hosted a FRED (Fathers Read Every Day) event this spring, with a classic car theme!! Root beer floats were served and each child went home with a

book. Mr. Tews was the guest reader and his Studebaker led the classic car parade that concluded the event. Over 150 people attended, plus 20 classic cars from our area were on display. "



## Mrs. Barb Tighe Retires



This year, Mrs. Barb Tighe is retiring after many years of service to the Cedar Mountain School District and our students. Mrs. Tighe has taught elementary and served as our counselor and Dean of Students at Cedar Mountain for 19 years.

Barb Tighe is originally from Morton, growing up on a farm there. She

attended Southwest State University and graduated in 1971 with a degree in Sociology-Anthropology. She received her Master's Degree in Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education from Ball State in 1972 and worked in admissions at Southwest State University from 1972-1980. Mrs. Tighe started at Cedar Mountain in 1994 as a paraprofessional, then returned to Southwest State and earned her degree in Elementary Education, and began teaching in the district in 1998. She became our Counselor/Dean of Students in 2000 and has worked in that position ever since.

Mrs. Tighe's role as Dean of Students has evolved over the past 15 years. She has met every change with a smile and "Can Do" attitude. Her goal is to help our students be successful in life, and her willingness to go the extra mile for students is appreciated.

Mrs. Tighe also understands the importance of positive connections with students, parents, staff, and community. She lives the quote "Because NICE matters" and understands that you can make a difference in someone's life with a simple smile or kind word. When Mrs. Tighe applied for our counselor position, she included her Philosophy of Education. In it, she talked about the importance of respect and how it was the cornerstone of the school environment. She has daily lived that philosophy during her career at Cedar Mountain.

Best wishes to Barb on her retirement.

## Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

Host families are needed for next school year for exchange students. I have a girl that likes to dance and would like to maybe try a dance team and lots of boys that want to be in sports and kids that love music—all kinds of great applications for this school year. Laura Olson can be reached at 507-829-4399 for any family that wants to know more. Students are waiting to find out if they have an American host family.





## **WANTED:**Band Instruments

Our school is in search of band instruments. If you have an instrument that you have stored away and you are looking to find it a new home, consider donating it to the CM band program whether in the Elementary or the High School these would be greatly appreciated. The incoming 5th graders for 2015-2016 will be on the look out for

these treasures.

If you have an instrument that you would like to sell or donate please send an e-mail to Mrs. Eberhard and she can get the word out to those who are looking. The email is jeberhard@cedarmt.org Thanks for supporting the CM music department.





Track and Field Day

Elementary Track & Field Day took place on May 20th. Elementary students came to the track/football field in Morgan for the afternoon and participated in track and field events. This event was organized by Mr. Mike Freitag and he was assisted by many others, including MS/HS students who are members of the track team. It was a great day!





## Elementary News "School's Out for Summer"!! But just because school is out, it doesn't mean that reading and learning should stop.

Mrs. P. Machart

Teachers know that many children can't afford to take such a long break. Young readers who don't continue to read over the summer especially those who are reluctant or atrisk are likely to lose crucial ground. Some student's test scores fall back up to 3 months Elementary Principal over the summer break! Regardless of other activities, the best predictor of summer loss

or summer gain is whether or not a child reads during the summer. Be sure to get your children involved in the Public Library's fun reading activities and encourage your child to check out books during the summer. Make reading fun --- read with a flashlight, read in the tent, read a book on the ipad..... Keep those book pages turning over the summer!!

Study Island



These students completed two entire subject areas on the online Study Island website to help prepare for the MCA tests. They enjoyed a fun day of bowling with their principal, Mrs. Machart.



Kindergarten students at Cedar Mountain celebrated the end of the school year with a special "Kindergarten Celebration! "Families and friends came to watch them perform songs, listen to each student share what he or she wants to be when they grow up, and watch a video about the school year. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Mages are very proud of their accomplishments! First grade....here they come!

Elementary Band

Fourth graders recently learned how to play the recorders in class. To show off their new talents, they went on a fieldtrip to the Golden Living Center in Franklin to play for the residents. The residents appreciated the music and visit.

Fifth grade band recently took a picture outside with their teacher, Ms. Jennifer Eberhard. The students enjoyed learning to play their instruments for the first time this year, as 5th grade is the first year band is offered at Cedar Mountain. They are looking

forward to moving onto the Middle School/High School next year where Ms. Holly Nester will be their teacher.





## CM Preschoolers Celebrate!



May 18th was a special evening for Cedar Mountain's youngest learners when they held their Spring Celebration. All preschoolers performed songs together with a zoo theme, a slide show showcasing the year in preschool was shown followed by a short performance by the preschoolers heading to kindergarten.

## Congratulations to our elementary students on their great achievements



Reading Achievement Award

**Highest Accelerated Reader** (AR) points – Students read books on their own and took quizzes online for points, these students scored the most points this year.

**Reading Achievement** – Students who finished the 40 Book Challenge in Mrs. Sandgren's 5th grade.

National Physical Fitness Award – Students who scored in the top 15% in all tested categories.

Good Character of the Quarter – These students earned the award for following the character trait of being safe!

**Perfect Attendance** – Students were in attendance for every minute of every day during the 2014-15 school year!



Good Character Award



AR Award



**Physical Fitness Award** 



Perfect Attendance

The 2nd graders in Mrs. Fox and Ms. Thooft's classes didn't let a little rain ruin their day...they had a great day at Ney Environment Center in Henderson, MN on Tuesday, May 26th.







## 5th Grade Field Trip



5th grade recently went on a field trip to the MN History Center. They had a wonderful time and learned a lot of good information about MN!

# The 3rd graders were lucky to get a back stage tour of Target Field, home of the MN TWINS!



#### JOB OPENING

## Further your career with meaning: Grow the skills of children and youth

Tutors are needed to help children and youth succeed in school by giving them the extra support they need to read. Minnesota Reading Corps—the nation's largest state AmeriCorps program—trains



tutors to impact students in schools across Minnesota. We are looking to place 1 part-time Elementary tutor at Cedar Mountain Elementary to commit a year of service and change the world of struggling students.

As a tutor, you will implement research-based strategies to help children believe in themselves and succeed in reading by the end of third grade—all while growing your career network and new skills. You will receive training, a living allowance about \$544 a month , an education award of \$2,865 and the reward of making a real impact in your community.

Give a year of service to grow our communities and your own career. Apply today to become a tutor! Go to www. MinnesotaReadingCorps.org. Strong preference is given to tutors who can start serving August 10, 2014. Send questions to recruitment@servemnaction.org.

#### One year. This year. Serve to grow.

If you would like to visit more about this position, please contact me!

Patti Machart • 557-2251 • pmachart@cedarmt.org

Cedar Mountain Elementary held their school dance on Friday, May 15th on the playground in Franklin. This annual dance is a time for students and families in grades PreK – 5 to celebrate a successful school year and the start of summer. There was a special guest appearance from Mr. Catfish (AKA: Brian Pederson) who was raising money for the "Kiss the Catfish" contest held during Franklin's Catfish Derby Days. If Brian wins, all of the money raised will go to CM Elementary! A wonderful time was had by all!















## **CM Preschool REGISTRATION**

Registration will be taking place soon for the 2015-16 school year. We are hoping to expand our programming with the help of grants we have applied for. As soon as we know more details, we will be sending out registration information. Registration information will also be available on the school website as it becomes available.

Go to: www.cms.mntm.org and click on the Community tab.



Mr. J. Schultz MS/HS Principal

## Míddle / Hígh School

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2015! I would like to personally wish you all the best as you head out on your own adventures after high school. You have each accomplished many things at Cedar Mountain that will help to guide you as you head out on your

own. Remember where you came from and be proud of the sacrifices you made to reach your goals.

As we come to a close for the 2014-15 school year, I enjoy thinking of all the wonderful things that we have had happen at Cedar Mountain Secondary this past school year. We have continued to grow our staff and students to meet the needs of a changing world in

education. We have seen many changes already with our building project being underway. By reflecting on this past year, I am also excited for the upcoming year. This past year our staff has continued to integrate new technology into their classrooms, in preparation for increases in technology-enhanced lesson delivery next year. Our Middle School students will be outfitted with iPads, and a technology-enhanced curriculum. We will continue to work with parents and the community to improve Cedar Mountain education and to develop our students to reach their fullest potential.

These are exciting times at Cedar Mountain Secondary!

Thank You.





## FFA Elect New Officers



FRONT: Preston Maurer, Bailey Nelson, Mya Mathiowetz, Parker Sullivan BACK: Collin Kerkhoff, Spencer Sullivan, Jason Carlson, Nick Malecek, Brittany Johnson

#### Cedar Mountain FFA Banquet

The Cedar Mountain FFA recently held an annual banquet on May, 17 at the High school. A potluck supper was held and the awards ceremony was held after the meal. Three members received their Discovery Degree. These recipients were Trenna Jeppesen, Victoria Edwards, and Ashley Rothmeier. Eleven members received their Greenhand degrees. These recipients were Emma Auslam, Mya Mathiowetz, Brady Valentin, Kayley Speath, Torie Lemcke, Josh Wolling, Makenzie Kerkhoff, Heather Lemcke, Lauren Zeug, and Chris Malacek. Three sophomore members received their Chapter Degrees. These recipients were Spencer Sullivan, Parker Sullivan, and Bailey Nelson. Honorary community members were also rewarded. These community members were Chad Hoffbeck, Fawn MacNamara, and Theresa Hacker.

The banquet was wrapped up with a slideshow that reflected on the year and the induction of new officers.

The new officers are: President- Bailey Nelson; Vice President- Preston Maurer; Secretary- Mya Mathiowetz; Treasurer- Jason Carlson; Reporter-Spencer Sullivan; Reporter- Parker Sullivan; Sentinel- Collin Kerkhoff; Student Advisor- Brittany Johnson; Student Advisor- Nick Malecek

#### **COACHING VACANCIES**

Cedar Mountain High School is accepting applications for the following coaching positions during the 2015-2016 school year.

-Assistant Football

-JH Football

-JH Volleyball

-JH Boys Basketball

-JH Girls Basketball

- -Assistant Boys Basketball
- -Assistant Girls Basketball

*Please submit a letter of application to:* 

Jeremy Robinson / Activities Director Cedar Mountain Schools PO Box 188, Morgan, MN 56266

Email questions to: jrobinson@cedarmt.org

All positions are open until filled.



# **IMMUNIZATION**

## **Hooray for Hollywood**

For the first time, Cedar Mountain Drama presented a spring play. "Hooray for Hollywood" had a cast of 33 actors. The play was about Milo Bravo (Andrea Ochs), a con artist posing as an acting coach. She and her secretary Anita (Nereida Villegas) set up phony classes at the Bravo Workshop of Dramatic Arts and Stuff for hopeful actors and actresses. Milo teaches them that it's not about talent, but being a success. Her motto, "Stars, Not Talent," gives the students hope. The acting students don't know Milo is a fraud. They believe she will turn them into stars, like Milo's one success, Mitzi Fontaine (Keesha Barnes). Eventually, all the students become stars, in spite of Milo's teachings. The play was action packed and filled with comedy. "Hooray for Hollywood" was performed May 15th and 16th. Thank you for supporting Cedar Mountain Drama.









## **Nurse's Nook**

Don't forget...If you have a 7th grader next year, they will need to have immunizations this summer to stay current. Please schedule an appointment with your provider.

Health Forms - These will be available online on the school website!

**Sports Physicals**...These need to be completed every 3 years to participate in 7th – 12th grade sports, is your athlete due for one?

## Cougar

After wrapping up a terrific, fun-filled school year with an awesome family night, Cougar Connection, Cedar Mountain's 21st Century program will take a few weeks off and then prepare for an exciting summer program. We will meet at Cedar Mountain MS/HS in Morgan or the public library in Morgan depending on the construction progress. We will meet two "weeks" each month (Tuesday-Thursday) from 9 am to 3 pm. We will spend Tuesday and Wednesday doing educational activities, having lunch and enjoying some outdoor time and Thursday's we will go on educational field trips. This year all students entering grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us. We will meet for our first "week" June 16th to 18th. Your child may join us for all 8 weeks or just those that work with your family's schedule. If your child is interested in some fun learning this summer, please contact Mrs. Tietz at dtietz@cedarmt.org or 507-249-5990 or 507-430-5772.





## 7th Grade Art Students Experiment With Plaster Gauze

The fourth quarter 7th graders in Mrs. Zobal's art class experimented with a material that was new to many of them: plaster gauze strips. These strips are made from gauze that has been coated in plaster. When the plaster is rehydrated it is able to be molded. Using this material, the 7th graders made a mask using a mask form. They then painted and embellished their mask using materials of their own choosing. Prior to learning this technique, the students were taught about the meaning and purpose of masks, as well as shown some examples of different types of masks from around the world and popular culture.





## Congratulations!

## Cedar Mountain Senior Music Awards

Haidee Wersal John Phillip Sousa Award Andrea Ochs Choral Award

## The Benefits of Music Education

By Laura Lewis Brown

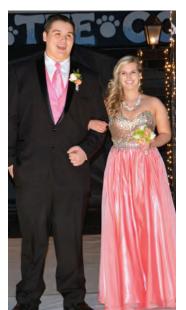
Whether your child is the next Beyonce or more likely to sing her solos in the shower, she is bound to benefit from some form of music education. Research shows that learning the dore-mis can help children excel in ways beyond the basic ABCs.

#### To read more of this article go to:

http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/music-arts/the-benefits-of-music-education/

Saturday, April 25th Cedar Mountain held their prom "A Night on the Town". Following Grand March, the participants proceeded to the City and Country Tavern for their dinner and dance. Post prom followed back at the high school with a hypnotist and games. The PAST committee planned a lot of fun and games for prom attendees as well as opportunities to win money and prizes. A great time was had by all.

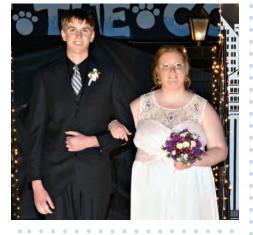




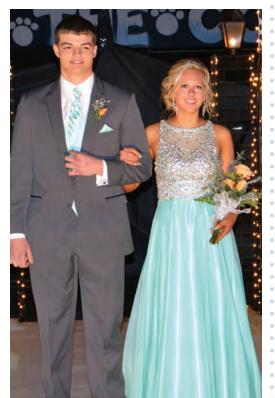


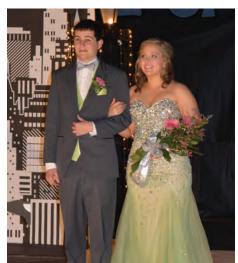


































Congratualations!





## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015



Sean Barningham MSU-Mankato



Riley Berkey South Central College-Mankato



**Amanda Bigger** *Ridgewater-Willmar* 



Collin Daub lowa Lakes Comm. College



Sam Elsing Work



Rebecca Falk MN West Granite Falls



Andrew Fisher
University of WIStevens Point



Katlynn Fjeld MSU-Mankato



**Dalton Hacker** *Ridgewater-Willmar* 



Joel Hoffmann Ridgewater-Willmar



Sydney Kerkhoff University of WI-Stevens Point



Shawn Douglas Kleinschmidt Ridgew.-Willmar



Dylan Michael Knutson MN West-Canby



Clay Kokesch Work



Suvi Kortesalmi Return to school in Finland



Janessa Jenn Larsen MSU-Mankato



Brianna Lund MSU-Mankato



Seth Madsen National Guard



Courtney Nelsen Ridgewater-Willmar



Collin Nestande Iowa Lakes Comm. College



Andrea Ochs SMSU-Marshall



South Central College-Mankato



Jessy Selbrade Work



Michael Steffen Online Courses



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Full Sail University



Michael Volz Alexandria Technical College



Breanna Walberg
NHCC



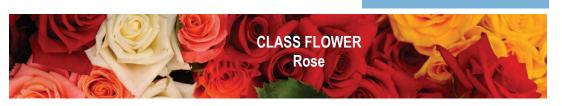
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Angelica Rose Wilhelmi U of M – Morris

CLASS COLORS
Black
Silver
Bright Blue

CLASS MOTTO
We as Strangers,
Grew as Classmates,
and
We leave as Friends



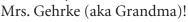


Friday, May 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm High School Gymnasium

## FACS

The Independent Living class learned about camp cooking on a Field Trip to Fort Ridgley on Friday May 15th. Mr. Schultz went with us to instruct the boys on several camp cooking techniques. He showed the boys how to build wood fires to make our Boy Scout dinners. He told them how to start and use charcoal for baking a blueberry cobbler using a cast iron Dutch oven. Last of all he taught the boys how to start both a camp stove and backpacking stove. Some of the boys went fishing for trout but couldn't catch one big enough to prepare!

Earlier in the semester we had a unit on how to patch clothes and iron a shirt. The boys brought in a shirt to iron and blue jeans to patch! This new class was enjoyed by both the boys and













## Dance, Dance, Dance

The 7th grade FACS class enjoyed playing Wii games at the end of the school year to promote team building and wellness.





## **SAVE THE DATES**



#### **FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES**

If you're a local business owner, you may have been recently contacted by All-American Sports regarding the purchase of advertisement space on poster size fall/winter schedules for next year. Be assured, this IS a reputable partnership we've made to promote our activities next season. We look forward to having our schedules displayed proudly on area storefronts. If you have questions, please contact Jeremy Robinson at 507-249-5990.

## Community Education / Youth Activities

School of Fish-Fishing Class

Tuesday, July 21

Franklin Elementary Library

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ages: boys and girls in 3rd grade and above

(1st & 2nd grade welcome if accompanied by an adult)

Cost: \$55

Minimum: 10 participants Registrations due: June 1st, 2015

Instructor: Fishing Pro Mike Frisch

"Kids will learn about lakes, the fish that live in them, and how to catch 'em!" Every participant will receive over \$40 in goods! Shakespeare rod & reel, Plano tackle box, Northland Tackle, fishing book, snacks and more! Participants will get great fishing instruction Including rod rigging, knot tying, and more! For more information contact Sarah at ssullivan@cedarmt.org or call 249-5990 or 557-2107.

Please return form with payment to the school office in Franklin or Morgan by June 1. Registrations will be accepted after this date only if room is available.

Checks payable to: CM Community Ed.

Registration forms are also available on the school website: *www.cms.mntm.org* click on community tab.

Room is still available, please register ASAP, forms are available online or by emailing ssullivan@cedarmt.org

## SCIENCE CAMP

## Eureka

Thursday, July 9th, 2015

Franklin Elementary Library

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ages: 6 -12 years

Cost: \$65

Minimum: 10 participants

Maximum: 20 participants Items to bring: Sack lunch Registrations due: May 27th

Are you a budding inventor? If so, join mad Science as we learn about famous inventors such as Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Edison, Rube Goldbert, Archimedes and Ben Franklin and the contributions they made to science. Use your knowledge and creativity to overcome a series of challenges using basic materials, simple machines, tips from famous inventors and the most important of all...your mind! Join an instructor from "Mad Science of Minnesota" for a fun filled day!

Registration forms will be sent home with your child from school and will also be available on the school web site.

# Interested in Summer Learning?



## FREE Summer Tutoring Opportunity in Reading and Math for Grades K-5th

in the month of June!

Tutoring sessions will be held in both Franklin & Morgan

Mrs. Gruendemann, Cedar Mountain Elementary School's MN Reading Corps Literacy Tutor will be conducting all tutoring sessions.

#### Questions?

Please contact **Beth Schultz**Reading Intervention Teacher

507-557-2251 or bschultz@cedarmt.org

## **ROCKET BLAST OFF**

Thursday, August 6th, 2015 Franklin Elementary Library

> 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ages: 6-12 years Cost: \$65

Minimum: 10 participants Maximum: 20 participants Items to bring: Sack lunch

Registrations due: May 27th



3-2-1 BLAST OFF! This action packed camp focuses solely on rockets and rocket flight. Learn about model rocket design, building, aerodynamics, propulsion, launching, safety, recover, and repair. Take part in launching rockets. This Mad Science camp is a blast for boys and girls! Join an instructor from "Mad Science of Minnesota" for a fun filled day! Registration forms will be sent home with your child from school and will also be available on the school web site.

## Spots still available

Please register ASAP, forms are available online or by emailing ssullivan@cedarmt.org

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#### **POSTAL PATRON**

#### Cedar Mountain Schools Calendar & Dates

School Calendar 2015-16
September 1 Open House
September 8 First Day of School
October 5 No School – Teacher Training
October 15 & 16 No School - Ed MN Convention
November 17, 19, 23 . Parent Teacher Conferences (evenings)
November 25, 26, 27 No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
December 23 Early Dismissal – 12:10
December 24 – Jan. 3 No School - Winter Break
January 4 School Resumes
January 22 No School – Teacher Work Day
February 15 No School – President's Day
March 11 No School – Teacher Training
<i>March</i> 23 <i>Early Dismissal</i> – 12:10
March 24-28 No School – Spring Break
May 30 No School – Memorial Day
June 2 Last Day of School
June 3 Graduation

SCHOOL CENSUS: If you are new to the Cedar Mountain area or recently have had a new baby, please be sure to call the school and put your children's names on our school census.

Call CM Elementary at 557-2251.

Thank you.



The school offices will be closed Fridays, starting June 19 and lasting until August 14. The office is also closed June 19th through July 10th. This is the three weeks over the 4th of July.

Dates closed:
June 19, 22 - 26, 29 & 30
July 1- 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7 & 14.

Enjoy your summer!