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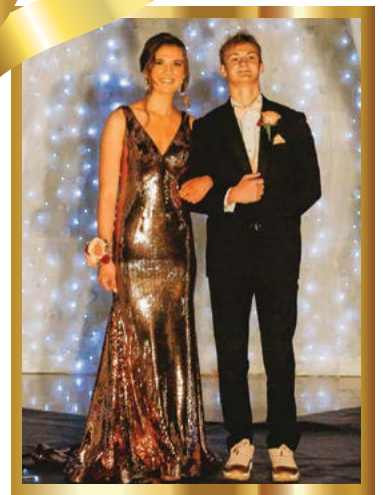
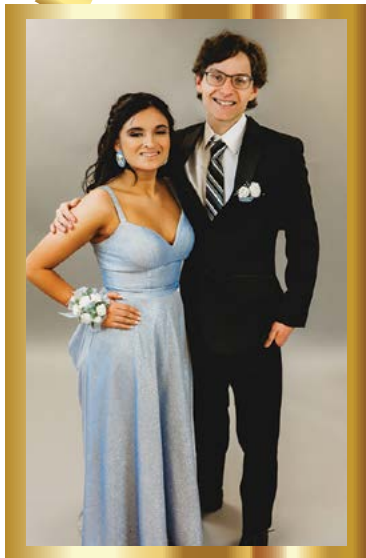
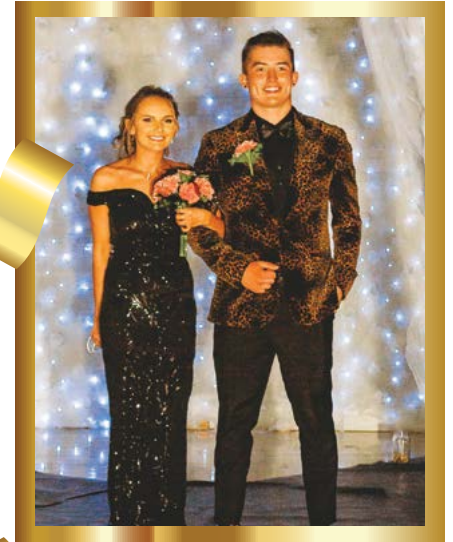
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Prom 2021 was held at Cedar Mountain on Saturday, April 24 starting at 5:00 p.m. with a Grand March. Thank you to all who attended and made it a great memory! Special thanks to the juniors who worked hard planning, setting up Thursday and Friday and cleaning up on Sunday. Although seating was limited, the event was live streamed on the Cedar Mountain YouTube channel. To view this event as well as others, follow the live stream link on the school website [www.cms.mntm.org](http://www.cms.mntm.org).

## Glistening Twilight





Mr. R. Brandl  
Superintendent

## Thank You to our Amazing Staff

As each school year draws to a close, we say farewell to our graduating seniors. The graduating class of 2021 along with all Cedar Mountain students experienced a school year like no other. Many of our events at school looked different but we were thankful to be able to safely offer our students nearly all of

them. We pride ourselves at Cedar Mountain on finishing strong and our 2021 seniors finished their K-12 experience on a high note.

A special thank you to our principals, teachers, support staff and parents for everything they did throughout the year. Every single staff member was asked to be flexible this year and many took on a new role. As the superintendent, it was comforting to know that our staff were committed to doing their part each and everyday of the 2020-2021 school year. Our teachers prepared tirelessly for our

students learning and were great communicators as we navigated the new normal of hybrid and socially distanced classrooms. Our parents provided tremendous support for their students as we worked together to give them the knowledge they need to move forward and be successful. 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 2021 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!



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## CMS RETIREES

CONGRATULATIONS

Deb Christensen  
*Title I Para • Librarian*



Nancy Tews  
*First Grade*



Etta Weber  
*Special Ed para • Title I para*



Mrs. Patti Machart will be retiring at the end of this school year after giving 41 years of service to Cedar Mountain. After graduating from Kensington High School, Mrs. Machart attended the University of MN, Morris for Elementary Education. Her first teaching career began in 1980 as a 3rd grade teacher at Cedar Mountain. Although she was a dynamic teacher and thoroughly enjoyed being in the classroom, she was excited to move into her role as Elementary Principal in 2002. Mrs. Machart received her masters degree from the U of MN and her principal licensure from St. Mary's. In retirement, Mrs. Machart is looking forward to traveling, gardening, relaxing with family and friends, spending time with her mom and joining her retired sisters in "retirement fun". "Cedar Mountain became my family, I have enjoyed my years here, it's been a great ride." Thank you, Mrs. Machart, for your years of dedication and service to CM families and staff, you'll be greatly missed.





Mrs. P. Machart  
Elementary  
Principal

## Elementary News

It is bittersweet that I am writing my last article for our newsletter. After 41 years of working at Cedar Mountain, I am retiring. One of the parts that I enjoyed the most of my job was creating the relationships that I made with so many families and children. I am going to miss all of the people that I have contact with daily. And... believe it or not, I am going to especially miss some of those conversations that took place with students and/or parents in the "principal's office"! I don't think I ever was too scary of a principal.... my belief was more to make children learn from their mistakes, get them to do the thinking, and to make a plan to do better the next time. Cedar Mountain kids would know this philosophy as the "fix-it plan" and after filling out a "fix-it plan" form and talking through the situation with me, it often resulted in a phone call home from the principal!

*"It's not the mistake that matters. It's how you deal with it, what you learn from it and how you apply that lesson to your life."* This is a thought that I shared with many parents. I would assure them that having a noon detention with Mrs.

Machart in elementary school was a far better time to learn from their mistakes than being suspended in high school or having to sit out of an athletic competition for making poor choices!

During my career, I came across a blog on Huffington Post called "10 Common Mistakes Parents Today Make (Me Included)". It is well worth the read and can be applied to all adults that work with children. The author suggests putting more thought into the long term and thinking about what kind of adults do you hope your children will be and then parent/lead with that in mind... what can you do now to help foster that? I have shared these tips throughout my career with staff and parents. I want to share with you a couple of mistakes that were pointed out that we as parents/adults/staff may be making.

- **Mistake: Forgetting our actions speak louder than our words.** How you handle rejection and adversity... how you treat friends and strangers... whether you nag or build up others... children notice these things. And the way you respond gives them permission to act the same. If you want your children to be wonderful, you need to aim for wonderful, too. You need to be the person you hope they'll be.
- **Mistake: Believing your children are perfect.** We all make mistakes. The truth can hurt, but when we listen with an open heart and mind we stand to benefit. We can intervene early before a situation gets out of hand. It's easier to deal with a troubled child than repair a broken adult.
- **Mistake: Underestimating CHARACTER.** If there's one thing I hope to get right in my children, it's their CORE. Character, moral fiber, an inner compass... these things lay the foundation for a happy, healthy future. They matter more than any report card or trophy ever will. I often tell the children, how you act when I am not looking, tells me about your character.

The article concludes by saying: "None of us can force character on our kids, and at age 10 or 15 character won't mean much. Children care about short-term gratification, but we, as parents, know better. We know that what will matter at 25, 30 and 40 is not how far you can throw the football, or whether they made cheerleader, but, how they treat others and what they think of themselves. If we want them to build character, confidence, strength and resilience, we need to let them face adversity and experience the pride that follows when they come out stronger on the other side."

So, in other words, filling out a fix it form is not such a bad experience to go through with Mrs. Machart if you learn from it! I have always said and believed that it takes a village to raise a child. I am so lucky to have worked in these communities that believe in this as well. I am proud to have been the principal at Cedar Mountain for the celebrations and principal office conversations! My dream and hope is that "our children" will be successful and happy in their lives... and that along the way, TOGETHER, we have done a good job raising them to help make that happen!

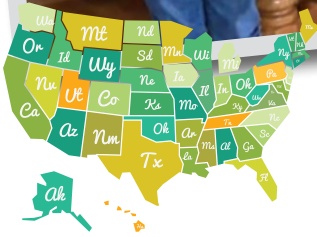
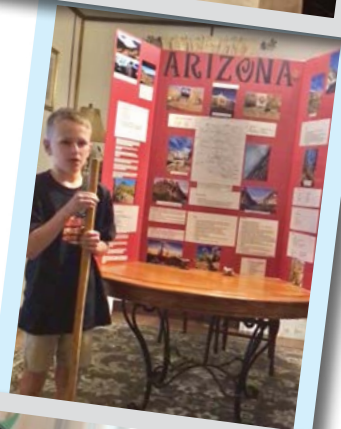
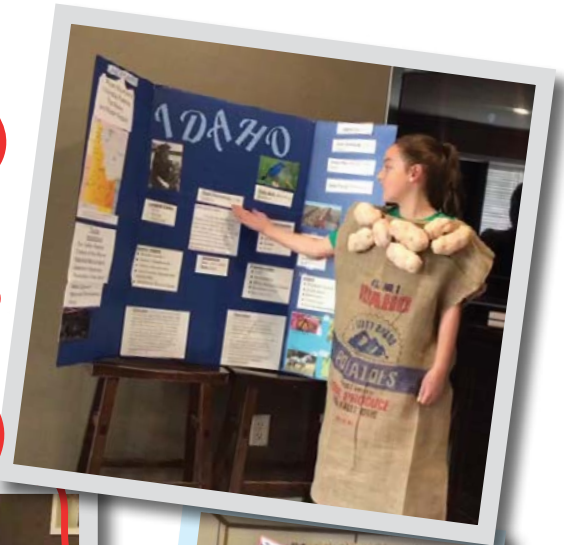


On March 11, Blue Crue Tue Members helped to make Beach Day at Cedar Mountain Elementary a success by handing out leis to all students and staff prior to lunch.

# Beach Day







## Count down to School's Out!

The first graders have been counting down the last days of school with ABC activities. We had America Day where they dressed in red, white, and blue. We also had Crazy Hair Day! We brought our favorite drink in for the letter D and our favorite snack in for the letter F. They have enjoyed these activities a lot!







Mrs. T Yackley  
MS/HS Principal

## Middle / High School

For those returning to Cedar Mountain, summer break will come soon enough, as students (and staff) will get the opportunity to rest and regroup with their families before ramping back up for next fall.

We are excited to use the experiences of the 2020-2021 school year (and what a year it has been) as we

prepare to be even better in the coming year. Next year will bring about some changes at Cedar Mountain that will truly benefit our students. We are excited about some new course offerings and programs that will be made available to our students starting right away in the fall. Our 6th-8th grades will have a middle school program vs a traditional 7-12th grade high school program. Middle school students will have more choices in classes, a modified block schedule and opportunities for after school clubs and sports.

We are working on career and college readiness pathways for our 9-12th grade students. Our goal is to organize and offer courses for students to give them

many opportunities to be prepared for whatever pathway they choose. We are working on some partnerships with businesses in the community as well to help prepare our students for local careers. We are working to give our students every opportunity to find areas for them to succeed.

A very big THANK YOU as this year has been a challenge for ALL. Your patience, encouragement, support and understanding of all the decisions and changes have been so appreciated. It really does show how we are all a part of the team to educate our students. With a great staff and parent support network to continually look for ways of improving our already great educational system our students have many opportunities for success. We have accomplished much this year, and will continue to accomplish as we are preparing for our future.

We look forward to sharing the other various positive changes with you at "Back to School Night" in the fall. Thank you for your continued support of Cedar Mountain Schools. We hope you have a great summer! Go Cougars!

**SPRING  
FLING**



*Spring Fling was recently held at CM MSHS. Students had fun with some friendly competition while participating in various activities and the week ended with a wonderful grill out! Thank you to the Midwest Cattlemen's Association for donating their time and grill. Thanks to Ken Johnson for his grilling expertise. The burgers and hotdogs were a hit!*



On March 23, 2021, NHS inducted 9 new members. These members are Jackson Jemmings, Molly Kevelin, Maddi Mages, Tommy Ochs, Megan Sandgren, Grace Schouvieller, Cierra Spaeth, Kelly Stelzer, and Emma Sullivan. **Back Row:** Carol Gruendemann, \*Emma Sullivan, Brianna Heidemann, Isabella Harmoning, \*Megan Sandgren, Madison Heiling, \*Grace Schouvieller, Maci Kodet **Middle Row:** Amanda Bigger, \*Cierra Spaeth, \*Molly Kevelin, Aunika Elberling, CeCelia Hartle, Presley Schaefer, \*Kelly Stelzer, Lily Krogstad, \*Maddi Mages **Front Row:** Cavanaugh, Aidan, \*Jackson Jemmings, Taylor Dahmes, \*Tommy Ochs \*New Member



# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021



**Dylan Batzlaff**  
*Work*



**Hailey Bigger**  
*SDSU*



**Aidan Cavanaugh**  
*MNSU Mankato*



**Devonte Charles**  
*Moler Barber School*



**Austin Christensen**  
*SDSU*



**Taylor Dahmes**  
*Alexandria Tech*



**Nicholas Daub**  
*Work*



**Aaron Distad**  
*South Central College*



**Christopher Dow**  
*Moler Barber School*



**Aunika Elberling**  
*Minneapolis College  
of Art and Design*



**Jonathon Gens**  
*Work*



**Carole Gruendemann**  
*SDSU*



**Jackson Guggisberg**  
*MN State Community  
and Technical College*



**Isabella Harmoning**  
*NDSU*



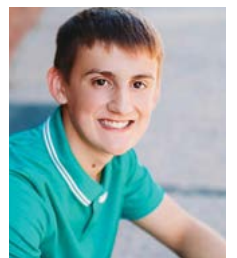
**CeCelia Hartle**  
*Grand Canyon  
University*



**Brianna Heidemann**  
*Crown College*



**Madison Heiling**  
*MNSU Moorhead*



**Jackson Jemmings**  
*MNSU Mankato*



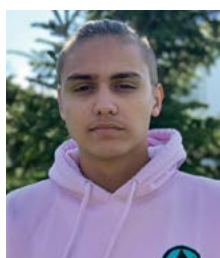
**Macie Kodet**  
*South Central College*



**Lily Krogstad**  
*SDSU*



**Kailee Larsen**  
*MN West*



**Dakotah Lumbar**  
*MNSU Mankato*



**Bryce Lund**  
*Ridgewater*



**Keygan Lund**  
*Ridgewater*

Class Flower:  
*White Rose*  
Class Colors:  
*Lavender,  
Silver, White,  
and Black*



**Luke Mages**  
*MN West*



**Aidan Nelsen**  
*Normandale College*



**Carter Netzke**  
*South Central College*



**Evelyn Prescott**  
*MNSU*



**Ethan Rasmussen**  
*MN State Community  
and Technical College*

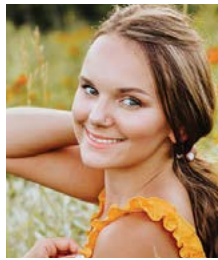
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**Alex Schacher**  
MNSU Mankato



**Nicholas Schacher**  
NDSU



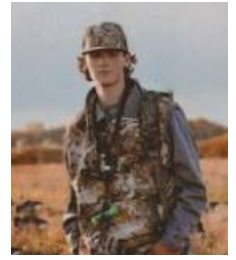
**Presley Schaefer**  
college-undecided



**Cade Schiller**  
MNSU Mankato



**Keagen Schiller**  
MN State Community  
and Technical College



**Samual Sullivan**  
Iowa Lakes



**Michael Tauer**  
SDSU



**Luke Walter**  
University of Minnesota  
Morris

Class Quote:

*We didn't realize we were making memories,  
we just knew we were having fun.*

*- Winnie the Pooh*



## 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://careervise.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.



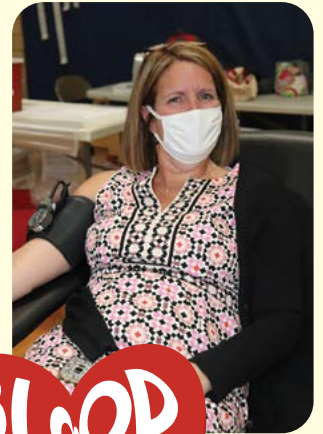




*John Timm*  
1958-2021

*In Remembrance*  
of John Timm, beloved Cedar Mountain Staff Member.  
John was the head custodian at Cedar Mountain and  
passed away unexpectedly on May 3.

*Thank you* to Ms. Amundson and the Blood Drive Committee for organizing and hosting the recent Blood Drive that was recently held at Cedar Mountain MSHS. **We had 47 people present and collected a total of 44 units!** Cedar Mountain is also able to give away two scholarships because of the work of the blood drive committee! Thank you to all who helped and donated blood, your kindness is appreciated.



## Report Cards



### Elementary

Report Cards will be mailed out the week after school ends.

**MS/HS** student report cards will be online, you can follow the steps below to view/print your child's report card. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact Eileen in the MSHS office.

**To See/Print Student Report Card:** **LOG IN** to the Campus Parent Portal

In the upper right-hand corner, **SELECT** your child's name.

From the left side menu, **SELECT** documents.

**CLICK** on the MS/HS Report Card under the Report Card heading.

This will open the report card and you can click on the print icon at the top of the screen if you would like to print. You will need to repeat these steps for each child/student.



### Region Awards Banquet



Cedar Mountain FFA members Luke Mages, Michael Tauer, Maddi Mages, Hunter Madsen, and Matt Zueg recently attended the Region Awards Banquet for FFA. The Ag Mechanics team received their first-place plaque along with Michael's first-place personal plaque. Luke and Michael also received their state degrees which is the highest honor the state can give to a member.



*Michael Tauer*  
State Degree



*Luke Mages*  
State Degree

CONGRATULATIONS



**Maddi Mages** earned first place in the Agri Science competition at the State FFA Conference with her Social Science project. She will be heading to the National FFA conference next fall to compete in this field. Congratulations and good luck Maddi!



# Nurse's Nook 2021-22 Immunization Requirements

IMMUNIZATIONS

## Kindergarten Required vaccines\*

### VACCINES

Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTaP)

Polio

Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)

Hepatitis B (Hep B)

Varicella (chickenpox)

### REQUIRED DOSES

5\*\*

4\*\*\*

2

3

2

7th Grade: TDap & Meningococcal (1st Dose)

12th Grade: Meningococcal (2nd Dose)

Letters will be sent to students that are in need of required immunizations. If you have any questions, please contact the school or email the school nurse at [bwolling@cedarmt.org](mailto:bwolling@cedarmt.org)

### Why should my child get meningococcal shots?

- Protects against the bacteria that cause meningococcal disease.
- Protects your child from infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord, as well as bloodstream infections.
- Protects your child from long-term disabilities that often come with surviving meningococcal disease. [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

### What is Tdap?

Tdap is a combination of three vaccines that protect against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.

Tetanus, also called lockjaw, is a disease caused by bacteria that affects the body's muscles and nerves.

Diphtheria is a respiratory disease caused by bacteria that can cause the breathing tube to be blocked.

Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a cough illness that can last for weeks or months. Often thought of as a childhood disease, but anyone of any age can get pertussis [www.mn.gov/mdh](http://www.mn.gov/mdh)

### Notes:

\*Kindergarten students must be up-to-date on all of the required vaccines, or submit an exemption, by the first day of school in order to remain enrolled.

\*\*The fifth dose of DTaP is not required if the fourth dose was given on or after the child's fourth birthday.

\*\*\*The fourth dose of polio vaccine is not required if the third dose was given on or after the child's fourth birthday.

## Summer Food Service Program

Cedar Mountain Schools is excited to announce that our district will again be participating in the Summer Food Service Program starting June 9, 2021.

Every summer, the USDA partners with local organizations, like our school, to serve free meals. It's food that's in, while school is out!

**Where:** Cedar Mountain Elementary School,  
231 4th Ave. E., Franklin

**Meal times:** Grab and Go meals will be available from 11:30-12:15 at the kitchen door on the west side of the school. You will receive lunch and a breakfast meal for the next day.

**Who:** All local children, ages 18 and under are welcome. There is no sign up and no cost, just show up and pick up a meal.

There will be no transportation offered from Morgan to Franklin this summer. For more information, contact Lori Hacker, Food Program Manager at Cedar Mountain Schools, 507-249-5990 or via email at [lhacker@cedarmt.org](mailto:lhacker@cedarmt.org).



**June 9th – August 20th**

**Monday – Friday**

*No meals will be served*

**July 1 – July 5th**

**We look forward to seeing you this summer!**



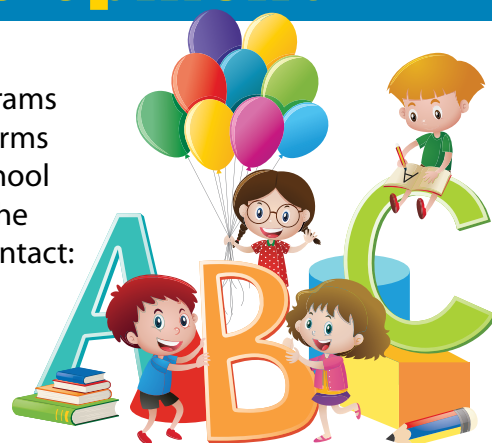
# Early Childhood Development

## 2021-22 Preschool Options

We are now taking registrations for our Cedar Mountain preschool programs in both Franklin and Morgan for the 2021-22 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](http://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](mailto:rkrenz@cedarmt.org) • 557-2251

Sarah Sullivan – Morgan Preschool Teacher  
[ssullivan@cedarmt.org](mailto:ssullivan@cedarmt.org) • 249-5990 or 320-212-3403



### 3 Year Old (AM) School Readiness Class

This class is offered in Franklin & Morgan and is for students who are entering Kindergarten in 2023-24.

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 2022-23.

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



## Crafts, Storytime and Fun Times

ECFE winter/spring classes looked a little different this year, but crafts, stories and activities were still enjoyed by Early Childhood families. Watch the summer newsletter for classes to start again in the fall!



## Kindergarten Jumpstart

Franklin Site

Every other Friday!



(scholarships are available to those who qualify)

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





# Community Education / Youth Activities

## Students attend Mock Car Crash



Cedar Mountain High School participated in a mock car crash showing what can happen when a driver gets distracted. Morgan police, EMS, Morgan Fire and Rescue, Nelson-Hillestad Funeral Home, and CentraCare all responded. This event was a great learning opportunity for our students and also served as a practice opportunity for local first responders.



**Summer recreation information** was distributed to elementary families on May 7 through the school's Infinite Campus system. If you didn't receive an email, please contact [jrobinson@cedarmt.org](mailto:jrobinson@cedarmt.org) for information. Physical brochures will be sent home with elementary students and links to view programs and register are located on the Cedar Mountain school website - under "Community Programs - Summer Rec." **Please note the registration deadlines.**

A number of fun and valuable summer programs have been coordinated and the staff is eager to provide memorable experiences. Please plan to take advantage of these opportunities throughout the months of...

*June... July... and August*

## 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



The CM Community Ed class, Thrilling Thursday, has been a huge hit for our youngest learners. They are currently finishing up a session about Ocean Life and thoroughly enjoyed learning about SHARKS. Each child was able to paint their own shark fins and danced to the popular children's song, Baby Shark! This class is open to all children ages 3-5, regardless if they are currently enrolled in CM preschool classes or not.

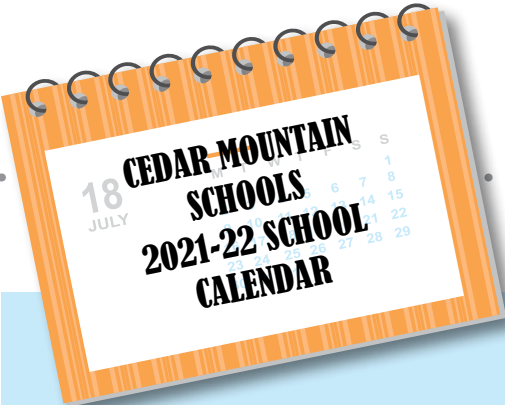
**For more information on how to register, please go to the school website under the Community Programs tab or contact Mikayla Rudenick at [mrudennick@cedarmt.org](mailto:mrudennick@cedarmt.org)**



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September 1	Open House
September 6	Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
September 7	1st Day of School
October 21 & 22	ED. MN (NO SCHOOL)
November 16 & 18	MSHS Conferences
November 18 & 22	Elem. Conferences
November 24	12:10 Dismissal
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)
December 23 – 31	Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
January 21	Teacher In-Service (NO SCHOOL)
February 14	President’s Day (No School)
March 11	Teacher In-Service (No School)
March 25	12:10 Dismissal
April 13-18	Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
May 30	Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
June 3	Graduation

Calendar subject to change

Visit our website to see any updates to the calendar.  
[cms.mntm.org](https://cms.mntm.org)

REMINDER

Offices will be closed on Fridays starting **June 11 – August 13**  
First Friday open – **August 20**  
Closed the month of July.  
On open days office staff hours will be 8:00am-3:00pm.



Cougar Athletic Training

Registration is open for our summer Cougar Athletic Training program. This year’s program is designed for athletes to build their individual strength, speed, and skill utilizing our weight room, basketball shooting machine, and volleyball equipment. Athletes will have access to supervised training four mornings per week and two evenings per week, which allows for it to fit flexibly into summer plans.

Contact Jeremy Robinson for more information  
[jrobinson@cedarmt.org](mailto:jrobinson@cedarmt.org)