

## Week 26: March 3, 2023

**IMPORTANT! If you signed your child up for the After School Tutoring that is being offered by the district and GSU, there is a delay in our start date. Tutoring will begin the week of 3/13. Look for an email from our Office of Teaching & Learning for more details!**

### **ILLINOIS 5 ESSENTIALS SURVEY** *Help us improve our schools!*

Crete-Monee School District 201-U schools will participate in the annual Illinois 5 Essentials Survey. The survey is designed to collect important information on school climate and learning conditions. This survey, developed by the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research, assesses performance on five indicators or "Essentials" for school improvement.

- *Effective Leaders*
- *Collaborative Teachers*
- *Involved Families*
- *Supportive Environment*
- *Ambitious Instruction*


The survey results are reported on the school report cards that are available to parents.



**The parent survey is available from January 24, 2023, through March 31, 2023.** All district parents are encouraged to take the survey. Your identity and your child's survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. The survey will be administered online and will take less than 20 minutes to complete. Please note that all survey information is confidential. Each school in the district must have 20% of eligible parents participate for a parent report to be generated. To take the survey, please click on the link below: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

**Interested in winning a gift card? Join in on our PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE!** Once you have taken the survey for our school, please forward your confirmation survey to Ms. Chrisos ([chrisosk@cm201u.org](mailto:chrisosk@cm201u.org)) so that you can be entered to win one of **six \$50 gift cards!!**

**If you already completed the survey for our school, thank you!! Check for an email from [impact-surveys@uchicago.edu](mailto:impact-surveys@uchicago.edu) and forward it to us by the deadline. The survey window closes on 3/31/23. You have until 3/31/23 to share your email confirmation to be included in the raffle. Our drawing will take place the week of April 3rd. Please note, this is limited to parents who have completed the survey specifically for CMMS.**



District 201U Schools & Office will be closed on Monday, March 6, 2023 in observance of this holiday.

## 8th Grade Festivities & End of the Year Information

Please read through the attached letter very carefully. There is a lot of information pertaining to 8th grade events and activities that will take place from February through June. This information will also be posted to our 8th Grade Google Classroom, Website and Family & Student Access. [8th Grade Letter English](#) [8th Grade Letter Spanish](#)

**Announcements:** [CMMS Electronic Announcement Board](#)

**Sports, Clubs & Activities:**

- **Track & Field:** **TRYOUTS START ON MARCH 7th**
- **GOOD LUCK ADVANCED BAND!!** 7th and 8th Grade Advanced Band will be performing in the Illinois Grade School Music Association District Band Contest, 11:15am on Saturday, March 4th @ Minooka JHS. Please wish them good luck on their hard work as they try to qualify for the State Band Festival in April!!
- **Chess:** Our Chess team had a great season not only competing against other schools but challenging each other to improve their game. It didn't matter if they were learning how to play for the first time or if they joined looking for some real competition; having fun was the goal. Thank you to every student who joined our very popular team.
- **Intramurals:** Intramurals! Flag Football sign-ups are now closed. If you've already signed up, please check your google classroom for an invite! There was an overwhelming demand, so if you did not receive an invite, you have been placed on a waiting list. If you have any questions, reach out to Mrs. Anderson.
- **Heart & Sole:** Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls! Heart & Sole (the middle school version of Girls on the Run) will meet after school twice a week (Mondays & Tuesdays) starting in mid-March. You will learn important life skills while training to run a 5k. Program fee is on a sliding scale and financial assistance is available. All skill levels welcome, no previous running experience is required. Sign up is located [HERE](#) or paper forms may be picked up in the Main Office. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Williams or Ms. Bollam.



**Crete Monee Middle School Drama Club Presents...**

♥"Understanding Your Pet With Dr.

Marla Brett!"♥

A comedy by Andrew Frodahl

**Showtimes!!**

**Wednesday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, March 16 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**Admission--**

**Adults \$2**

**Students \$1**

**Come out and see our amazing students in this production!**

## In March, We Are Caring!

Students who are CARING want people around them to be happy and are sensitive to their needs. They think about the world and work to take care of their community and the environment. They remember to treat others how they themselves would like to be treated.

How can parents help to develop students who are Caring at home?

- Role model the caring behavior you would like to see in your child all the time. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, being an active listener all show your child that you care about people. Even a simple thing, like holding a door for someone, shows your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them.
- Think about how your family can get involved with community organizations.
- Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. Sometimes this can be challenging, but make the effort to establish these habits in your home. By developing children who care about the environment, you are helping the future of the globe.
- Smile.

## HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 400 BOOKS!!

CMMS is excited to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair back!! March 7th-9th

Students can purchase books onsite OR through our ONLINE Store! Click [HERE](#) to access our book fair site.

In our online store you can:

- Preview the book fair
- Set up eWallet, a safe cash-free way for your child to shop the Fair by Thursday, March 9th
- Shop online & have books delivered to your home
- Make a donation to our school

We look forward to everyone's participation!!





# Crete-Monee Middle School Presents Spring After Hours PARTY

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

2:45-5:00 P.M.

PERMISSION FORM AND \$5 ADMISSION FEE

DUE BY MARCH 15TH TO THE MAIN OFFICE

*Hang out with your friends!*

**DANCING**      **Photos**      **Games**

**Karaoke**      **PIZZA**

**BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**OBSTACLE COURSE**

**Concessions**

**CRAFTS**

- Hard Copy ID Required
- Pre-purchased tickets only/no tickets at the door
- Students must have a ride home/no activity busses

CMMS After Hours  
are back!!

Don't miss out on  
this fun event!! Our  
planning team has  
some FANTASTIC  
activities organized  
for you! Come and  
hang out with your  
friends, participate in  
a variety of  
activities.

Pizza and a drink are  
included in your \$5.  
fee. Concessions will  
also be available for  
sale! Paperwork  
MUST be turned in  
by Wednesday, March  
15th!!

This event is open to  
all grade levels, but  
space is limited!!

Sign up is on a first  
come first served  
basis! Click here for  
[PERMISSION FORM](#)



<p><b>07</b> MARCH</p> <p>Crete-Monee High School</p>	<p><i>Hosted by</i> <b>CRETE-MONEE SPECIAL ATHLETICS WITH THE CRETE POLICE &amp; FIRE DEPARTMENTS</b></p>	<p><b>6:30</b> PM</p> <p>*Doors open at 6:00</p>
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- 🍷 No entrance fees
- 🍷 Popcorn & water \$1
- 🍷 Torch Run & CM merchandise for sale
- 🍷 Duck Throw Split The Pot



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Monday, March 6, 2023
  - **NO SCHOOL, Casimir Pulaski Day**
- Tuesday, March 7, 2023-Thursday, March 9, 2023
  - **CMMS Scholastic Book Fair in our LRC**
- Friday, March 17, 2023
  - **Early Release Day for Students** 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students
  - Staff School Improvement Day
- Thursday, March 23, 2023
  - **Spring Parent Teacher Conferences--ONSITE--5:00-8:00 p.m.**
- Friday, March 24, 2023
  - **NO SCHOOL, District Holiday**
- Monday, March 27, 2023-Friday, March 31, 2023
  - **NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**
- Monday, April 3, 2023
  - **Classes Resume!**



**State Testing Kicks Off After Spring Break! We will be testing over the course of several days starting the week of April 3rd.**

**All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders** will be taking the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)**. Please take a moment to review the parent letter for more information about the IAR. [IAR Parent Letter \(English\)](#) [IAR Parent Letter \(Spanish\)](#)

**8th Graders ONLY** will be taking the **Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)**. Please take a moment to review the parent letter for more information about the ISA [ISA Parent Letter \(English\)](#) [ISA Parent Letter \(Spanish\)](#)

Our school spiritwear shop is OPEN! Show your CM201U Pride!

Click here for your [Crete-Monee Warriors Gear](#)! Order your gear today!!

- Easy & secure ordering process.
- Pick from a wide variety of styles, brands and colors.
- Items delivered to your home.



**CRETE-MONEE  
WARRIORS**

YOUNG LADIES EMPOWERMENT NETWORK  
PRESENTS



**INSPIRED & EMPOWERED**  
CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG LADIES GRADES 7-12

**BE YOUR OWN BOSS** | **EMPOWER YOUR VOICE** | **I AM ENOUGH**

**PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

**2023** **SATURDAY**  
**APRIL**  
**15**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**  
Breakfast & Lunch will be provided  
**CRETE-MONEE HIGH SCHOOL**  
1515 W. Exchange St. Crete, IL  
Enter Door #3

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**  
Ms. Keeyana Riley  
rileyk@cm201u.org  
(708) 367-8329  
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kchildress@university-park-il.com  
(708) 473-8165

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



**VOLUNTEERS, PANELISTS & VENDORS ARE WELCOME.  
A BACKGROUND CHECK IS REQUIRED.**

Interested in participating? Turn this form into the Main Office!

[YOUNG LADIES' CONFERENCE 2023 FORM \(4\).pdf](#)



**This week's Athletics Spotlight:**

**Student Athlete Spotlight**

Damian Cerda - 7th Grade  
Boys' Volleyball

Who is your favorite teacher?

Ms. Costalunga

What is your favorite food?

Steak

What is your favorite hobby?

Playing Baseball



**CRETE-MONEE**  
Middle School

**Student Athlete Spotlight**

Robert Flores - 8th Grade  
Boys' Volleyball

Who is your favorite teacher?

Mrs. Hunter

What is your favorite food?

Tamales

What is your favorite hobby?

Playing Sports



**CRETE-MONEE**  
Middle School

#CMMSATHLETICS&ACTIVITIES







## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **ID's:** All students received a color coded ID and lanyard. It is the student's responsibility to wear both around their neck at all times during the school day and on our buses. Your account will automatically be charged \$5 every time a replacement ID/lanyard needs to be issued.
- **Clear Backpacks:** ALL students are required to use a clear backpack. Please make sure your child is following our: [CMMS Backpack Expectations](#).
- **Cell Phones:** All cell phones and non-school issued electronic devices need to be turned off and put away during the school day. Students who fail to adhere to this expectation will be subject to Board sanctioned consequences. . [cm201u-cell-policy-flyer.pdf](#)
- **Chromebooks:** Students are expected to bring their charged chromebook daily.
- **Water Bottles:** Students are welcome to bring their own refillable water bottles. We have bottle fillers located throughout the building. Please make sure your child's name is clearly written on their bottle.
- **Food Items:** There are set times for students to eat breakfast & lunch. Students are not permitted to "order" lunch to be delivered to the school. Parents, if you are dropping off lunch for your child, it needs to be in our office prior to the student's assigned lunch time.

**Community Resources** Click below for more information on these community events/opportunities.

Bilingual Parental Advisory Committee <a href="#">Brochure (English)</a> <a href="#">Brochure (Spanish)</a>	<a href="#">Catholic Charities</a>
<a href="#">211 United Way of Will County</a>	<a href="#">211 United Way of Will County (Espanol)</a>
<a href="#">Rental Assistance</a>	<a href="#">University Park Home Energy Assistance</a>
<a href="#">Mobile Food Pantry Calendar</a>	<a href="#">LIHEAP Assistance</a>
<a href="#">SNAP Help</a> <a href="#">Northern IL Food Bank Assistance</a>	<a href="#">Food Bank Flyer</a>
<a href="#">Mobile Workforce</a>	<a href="#">Meals on Wheels</a>
Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness	Catholic Charities; Aging & Disability Service
Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program <a href="#">IHWAP_English</a> <a href="#">IHWAP_Spanish</a>	
Need Food & Public Medical Benefits? <a href="#">RespondNow (English)</a> <a href="#">RespondNow (Spanish)</a>	



# ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING CONTEST

CMMS has joined Belson Steel's SCORE Recycling Contest! Will you help us? It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:



1. COLLECT YOUR ALUMINUM CANS & BRING THEM TO BENSON STEEL IN BOURBONNAIS FOR RECYCLING. YOU GET PAID CASH FOR THE CANS!
2. MENTION CRETE-MONEE MIDDLE SCHOOL WHEN YOU GET PAID! BELSON'S WILL ADD ONE POINT TO OUR SCORE FOR EVERY POUND OF CANS THAT YOU ARE RECYCLING!
3. AT THE END OF THE CONTEST IN APRIL CMMS WILL RECEIVE \$\$ FOR EVERY POINT! PLUS...THE TOP SCHOOLS WILL WIN THOUSANDS IN EXTRA CASH & PRIZES!

CONTEST RUNS FROM OCTOBER 10, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 22, 2023



Benson Steel  
1685 N. Route 50  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
815-932-7416

WE ARE IN STILL IN SECOND PLACE as of January 14th... in the BELSON STEEL SCORE RECYCLING CONTEST!! Check out the standings by clicking on the blue link above!! Thank you to everyone who is recycling!! Keep up the great effort!!



## EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



**BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS**  
You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.

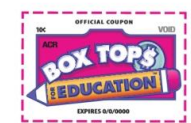


**SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**  
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



**EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL**  
Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



## BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



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