CALENDAR

FEB 11th

7:00 pm 1st/2nd grade music program (JH Gym)

FEB 12

6:30 pm PTA Meeting (CGES Library)

FEB 14

1:45 pm Valentine's Day Party

FEB 15

12:00 pm **Dismissal** SIP Day (B

Schedule)

1:00-3:00 pm

Pre-K & Kindergarten pre-registration (CGES Office)

FEB 18

NO SCHOOL President's Day

FEB 23

3 pm & 7 pm 5th & 6th Grade Musical "School House Rocks" (JH Gym)

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Welcome to our new Cerro Gordo Elementary School newsletter! We plan to release a school-wide newsletter monthly to keep all our families up to date on school events and reminders. Our teachers and staff will offer information about upcoming events and special notices.

PASS Program

The Performing Arts Series for Students (PASS), hosted at Millikin University's Kirkland Fine Arts Center, offers high-quality shows that are chosen with young students in mind. Shows are \$5/student, and payment is due to your student's teacher prior to the event. This month, several classes will be attending a PASS performance.

February 5 @ 10am: 3rd & 5th Grade, "Toying with Science" February 11 @ 10am: Kindergarten & 1st, "Your Alien"

www.decaturarts.org/classes-programs/PASS/

Welcome back, Mrs. Grohmann!

We are honored to welcome back Mrs. Pam Grohmann! She's taking time out of her retirement to teach this semester until our permanent music teacher can begin.

Junior High Gym

Plans are underway to update the junior high gymnasium into an auditorium and it's believed construction will begin March 1. We will continue to use the junior high facility until construction begins and then find alternative locations until completion of the project.

CLASS NEWS

STAR LAB

The K-6 students enjoyed a 2 day visit from STAR LAB. Many thanks to the Macon County Conservation District and PTA for bringing this to our school. The students learned about constellations. They saw the night sky, then Native American Constellations and Greek Constellations.

100th DAY

Our kindergarten classes had a wonderful time celebrating their 100th day of school on January 25th. They made necklaces with 100 pieces of cereal, built structures with 100 cups, and enjoyed reminiscing about their first 100 days of school.

WORMS!

As part of the 6th grade science book on animal diversity, the students had a lesson about annelids (segmented worms). For a culminating activity for the chapter, the students are dissecting earthworms. This activity allows the students to gain experience in dissection and helps to reinforce the concepts learned in the lesson. It also helps the students make connections between the text and diagrams in the book and what the features actually look like in real life. Although annelids are much simpler than many other animals, it helps to build an understanding as we move on to more complex animals. The 6th graders are very excited about their first dissection! We would like to give a special shout-out to Karen Freese for coming in to assist us with this lab!

PTA UPDATES

The PTA just hosted its 3rd Art Night. We love offering this opportunity to our students and families. Each year we get compliments on how well-behaved our kids are! We are doing something right in CG!

Be on the lookout for more info on auditions for our talent show. Auditions will take place in February and the show will be in March. Looking forward to seeing our kids shine!

REMINDERS

Students will have outdoor recess when the temperature is above 21 degrees with the wind chill. Make sure to bundle them up! Winter boots are great but students should bring alternate shoes to wear for P.E. class/around school.

