

R News and Highlights

CEDAR GROVE-BELGIUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The *Cedar Grove-Belgium School District R News and Highlights* is **R way** of keeping our community members informed about the great things taking place in our schools.

State Testing - ACT and Forward Exam

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires all states to test all students in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics in grades 3-8 and once in high school. ESSA also requires students be assessed in Science once each grade span (3-6, 7-9, and 10-12 grades). Student performance on these assessments is reported in proficiency categories and used for accountability determination at the school, district and state levels. Wisconsin State statute also requires students to take grade 9 and 10 assessments as well as the social studies test. These tests together create the Wisconsin Student Assessment System.

All ACT testing in the high school was completed April 5th. Students in grades 6 and 7 will be taking the Forward exam April 9-12 and students in grades 5 and 8 will be taking the Forward exam April 16-19. Please encourage your child to obtain adequate rest in preparation for the test and to put forth a best concentrated effort when completing the various exams.

CGBSD Has A New Rocket Logo



The Cedar Grove-Belgium School District's new rocket logo is a combination of designs from middle school students, high school students and staff, High School Principal Josh Ketterhagen, and middle school library aide Joanne Tubman. There were over 20 rocket designs that were submitted for consideration. The new rocket logo was an 18 month project that included a thorough review of the various design options. A new rocket logo evolved from the work of the website committee when redesigning the district and school webpages as part of a bigger project associated to branding the Cedar Grove-Belgium School District. Upon creating a new website design, the website committee noticed the district's website did not have a rocket. A rocket was necessary to let visitors to our website and to our school district know the Cedar Grove-Belgium School District's mascot is a rocket. Many of our visitors and some of our community members were not fully aware what the "R" represented. The "R" will still remain an important symbol of our district's branding. The new rocket logo will be used to represent all school sanctioned athletics, clubs, and other school sanctioned co-curricular activities. Over time, school uniforms will reflect the new rocket logo.

School Safety

School Safety continues to be a high priority item for the Board of Education and the administration. The district administration conducted a safety and security assessment and has taken the following action steps as a result:

- Designated one main entry point for each building with all other doors secure.
- Designated "opening" times for each building in the am with secured doors in the pm and after school hours.
- Review of ALICE: Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate protocols with staff and students.
- A revised end of day elementary student parent pick up procedure.
- Completion of safety drill plans for April and May.
- Evacuation plan
- Rally point designation with review of rally point location and building lay-out.
- Established law enforcement communication plan.
- Designated district safety committee for ongoing evaluation and action planning.
- Continuation of researching, providing resources, and addressing mental wellness of our students.

Currently, the district provides an on site satellite office for two mental health therapists with a plan to acquire a third therapist to provide on site interventions and support. Funding for a third therapist will be from the United Way, Mental Health America, and the state. The school district will continue to evaluate and identify areas for improvement while working in partnership with law enforcement and other resources in our community to better prepare our schools if ever having to respond to school gun violence situation or other life threatening safety issues.



School Safety Information Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday, April 25th, a school safety information meeting for parents will be held in the high school study hall room starting at 6:00 pm. The district and school administration will review the components of our district-wide emergency response plan, provide a summary of the ALICE training students and staff received, share information about mental health services, and have a question and answer session. The meeting will be approximately one hour.

New Maintenance Building Construction

Located north of the middle school building and just south of the baseball field, construction of a new multi purpose maintenance building is underway. The current primary maintenance storage area has limited space, no heat, or running water, which poses limitations for the care and maintenance of equipment. A current secondary area is very small and has limited space where just one vehicle is protected.

A portion of the building (80'X60') will be utilized by the district's maintenance department to house district vehicles, mowers, tractors, tractor attachments, UTV, and field painting supplies. Space will also be designated for servicing and repairing equipment.

The baseball team will utilize a 50'x28' area for baseball equipment and supplies. An overhead garage door at the rear of the building will allow for easy access for baseball storage. Also included in the building project is a 14'x23' concession stand with a 14'x28' covered canopy. The canopy area will be for concessions that will be made available during the games. A unisex restroom and a 12'x12' office space/break room for the district's ground crew will fill out the remaining space.

The current storage shed will be removed from the site with the area leveled and graveled until a future review of needs of the area are examined by the administration and the Board of Education.



New Maintenance Building Construction Progress

School Calendar/Event Reminders

Thursday, April 12 - Spring Play

Friday, April 13 - Spring Play

Wednesday, April 25 - School Safety - Parent Informational Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the HS Study Hall Room.

Friday, May 18 - No Students (Staff In-Service Day)

Thursday, June 7 - Last student day - students have a half day. Dismissal times: MS: 10:55 am; HS: 11:00 am; and ES: 11:5 am

District Website

Please visit the CGBSD website at www.cgbsd.com to uncover district and school information, news, and highlights. The school district website serves as our hub for school communication.

RWay: demands commitment, exhibits selflessness, accepts reality, yet seeks improvement everyday, while keeping students at the forefront.