



January 1, 2017

Dear Cromwell Community,

Welcome to a New Year! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season! Our staff and students are heading into the second half of the school year with a lot of excitement. I would like to remind you that it is Winter Sports time and senior citizens may attend these events free with a Cromwell Senior Citizen pass! Passes are available at the Cromwell Board of Education office and at Town Hall.

2017 -2018 Budget Update

Our faculty and the leadership team are working to develop the 2017 -2018 Board of Education budget proposal. Faculty, staff and administration have input into the development of the budget. As always we continue to focus on providing Cromwell's students with the highest quality education experience while maintaining our fiscal responsibility. Major highlights of our budget going forward are the need for a full time English Language Learners (ELL) teacher to support our growing students who are acquiring English. Additionally, we are focusing on providing much needed expansion to our STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) program at Edna C. Stevens by hiring a PreK – 2 STEM teacher. This teacher would provide direct instruction to classes and also work with teachers to redesign existing science curriculum to align with the Next Generation Science Standards. I will continue to update you throughout the budget process. I encourage you to attend our Board of Education meetings where the budget will be developed and you can become involved. These meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. in the Cromwell High School Library. All Board of Education meetings are posted on the district and school websites at www.cromwell.k12.ct.us. Our next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017.

Pre-School Expo

Edna C. Stevens School and the Cromwell Public Library will be hosting a Family PreSchool Resource Expo on Tuesday, January 17, from 5:30 – 7:00 P.M. at Edna C. Stevens School. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with representatives from the local area preschools. Also local community organizations providing a wide variety of health, wellness, parent, recreation and educational resources will be on hand to talk and meet with parents.

Children aged infant to four years old will receive a free book! For additional information please contacts CECC@cromwell.k12.ct.us.

Upcoming District and School January Events Open to the Public

Districtwide

- Monday, January 2nd – NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess
- Thursday, January 5th – School District Employee Climate Survey Ad Hoc Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM – CHS Library Media Center
- Tuesday, January 10th – Policy Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM – CHS Library Media Center
- Tuesday, January 10th – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM – CHS Library Media Center
- Monday, January 16th - – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday, January 17th – Elementary Task Force Meeting – 6:00 PM – WIS Media Center
- Tuesday, January 24th – Facilities and Technology Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM – CHS Library Media Center
- Tuesday, January 24th – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM – CHS Library Media Center
- Wednesday, January 25th – EARLY DISMISSAL – Teacher Work Day

Cromwell High School

- Saturday, January 14th – Semi Formal Dance – 7:00 PM – Cafeteria (Snow date January 15th)
- Tuesday, January 17th – 20th – Exams – Early Dismissal

Just a reminder: For CHS sporting events. Adult tickets are \$5.00 and Senior tickets are \$3.00. You can also get a Senior Pass (65 and over) from any one of our school offices or the Central Office that will entitle you to free admission to any school-sponsored event.

Cromwell Middle School

- Tuesday, January 17th – PTO Meeting – 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 18th – Jazz/Select Choir Concert – 7:00 PM

A listing for all January sports events can be found on the CMS web page

Woodside Intermediate School

Edna C. Stevens School

- Tuesday, January 17th – Family/Preschool Resource Expo – 5:30 PM (Snow date January 31st)

Please feel free to contact me or any of the school administrators if you have any questions or comments about any of the topics presented in this month's letter. Please also visit our district website at www.cromwell.k12.ct.us for updated information.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools