

The vision of the Creston C.S.D. is to provide the foundation for students to become lifelong learners and positive, confident, and compassionate citizens.

April 2022 Panther Pitch

Dear Panther Partners:

Creston Community Schools are a great place for students to have a unique experience! I am always amazed at how busy our children are and the opportunities they have to engage in quality education, activities, and school events. While our district often gets labeled as a big school, the student to staff ratio is similar to neighboring districts that is supported by highly qualified staff who engage with each child and supports them academically, socially, and emotionally. The data demonstrates the quality of instruction our children receive that leads to their success. There is something for every child to participate in and there are many unique opportunities available for each child.

Our students are able to participate in many unique opportunities and experiences that broaden their education and life experience. In March a group of students traveled to Spain and were immersed in Spanish culture. This month another group of students traveled to the nation's capital and New York City to experience our government and diverse culture. If you observed activity at our schools, you would know that our students are engaged with opportunities as early as 5:00 a.m. and as late as 11:00 p.m. on any given day. While some consider our schools to be big, we offer the comfort of a small school with big school opportunities. I am proud of the many opportunities offered to our students and how they represent our schools and community.

Speaking of great things, we are preparing for the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2022. These young adults will make their final walk as Creston students on Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. As Panther graduates, I am confident that when they leave, they have the skills and knowledge to be successful in their next endeavor!

Do you have questions about the district and education? Are you concerned about what circulates on social media? I have answers and can provide clarity. One opportunity is to join me for the monthly Community Coffee on Wednesday, May 18 at Cooper's Kitchen in Prescott from 11:30-12:30 and enjoy free coffee/soda or a \$1.00 discount on your order. I strive to make myself available to community members as an opportunity to meet you and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time, I always welcome the opportunity to listen and assist.

Thank you for supporting children, staff, and our schools making them the <u>PRIDE</u> of our community! As always, please contact me at <u>dstender@crestonschools.org</u> or 641-782-7028. Thank <u>you</u> for supporting our schools and making them the pride of our communities!

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