

# FEBRUARY

## Cougar News



2026

### LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Cougar Families,

#### State Testing

State testing will begin soon at Clear Creek Elementary School. You can help your child feel confident and prepared by keeping routines steady at home. Make sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time each day of testing. Encourage them to take their time, read carefully, and simply do their best. Most importantly, remind your child these tests are just *one way* to show what they've learned – they do not define who they are. Your calm encouragement and support make all the difference!

*We appreciate your partnership in helping our students do their best and show what they've learned this year!*

Our Boys' Basketball team has started their season. Please look at the schedule (page 8) and come out to cheer on our team! Please join us **Thursday 2/12 @ 8:45 am** for our next All School Rally, all parents are encouraged to come and celebrate with us the many student successes. Come for Cougar Cafe, then stay for the rally.

#### PTC

Cougar Cafe is every Friday morning starting at 8am. Come get a cup of coffee, hot chocolate or cider and of course a few donut holes. Without the support of our dedicated PTC, events like these would not be possible. If you are not currently active with our PTC, I want to encourage you to come to the next meeting and get involved. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, February 18th at 3:00 PM** in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade room and all are invited.

#### Home - School Communication

Good communication between the school and home is very important to us and we are working to provide numerous ways for this good communication to take place. Please call the school office by 9am when your child is unable to attend school.

Don't Forget Presidents Day holidays are Friday 2/13 and Monday 2/16, enjoy your four-day weekend.

Happy February,

*Duane Triplett*

Superintendent/Principal  
Clear Creek School



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 2/3: 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!
- 2/4: 4th-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Roller Skating Trip
- 2/6: Cougar Cafe
- 2/9: Garden Day
- 2/12: All School Rally @ 8:45am
- 2/13-2/16: No School President's Holiday
- 2/14: Happy Valentines Day
- 2/18: PTC Meeting @ 3pm
- 2/20: Cougar Cafe @ 8am
- 2/20: Science Fair Projects Due (4th-8th)
- 2/23: Science Fair @2:45-4:45
- 2/27: Cougar Care @ 8am/ End of Trimester 2



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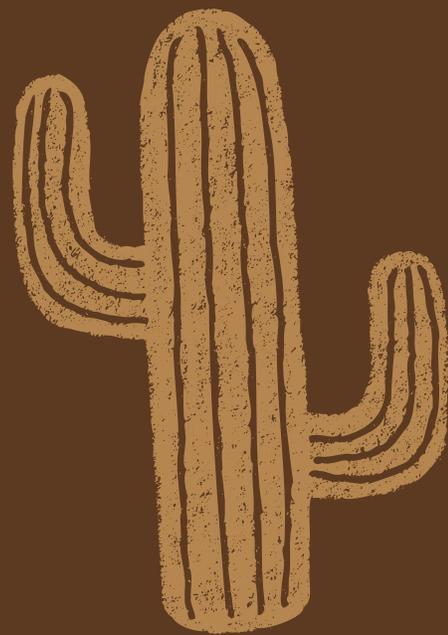
It's almost time for the Clear Creek...

# TK/Kinder Round-Up

Call today to get your future Cougar's name the list!  
Round-Up sessions will be held on March 25th.

# 530-273-3664

or email [secretary@clearcreekschool.org](mailto:secretary@clearcreekschool.org) for more  
information.



# CC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

February 2026

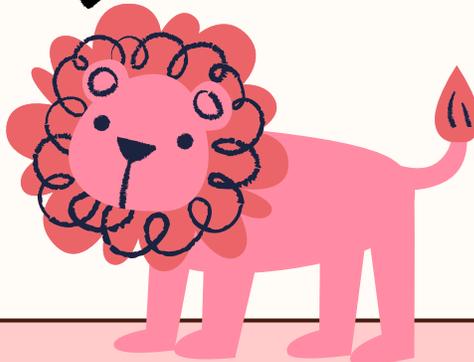
## Lion's Club Contest

### March 1st - 31st

The Lions Club Reading Challenge is here! Students 1st - 8th Grade are challenged to read all month and take AR tests scored 80% or higher.

Six diligent readers will be selected as the winners in April, with the Lions Club generously sponsoring cash prizes.

*Good!  
Luck!*



## New Additions

The New Arrivals shelves are once again full of new titles for our students to check out and enjoy! Non-fiction, fiction, something for everyone!

## Calendar

- Feb 13 - No School (holiday)
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 - No School (holiday)

## Book Fair Coming in May!

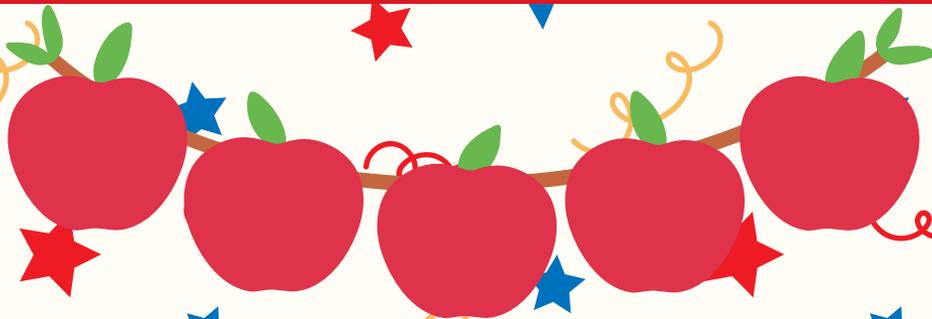
Mark your calendars for the Scholastic Book Fair, coming to a gym near you in May!

We'll be open the week of Open House - more details to come!



100<sup>TH</sup>

**THE 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL IS HERE:  
FEBRUARY 3RD  
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO DRESS  
LIKE THEY ARE 100 YEAR OLD!**



Join Our PTC Committee

# Volunteer for the Family Dance



**We are in need of a Family Dance Coordinator!**

Please reach out to [ptc@clearcreekschool.org](mailto:ptc@clearcreekschool.org) or join us at our February PTC meeting on 2/18 at 3:00 pm in Room 4 if you are interested in helping with this event.



**DIRECTED BY:  
TINA MARIE KELLY &  
HARRISON MCCORMICK**

REHERSALS:

WEDNESDAYS: 2:45-4:45

FRIDAYS: 1:30-3:30

TECHWEEK: 5/27-5/30 2:45-5:15

PERFORMANCES:

STUDENTS ONLY: MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AT  
9:00 AM

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE:  
MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 2:00 PM



WANTED:

# *Chicken Coordinator*



***Organize, Oversee, and Rule the Roost!***

Our on-campus chicken coop needs a passionate adult to help maintain and teach responsible animal care.

***Stop by the office for more info!***

# CC Boys Basketball Game Schedule

Subject to Change



**1/13**

*4:00 pm*

Mount Saint Mary

**1/15**

*4:00 pm*

Chicago Park

**1/20**

*6:00 pm*

vs. Grizzly Hill @ 7Hills

**1/27**

*4:00 pm*

Union Hill

**1/29**

*4:00 pm*

Mount Saint Mary

**2/3**

*4:00 pm*

Ready Springs

**2/10**

*6:00 pm*

vs NCSA @ Magnolia

**2/12**

*6:00 pm*

vs Yuba River @ RS

**2/17**

*6:00 pm*

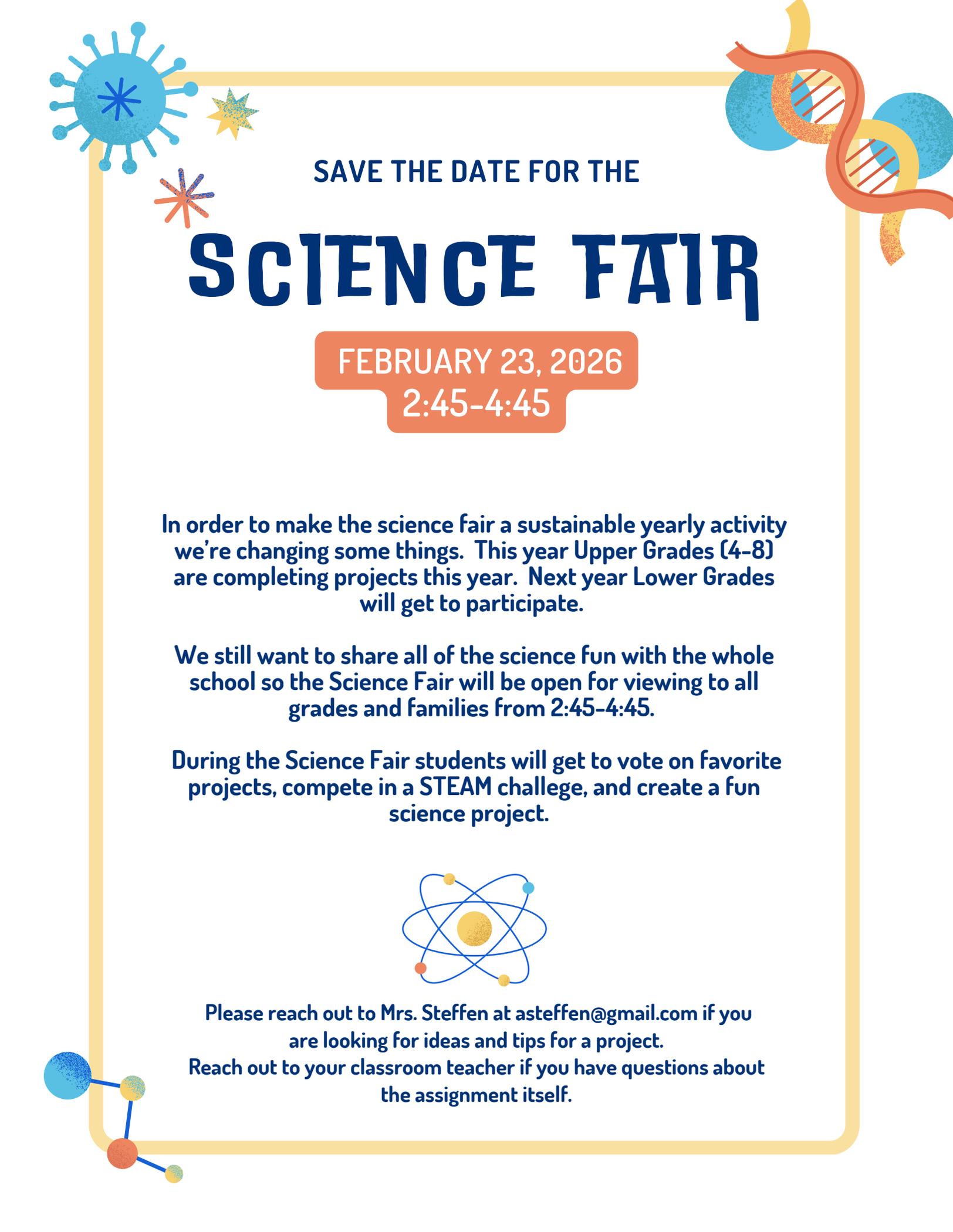
vs. Grizzly Hill @ UH

**2/19**

*4:00 pm*

Ready Springs

**Last week of February will be Final Tournament-  
schedule TBA.**



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE

# SCIENCE FAIR

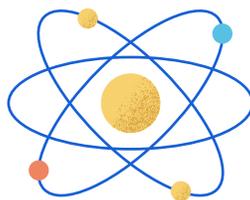
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2:45-4:45

In order to make the science fair a sustainable yearly activity we're changing some things. This year Upper Grades (4-8) are completing projects this year. Next year Lower Grades will get to participate.

We still want to share all of the science fun with the whole school so the Science Fair will be open for viewing to all grades and families from 2:45-4:45.

During the Science Fair students will get to vote on favorite projects, compete in a STEAM challenge, and create a fun science project.



Please reach out to Mrs. Steffen at [asteffen@gmail.com](mailto:asteffen@gmail.com) if you are looking for ideas and tips for a project.

Reach out to your classroom teacher if you have questions about the assignment itself.

# Breakfast Menu

## MONDAY

Scrambled Eggs and Hash Brown 2/2

French Toast Sticks and Sausage 2/9 & 2/23

## TUESDAY

Truckee Sourdough Bagel with  
cream cheese



## WEDNESDAY

Apple Cinnamon Sheet Pan Pancake

## THURSDAY

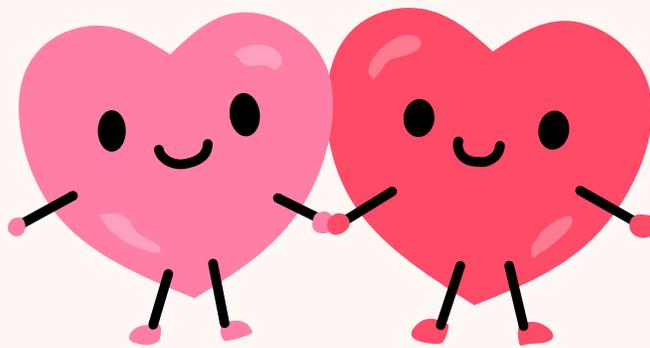
Sausage, Egg, and Cheese sandwich on a  
Truckee Sourdough English Muffin

## FRIDAY

Yogurt Parfait



Includes Milk and Fresh Fruit  
Cereal offered as an alternative daily  
Menu may vary based on availability



# MENU

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## Lunch

2 Chicken Nuggets <sup>WG</sup> with Potato Wedges	3 Orange Chicken <sup>DF</sup> and Vegetable Fried Rice	4 Pulled Pork Sandwich on a Truckee Sourdough Bun <sup>LS, WG</sup> & Bean Salad	5 Regenerative Burger <sup>LS</sup> on a Truckee Sourdough Bun <sup>LS, WG</sup> & BBQ Beans	6 Bean and Cheese Tamales
9 Mary's Chicken Drumstick with Mashed Potatoes and a Roll <sup>WG</sup>	10 Beef Soft Tacos	11 Penne Pasta <sup>WG</sup> with Beef & Marinara Sauce	12 Breaded Chicken Sandwich <sup>WG</sup> on a Truckee Sourdough Bun <sup>LS, WG</sup> with Wedge Potatoes	13 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza <sup>WG</sup>
16 No School	17 Orange Chicken <sup>DF</sup> and Vegetable Fried Rice	18 Pulled Pork Sandwich on a Truckee Sourdough Bun <sup>LS, WG</sup> & Bean Salad	19 Regenerative Burger <sup>LS</sup> on a Truckee Sourdough Bun <sup>LS, WG</sup> & BBQ Beans	20 Bean and Cheese Nachos
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All meals served with Clover Sonoma RBST-free 1% or fat free milk. Menu may vary based on availability.

**Community Roots Vision:** Nourishing Nevada County students with fresh, locally sourced meals, fostering health, sustainability, and community well-being.

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Salad Bar is available everyday with:

- Romaine lettuce
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumbers
- Baby carrots
- Broccoli
- Celery
- Fruit
- ...and more!

DF = Dairy Free  
 LS = Locally Sourced  
 WG = Whole Grain

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