

CRS CONNECTS

HOW TO **#BeConnected** AT COPPER RIDGE SCHOOL **NEW FAMILY SURVIVAL GUIDE AND FAQ'S**

Welcome to Copper Ridge School (CRS)! The CRS CONNECTS Committee is dedicated to helping you and your family **#BeConnected #BeInformed #BeInvolved** at CRS. Our goal is to make you feel immediately at home in our unique CRS community. We also want to help you survive those first few weeks. Therefore, we have compiled this NEW FAMILY SURVIVAL GUIDE AND FAQ'S to help you do just that! We have tried to include as many tips, tricks, links and suggestions, as we could.

Please feel free to reach out to the CRS CONNECTS Committee with any additional questions or concerns, you may have.

We look forward to GETTING YOU CONNECTED, INFORMED and INVOLVED!
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To #BeConnected at CRS...

- ❑ To BE CONNECTED to the most up-to-date information, please go to, book mark and visit often the following websites:

- Copper Ridge School @ <https://concrete.susd.org/schools/copper-ridge>
- Scottsdale Unified School District @ www.susd.org
- Copper Ridge Parent Teacher Organization @ www.crpto.com
- THIS SITE IS NEW AND IMPROVED AND PACKED WITH EVERYTHING YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW AND MORE!

**Each website is explained in detail below*

- ❑ Frequently Used Terms and Acronyms:

- CRS – Copper Ridge School
- CRPTO – Copper Ridge Parent Teacher Organization
- SUSD – Scottsdale Unified School District
- CRES – Copper Ridge Elementary School (K-5)
- CRMS – Copper Ridge Middle School (6-8)
- ESF – Education Support Fund
- PV – ParentVue
- SV – StudentVue
- AR – Accelerated Reader: a software program utilized by SUSD for monitoring the practice of reading.
- BYOT – Bring Your Own Technology

- ❑ What time does school start?

- Pre-Kindergarten ONLY
 - Drop off is 8:15 am
 - Pick up is 2:45 pm
- Elementary and Middle School (K-8)
 - First bell is at 8:35 am
 - Late bell is at 8:45 am
 - Students should be in their classrooms, in their seats and ready to learn by 8:45 am
 - Students are to be dropped off no earlier than 8:20 am as there is no supervision until then
- **In the event your child arrives after 8:40 am, you will need to bring them into the front office to sign in before going to their classroom. They must be accompanied by an adult**

- Middle School Students are required to wear their ID's – they need to be on and visible at all times while on campus.
 - ID pictures are taken at the Back To School event and ID's are processed that day. They can also be taken/made on Picture Day.
 - Copper Ridge School campus is a locked gate-to-gate community
- ▣ Drop-off and Pick-up
- For the most efficient drop off, we recommend you use Horseshoe Canyon Drive. All students should be dropped off at the back of the school. Traffic will be heavy so come early. If you park and walk your child to the entrance gate then note it is easier to back-in to a spot across from the back of the school.
 - For the most efficient pick up, we also recommend you use Horseshoe Canyon Drive. You may wait in line or park and walk your child at the gate. Again, traffic will be heavy so come early. If you park and meet your child to the entrance gate then note it is easier to back-in to a spot across from the back of the school.
 - Students are discouraged from meeting in the front office at the end of the school day.
 - Remember safety is our #1 priority, so please:
 - Follow the directions of the Crossing Guard
 - Do not park on the cross walk
 - Do not jaywalk or attempt to cross the street between parked cars
 - Set a good example for our kids
- ▣ When do I hear about the curriculum in my child's class?
- **Curriculum Night Tuesday, August 15th**
 - * Please note: Curriculum Night is for PARENTS ONLY
 - 1st and 2nd Grade – 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm in the classrooms
 - Pre-K & K 5:15 – 6:00 pm in the classrooms
 - Principal's Meeting 6:00 – 6:30 pm
 - **Curriculum Night Wednesday, August 16th**
 - Principal's Meeting 4:00 – 4:30 pm
 - 3rd & 4th Grade 4:30 – 5:15 pm in the classrooms
 - 5th Grade 5:15 – 6:00 pm in the classrooms
 - Middle School 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Start with Period 1/Homeroom

- What events does CRPTO/CRS typically host during the year?
 - School Pictures August 16th & 17th
 - First PTO General Meeting August 23rd 9am Room 608
 - Book Fair September 22nd - 27th
 - - Donuts With Dad September 22nd , 25th - 27th
 - Health Screening September 19th
 - Fall Carnival October 20th 5-8 pm
 - Kendra Scott Shopping Event November 9th
 - APEX Fun Run January 9th - 19th
 - Field Days February 27th , 28th & March 1st
 - Spring Arts-Garden Night March 28th
 - Parent Only Dinner & Auction April 13th

- How can I get involved and meet more families?
 - Become a Room Parent or volunteer in your child’s classroom
 - Volunteer to help with one or two of the events listed above
 - Attend the monthly CRPTO meetings, which are scheduled on the dates below. All CRPTO meetings are held in Room 608.
 - August 23rd
 - September 20th
 - October 18th
 - November 15th
 - January 17th
 - February 21st
 - March 21st
 - April 18th
 - May 9th

- Does CRS have a Uniform Dress Policy?
 - Yes, CRS has a Uniform Dress Policy for students in K-8G. The Uniform Dress Policy gives the school a positive and distinctive identity and reflects the values of the school and community. Students are required to conform to the CRS Uniform Dress Policy each day.
 - For more information please download the CRS Uniform Dress Policy Guidelines at:
 - <http://susd.copperridge.schoolfusion.us/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/394737/File/Copper%20Ridge%20Uniform%20Policy%20Handbook%205.5X8.5.pdf?sessionid=5c778d23c1aeb06d6d860b99af58283c>

□ Important information and websites to **#BeConnected to:**

- Connect with info on the CRS website
@<https://concrete.susd.org/schools/copper-ridge>

Please note the CRS information runs down the left side of the CRS Home Page and SUSD information run across the top of the CRS Home Page.

- CRS Announcements
- CRS Calendars
- CRS Celebrations
- CRS Event Photos
- CRS Staff Directory
- CRS Way
- Before/After School Programs
- Bell Schedule
- Bullying Prevention
- BYOT
- Enrollment
- Health Office
- Library
- Middle School Sports
- Naviance
- Online Payments
- Parents
- Public Concerns & Compliments
- School Information
- School Report Card
- STEM Focus School
- Tour Information
- Uniform Policy

Please note: ParentVue and StudentVue Apps can also be downloaded on your smart phone. Check your App store for more information.

- Connect with info on the SUSD website @ www.susd.org
 - UNDER CONSTRUCTION...Please check back later for more info
- Connect with info on CRPTO events and schedules @ www.crpto.com
 - CRPTO
 - Mission
 - Board of Directors
 - Monthly Meetings
 - Passive Fundraising
 - Spirit Wear
 - Forms, Minutes & Archives...oh, my!
 - Contact Us
 - Education Support Fund
 - Calendars
 - Volunteers
 - Volunteer Interest Form
 - Room Parents
 - Parent Resources
 - Events
 - School Year Teams
 - Book Fair
 - Fall Carnmival
 - Spring Gala (Adults Only Fundraiser)
 - Directory
 - CRS Connects
 - New Families
 - Ambassador Families
 - Chat & Chew
 - Mix & Mingle
 - DONATIONS you will be asked to make throughout the year:
 - CRPTO Educational Support Fund
 - Room Parent Class Fund
 - CRPTO Carnival Basket Fund
 - AZ Tax Credit
 - Jump Rope for Heart
 - APEX Fun Run
 - Book Fair
 - Carnival
 - Spirit Wear

- CRS School Supplies - School supplies are available through EduKit.
 - To place an order, please visit:
 - <http://www.edukitinc.com/page.asp?id=15&schoolid=991>
 - Extended online ordering is available through EduKit's Last Chance program. Last Chance orders are subject to an additional fee and will be delivered to your home shortly before school begins.
 - If you did not order an EduKit then check the Copper Ridge School website for a list of required school supplies by grade.
- How do I get a ParentVue account?
 - You will be assigned an Activation Key by the CRS Front Office Staff upon registration. Once you receive your Activation Key then log on to ParentVue via the CRS website @<http://susd.copperridge.schoolfusion.us> and follow the ACTIVATE MY ACCOUNT steps.
- Can my child bring technology to school?
 - You will often hear the term BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology).
 - Students may bring reasonable technology (i.e., cell phone or iPad) to be used for instructional purposes.
 - Technology will be used when it enhances the lesson
 - CRS will support students with additional technology in the form of laptop carts provided by YOUR CRPTO Education Support Fund.
 - Use of Personal Technology
 - Students may use cell phones for short, directed activities reflected in teacher lesson plans
 - Students will not use cell phones for long-term, unstructured activities
 - Students will not use cell phones without proper supervision
 - Students will be asked to sign, follow and abide by the SUSD Responsible Use and Technology Agreement at the beginning of the school year.
 - Teachers will provide a standard cell phone use policy for their classroom, including where cell phones are stored during instruction. Students are required to follow this policy.

- ❑ What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?
 - AR is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children’s independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his own level and reads it at his own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives children, teachers, and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.
 - Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them.
 - Please follow up with your child’s teacher for more information on the CRS AR Program.

- ❑ Does CRS have a Before and/or After School Program?
 - Yes, CRS is happy to provide busy parents with a Before and/or After School Program. For more information on the Before/After School Program, please contact the Kids Club SUSD Community Education (480) 748-6916
 - Location: Room 813
 - AM Hours: 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM
 - PM Hours: 3:15 PM – 6:30 PM
 - Wed. Early Release: 1:15 PM – 6:30 PM

- ❑ How do I set up a lunch account for my child?
 - SUSD utilizes the MyLunchMoney program. Go to MyLunchMoney.com or download the MyLunchMoney App and set up a new account, as follows:
 - To begin using MyLunchMoney, you will need to create an account online. You will need to provide:
 - Student Identification Number (this number is provided by your student’s school)
 - District Name
 - School Name
 - School Grade
 - Student's Date of Birth

- Once you have that information handy, select the **Register for an Account** button on the home page.
 - First, you will be required to create a Parent Administrative Account. Once this is completed, you will be prompted to enter your student’s information. You will have the opportunity to enroll more than one student on the same account once you complete the initial setup process.
 - Once the initial setup is complete, you can fund your student’s account immediately. All you have to do is enter a Credit or Debit Card using the Payment Info link. We use the highest security standards to keep your personal information secure and private. After that information has been entered, you’re set!
 - Begin by selecting the Fund Student option and choose your funding method, Pay as You Go or Smart Payment.
 - Within 24 to 48 hours, you will be able to view current account information for your student(s), including the current account balance and meal purchase history. Please note these services are not offered by all school districts.

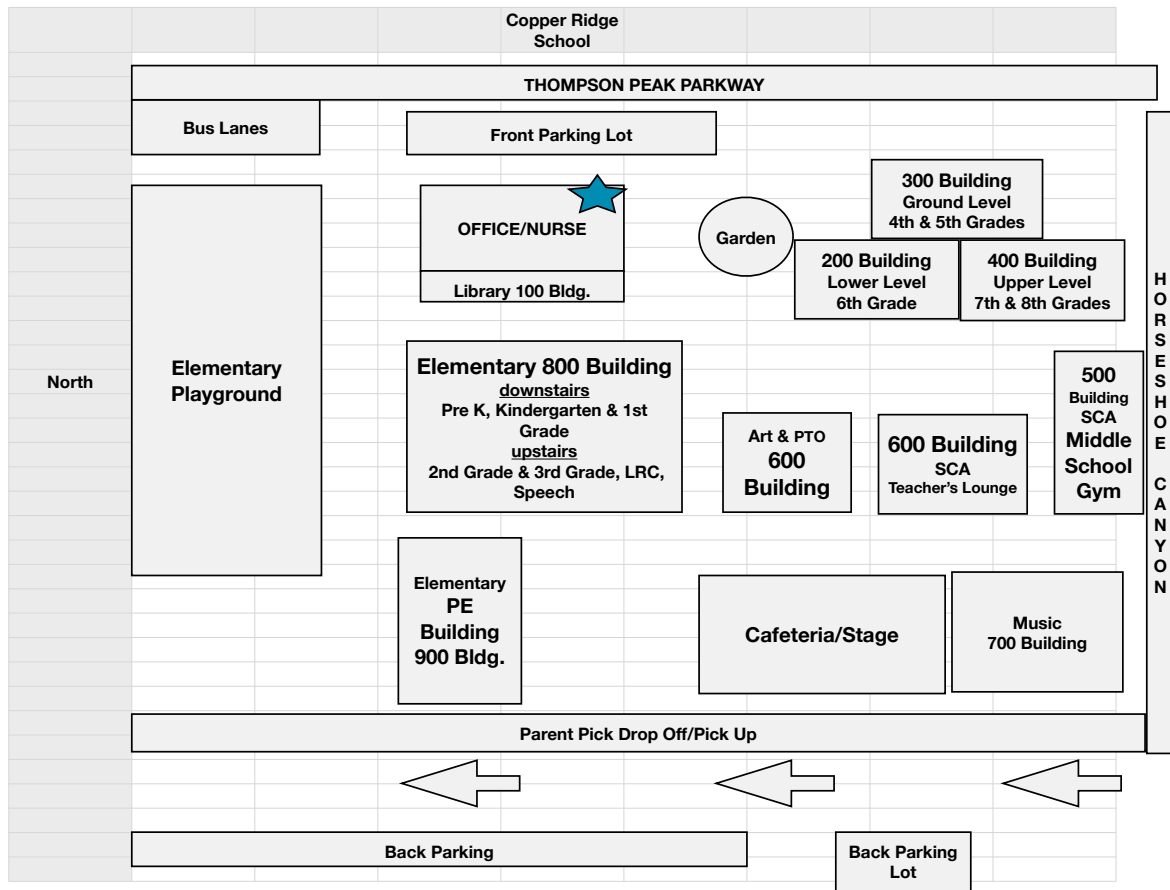
▣ Middle School Life

- Dances – The CRS StuCo will host 2-3 dances per year. Dances are held in the Cafeteria. Watch for more info on dates and themes.
- Lockers
 - PE - All CRMS (6th-8th) students in PE class will be assigned a locker the first week of school.
 - General Lockers – Lockers are no longer assigned to CRMS students. HOWEVER, should your child want one then you may request one through the CRS Security Officer.
- Activities
 - Student Council – At CRS, Student Council is an elective. Students wishing to choose StuCo as an elective need to solicit signatures, complete an application and obtain two (2) teacher recommendations. Applications will be available in the Spring of each year.
 - National Junior Honor Society – CRPTO is honored to sponsor the CRS StuCo. In the Spring of each year, qualifying 7th Graders will be invited into the NJHS. To qualify, students must obtain a 3.8+ GPA. Should they wish to potentially join the they will need to complete an application and obtain two (2) teacher recommendations.

- Sports - All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to participate in athletics for the school. Listed below is a schedule of sports offered throughout the year:
 - Boys Basketball
 - Girls Volleyball
 - Boys Soccer
 - Girls Softball
 - Girls Soccer
 - Spiritline
 - Flag Football
 - Girls Basketball
 - Track
- If you have any questions check the Copper Ridge School website.
- Morning Drop-off: CRMS students are allowed to congregate in the lunchroom until 8:35 am each day.

- Lunchroom
 - Middles School Lunches are broken into two periods:
 - 5th and 6th grade students are seated in a designated area in the lunchroom.
 - 7th and 8th grade students also eat in a designated area and/or they are allowed to sit outside on the patio.

❑ How do I get around CRS?



Student Responsibility and Office Procedures at CRS

□ Procedure #1 – Value of Instructional Time

- Instructional time is valued. Phone calls into the classrooms during the school day will not be made except for emergencies. The following procedures will take place to eliminate unnecessary disruptions to student learning.
- Late Lunches
 - SIGN IN AT THE CUBBIES: For elementary students, parents are to sign the log-in pink sheet with the students name and teacher and we will attempt to have a TA deliver it to the class
 - SIGN IN AT THE CUBBIES: For middle school students, any lunches dropped off at the office prior to 12:30 p.m. will be delivered and placed on a table in the cafeteria. If lunch for a middle school student is dropped off after 12:30 we will attempt to ensure student is informed
 - Parents, per regulations from nutritional services, please be aware that lunches may only be delivered for your own child. Delivery of outside vendors (ie pizza delivery or burgers, subs for your child and his/her friends) is not permissible.
- Eating Lunch With Your Student
 - You are invited to eat lunch with your elementary or middles school student. A VIP table is a set up in the cafeteria for you and your student to sit at...you are unable to sit at the student's class table do to spacing so please plan to sit at the VIP table.
- Late Homework/Assignments
 - All late homework/assignments will be put in the teacher mailboxes. Students receiving texts during the school day on their mobile devices without teacher discretion is a violation of our Responsible Use Agreement and will be addressed accordingly. Please help your child be responsible prior to the school day.
- Forgotten Binders, Projects, ID's, mobile devices, backpacks, etc.
 - For both elementary and middle school students:
 - Bring the item in to the Front Office
 - Sign the item in at the "Cubbies" on the North Wall
 - A Teacher's Assistant will take the item to your student
- Forgotten Musical Instruments
 - Forgotten music instruments will be held in the office. Please tell your child if he/she does not have their instrument to check the office on their way to specials. Deliveries will not be made to the classroom. Students receiving texts during the school day on their mobile devices

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❑ Procedure #2- Early Pick-Up

- All parents must come to the office and sign-out their student *prior* to our office staff calling the student out of class. Students will not be waiting in the school office and missing important instructional time.
- Phone calls to the classrooms will not be made after 3:00 p.m.. If you arrive to sign-out your child after 3:00 p.m., you will be asked to meet your child at our parent pick-up lane.
- Student pick-up is not permissible in the front visitor lot. All student pick-up must take place between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. in the parent pick-up lane.

❑ Procedure #3- Absences/Vacation/Illness and Make-Up Work

- Per the SUSD Student Code of Conduct (p. 48), a student is permitted the same amount of time he/she was absent to complete make-up work.
- All make-up work may be requested upon the student's *return*. Our office staff will not request make-up work in advance. Rather, it is the responsibility of the student, upon return, to discuss with the appropriate teacher about the required make-up work to be assessed in order to receive full credit.

❑ Procedure #4- Student ID Checks

- All students are required to have student identification. Middle school students must have identification visible at all times on campus. Elementary students must have identification attached to a school backpack.
- All middle school students must walk through an ID Checkpoint at the bus ramp, the cafeteria entrance, or southwest patio to enter our campus.
- Students may not enter campus through the front office unless accompanied with a parent for an appointment. All students will be redirected if attempting to cut through the office.

❑ Procedure #5- Morning Passes NEEDS UPDATING

- Middle school students may gather on the southwest patio starting at 8:20 a.m..
- Elementary students may gather on the elementary playground starting at 8:20 a.m..

- All students may choose to take an AR quiz in the computer lab or eat breakfast in the cafeteria from 8:20-8:40 a.m on Tuesday and Thursdays.
 - If students wish to meet with a teacher prior to 8:40 a.m., they must have a pass from the teacher. Please remind students to acquire a pass from their teacher the day before.
- Procedure #6 – Visitor Parking Lot in front of school
- There is absolutely no dropping off or picking up of students in the front visitor parking lot at the start of the school day and at the end of the day. Parents are requested to please use the proper parent drop off and pick up in the back of the school or arrange for your child to use the buses as a means of transportation. The front northwest lot is open to all visitors. It will be closed from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. and 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. If the front visitor parking lot is full all visitors may use the northwest lot for parking.
 - Please talk with your children about the importance of showing character, responsibility, and safety at all times at Copper Ridge School. A strong parent/school support system will assist each of our children to be successful both academically and behaviorally. We appreciate your efforts to work with our staff to provide a top education for your children!

Again, welcome to CRS.

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