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February*

### District Highlights

Communication happens in many formats. Our schools and district are active on social media. Find our schools and district on Facebook. As well, you can find us on Twitter--

Mr. Earnhart, Superintendent: @CCR2\_Supt  
Dr. Graves, Asst Supt: @cgraves1971  
Cuba High School: @CubaHighSchool  
Cuba Middle School: @cms\_LEAD  
Cuba Elementary: @CubaElementary



CCR2 maintains 20 school buses. 14 buses hit the road to safely transport kids to and from school daily. Additionally, bus drivers provide transportation for activities several nights and weekends throughout the year. To ensure the highest quality and safest transportation as possible, annually buses are state inspected; daily buses are driver inspected; and, regularly buses are director-mechanic inspected. As well, bus mileage and maintenance records are kept which assist in determining which ones may be traded annually for replacement and upgrades. The CCR2 transportation department, administration, and board of education are committed to providing high-quality transportation for our students. Our CCR2 drivers, mechanic, and director arrive well before sunrise to ensure students are safely transported. This dedicated group of CCR2 staff deserves our recognition and thanks!



### High School Highlight

During the October 5 and November 11 professional development days, Mr. Callis, CHS assistant principal, shared with teachers Nearpod. He clarified, "Nearpod is in itself an (digital) engagement tool." While the teacher must still know curriculum, design quality lessons, and be able to manage their class, Nearpod provides an additional element or tool for teachers to use. Nearpod gives teachers access to create quick feedback, provide enrichment to advancing students, enhance background knowledge, and engage students through digital media. It is another option when teachers are designing high-quality lessons to increase learning. Nearpod has expanded use across multiple subjects varying from social studies to health to math to ELA and sciences. The tool is also spanning across numerous grade levels beyond the high school into other buildings as well. The graph shows the number of sessions being used to

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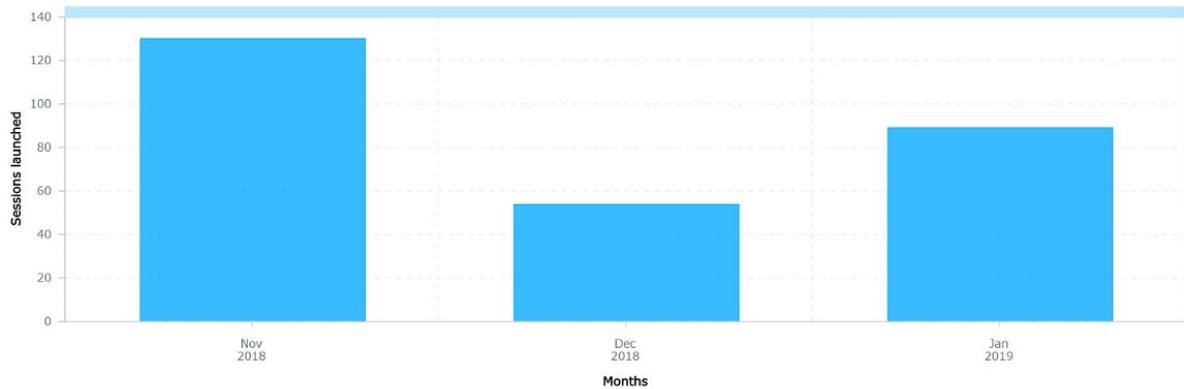
accentuate, enrich, and engage learning for CCR2 students.

**Nearpod - Usage Graphs**

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Time period: 11/01/2018 to 01/31/2019

Chart: Sessions Launched: The number of Nearpod sessions launched in the selected time period.



### New Teacher Highlights



Alex Garber is in his 1st year teaching social studies at Cuba High School. He is also the assistant scholar's bowl coach. Mr. Garber currently has a bachelor's in history and a master's degree in education. An alumnist of Cuba school, Mr. Garber's family live at Indian Hills Lake and his younger brother currently attends CHS as a senior. His fiancée, Danielly Levy, works as a para-educator for the district.

Hobbies include writing and table top games. Reading is also important to him as he tries to read at least one new book per month. He also spends time completing genealogical research over his family's history. Something you might know is that he hopes write his own historical fiction book some day.

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Lucy Behrendt is in her 1st year of teaching math at Cuba High School but has been teaching for a little over 4 years. Mrs. Behrendt has a bachelors degree in math and masters degrees in history and education.

Lucy spends free time with her husband, Andrew, and her two cats, Stella and Fritz. Hobbies include pottery noting she really likes ceramics, participating community choir, and a book club. She enjoys watching Netflix, reading, and spending time with loved ones.



Heather Silva has been apart of Cuba Schools for several years. She is an alumni of CCR2 and parent of Cuba students who previously worked as a para-educator. This is her 1st year as a full-time teacher working as a special education instructor in the middle school. She has a bachelors degree in psychology, an elementary education degree, and is currently in a Special Education masters program.

Heather notes that she loves spending time with her husband (Xavier) and 5 children (Gavin, Cadance, Maya, IsaBella, & Jaspar). In addition to family, Heather spends her summers as a Day Camp director, water safety instructor, and life guard. As well, she is a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader as well as being involved with church.