

Once A Cougar, Always A Cougar!



**Welcome to
Kilmer
Elementary
School**

2024-2025 School Year



Community Consolidated School District 21

ABOUT CCSD21

Formed in 1948, Community Consolidated School District 21 (CCSD21) is located in Cook County, about 30 miles northwest of Chicago. It serves students in grades PK-8 from six communities: Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Northbrook, Prospect Heights, and Wheeling.

Mission: *Ensure engaging, innovative, equitable and safe learning experiences for every student, every day.*

Core Values: *Equity, Whole Child, Engagement, Stewardship, Continuous Improvement, Trust & Respect, Partnership, Accountability, and Growth Mindset.*

Vision: *CCSD21 strives to empower every student, every day, in every school.*

CCSD21 develops an annual report to highlight the yearly accomplishments of the district. To view the latest Impact Report, please visit: ccsd21.org/annual-impact-report

The District 21 Community Service Center and Administrative Office is located at 959 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090. The office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday and the phone number is 847-537-8270. To learn more about CCSD21, please visit: ccsd21.org

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The CCSD21 Board of Education holds monthly meetings of the entire school board. These are typically held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the District 21 Community Service Center and Administrative Office.

Agendas are posted 48 hours prior to the meeting and can be viewed by visiting: ccsd21.org/board-of-education-meetings

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SUPERINTENDENT



On behalf of the school administration, I'm pleased to welcome you to our CCSD21 family. You are entering a district that is unique in many ways. From enhancing the educational experience of our students to increasing family engagement, our combined efforts are giving support to students learning inside and outside the classroom. Additionally, we are committed to good stewardship of our community resources, all of which translates into a better learning environment – one which allows your student to grow into a successful individual.

Dr. Michael Connolly
Superintendent

YOUR ADMINISTRATORS



I am so excited to begin the 2024-2025 school year at Kilmer with you! Kilmer is incredibly special because of the surrounding community and the greatness that the students and staff bring with them each day. At Kilmer, we know that each person is unique and we celebrate those characteristics! Our Kilmer staff is dedicated to furthering the success of every student, and understands the importance of creating a safe place for all those who enter through our doors. I look forward to getting to know each of you and watching each child flourish!

Colleen Goodrich, Principal

☎: **847-520-2764**

✉: colleen.goodrich@ccsd21.org



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Kilmer! We believe that all our students and families are what make Kilmer special. We value the assets our students bring to our community and are committed to developing their academic and social-emotional growth as we prepare them to be curious and life-long learners.

Alexandra Alvarez, Assistant Principal

☎: **847-520-2604**

✉: alexandra.alvarez@ccsd21.org

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ABOUT KILMER

Kilmer Elementary School was built in 1965 and is one of nine elementary schools in CCSD21. Kilmer School serves students in grades K-5. It was named after author Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918).

Motto: Once a Cougar, Always a Cougar!

Mascot: Cogie the Cougar

Address: 655 Golfview Terrace, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Main Office Phone Number: 847-520-2760

Office Hours: Monday - Friday from 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Attendance Line: 847-520-2603

Health Office: 847-520-2761

Fax Number: 847-520-2601

Family Engagement Liaison: nora.molina@ccsd21.org or
ingrid.maradkel@ccsd21.org

Website: kilmer.ccsd21.org

Handbook: ccsd21.org/handbook

School Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on School Improvement Days

Registration Fees: CCSD21 is waiving student registration fees for all students for the 2024-2025 school year.

School Supplies: CCSD21 will provide all students with school supplies needed for the school year. The supplies will be distributed to each student at the beginning of the school year.

School Calendar: The first day of classes for students in grades 1-5 is Wednesday, August 28. The first day of classes for kindergarten students is either Thursday, August 29, or Friday, August 30. Your principal will communicate which group your student belongs to.

Please visit ccsd21.org/parent-resources/calendars for the complete school year calendar.

Kilmer School Event Calendar: kilmer.ccsd21.org/events/



Kilmer
Elementary School



Cooper Middle School



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Attendance

- Parents/guardians must notify the school of their child's absence. A voicemail will take messages before and after school hours.
- Attendance phone number is 847-520-2603
- If the school does not receive a notice, you will be contacted at home and/or at work.

Health Services

- If your child has a health condition, please notify the school nurse at 847-520-2761.
- State medical forms are required. Please visit ccsd21.org/registration for further details.
- Bring your student to our new Health Center for their physical, immunization(s), or other medical needs. The center is free and right in your backyard! Schedule an appointment at: ccsd21.org/healthcenter/

Medications at School

- Medications may be self-administered only upon written request of the student's physician and parent/guardian.
- Contact the school nurse at 847-520-2761 for more information.

Communicating with Kilmer Staff

ParentSquare is CCSD21's communication tool.

To contact a Kilmer School staff member:

- Sign into your ParentSquare account parentsquare.com/signin
- Select messages on the side menu
- Click on the new message box
- Select a quick recipient OR type the staff member's name under the recipients box

For more information and to set up your account visit: ccsd21.org/parentsquare

Chromebooks

All CCSD21 students in grades K-8 are provided a Chromebook device on a take-home model.

For more information on the CCSD21 1:1 Chromebook program, including the device parent and student handbook, please visit:

ccsd21.org/information-services/chromebook-information/chromebook-program/

Cougie Paws

Students may be awarded a 'Cougie Paw' ticket for demonstrating the following behaviors:

- Respectful
- Kindness
- Mindful
- Responsible

E-Learning Day

- In the event of a school closure, either for weather or another emergency, all CCSD21 students in grades K - 8 will be provided instruction virtually, unless otherwise communicated.
- Communication will be shared via ParentSquare.

Emergency School Closures

In the event of extreme weather conditions or any other reason that would require school to be closed, you may find information on:

- The CCSD21 website (ccsd21.org)
- Phone and email notifications via ParentSquare
- Major news media outlets, such as WGN, WBBM, WMAQ, WLS, WFLD, WGBO and WSNS.
- EmergencyClosingCenter.com under the listing DIST #21 (WHEELING).
- Our social media channels.

Updating your Contact Information

Please visit or call Kilmer's main office if at any time you change your:

- Telephone number(s)
- Email address(es)
- Emergency contact information

Visiting the School

All CCSD21 schools have secure entrances.

Visitors are required to:

- Identify themselves and enter through the front door
- Provide the reason for being at school and provide a photo ID
- Return to the main office to sign out

PowerSchool Parent Portal

PowerSchool Parent Portal is CCSD21's Student Information System.

Some of the information available to you in the Parent Portal:

- Grades and assignments
- Report cards
- Teacher comments
- Student schedules and more

To create your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, visit:

ccsd21.org/powerschool-parent-portal

PROGRAMS

Advanced Learners

CCSD21 elementary schools offer the following Advanced Learners courses:

- Accelerated Mathematics for fifth grade
- Advanced Language Arts for fourth and fifth grade

For more information, please visit:

ccsd21.org/equity-learning/advancedlearners

Family Learning Programs

CCSD21 offers a variety of community workshops, seminars, and events. You are encouraged to take advantage of these FREE learning opportunities to empower your family and connect with other community members. Details will be shared via a ParentSquare communication.

Language Services

Kilmer offers the following language service programs:

- Bilingual Russian
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Bilingual Spanish

If your child has specific language needs, please contact the school principal.

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Special Education

- CCSD21 offers a continuum of special education services to support students with disabilities.
- Students with special needs may qualify for an individualized education program, a 504 plan, and/or services through the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO).
- For more information, please visit: ccsd21.org/student-services

Support Services

All schools have the following support services available for CCSD21 students:

- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Psychologist
- Social Worker

Please contact the principal if your child needs support services.

Library & Media Center (LMC)

- LMC materials and books may be checked out by the student.
- Students are asked to care for the materials and books that they borrow from the LMC.

Physical Education (PE)

- Students in grades K-5 attend PE with a PE teacher three times per week.
- Students should wear shoes appropriate for physical activity for PE in all grades.

Clubs

Clubs and special activities are designed by teachers based upon student interests. Clubs may include the following, among others:

- STEM Club
- Robotics Club
- Engineering Club

Keep an eye on the school website throughout the year for additional clubs and enrichment activities offered by the Parent Teacher Organization.

Performance Arts Programs

- Band & Orchestra offered to fourth & fifth graders.
- Recruitment and enrollment takes place in September.

SERVICES

Families in Temporary Living Situations

Please contact Kilmer's social worker or the CCSD21 McKinney-Vento Liaison for assistance and information on helpful resources.

- **Kilmer School Social Worker:** margaret.ryan@ccsd21.org or sara.hererra@ccsd21.org
- **CCSD21 McKinney-Vento Liaison:** 847-419-3083

Fee Waivers

A parent/guardian may request fee waivers by submitting a fee waiver form. Applications may be obtained from:

- The school's main office ● CCSD21's Business Office
- ccsd21.org/business-services/food-service

Food Service

CCSD21, in conjunction with OrganicLife, offers a daily breakfast and lunch in each of its schools. Kilmer School qualifies for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

- All students at Kilmer are eligible to receive a free breakfast and a free lunch.
 - Menus can be found on MealViewer at: schools.mealviewer.com/district/CommunityConsolidated21
- If your child has specific nutritional needs or has needs related to allergies, please contact the nurse at 847-520-2761.

Bus Transportation Services

- CCSD21 offers school bus transportation services to qualified students.
- First Student, Inc. is CCSD21's contracted transportation provider.
- Bus routes are distributed to CCSD21 families in the summer.
- Transportation Contacts:
 - **First Student, Inc.:** 847-541-0220
 - **CCSD21 Transportation Manager:** 847-520-2705
 - **CCSD21 Director of Business Services:** 847-520-2773
- **Want to track your child's bus?**
Download our ParentView bus tracker app! firstviewapp.com

PTO

Join the school's PTO to make a direct impact on your child's educational experience, fostering a stronger community and supporting valuable programs. Your involvement can help create a more enriching and supportive environment for all students.

Through events and fundraisers, the PTO provides funding for:

- Cultural programs
- Equipment

All Kilmer parents/guardians are welcome to volunteer and participate in PTO programs.

You may contact the Kilmer PTO at: kilmercougarspto@gmail.com

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CCSD21: facebook.com/ccsd21

Kilmer: facebook.com/ccsd21kilmer



CCSD21: instagram.com/wheeling_ccsd21

Kilmer: instagram.com/ccsd21kilmer/



CCSD21: www.linkedin.com/company/ccsd21



CCSD21: youtube.com/@ccsd21/videos

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Buffalo Grove Park District

530 Bernard Drive
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Phone: 847-850-2100
Fax: 847-459-5741
info@bgparks.org
bgparks.org

Clubhouse Child Care:
847-850-2100

Village of Buffalo Grove

50 Raupp Boulevard
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
Phone: 847-459-2500
Fax: 847-459-7906
info@vbg.org
vbg.org

Indian Trails Public Library District

355 Schoenbeck Road
Wheeling, IL 60090
Phone: 847-459-4100
Fax: 847-459-4760
social@indiantrailslibrary.org
indiantrailslibrary.org

Library Cards:
[indiantrailslibrary.org/
visit-us/library-cards](http://indiantrailslibrary.org/visit-us/library-cards)

Wheeling Park District

100 Community Boulevard
Wheeling, IL 60090
Phone: 847-465-3333
news@wheelingparkdistrict.com
wheelingparkdistrict.com

Village of Wheeling

2 Community Boulevard
Wheeling, IL 60090
Phone: 847-459-2600
Fax: 847-459-9692
wheelingil.gov

Wheeling Township

1616 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Phone: 847-259-7730
Fax: 847-259-1570
wheelingtownship.com

Food Pantry:
[wheelingtownship.com/
Food-Pantry](http://wheelingtownship.com/Food-Pantry)

Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

● Visit the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
988lifeline.org, call, text or chat **988**.

Safe2Help

● Safe2Help offers students a safe, confidential way to share information that might prevent threats to school safety.
● The icon is located on the Task bar of each student's Chromebook.
safe2helpil.com/make-a-difference

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CCSD21 SCHOOLS



 **Cooper
Middle School**
Tel. 847-520-2750



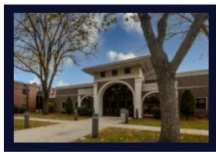
 **Holmes
Middle School**
Tel. 847-520-2790



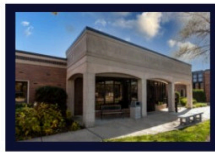
 **London
Middle School**
Tel. 847-520-2745



 **Field
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-520-2780



 **Frost
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-803-4815




 **Kilmer
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-520-2760



 **Longfellow
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-520-2755



 **Poe
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-670-3200




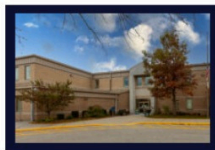
 **Riley
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-670-3400



 **Tarkington
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-520-2775



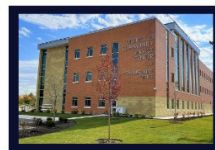
 **Twain
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-520-2785



 **Whitman
Elementary School**
Tel. 847-520-2795



 **Hawthorne Early
Childhood School**
Tel. 847-465-7290



**District 21 Community Service
Center & Administrative Office**
Tel. 847-537-8270

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