

Crossgates Courier

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Congratulations Principal's List and Honor Roll Students

The students in grades 4 through 6 listed below made either the Principal's List or Honor Roll for the first quarter grading period. The following criteria must be met for a student to qualify for these lists.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST - A student must receive all A's in the following subjects: Reading, Language, Math, Social Studies, Science/Health and Spelling. They must also receive nothing less than a B in Art, Music, Physical Education and, if applicable, Band/Orchestra.

HONOR ROLL - A student must receive either an A or a B in Reading, Language, Math, Social Studies, Science/Health and Spelling. They must also receive nothing less than a C in Art, Music, Physical Education and, if applicable, Band/Orchestra.

CONGRATULATIONS !

PRINCIPAL'S LIST- Youseff Baddar, Tyler Carr, Corbin Funka, Shawn Giffin, Rebecca Johnson, Audrey-Ann Lafontaine, Samantha Mason, Tierney McClure, Courtney Moeller, Hannah Wagner.

HONOR ROLL- Hala Abou-Dahech, Tala Abou-Dahech, Patrick Benner, Hannah Bettinger, Brook Bliss, Jacob Bloomer, Jac Caldwell, Amber Criswell, Andrew Ding, Max Fields, Ashley Fischer, Miranda Garczynski, Evan Greer, Matthew Harden, Chazz Hollstein, Kelsey Horn, Katelyn Kramer, Kaitlin Kurtz, Jennifer Majchrowski, Rosa Mondragon, Brandon Mucci, Gary Prater, TeLasja Reynolds, Emily Rugg, Jessica Sharp, Aaron Stark, Annie Tomten, Caleb Wells.

Perfect Attendance

The following students were not absent or tardy any days during the first quarter. Congratulations!

Hala Abou-Dahech, Maria Aguado, Jordan Andrejan, Patrick Benner, Blake Bettinger, Justin Bick, Zachary Bloomer, Jacob Bloomer, Akua Boadi, Alesandria Bradford-Parker, Megan Browne, Justin Browne, Tyler Carr, Sabrina Coffman, Andrew Ding, Isis Dixson, Simone Dixson, Max Fields, Ashley Fischer, Alex Fong, Corbin Funka, Dennis Garcia, Peyton Garn, Sierra Godwin, Jordyn Greer, Evan Greer, Emma Hansen, Elizabeth Harden, Jacquez Harris, Daveena Hobbs, Nathaniel Huffman, Madison Huffman, Sophia Jaegly, Katherine Jaegly, Brianna Jones, Asielle Kaimari, Zach Kurtz, Kaitlin Kurtz, Audrey-Ann Lafontaine, John Mai, Jennifer Majchrowski, Alanna Markovich, Benjamin Meiring, James Metzger, Rosa Mondragon, Taylor Mucci, Brandon Mucci, Donald Nalls, Devon Palm, Cameron Payne, Abby Peters, Corrie Peters, Makayla Price, Nashan Rankins, James Repka, Jennifer Repka, Emily Rugg, Marisela Ruiz, Evan Savage, Andrew Scicere, Michael Shiple, Troy Simpkins, Monroe Smith, Jessica Smithers, Taylor Snyder, Malik Spears, Alyssa Stec, Courtney Stec, Devin Swing, Jane Tang, Elizabeth Tripp, Hannah Wagner, Taylor Walker, Brandon Welch, Abigail

White, Ben White, Allison Williams, Jessica Williams, Ja'Juan Wilson, Da'Shawn Wilson, Crystal Wilson, Dominic Wrighten, Brandon Yockey.

Second quarter mid-quarter reports will come home sometime during the week of December 11th through the 15th. Please sign the yellow copy of the report and return it to school as soon as possible. The white copy is for you to keep.

Students of the Month

As a way to encourage positive student behavior, we have instituted a "Student of the Month" program. One student per class is selected by their teacher using the following criteria: 1) Student cannot be tardy nor have an unexcused absence during the previous month. 2) Student must be current with all assignments given by his/her teacher. 3) Student must respect the rights of others. (Treats others nicely.) 4) Student must show good manners. 5) Student cannot have visited the office for misbehavior during the previous month. 6) Student cannot have any detentions during the previous month. 7) Student cannot have any uniform violations during the previous month. 8) Student cannot be chosen more than once a year. Students selected for this award will be invited to a breakfast and have their picture and a short "bio" displayed at school. The following students are the December recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Dominic Wrighten**, Mrs. Haas' Kindergarten- **Mallory Sharpe**, Ms. Seeley's 1st Grade- **Taylor Viers**, Mrs. Smitley's 1st Grade- **Chad Huss**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Cody Schwochow**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Conner Palm**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade- **Caroline Cornell**, Mrs. Dybala's 3rd Grade- **Maria Aguado**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Jordyn Greer**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4th Grade- **Audrey-Ann Lafontaine**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Jahlil Flowers**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Albert Tierney McClure**, Ms. Seferian's 5th Grade- **Jericka Houk**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Samantha Mason**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 6th Grade- **Kaitlin Kurtz**, Mrs. Schroeder's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Destin Garcia**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!

Attendance Watch

NUMBER OF STUDENT TARDIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER- **126**
NUMBER OF STUDENT EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER- **34**
NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER- **263**

Crossgates Parents' Club

The Parents' Club meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 7:00 PM, **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

POP TABS:

We are now recycling pop tabs and soup tabs. Please put them in the plastic container in the school entry way. These will be taken to Ronald MacDonald house for their fundraising.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY:

Our school directory is now available in the office. The cost is \$1.00.

BOX TOPS NEWS:

The following students have earned a dress down day pass for turning in 100 box tops in November: Tyler Carr, Aaron Stark, Maggie Marx, Sam Packard and Matthew Martin.

The following students are the winners of November Box Tops Drawing for a Dress Down Day Pass: Taylor Viers, Maddison Phillips, Mike Cornell, Zhada Fields and Kaitlynn Whittaker.

KROGER RECHARGEABLE CARDS:

We have more cards available. Please contact Josee Garceau at 419-382-5021 or ericjosee@yahoo.com, or send in your order to the office. Thanks!

WALK-A-THON UPDATE:

We had a great fundraiser this year. After all prizes were awarded, our profit is \$8,474.79!!! Thank you to all of the children and parents who collected money for our school.

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE THIS MONTH....THANK YOU!!

Molly Andrejan, Magdalena Arnott, Hamidi Boraby, Dirk Boyles, Liz Boyles, Cheryl Bettinger, Jill Bratton, Amy Carr, Melanie Christiansen, Nicole Coffman, Kelly Criswell, Amy Donahue, Carol Dunning, Mary Fegan, Lisa Fisher, April Greer, Nora Jaegly, Melanie Johnson, Tina Kanary, Julie Lievens, Cindy Markovich, Amy Meiring, Sara Metzger, Tracy Mucci, Carol Nagy, Michelle Pittock, Sarah Preston, Caitlin Rudolph, Sue Sharp, Eldonna Shelton, Diane Stark, Margo Stewart, Sue Stoner, Patty Viers, Janice Whittaker and Cindy White.

Also, thank you to Tina Kanary and Nora Jaegly for organizing the Holiday Shop; to Cindy Markovich for taking care of our Sunshine committee; to Tina Kanary for ordering the school spirit shirts and for all the parents who sent in treats for our teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

2007-2008 Out-of-Districts

Out-of-District applications for the 2007-2008 school year are available in the Crossgates School office. Currently approved Out-of-District students staying in the same building **DO NOT** need to reapply for the 2007-2008 school year. Their Out-of-Districts will be renewed automatically unless there are attendance or discipline concerns. Students leaving 6th grade who do not want to attend their home Junior High school **MUST** submit an Out-of-District application.

Completed applications must be turned in by Friday, December 8, 2006.

Students in the News

The Redskins Junior Cheerleaders won a trophy for third place in the STARS League One Day Cheer Competition. Both the Junior & Senior squads won a medallion for Best Cheer. The following Crossgates girls are members of these squads. Congratulations girls!

Junior Redskins- **Miranda Garczynski, Courtney Stec, Tori Matzinger, Justice Grajczyk**, Captain, and **Sabrina Coffman**, Mascot.

Senior Redskins- **Corrie Peters, Annie Tomten, Courtney Moeller, Katie Garczynski**, Co-Captain, **Ashley Fischer**, Co-Captain, and **Abby Peters**, Mascot.

Correction

We would like to correct a mistake from the November, 2006, "Courier". **John Skouroukos**, a 4th grader in Mrs. Schroeder's class was a November "Student of the Month" and his name was inadvertently left off the list published in the November "Courier". We apologize to John and offer him our congratulations.

Dress Code

Some families have asked about girls wearing tights to school. Tights can be worn if they are any of the colors allowed in other articles of clothing covered in the Uniform Dress Code. **They must also be a solid color.**

Holiday Musical



Our Holiday Musical, under the direction of Mr. Rob Donaldson, will take place on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, beginning at 7:00 PM in the auditorium at Crossgates School. Students in grades kindergarten, 1st and 2nd will be performing in this program. A dress rehearsal will be held on December 5, at 9:30 AM. A note about details, including arrival time for the performers and other pertinent information, was sent home with students in grades K, 1 and 2.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Make sure you take the time to browse our Winter Holiday Art Exhibit on display in and near the school lobby. All art projects were completed in Mrs. Featzka's art classes.

The last day of school before "Winter Break" is Thursday, December 21, 2006. School resumes on Wednesday, January 3, 2007.

Once again we are asking that parents **DO NOT** use the rear parking lot for dropping students off or picking them up. Thank you to the parents who have honored this request as we try to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Reminders!

Visitors to our building are not to visit any other area of the building without checking into the office first. This includes visiting our portable classrooms. I have recently observed some parents still walking students to class and entering the classroom to help their child put their coat and backpack away. This is not acceptable, especially this late into the school year. Your child should be independent enough to enter the building and go to their classroom alone. In addition, please DO NOT walk down hallways and wait outside classroom doors at dismissal time. Please wait outside of the building door your child dismisses from, or in the lobby if the weather is inclement. Thank you!

Talk About School

As you sit around the dinner table, talk about how important education is. Make sure your child understands that you use the things you learned in school on the job. Let him/her know that, just as you do your best at work every day, you expect him/her to do his/her best in school. But how can you avoid those “What did you do in school today?” “Nothing” conversations? Try asking more specific questions, such as, “What was the most important thing you learned today?”, “What new assignments did you get?”, “What do you think will be on your Math test Thursday?”. If you know there has been a school or classroom assembly, ask your child questions related to the assembly.

Also make sure you pay attention to what comes home in your child’s backpack. If your child does not voluntarily show you’re his or her backpack contents, please ask them to do so, on a nightly basis.

There’s No Such Thing as “No Homework”

“I don’t have any homework tonight.” Sound familiar? Many times students will tell parents this in hopes of spending the night in front of the TV set, when in fact, the child did have homework. A way to help solve this dilemma is to make the following rule. There is no such thing as a “No homework” night. If there truly is no school assignment, make one up. Ask your child to read a book, or assign them some math problems. Older students may be asked to find a subject that interests them and do some research on the subject. Before this “homework” is finished, have him/her report to you with one new thing he/she has learned.

Don’t be surprised when your child realizes that they will be doing some school related work anyway that they suddenly “remember” that they do have a little homework after all.

Staying Involved

Grade cards were given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 21st and 22nd. In some cases parents were concerned, and rightfully so, by the grades their child received. Unfortunately, the grades listed on the reports are already averaged and recorded. The concern needs to begin much earlier in the quarter. This surprise is usually followed by the question, “Why weren’t we notified?” A better person to ask this question is your child. We realize that there are only two official notifications you receive from your child’s teacher concerning grades. One is the mid-quarter report and the other is the grade card. These two notices **should not** be the only way you keep tabs on your child’s progress. Looking over graded student work which is sent home at least a few times a week if not daily is your best source for keeping up with how your child is progressing. The grades on these papers are what the teacher uses in averaging grades for the quarter. Insist on seeing **ALL** of your child’s work, good and bad, and hold onto the papers for future reference. Having your child get in the habit of showing you all of their work is very, very important. If your child goes more than a day or two without bringing papers home, or if the number fluctuates greatly, it is probably a good idea to check with his or her teacher. Finally, insist your child use his or her Student Planner and check it daily. This is a good way to help your child stay organized.

Joy to You & Yours

*The staff of Crossgates School
would like to wish all of our
Crossgates families a very
Happy Holiday Season.*