

# 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**- Tala Abou-Dahech, Sabrina Coffman, Max Fields, Sophia Huss, Tierney McClure, Yi Lu, Luke Wells, Ben White.

**HONOR ROLL**- Hala Abou-Dahech, Maria Aguado, Jordan Andrejan, Patrick Benner, Paige Benner, Blake Bettinger, Brooke Bliss, Megan Davidson, Isis Dixon, Toriano Drane, Zhada Fields, Miranda Garczynski, Matthew Harden, Rebecca Johnson, Bailey Kohring, Katelyn Kramer, Rosa Mondragon, Amanda Nagy, Stephanie Neyhart, Abby Peters, Jennifer Repka, Emily Rugg, Jessica Sharp, John Skouroukos, Taylor Snyder, James Tomten, Annie Tomten, Brandon Welch, Caleb Wells.

## Perfect Attendance

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

Hala Abou-Dahech, Chad Adkins, Mikah Andaverde, Jordan Andrejan, Samantha Apodaca, Aaron Armstrong, Logan Baumgartner, Patrick Benner, Alesandria Bradford-Parker, Nick Bratton, DaZhane Brown, Faith Brown, Justin Browne, Megan Browne, Emma Bumgardner, Kalie Campbell, Romaine Cooke, Caroline Cornell, Tyesha Daniels, Isis Dixon, Simone Dixon, Toriano Drane, Courtney Duckworth, Zhada Fields, Carina Fischer, Morgan Flores, Alex Fong, Dennis Garcia, Sierra Godwin, Andrew Goeder, Allyse Goodwin, Elizabeth Harden, Zachary Haupricht, Chaz Hicks, Aaron Howard, Madison Huffman, Nathaniel Huffman, Kaydee Hufford, Will Hutt, Joshua Jacobs, Hunter Canary, Paul Kight, Austin Klempler, Shane Klempler, Bailey Kohring, Lauren Kurtz, Ny'Yana Lamb, Nicole Liegel, Yi Lu, Alanna Markovich, Roxanne Marlow, Indigo Martin, Marissa Martinez, Tori Matzinger, Connor McClure, Benjamin Meiring, Rosa Mondragon, Dylan Murray, Donald Nalls, Stephanie Neyhart, Sam Packard, Conner Palm, Tia Palm, Asia Parker, Leilani Perez, Destyni Pitney, Devan Reilly, James Repka, Jennifer Repka, Emily Rugg, Marisela Ruiz, Evan Savage, Alexis Smith, Malik Spears, Joshua Stahl, Aaron Stark, Alyssa Stec, Courtney Stec, Jane Tang, Madison Theis, Kijah Thomas, James Tomten, James

Wainscott, Taylor Walker, Tyler Watson, Joshua Webb, Brandon Welch, Abigail White, Ben White, Elijah Williams, Arianna Willis, Dominic Wrighten, Brandon Yockey.

## Students of the Month

As a way to encourage positive student behavior, we have 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- **Madison Theis**, Mrs. Haas' Kindergarten- **Tanner Wahlquist**, Mrs. Eding's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- **Daniel Zhuang**, Mrs. Smitley's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- **Seth Pittock**, Mrs. Hanf's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- **Maggie Marx**, Mrs. Ocker's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- **Diala Abou-Dahech**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- **James Wainscott**, Ms. Tisdale's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- **Carina Fischer**, Ms. Ganun's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- **Alexa Boisselle**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Jordan Greer**, Mrs. Packo's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Makayla Price**, Mrs. Kaper's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Max Fields**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Miranda Garczynski**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- **John Mai**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Bryce Nicholson**, Mrs. Schroeder's 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Dylan Murray**, Mrs. Appelhans' 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Rosemene' Criswell**.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!**

**Second quarter mid-quarter reports will come home sometime during the week of December 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

## Attendance Watch

NUMBER OF STUDENT TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER-

NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER-

## Parents' Club News

### Box Tops News

Wow!! Crossgates Elementary has earned \$631 as of 10/31/07!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned a Dress Down Day by sending in 100 Box Tops at one time: Brooke Bliss, Caroline Cornell, Miranda Garczynski, Lance Haupricht, Bailey Kohring, Amanda Nagy, Emily Rugg, Madison Theis and Tanner Wahlquist!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the November drawing for bringing in 30 Box Tops at one time: Logan Baumgartner, Devion Copeland, Nick Crosby, Alanna Markovich and Donald Nalls!

Box Tops should be sent by 100 or 30 in an envelope or ziploc bag with your full name (first & last), room number and teacher's name. Please DO NOT send in expired Box Tops. Dress down day passes will be handed out around the 27th of each month.

### Volunteers

You made a difference this month at school... Molly Andrejan, Celia Apodaca, Magdalena Amott, Liz Boyles, Tara Brown, Melanie Christiansen, Nicole Coffman, Alicia Conley, Matt Donegan, Carol Dunning, Maggie Ehrmin, Tina Gazwi, Ben Godwin, Michelle Goeder, Kendra Haupricht, Shannon Haupricht, Nora Jaegly, Peter Jaegly, Melanie Johnson, Tina Canary, Betty Krowcke, Hayley Lardinai, Vanessa Lentini, Cindy Markovich, Loletta Marshall, Marianne Martin, Mary Meiring, Sara Metzger, Nicole Moser, Kristen Nellis, Michelle Pittock, Scott Pittock, Sarah Preston, Mary Sood, Patty Viers, Kenna Wahlquist and Cindy White THANK YOU!

If you volunteered last month and you are not mentioned, we apologize...make sure when you come to school to volunteer you always sign up in the volunteer binder in the office.

### Market Day

Monday, December 10, is Market Day pickup between 5 PM and 6 PM. Arrangements should be made in advance if anybody is unable to pick up that night.

### Chuck E Cheese

December 4th is Chuck-E-Cheese night. It begins at 3 p.m. Spread the word and please remind your family and friends to mention they are there because of the Crossgates fundraiser so that a portion of their purchase is returned to the school.

### School Directories

School Directories are still available for sale at a cost of \$1.00 each in the main office at Crossgates.

### "Big Yummy" Fundraiser

There are still outstanding fees from our "Big Yummy" fundraiser. This money is now well overdue. If you are unsure about the status of your payment, please contact Tina Canary or Tony Comes. There are several hundreds of dollars due which will directly effect what activities we are able to offer the students.

### New Crossgates Marquee

Thank you to the Parents' Club for our great new marquee in front of the school. **A very special thank you goes to Mr. Tony Comes for all of the work he put into obtaining the sign. He worked very hard at ordering, delivering and installing the sign. Without his diligence and hard work, the sign would not be a reality. THANKS TONY!**

### Holiday Shop

Holiday Shop will be December 4th and 5th during library times. This is a great time for your child to shop in safety and all items will be \$1.50each. Please send your child with a list if you would like them to buy for specific family members and friends.

### Parents' Club Meeting

The next Parents' Club meeting will be Thursday December 6th at 7pm in the library.

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS JUST PRINTED IN THE NOVEMBER "COURIER", BUT IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE REPEATED AGAIN THIS MONTH.**

## Crossgates School Delayed Start Policy

Toledo Public Schools has a **School Delay** policy they use when the weather is severe. This policy will allow Toledo Schools to delay two hours instead of closing right away to see if the weather will improve enough for students to come to school. On days when a delay is called, school will begin at Crossgates at 11:00 AM and end at the regular time, 3:15 PM. Busses will run on a two hour delayed schedule in the morning on these days. Regularly scheduled before school programs such as before school tutoring, and school breakfast, **WILL NOT BE HELD ON THESE DAYS.** When school begins after a two-hour delay, we will continue on a regular school schedule from 11:00 AM. This means lunches will still be held at 11:20-11:50, 12:00-12:30 and 12:40-1:10. Special classes such as Music, Art, etc. will be held at the regularly scheduled times.

**Whenever school is delayed or closed because of inclement weather, we find out the same way that you do, by listening to the radio or watching television. We will not be in the office to answer the phone on days when school is closed, or during the time it is delayed. If you feel we may not have school on a bad weather day, please listen to a local radio station or watch a local television channel to see if school is delayed or closed.**

SPECIAL NOTE: On days when school is delayed, please continue to listen to the radio or television. Sometimes delays turn into closings if the weather does not improve.

## Staying Involved

Grade cards were given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## Cafeteria Request

So far this year the number of students getting a hot lunch at school has increased dramatically. This has caused a concern with how quickly students can get through the lunch line to get their lunch. In an effort to help hasten this procedure, we would like your help. If possible, **pay in advance**. You can send in payment (cash only) for a week or more at a time. This payment is recorded at school and your child will have a "credit" for lunch until they have received the number of lunches they have paid for. If you pay a day at a time, **please try to send in the exact change** (\$1.40), preferably a \$1 bill, a quarter, a dime and a nickel. (Sometimes a child will "dump" a handful of pennies on the order desk which causes quite a delay.) We will continue to work on ideas to help the cafeteria run more smoothly so your child has plenty of time to eat. Any and all ideas are welcome.

## Cafeteria Charges

Once in a while a student may forget their lunch, lunch money or milk money. If they do they can charge a lunch, or milk, and bring the money to school the next day to pay for the charge.

## Uniform Dress Code

A copy of the Toledo Public Schools Elementary Uniform Dress Code follows this article. In addition to this reminder we would like to point out some of the most common infractions with the Dress Code. They are:

- **SHOES!** This is the first year since the Uniform Dress Code began that athletic shoes (gym shoes) can be worn to school on a daily basis. **Please note the acceptable colors for these shoes.** Also notice that **PLATFORM SHOES** are not allowed. In addition, **if students wear boots to school, they should bring shoes to change into when they arrive at school.**
- **SHIRT or TOP COLOR.** We have had red shirts, green shirts, etc. Please refer to the acceptable colors in the table. Shirts should be a solid color, no stripes or other patterns.
- **SWEATERS.** Please remember that sweaters are covered in the dress code. (Please refer to the table that follows this article.) These sweaters must be solid color white or navy. **Students cannot wear sweatshirts, jackets, etc. while in school.** This is becoming more of an issue as the weather begins to get colder.
- **SWEAT SUITS.** Warm-up pants are not allowed, even if they are the right color. These fall under the sweat suit exclusion.
- **BELTS.** Required for all skirts, slacks, shorts, skorts with belt loops.
- **SHIRTS TUCKED IN.** Students are required to have shirts tucked-in.
- **TIGHTS-** Tights worn by the girls should be a neutral color, or follow the colors listed in the table that follows this article.

**CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE DRESS CODE WILL RESULT IN A BEFORE or AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION, OR PARENT CONFERENCE.**

ELEMENTARY STUDENT UNIFORM PROGRAM			
ITEM	GIRLS	BOYS	COLOR(S)
<b>Tops</b> <b>No hooded clothing or sweatshirts of ANY kind. All tops must be long enough to tuck into pants.</b> <i>*Tops Must be Tucked In*</i>	Blouses or polos with collars, or turtlenecks	Dress shirts and polos with collars, or oxford style button-down shirts or turtlenecks	White, light blue, dark blue, yellow  No other colors, insignias or logos. All tops in approved solid colors.
<b>Bottoms</b> No jeans or sweat suits for either boys or girls Pants must be at waist.	Skirts, jumpers, slacks, knee length shorts, skorts, capris – all items knee length or longer	Pants, knee length shorts	Dark blue/navy, khaki/tan, black. These must be solid colors – can be uniform, dress or corduroy
<b>Sweaters</b> <b>No Hoods</b>	Cardigans, pullovers, vests	Cardigans, pullovers, vests	Navy or white No other colors, insignias or logos
<b>Socks</b>	Socks, tights, knee socks in solid matching colors	Socks	Solid dark colors or white
<b>Shoes</b>  <b>Athletic Shoes :</b> <b>White, Gray or Black</b>	Black or dark shoes with enclosed toes/heels, no platforms NOTE Athletic Shoe colors to left	Black or dark shoes with enclosed toes/heels, no platforms NOTE Athletic Shoe colors to left	Black, dark  Laces match the body of the shoe
<b>Belts</b>	Required for all skirts, slacks, shorts, skorts with belt loops	Required for all pants, shorts with belt loops	Black, navy, light or dark brown. No other colors, insignias or logos on belts.

## REMINDERS

**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.**

**We also ask that you do not park on Shadylawn on the side of the street opposite of the school, which is a posted "NO PARKING" zone. Parking in this area causes traffic congestion and is a safety hazard for our students.**

**THANK YOU!**

## Canned Food Drive

### OHIO STATE vs. MICHIGAN

You may recall our Canned Food Drive we held recently and it's conclusion that coincided with the day before the annual Ohio State Michigan football game. As was stated in a flyer that went home in mid-October, this year we tried something a little different at Crossgates. Since the last day of the drive coincided with the day before the Ohio State/Michigan football game, we asked that you send your donations to school in a bag marked with either Ohio State or Michigan written on the bag. Each food item in the bags counted as a "point" for that team. At the end of the drive we added up the numbers and the final tally was 490 items for Ohio State and 143 for Michigan. The collection was donated through the Scouting for Food campaign to the Toledo Northwest Ohio Food Bank, Inc. Our total amounted to 606 lbs. of canned items, which can be turned into 379 meals for the hungry in our community. THANK YOU to all of our families who donated items to make this such a success.

## Ohio State University Marching Band

Crossgates School had the good fortune of having members of the Ohio State University Marching Band, under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Waters, perform in the auditorium at Crossgates for students, staff and guests on Friday, November 16, 2007. This great event was made possible through the efforts of Crossgates 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, Mrs. Sharon Dendinger. Mr. Waters made the assembly both educational and entertaining for everyone present. He even had our students attempt their own version of "Script Ohio" in the gym which culminated in the dotting of the "I" by TPS superintendent John Foley. A huge thank you goes to Jonathan Waters and the young men and women from the OSU Band who made a very positive impression on our students with both their musical expertise and appearance while guests at our school. GO BUCKS!

## Carolyn Metcalf "Class Act"

Carolyn Metcalf, Crossgates teacher, was honored as a "Class Act" by WTOL-TV, Channel 11. To receive this award, a teacher must be nominated and then chosen by the station. Mrs. Metcalf was "surprised" by a visit to her classroom from reporter Mike Stone who interviewed her and provided her with a certificate and other items. Her interview can be seen on the WTOL-TV website. Congratulations, Mrs. Metcalf!

## Mittens and Hats

You should have received a copy of a flyer sent home with your child about our Mitten and Hat collection to benefit the needy in our community. We will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves from now through December 19, 2007. We have wooden "trees" in our lobby to hang the donated items on. Please help us reach our goal of 300 items donated. If we reach our goal we will have a school-wide dress down day on Friday, December 21, 2007. All collected items will be donated to a local charity for distribution.

## Toledo Public Schools- Taking the Next Step Forward Wednesday, December 5, 2007 6:30-8:30 PM Byrnedale Middle School 3635 Glendale Ave.

Mr. John Foley, Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools, invites you to attend a Community Forum for the Bowsher High School Learning Community. Toledo Public Schools- Taking the Next Step Forward will include discussions and updates on:

- Framework for Student Success
- The Ohio School Facilities Commission Building Project
- Financial Forecast for the District

## School Arrival Time

Please remember that the school doors do not open for students to enter until 8:45 AM (8:30 for student coming for breakfast). We have had some students arrive at school as early as 8:00 AM. This is much too early and students must wait outside and are not supervised at this time.

## Holiday Musical

Our annual Holiday Musical, under the direction of Mr. Rob Donaldson, will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, beginning at 7:00 PM. Students in Mrs. Lardinai's, Mrs. Haas', Mrs. Smitley's, Mrs. Eding's, Mrs. Metcalf's, Mrs. Hanf's and Mrs. Ocker's classes will take part. Dress rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 9:30 AM. If your child is in one of these classes, they should have brought home a notice with detailed information on arrival time, etc.

Joy to You & Yours

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