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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- Toriano Drane, Zhada Fields, Jordan Greer, Madison Huffman, Sophie Huss, Yi Lu, Benjamin White, Brandon Yockey.

HONOR ROLL- Tala Abou-Dahech, Maria Aguado, Jordan Andrejan, Patrick Benner, Emily Bettinger, Brooke Bliss, Zachary Bloomer, Alexa Boisselle, Sabrina Coffman, Isis Dixson, Max Fields, Dakota Franklin, Miranda Garczynski, Ishajanika Grier, Emma Hansen, William Herrod, Chaz Hicks, Jeffery Hutt, Bailey Kohring, Taylor Kolpin, Zachary Kurtz, Haily Laurie, Tori Matzinger, Jasmine Mulinix, Dylan Murray, Stephanie Neyhart, Monique Olocha, Abby Peters, John Skouroukos, Khalil Smith, Taylor Snyder, Joshua Stahl, Madison Stokes, James Tomten, Brandon Welch, Luke Wells, Dominique Witcher, Jordan Zaleski.

Perfect Attendance

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

Diala Abou-Dahech, Tala Abou-Dahech, Chad Adkins, Aleigha Allen, Lillian Arent, Aaron Armstrong, Shannen Bernal, Emily Bettinger, Justin Bick, Brian Bishop, Brooke Bliss, Alexa Boisselle, Nicholas Bratton, Destiny Breniser, Caden Brookshier, DaZhane Brown, Megan Browne, Leianna Butler, Shilah Campbell, Robin Cannon, Tanner Carr, Courtney Coffman, Holly Cray, Jayson Davis, Sierra Davis, Alyssa Dixon, Brendon Donahue, Toriano Drane, Juan Duarte, Mark-Wilson Ezennia, Stephanie Ezennia, Carina Fischer, Morgan Flores, Alex Fong, Hayden Garczynski, Miranda Garczynski, Andrew Goeder, Jordyn Greer, Ishajanika Grier, Suzy Hansen, Emma Hansen, Labria Hardison, Shianna Harper, Lance Haupricht, Amanda Heffelbower, Andrea Hickle, Aaron Howard, Madison Huffman, Trevor Huffman,

Kaydee Hufford, Katherine Jaegly, Jasmine Johnson, Lana Kaimari, Asielle Kaimari, Hunter Canary, Taylor Canary, Taye Kelson, Shane Klempner, Hannah Knotts, Bailey Kohring, Haily Laurie, Payton Lewis, Nicole Liegel, Yi Lu, Roxanne Marlow, Marissa Martinez, Mark Martinez, Austyn McClellan, Curtis McVicker, Ben Meiring, James Metzger, Jasmine Mulinix, Amanda Nagy, Monique Olocha, Sam Packard, Connor Palm, Asia Parker, Brandon Perez, Leilani Perez, Abby Peters, Destyni Pitney, Seth Pittock, Xavier Powell, Makayla Price, Nashan Rankins, Colin Ressler, Jewell Richardson, Alex Rivera, Emily Rugg, Marisela Ruiz, Milton Rush, Alex Sauerwein, Evan Savage, Kaitlin Shiple, Michael Shiple, Peyton Smigelski, Jessica Smithers, Ian Sood, Malik Spears, Austin Spratt, Alyssa Stec, Taylor Viers, Connor Walls, Shanna Wells, Abigail White, Benjamin White, Niesha Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Isaiah Wrighten, Dominic Wrighten, Brandon Yockey

Student of the Month

As a way to encourage positive student behavior, we have a program we call the "Student of the Month". One student per class is selected each month 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 behavior 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, 2008, recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Blaze Rayman**, Mrs. Smitley's Kindergarten- **Jessica Marlow**, Ms. Gallagher's Kindergarten- **Kyle McClain**, Mrs. Best's 1st Grade- **Molly McDonagh**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Caden Brookshier**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Josiah Rush**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Tanner Carr**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Reece Zielinski**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Chad Adkins**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4th Grade- **Monique Olocha**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Julie Bratton**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Ben White**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Sabrina Coffman**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Miranda Garczynski**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Zhada Fields**, Mrs. Sherman's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Khalil Smith**, Ms. Forbes' 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Jacob Mitchell**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!

Staying Involved

Grade cards were given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 13th and 14th. 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.

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! 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.
- **SHORTS.** Yes, we are talking about students wearing shorts in December. When questioned about these shorts, students respond that it is warm in the building. But, what happens in the case where we would have to evacuate the

building and wait in the cold for an all-clear to re-enter. Shorts outside for any length of time in weather below 60 or 70 degrees would be uncomfortable at best and downright dangerous in weather too cold.

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)
Tops No hooded clothing or sweatshirts of ANY kind. All tops must be long enough to tuck into pants. <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.
Bottoms 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
Sweaters No Hoods	Cardigans, pullovers, vests	Cardigans, pullovers, vests	Navy or white No other colors, insignias or logos
Socks	Socks, tights, knee socks in solid matching colors	Socks	Solid dark colors or white
Shoes Athletic Shoes : White, Gray or Black	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
Belts	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.

Parents' Club News

Box Tops News

Keep those Box Tops coming! We have earned approximately \$845.00! Our goal is \$2,000! Remember when a family submits 100 Box Tops every child in the family will receive a dress down day pass!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned a Dress Down Pay by sending in 100 Box Tops at one time: Diala Abou-Dahech, Tala Abou-Dahech, Destiny Breniser, Tanner Carr, Max Fields, Sam Fields, Hayden Garczynski, Miranda Garczynski, Emma Hansen, Suzy Hansen, Spencer Hudson, Haily Laurie, Nicole Liegel, James Metzger, Conner Palm, Colin Ressler, Jazmyne Rice, Kaitlin Shiple, Michael Shiple, Caleb Wells, Luke Wells, Shanna Wells and Kayla Whittecar!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the November drawing for sending in 30 Box Tops at one time: Allan Buck, Leiana Butler, Romaine Cook, Logan Rawski and De'Ashia Pettaway, !

Please submit Box Tops in a sealed envelope or Ziploc bag with your child(ren)'s name and room number.

Lena Arnott

Box Top Coordinator

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Volunteers

You made a difference this month at school... Molly Andrejan, Celia Apodaca, Magdalena Arnott, Liz Boyles, Melanie Christiansen, Nicole Coffman, Ben Godwin, Michelle Goeder, Kendra Haupricht, Shannon Haupricht, Nora Jaegly, Peter Jaegly, Tina Canary, Marianne Martin, Mary Meiring, Sara Metzger, Michelle Pittock, Scott Pittock, Sarah Preston, Mary Sood, Patty Viers, 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

Market Day orders are due by December 2 if using the order sheet and by noon December 4, if ordering online. Wednesday, December 10, is Market Day pickup between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM in the cafeteria at Crossgates. Arrangements should be made in advance if anybody is unable to pick up that night.

School Directories

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

Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear order forms were sent home a few weeks ago. There was a mistake on the order form. There is NOT a child's XL, so if you ordered one I will be sending home an adult small which is equivalent. Also we will be keeping shirts on hand which is why there isn't a due date, so you can order them at any time.

Holiday Shop

Holiday Shop will be December 8th through the 10th during library times. This is a great time for your child to shop in safety and all items are inexpensively priced. 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 4th at 9:15 AM in the library.

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 9, 2008, beginning at 7:00 PM. Students in Mrs. Gallagher's', Mrs. Lardinai's', Mrs. Smitley's', Mrs. Best'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 9, 2008, at 9:15 AM. If your child is in one of these classes, they should have brought home a notice with detailed information on arrival time, etc.

Second quarter mid-quarter reports will come home sometime during the week of December 8th through the 12th. 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- 157
NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER- 215

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 early November, just like last year we turned it into a contest. 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 **453** items for Ohio State and **156** for Michigan. The food was donated to help supply meals for needy families in our community. THANK YOU to all of our families who donated items to make this such a success.

Cafeteria News

Lunch and Milk 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.

Cost of Milk

The cost of milk at school is **GOING DOWN**. Since the beginning of the school year, the cost of milk at school has been 55 cents. Beginning Monday, December 1, 2008, the cost will be 45 cents.

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. 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!

A Message from the Bowsher/Libbey District Parent Coordinator

Happy Holidays to all the families of the Bowsher-Libbey School Districts from the newly assigned Parent Coordinator, Mike Burzynski. I am very excited to be given the opportunity to serve the children, families and teachers of the Toledo Public School communities in the districts. I have been meeting with members of the individual school communities in the last few weeks and thank them for a warm welcome and sharing their spirit of cooperation and vision for the future. I look forward to meeting all of you at the various parent organization and school events and discussing ways that I can assist in enhancing the experience and endeavors of your communities. Together, utilizing our talents and our commitment to improving the educational and community experience of our children, families and teachers, we will have the opportunity to achieve many successes this school year. If you have any questions, or, comments, please call me at 419-261-1752. Thank you in advance for your past and future collaboration and see you all soon!

Mike Burzynski
Bowsher-Libbey District Parent Coordinator

How Important is Parent Involvement?

Research is clear on this subject. Parent involvement in education makes a huge difference in your child's school success. So even if your child seems unconcerned about your presence, he's surely affected by it. This doesn't mean you have to attend every school activity. You might not see a class play, for example, but send in cookies for a party. In fact, many home tasks are associated with higher student achievement. The National Education Association (NEA) strongly suggests talking about school, helping with homework and monitoring your child's time. According to the NEA, studies also show that the earlier you get involved, the better. You'll see improved attendance, behavior and grades. So find simple ways to contribute. Read to your child. Check their planner each night. Talk with the teacher. Stay connected throughout the school years. Small investments now will yield a lifetime of rewards.

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.

The last day of school before "Winter Break" is Friday, December 19, 2008. School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Joy to You &
 to Yours

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