

Crossgates Courier

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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, 2009, recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Ava Salts**, Mrs. Smitley's Kindergarten- **Lauren Albright**, Ms. Gallagher's Kindergarten- **Kylie Albright**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Danielle Guy**, Ms. Dean's 1st Grade- **Shianna Harper**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Samantha Apodaca**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Lance Haupricht**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade- **Destiney Toda**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Hailie Draper**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Lauren Kurtz**, Mrs. Replogle's 4th Grade- **Chad Huss**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Tyler Franklin**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Donald Nalls**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Jacquez Harris**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Dominique Avalos**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Maria Aguado**, Mrs. Sherman's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Dominique Witcher**, Ms. Forbes' 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Sierra McCullough**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!



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- Maria Aguado, Emily Bettinger, Alexa Boisselle, Derek Clark, Sabrina Coffman, Hayden Garczynski, Emma Hansen, Jacquez Harris, Madison Huffman, Chad Huss, Sophia Huss, Jeffrey Hutt, Katherine Jaegly, Yi Lu, Emily Nemeth, Xian Zhang.

HONOR ROLL- Diala Abou-Dahech, Jordan Andrejan, Dominique Avalos, Zachary Bloomer, Julie Bratton, Mitchel Comes, Holly Cray, Sam Fields, Carina Fischer, Tyler Franklin, Jordyn Greer, Ishajanika Grier, Andrea Hickle, Chaz Hicks, Brandon Hsia, Asielle Kaimari, Bailey Kohring, Madison Lievens, Sarah Loukx, Delina Masters, Ben Meiring, Jacob Mitchell, Amanda Nagy, Monique Olocha, Quincy Olocha, Conner Palm, Makayla Price, Tre Robinson, Evan Savage, Michael Shiple, Khalil Smith, Paige Snyder, Malik Spears, Justin Specht, Madison Stokes, James Tomten, Taylor Viers, Brandon Welch, Dominique Witcher, Dawson Zaleski, Reece Zielinski.

Perfect Attendance

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

Diala Abou-Dahech, Chad Adkins, Kylie Albright, Zachary Andrejan, Aaron Armstrong, Dominique Avalos, Emily Bettinger, Jeremiah Blackman, Alexa Boisselle, Caden Brookshier, DaZhane Brown, Emma Bumgardner, Tanner Carr, Courtney Coffman, Sabrina Coffman, Tylan Crowley, Jayson Davis, Sierra Davis, Alyssa Dixon, Christopher Eitniear, Carina Fischer, Katelyn Glenn, Andrew Goeder, Shiasia Gregory, Marissa Hagen, Emma Hansen, Susan Hansen, Jacquez Harris, Madison Huffman, Nate Huffman, Mashaiya Hurde, Katherine Jaegly, Sophie Jaegly, Jasmine Johnson, Asielle Kaimari, Hunter Canary, Maggie Marx, Matthew Meiring, James Metzger, Jacob Mitchell, Donald Nalls, Emily Nemeth, Kennedi Oliver, Monique Olocha, Quincy Olocha, Sam Packard, Leilani Perez, Destyni Pitney, Seth Pittock, Makayla Price, Blaze Rayman, James Repka, Jazmyne Rice, Vanessa Skouroukos, Bryce Snow, Malaysha Spears, Malik Spears, Joshua Stahl, Da'Jai Thomas, Kristen Vargas, Taylor Viers, Krysta Wilczynski, Jalen Willis.

November Attendance Watch

Number of Student Tardies and Early Dismissals-
134

Number of Student Absent Days-**229**

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 **462** items for Ohio State and **215** 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.

Second quarter mid-quarter reports will come home sometime during the week of November 30th through December 4th. 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.

Holiday Musical

Our annual Holiday Musical, under the direction of Mr. Rob Donaldson, will take place on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, beginning at 7:00 PM. Students in Ms. Gallagher's', Mrs. Lardinai's', Mrs. Smitley's', Ms. Dean'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 8, 2009, 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.

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.

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!

Parents' Club News

Box Top News

Keep them coming in! At the end of October we sent in our first batch of Box Tops which was over \$900!!!! Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000! Remember any student that 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 or more Box Tops at one time: Diala Abu-Daheck, Tanner Carr, Courtney Coffman, Sabrina Coffman, Zebulun Collins, Jordyn Greer, Elizabeth Harden, Lance Haupricht, Bailey Kohring, Matthew Martin, Molly McDonagh, Seth Pittock, Austin Pratt, Peyton Smigelski, Kurt Viers, Taylor Viers, Krysta Wilczynski and Hallie Wisniewski!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the November drawing for sending in 30 Box Tops at one time: Shawn Disher, Vincente Estrada, De'Laciana Martinez, Donald Nalls and Troy Simpkins, !

Please submit TRIMMED Box Tops in a sealed envelope or Ziploc bag with your child(rens) first and last name along with room number. **This is very important!**

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Volunteers

Thank you for making a difference this past month at our school... Molly Andrejan, Christina Arent, Celia Apodaca, Magdalena Arnott, Jill Bratton, Jeff Brucker, Amy Carr, Nicole Coffman, Lisa Conley, Eva Eitriear, Ken Herrmann, Andrea Hudson, Nora Jaegly, Peter Jaegly, Lindale Jones Sr., Tina Canary, Kristen Kohring, Keith Kurtz, Crystal Lutz, Marianne Martin, Sara Metzger, Amanda Myers, Cristi Parker, Valerie Pfister, Sarah Preston, Caryn Salts, Steffon Thomas, Patty Viers, Tracey Wagner-Shiple and Tonia Willis !

Market Day

Market Day orders are due by December 9 if using the order sheet and by 11:00 PM, December 10, if ordering online. Wednesday, December 16, 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.

Holiday Shop

Holiday Shop will be December 14th through the 16th 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.

Holiday Hoopla

Bowsher High School will be hosting their First Annual "Holiday Hoopla" at the High School on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, from 5:00-8:00 PM. A flyer announcing this event was sent home with students before Thanksgiving. This fun-filled event is free to all Bowsher area students.

Teacher Luncheon

The Parents' Club is sponsoring a luncheon for the teachers on Friday, December 18. The Parents' Club is asking for donations of dinner-type entrees and side dishes to show our teachers just how much they mean to us.

Blanket Collection

The Parents' Club will be collecting gently used or new blankets to donate to the Good Samaritan Outreach Center. The collection will run from December 1 through the 18th.

Parents' Club Meeting

The next Parents' Club meeting will be Thursday December 3rd at 7:00 PM in the library.

Staying Involved

Grade cards were given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 12th and 13th. 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.

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.

Successful Students Read as Much as They Watch TV

Research shows that children who spend more than 10 hours a week in front of the television do not read as well as those whose parents set TV limits. These steps will encourage your child to spend more time reading:

Track TV Time. Have your child keep track of how much time he/she spends watching TV. You may help him/her realize he/she can afford to spend a lot less time watching TV and more time reading.

Be a reading role model. Make sure your child sees you reading and hears you talking about books.

Challenge your child-for a week- to read at least as much as he/she watches TV.

Help your child find interesting books. Identify your child's interests, then help him/her find books and magazines on those topics, and you'll have an avid reader! Your library or bookstore can help your child find materials on any topic.

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.

The last day of school before "Winter Break" is Friday, December 18, 2009. School resumes on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Joy to You &
 to Yours

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