

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 second 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 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 Band/Orchestra.

CONGRATULATIONS !

PRINCIPAL'S LIST – Waseem Abdoney, Tala Abou-Dahech, Paige Benner, Toriano Drane, Max Fields, Zhada Fields, Miranda Garczynski, Sophie Huss, Rebecca Johnson, Yi Lu, Tierney McClure, Aaron Stark, Ben White.

HONOR ROLL – Hala Abou-Dahech, Maria Aguado, Jordan Andrejan, Patrick Benner, Brooke Bliss, Zachary Bloomer, Sabrina Coffman, Isis Dixon, Jordyn Greer, Matthew Harden, Will Hutt, Bailey Kohring, Katelyn Kramer, Zachary Kurtz, Tori Matzinger, Hylesha McCoy, Rosa Mondragon, Stephanie Neyhart, Joseph Neyhart, Jennifer Repka, Emily Rugg, Monroe Smith, Courtney Stec, Annie Tomten, Taylor Walker, Kevin Warner, Madison Watson, Brandon Welch, Caleb Wells, Allison Williams.

Perfect Attendance

The following students were not absent or tardy any days during the second quarter.

Congratulations! Diala Abou-Dahech, Tala Abou-Dahech, Hala Abou-Dahech, Chad Adkins, Mikah Andaverde, Jordan Andrejan, Alesandria Bradford-Parker, Julie Bratton, Destiny Breniser, Emily Brightman, Faith Brown, DaZhane Brown, Justin Browne, Emma Bumgardner, Tanner Carr, Connie Christiansen, Eliot Clark, Jonathan Clark, Nicholas Crosby, Isis Dixon, Tyler Doss, Toriano Drane, Stephanie Ezennia, Melvin Ezennia, Gabriel Ezennia, Alex Fong, Miranda Garczynski, Allyse Goodwin, Matthew Harden, Jacquez Harris, Kayla Hobson, Aaron Howard, Sophie Huss, Jeffrey Hutt, Will Hutt, Joshua Jacobs, Katherine Jaegly, Lana Kaimari, Asielle Kaimari, Hunter Canary, Paul Kight, Austin Klempner, Shane Klempner, Bailey Kohring, Nicole Liegel, Yi

Lu, John Mai, Tori Matzinger, Connor McClure, Samuel Packard, Tia Palm, Cameron Payne, Leilani Perez, Andrew Preston, James Repka, Jazmyne Rice, Darnell Robinson, Allen Rodriguez, Emily Rugg, Abigail Scicere, Peyton Smigelski, Ian Sood, Malik Spears, Aaron Stark, Sierra Starks, Alyssa Stec, Madison Theis, Taylor Viers, Brandon Welch, Shanna Wells, Luke Wells, Brianna Wilbanks, Ja'Juan Wilson, Da'Shawn Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Joseph Won, Tavian Wrighten, Dominic Wrighten.

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 February recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Maggie Moser**, Mrs. Haas' Kindergarten- **Mark Heffelbower**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Ian Sood**, Mrs. Smitley's 1st Grade- **Tanner Carr**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Jared Clough**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Elizabeth Harden**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade- **DeVion Copeland**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Paul Kight**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4th Grade- **Zach Kurtz**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Sophie Huss**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Brooke Bliss**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Maddison Phillips**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Will Hutt**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Tia Palm**, Mrs. Schroeder's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Maegen Anders**, Mrs. Appelhans 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Madison Lievens.**
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!

The orange cones placed in the driveways are there as a reminder for parents so that they DO NOT use the rear parking lot, or circular drive, for dropping students off or picking them up. Please do not drive around or through these cones. Thank you to the parents who have honored this request as we try to ensure the safety of all of our students.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

The following information is reprinted from the November , 2007 "Courier". It can also be found in the Crossgates Student Handbook, which was sent home with all students at the beginning of the year.

"Simple birthday treats are welcome in kindergarten and grades one and two to help celebrate a student's birthday. We ask that parents notify teachers in advance when such a gesture is planned. For grades three and above, we will follow the past practice of not encouraging birthday treats in classrooms during the school day. It has been suggested that if a parent wishes to recognize a child's birthday, a book dedicated to the birthday child be donated to the school to be placed in the school library.

The classroom teacher must approve any special event taking place in the classroom."

This being said, if birthday treats are planned, we ask that they are simple and easy to distribute. They should also come in before the child's scheduled lunch period, because most of the time these treats are given out as a "dessert" after the class eats lunch in the cafeteria. That is why we ask for a simple treat. When items such as cakes or cookie-cakes etc., (sometimes without plates or forks) are sent in, there is not anyone available to cut the cake and serve it. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

REMINDER

The school doors open for students to enter in the morning at 8:45 AM. The tardy bell rings at 9:00 AM. All students should be in class at this time. Dismissal time at the end of the day is 3:15 PM. Please make sure your child's drop-off and pick-up times correspond with these times so they are not left standing in the cold.

Spelling Bee Winner

Hala Abou-Dahech, a sixth grader in Mrs. Dendinger's class was the winner of the Crossgates 5th & 6th Grade Spelling Bee. This qualified Hala to participate in the District Competition which will take place on Thursday, March 13, 2008, in the Fine and Performing Arts Building at Owens Community College. We congratulate Hala on a job well done and we wish her luck on March 13.

Congratulations Mrs. Lardinais!

Mrs. Deanna Lardinais, a Crossgates Kindergarten teacher was selected as the "101.5, The River – Teacher of the Month", for the month of December. In recognition of this award her class received an Ice Cream Party from Toft's Ice Cream and Mrs. Lardinais received a \$100 VISA Gift Card from the TPS Credit Union. CONGRATULATIONS, Mrs. Lardinais!

Third quarter mid-quarter reports will come home sometime during the week of February 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.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

Box Top News

We have earned over \$600 for Crossgates! AWESOME JOB! KEEP THOSE BOX TOPS COMING!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned a Dress Down Pay by sending in 100 Box Tops at one time: Destiny Breniser, Tanner Carr, Connie Christiansen, Miranda Garczynski, Nate Huffman, Peyton Smigelski, Madison Theis and Tanner Wahlquist!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the January drawing for bringing in 30 Box Tops at one time: Hunter Canary, Taylor Canary, Alanna Markovich, Mark Martinez and Brianna Wilbanks!

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

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You made a difference this past month at our schoolCelia Apodaca, Alejandra Arnott, Magdalena Arnott, Lina Berchali, Liz Boyles, Ashley Brewer, Melanie Christiansen, Nicole Coffman, Tony Comes, Jennifer Davidson, Carol Dunning, Jerry Garczynski, Tina Gazwi, Michelle Goeder, Jamie Hansen, Shannon Haupricht, Nora Jaegly, Martina Jamison, Tina Canary, Mariann Martin, Mary Meiring, Sara Metzger, Nicole Moser, Carol Nagy, Sarah Preston, Judy Snyder, Sue Stoner, Shari Theis, Satarah Thomas, Patty Viers and Cindy White **THANK YOU!**

VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAMS

25¢ Candy Grams will be for sale to send to your friends that attend Crossgates. These can be ordered on Tuesday, February 5th, through Thursday, February 7th, during school lunch periods.

Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day!

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING

The next parents club meeting is scheduled at 7 pm on Thursday, February 7th. Contact the vice president at lanieleec@yahoo.com with any items that you would like added to the agenda. Please plan to keep each item to less than 10 minutes of discussion.

Attendance Watch

NUMBER OF STUDENT TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2008- 168

NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2008- 416

Issue 7 – Not a New Tax

Toledo Public Schools will appear on the March 4th ballot - Issue 7 is a renewal of a current 5-year operating levy. Issue 7 is not a new tax - it will generate nearly \$16 million a year toward school operations. Passage of Issue 7 ensures that TPS will continue promoting student learning and academic achievement in a supportive environment. Issue 7 also allows TPS to maintain smaller class sizes, update textbooks, continue programs that directly impact student learning and enhance technology and district-wide safety plans. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, March 4th.

Scouts

Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout troops are wrapping up their cookie sales. The sales will be ongoing through February in the form of cookie booths throughout our area.

Cub Scouts

The reestablishment of Cub Scouting at Crossgates is picking up steam and their first big event took place on Friday, January 25, 2008, in the gym at Crossgates School. The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby competition was held on January 25th, and the results of the competition are listed below.

Best of Show

1st - **Matthew Martin**

2nd - **Brandon Yockey**

3rd - **Sam Fields**

Race

1st - **Jared Geiner**

2nd - **Chad Huss**

3rd - **Ben White**

Congratulations to the boys named above and all of the Scouts who participated in this event.

BASKETBALL

Fifth and 6th grade boys and girls at Crossgates are participating in basketball leagues this year. Games began in January and continue through February. The remaining schedule is listed below if you would like to attend a game to support their efforts.

Tuesday, February 5- Crossgates Boys vs. Arlington, at the National Guard Gym at Owens Tech, 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, February 12- Crossgates Boys vs. Maumee Valley Hawks, at Maumee Valley, 6:00 PM.

Saturday, February 16- Crossgates Girls vs. Brookford Eagles, at Toledo Christian, 11:30 AM; Crossgates Boys vs. Brookford Eagles, at Toledo Christian, 12:30 PM

Tuesday, February 26- Crossgates Boys vs. Maumee Valley Hawks, at Crossgates, 6:00 PM.

School Information

- We keep a file card on each student which contains information such as home address and telephone number, parents' work number and emergency contact telephone numbers. It is important that this information remain up-to-date in case we need to contact a parent about a sick child etc. Whenever this information changes, please call the school office at 419-385-4571 to give the updated information to our secretary. Thank you!
- If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten at Crossgates next fall, or if you have a neighbor or friend who does, contact our office at 419-385-4571, and provide us with your name, address and phone number. We will add your information to our mailing list so you will receive a postcard informing you about our Spring Registration Days.

ABSENCE EXCUSES

Parents: Did you know that whenever your child is absent from school, you must send a written excuse with him or her to school when they return. This is required even if you call them in sick on the Attendance Recorder. If we do not receive a written excuse, the absence is considered "UNEXCUSED". Thank you for your attention to this matter!