

Crossgates Courier

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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 have an unexcused tardy or 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 January recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Taylor Mucci**, Mrs. Haas' Kindergarten- **Suzy Hansen**, Ms. Seeley's 1st Grade- **Emily Bettinger**, Mrs. Smitley's 1st Grade- **Diala Abou-Dahech**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Madison Huffman**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Marisela Ruiz**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade- **Romaine Cooke**, Mrs. Dybala's 3rd Grade- **Zachary Bloomer**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Brandon Welch**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4th Grade- **Blake Bettinger**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Tala Abou-Dahech**, Ms. Seferian's 5th Grade- **Tia Palm**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Katelyn Kramer**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Alex Mercurio**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 6th Grade- **Robert Santillan**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!

The last day of the second quarter is Thursday, January 11, 2007. Grade cards will be sent home on Monday, January 22, 2007.

Please make sure you sign the grade card envelope and return it to school as soon as possible. The copy of the grade card is yours to keep.

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.

Spirit Wear

The "Polo" shirts some students purchased recently can be worn to school any day as part of the Uniform Dress Code. Other Spirit Wear shirts, such as t-shirts can be worn to school on the last Friday of each month.

Correction

Tierney McClure, a fifth grader in Mrs. Kaper's class was a December "Student of the Month". Her name was mistakenly listed in the December "Courier" with the name "Albert" preceding Tierney. We apologize to Tierney, and congratulate her on being chosen as a Crossgates' "Student of the Month".

Thank You!

- To Mr. Donaldson and the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders for their outstanding performance in this year's Winter Musical.
- Mrs. Featzka and all of the students who contributed artwork for the art displayed in our lobby area during our Winter Musical.
- To all of our families who donated to our Canned Food Drive. All of the items were picked-up by the Old Newsboys to be distributed to needy families.
- Parents who helped with Holiday classroom parties and field trips.
- Parents who helped at the "Holiday Shop".
- Parents who help weekly with our Pizza Day orders and serving of pizzas.
- Parents who volunteer weekly in our classrooms, our library, and in the cafeteria as well as helping on special occasions, such as Ginger Bread House building.

Parents' Club News

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE THIS MONTH
Thank You to all of you who volunteered in December and also for all of you who helped with Christmas Parties. Happy New Year and the best for 2007!!!

The following students turned in 100 box tops in December and received a Dress Down Day pass: Aaron Stark and Rosemene' Criswell. Other students who turned in at least 30 and won the December drawing for a Dress Down Day pass are: Donald Nalls, Kaitlin Kurtz, Brandon Mucci, Maxine Lafontaine, and Taylor Viers.

The next Parents' Club meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2007, at 9:15 in the school library.

Attendance Watch

NUMBER OF STUDENT TARDIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER- **90**
NUMBER OF STUDENT EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER- **22**
NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER- **243**

Wellness Policy

Did you know Toledo Public Schools implemented a Wellness Policy this school year? The Federal government required all schools that participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program to create a Wellness Policy for their districts. TPS took this as an opportunity to design a policy that promotes and protects the health and well-being of both children and staff. Our policy has five key areas of focus in physical activity and nutrition. The first line of the document states "...children need access to healthful foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive". We are proud that TPS has recognized and is committed to providing a healthful school environment for all of our children. Where can you find the policy? Go to <http://www.tps.org>, click on "District & Board" icon, click on "key policies". Please call your school or the Health Services office (419-671-8310) with any questions. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Security at City Athletic League Basketball Games

The following security measures are effective immediately at all City Athletic League Basketball Games.

- 1) All high school students must show their valid school identification card to gain entrance to the game.
- 2) A parent or guardian must accompany students who do not have a valid student identification card.
- 3) A parent or guardian must accompany junior high and elementary school students, at all times, during the game.
- 4) Schools reserve the right to ask for a photo identification of anyone wanting to attend a game, i.e. a driver's license or another form of identification.
- 5) Schools reserve the right to refuse admittance.
- 6) No admittance after the third period.
- 7) Proper attire is required – no gang apparel or identifications are permitted.
- 8) No re-admittance to the game.
- 9) No refunds on tickets.