



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 March, 2010, recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Charlie Herrmann**, Ms. Gallagher's Kindergarten- **Da'Ne Collins**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Logan Rawski**, Ms. Dean's 1st Grade- **Jason Masters**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Maranda Heffelbower and Lana Kaimari**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Andrew Goeder and Mark Heffelbower**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Keegan McClain**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Sophie Jaegly**, Mrs. Replogle's 4th Grade- **Chad Adkins and Cameron Payne**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Elizabeth Harden**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Shane Klempner**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Sarah Loukx**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Sabrina Coffman**, Mr. Szychowski's 6th Grade- **Jordyn Greer**, Mrs. Sherman's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Nick Disher**, Ms. Forbes' 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Keylona Witcher**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!

South End Schools Blood Drive Monday, March 8, 2010

It's the 5th Annual Southend Schools Pint Size Hero Blood Drive at Byrnedale. People can schedule their appointment by going to www.givelife.org and using sponsor code BYRNEDALEJRHI or by submitting their appt card through their student using the form sent home with all Crossgates students.

SPRING MUSICAL

The 2010 Crossgates Spring Musical, featuring the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the auditorium at Crossgates School. The dress rehearsal for the program will take place on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at approximately 9:20 AM. A notice about arrival time and other details will be sent home with each student in grades 3, 4 & 5.

February Attendance Report

Number of Student Absence Days- **269**
Number of Student Tardy Days & Early Dismissals- **143**

IMPORTANT!

Parents:

All Toledo Public Elementary Schools will have a two hour delayed start on Friday, March 19, 2010. This time will be used by teachers to compile student grades for the 3rd quarter. This delay will work the same way as a Two Hour Weather Delay works. For Crossgates, it will mean the following:

*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. For example, if your child is usually picked-up by the bus at 8:30 AM, they will be picked-up at 10:30 AM on a Delayed Start day. Regular morning before school programs such as before school tutoring, and school breakfast, **WILL NOT BE HELD ON THESE DAYS.***

CORRECTION

At the end of each quarter we publish the names of students who had perfect attendance for the quarter in the *Courier*. After the February *Courier* was sent home, we were informed that **Matthew Meiring**, a fourth grader in Mrs. Replogle's class, was left off of the listing for second quarter. We apologize to Matthew for this oversight and congratulate him for Perfect Attendance for the second quarter.

TESTING REMINDER

During the month of March, students at Crossgates in grades 2 and 4 will begin taking the Iowa Achievement Tests. Students will follow a testing schedule set by their classroom teacher. Teachers of these grades have sent home information with their students informing parents of test days.

Ohio Achievement Assessments (formerly known as Ohio Achievement Tests) which will be taken by grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, will not begin until April 19, 2010. These tests are given on specific dates established by the State of Ohio. Please watch for the OAA testing schedule in the April "Courier".

GRADE CARDS

The last day of the 3rd quarter is Friday, March 19, 2010. Third quarter report cards will be sent home with students on Monday March 29, 2010.

Thank You Mr. Rowe

The news media reported the other day that February, 2010, was the 3rd snowiest February on record in Toledo. By now most of you are probably pretty tired of shoveling the walks at home. Well, if you happen to bring your child to school or pick him or her up you may have noticed how well the walks around Crossgates School are kept clear of snow. This is because of the great work by Mr. Bob Rowe, our Building Operator. He is usually here well before sun-up on snowy mornings to make sure our students have a cleared sidewalk to walk on. THANK YOU MR. BOB!

Counselors Corner

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Parents/Caretakers are the most influential persons in a child's life☺

Congratulations and Thank you!! The majority of parents/caretakers I work with are supportive of the educational process. These same parents are also helpful and genuinely care about the emotional and physical needs of their children. We applaud you!!!! We know that after school and on week-ends your job continues. You make sure your child's homework is done on time. You deliver rewards when appropriate and consequences when necessary. You are consistent yet firm. Your child knows that graduating, and pursuing a career is the ultimate goal. You stress that elementary schools are the groundwork for these goals.

Your child sees you as a model. When you arrive at work or school for conferences or appointments your child will see the importance of commitment. When you take on responsibilities and follow through your child will too. If you make excuses or sway the truth your child will probably do the same. If you use appropriate words and not your fists to confront a challenge, your child will learn to do the same. Granted there are exceptions and always extenuating experiences. We will always offer support and resources to those who have unique situations that are out of their control. We as educators respect that. We know when you are willing to make changes and ask for help. Your child knows what is truly important in life because you are his/her main teacher. We have your child for thirty two hours and fifteen minutes a week. The other one hundred and thirty five hours and fifteen minutes your child is under your care or decision making.

Thank you to the parents/caretakers who are consistent and stress education. Keep up the good work!! We appreciate you. Your hard work and sacrifices will be rewarded someday. This I can promise you.

Susan Hyman
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Spring Pictures

Your child will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on Friday, March 12, 2010. A sample of the pictures will be sent home with your child a few weeks after the picture is taken. If you would like to buy a picture package, details on how to order will be included with the pictures sent home. **This IS NOT a pre-pay picture. Students should not bring any money on the day pictures are taken. If you do not want to purchase pictures, just return the information and sample pictures to school.** A flyer reminding families of picture day will be sent home approximately one week before the scheduled date. **Thank you!**

NOTE: Students DO NOT have to wear their school uniform on this Picture Day. Parents may have their child wear an outfit of their choice for this picture.

"Doughnuts for Dads"

All Crossgates dads are invited to have breakfast with their sons and/or daughters at Crossgates on the morning of Thursday, April 1, 2010. Doughnuts and juice will be served from 8:00-8:45 AM on this day. We hope all dads can join their children at this event sponsored by the Crossgates Parents' Club.

Parents' Club News

Box Top News

Our goal is \$2,000! We have raised \$900 so far! Yay! 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 in February by sending in 100 or more Box Tops at one time: Jordan Andrejan, Zachary Andrejan, Justin Bick, Alexa Boisselle, Jordyn Greer, Amanda Heffelbower, Maranda Heffelbower, Mark Heffelbower, Madison Hoffman, Nate Hoffman, Trevor Hoffman, Austin Klempner, Shane Klempner, Rylee Martens, Marissa Martinez, Mark Martinez, Molly McDonagh, James Metzger, Emory Moorman, Amanda Nagy, Aidan Plaisance, Bryce Plaisance, Caylin Plaisance, Makayla Price, Makenzie Price, Landon Stone, Kurt Viers, Taylor Viers & Shanna Wells!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who on the February drawing for sending in 30 Box Tops at one time: Zebulun Collins, Hannah Knotts, Amanda Nagy & Ethan VanBuskirk!

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Thank you for making a difference this past month at our school...

Jennifer Adkins, Molly Andrejan, Celia Apodaca, Christina Arent, Magdalena Arnott, Lina Berchali, Kelly Breniser, Jeff Brucker, Amy Carr, Nicole Coffman, Carol Dunning, Eva Eitnrear, Jennifer Glendening, Michelle Goeder, April Greer, Kelly Hagen, Dana Heffelbower, Ken Herrmann, Shannon Haupricht, Andrea Hudson, Nora Jaegly, Tina Canary, Keith Kurtz, Karen Liegel, Crystal Lutz, Becky McDonagh, Sara Metzger, Amanda Myers, Cristi Parker, Sarah Preston, Caryn Salts, Cindy Spratt, Steffon Thomas, Patty Viers, Tracey Wagner-Shiple, Diann Welch and Tonia Willis!

NOTE: Carol Dunning, one of our volunteers listed above was inadvertently left off of past lists of volunteers recognized in our newsletter. We apologize for this oversight. Mrs. Dunning has been volunteering at Crossgates regularly and we appreciate her help.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING

The next Parents' Club Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:00 PM in the library at Crossgates.

Upcoming Events

- Winter Carnival- Friday, March 26, 2010.
- "Doughnuts for Dads", Thursday, April 1, 2010, 8:00-8:45 AM.

Yearbooks

Yearbook production has begun and we are still in need of pictures. If you have pictures or a disc with pictures on it of this school year and would like us to possibly use them in the yearbook please send them in ASAP. I will get them back to you as soon as we are done. Please send them in labeled with your child's name and label them yearbook pictures.

Thanks, Tina Canary

A flyer about Yearbooks informing you of the cost and due date was recently sent home with all students. The cost of a yearbook this year is \$10.00. The orders are due by March 10th.

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Crossgates 5th graders **Morgan Vergiels** and **Julie Bratton** participated in “Project Block Kids”, which was held at Bowsher High School on Saturday, February 6, 2010. “Project Block Kids” is sponsored by the National Association of Women in Construction. During this event, 5th grade girls from a number of Toledo elementary schools are challenged to design and build a structure using only materials provided to them at the event. The completed structures are judged and a winner is chosen. We are pleased to announce that this year’s winner was Crossgates’ **Morgan Vergiels**. For her efforts Morgan was awarded a \$100 gift card. Congratulations to both **Morgan** and **Julie** for a job well done.

Good Luck Mrs. Dendinger

Mrs. Sharon Dendinger, one of our sixth grade teachers has retired. Her last day at Crossgates was Friday, February 26th. Taking Mrs. Dendinger's place for the remainder of the school year is Mr. John Szychowski. We welcome Mr. Szychowski to Crossgates and are confident, that with his experience, our sixth graders will continue to receive an excellent education. We thank Mrs. Dendinger for her hard work and dedication to the students and families while she was at Crossgates and wish her the best in her retirement.