

Crossgates Courier

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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 May recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Caden Brookshier, Lana Kaimari**, Mrs. Haas' Kindergarten- **Kayla Geiner**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Lauren Kurtz**, Mrs. Smitley's 1st Grade- **Morgan Flores**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Katie Jaegly**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Sam Fields, Kayla Garn**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Emily Bettinger, Stephanie Ezennia** Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Emily Brightman, Malik Spears** Mrs. Lefevre's 4th Grade- **Alyssa Stec**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Amanda Nagy**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Jane Tang**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Tori Matzinger**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Katelyn Kramer**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Brianna Wilbanks**, Mrs. Schroeder's 4th, 5th, 6th Grades- **Destin Garcia**. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!**

FIELD DAY

Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2008. This Parents' Club sponsored, fun-filled, day involves athletic events in the morning organized by Miss Hodges, our P.E. Specialist, and continues after lunch with "carnival type" games on the school grounds. **Many parent volunteers will be needed to make this day a success.** A flyer was sent home with your child with more details about the day and how you can volunteer.

We also collect candy to be used as prizes on Field Day. Please send your candy donations (NO CHOCOLATE OR GUM PLEASE) into school at your earliest convenience.)

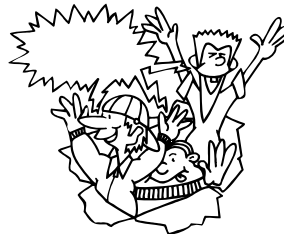
Awards Day Tuesday, May 27, 2008

7:30 PM

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This year's Awards Program will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at 7:30 PM in the auditorium at Crossgates School and will involve students in grades 4, 5 & 6. Students in grades K-3 will have their awards presented to them in their classrooms using a schedule determined by their teacher during the regular school day. Students in grades 4 & 5 will attend the May 27th program on an **invitation only** basis. Any student in grades 4 & 5 receiving an award will be invited, along with their parents and guests. **All** students in grade 6 will be invited to attend the May 27th program. A reception for 6th graders and their parents will be held immediately following the awards program.



Last Day of School

The end of the school year is almost here. I wanted to remind everyone of some important dates concerning school attendance. **The last FULL DAY of school is Monday, June 2,**

2008. This is also the last day of school and the day grade cards are distributed to the following students:

ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS, ALL SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS AND ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-6 WHO RIDE THE BUS TO SCHOOL.

Tuesday, June 3, is a Teacher Work Day and there is NO SCHOOL for students. **Students in grades 1-6 who are considered walkers, must return to school on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, to pick-up their grade cards.**

Dismissal on June 4th is 9:15 a.m. Students in grades 1-6 who walk to school CANNOT receive their grade cards early. If they cannot return on June 4th, they must supply the office with a self addressed stamped envelope so their grade card can be mailed to them.

"Muffins for Moms"

All Crossgates moms are invited to have breakfast with their sons and/or daughters at Crossgates on the morning of Wednesday, May 7, 2008. Muffins and juice will be served from 8:00-8:45 AM on this day. We hope all moms can join their children at this event sponsored by the Crossgates Parents' Club.

Parents' Club News

Box Top News

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned a Dress Down Pay by sending in 100 Box Tops at one time: Aaron Armstrong, Trevon Collier, Rose Criswell, Zachary Haupricht, Rebecca Johnson, Destyni Pitney, Makenzie Price, Aaron Stark, Madison Stokes and Madison Theis!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the March drawing for bringing in 30 Box Tops at one time: Chad Adkins, Blake Bettinger, Emma Bumgardner, Holly Cray and Maddison Phillips!

Box Tops should be sent by 100 or 30 in an envelope or ziploc bag with your full name (first & last) and room number. Also please make sure you trim your box tops before turning them in. Dress down day passes will be handed out around the 27th of each month.

Lena Arnott
Box Top Coordinator
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You made a difference this past month at our school....

Molly Andrejan, Celia Apodaca, Magdalena Arnott, Angie Baumgartner, Cheryl Bettinger, Liz Boyles, Sabrina Brown, Tara Brown, Amy Carr, Melanie Christiansen, Nicole Coffman, Thelma Drane, Beth Fields, Wendy Garczynski, Michelle Goeder, Shannon Haupricht, Phillip Hufford, Nora Jaegly, Melanie Johnson, Tina Canary, Betty Kroncke, Julie Lievens, Cindy Markovich, Sara Metzger, Nicole Moser, Sarah Preston, Kelly Repka, Raven Schaffer, Sue Sharp, Judy Snyder, Shari Theis, Satarah Thomas, Patty Viers, Tracy Wagner-Shiple, Diann Welch and Cindy White **THANK YOU!**

SPIRIT WEAR

There is still spirit wear available. The cost is \$8 for child sizes sm-lg, \$10 adult sizes sm-xl, \$12 for xxl-xxxl. Just place the money and a note with the size you want and your name in an envelope and send it to the school office and the shirt will be sent home with your child

Thanks, Tina Canary

MARKET DAY

Please note that Market Day pick-up is on a Wednesday this month. Orders may be picked up between 5:30 - 6:30 on May 21.

Thank you,
Melanie Christiansen

USED UNIFORM SALE

The Crossgates Parents' Club will be holding a used uniform sale on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 1:00 until 3:00 PM, in the cafeteria at Crossgates School. Start getting your child's unwanted, gently used uniform clothing together for this sale. A flyer was sent home with students giving detailed information about this sale. Questions? Call 419-385-4571.



Summer School

There will be two different Elementary Summer Schools this year. The first is a Summer School for 2nd and 3rd graders. This will target 2nd graders who are having difficulty with reading and 3rd graders with a Reading Achievement Test score of 384 or below. The second Summer School will be for students in grades 1, 4, 5, and 6 and will concentrate on Reading and Math. Both Summer Schools will meet from 9:00-11:30 AM, Monday through Friday, from June 9 through July 11, Sessions will be held at six different sites throughout the district. Transportation for Crossgates students will be provided from Crossgates to Keyser Elementary and back. **Space at each site is limited and will be filled on a first come-first served basis. The deadline for registering is May 23, 2008.** If you would like a brochure for your child, please contact the office at Crossgates.

Bicycle /Helmet Safety

Coloring Contest

Darnell Robinson, a kindergarten student in Mrs. Haas' class and **Madison Theis**, a kindergarten student in Mrs. Lardinai's class were the winners from Crossgates in the Mercy Children's Hospital and the Greater Toledo Safe Kids Coalition, Bicycle/Helmet Safety Poster Coloring Contest. They will be recognized at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. Congratulations Darnell and Madison!

Mercy Children's Hospital

"SAFE SITTER CLASSES"

"Safe Sitter" Babysitter Classes will be held for any boy or girl ages 11 to 13 interested in learning about basic life-saving techniques, safety and security precautions, accident prevention, how and when to summon help and tips on child care. There is a cost for these classes. For more information on program dates and registration forms you can call **419-251-4662**.

TPS Preschool Program

Toledo Public School's Preschool Program is enrolling 3-4 year old children for fall classes at Glendale-Feilbach and Washington Preschools.

There are morning or afternoon sessions available. Classes meet four half-days per week. Cost is \$300.00 per year and fee waivers are available.

Call Toledo Public Schools Early Childhood Program at 419-726-4535 for more information.

Fourth quarter mid-quarter reports were sent home during the week of April 28 - May 2. Please keep your copy and sign and return the school copy as soon as possible.

Thank you!

April Attendance Report

Number of Student Absence Days- **303**

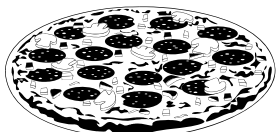
Number of Student Tardy Days & Early Dismissals- **152**

Cafeteria Charges

The following message becomes necessary every year about this time. As we start winding down the year we must make sure school fees or fines are collected. During the school year, on rare occasions when a child forgets his or her lunch or lunch money, they are allowed to charge a lunch at school. All we ask is that the charge be paid the following school day. The key words here are "rare occasions". We have some instances where students are using this service on a regular basis and money is sent in to pay these charges very sporadically. This is not the intent of this service, it is only for emergency situations. We hope this clears up any misunderstandings of how lunch charges work.

NOTE:

The last day we can accept any charges in the cafeteria is Friday, May 16, 2008.



Final Pizza Day

The last Pizza Day for this school year will be Monday, May 19, 2008. Orders for the month of May were due on Friday, May 2, 2008. Once again, like last year, plans for continuing this program next fall are tentative.

SPECIAL NOTE: We would like to thank all of the parents who have volunteered their time to help serve pizza on Pizza Day. Your help makes this program run smoothly. **A special thanks goes to Tina Canary. She completed the job of going through all of the orders and money each month, marking forms, counting money and ordering the pizza. We truly appreciate her many hours of work.**

SPIRIT WEAR DAYS

Many of you purchased Crossgates Spirit Wear recently, or you may have Spirit Wear from a previous year's sales. In either case, please read on.

Since the Spirit Wear was made available so late this year we have decided to have the following dates as the designated "Spirit Wear Days" for the remainder of this school year. **May 9, 16, 23, 30 2008, June 2, 2008. (Except for June 2, these are all Fridays.)**

NOTE: Obviously, students are not required to wear Spirit Wear on these days, it is only an option. Regular uniform dress is acceptable.

On a "Spirit Wear Day" students may wear any **CROSSGATES Spirit Wear** they may have purchased this year or in past years. The Spirit Wear must have the Crossgates logo or school name on the shirt. It cannot be just any Royal Blue or white shirt, or any other school or athletic team shirt. **IT MUST BE CROSSGATES SPIRIT WEAR!**

In addition, students must conform to the remainder of the Uniform Dress Code. This means uniform pants/skirts, shoes, etc. must still be worn. Jeans, etc., are not allowed on "Spirit Wear Days".

Jump Rope for Your Heart

A big **THANK YOU** to Crossgates' Physical Education Specialist, Brenda Hodges and all of the students who participated in the recent American Heart Association "Jump Rope for Your Heart" campaign. The students who participated were able to obtain pledges and donate \$2,102.63 to the American Heart Association. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Cafeteria Reminder

We have a couple of microwaves in the cafeteria to be used by students to warm-up food. These are not intended to be used to "cook" meals. We ask that parents do not send meals to school with children that require 3-5 minutes or longer to heat. With 100 plus students in each lunch period, monopolizing the microwave for that long causes a back-up. The microwaves are intended to be used for heating food items that take less than 2 minutes. Thank you!

Students in the News

We would like to congratulate the following Crossgates students for their accomplishments.

Toledo Public Schools Character Counts Award Winner

John Skouroukos, a fifth grader in Mrs. Schroeder's class will be recognized at a Character Counts Awards reception on May 14, 2008. John was nominated by Mrs. Schroeder for demonstrating in his everyday actions the Six Pillars of Character. The pillars are, **TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING and CITIZENSHIP.** Congratulations John!

Future Olympian?

Zhada Fields

Zhada Fields, Crossgates 5th grader recently participated in the Junior Olympic State Swimming Meet. In this meet, she finished 1st in 3 events, the 50 free, 100 free, and 50 fly. Swimming 9 events total, Zhada placed in the top 5 in all but 1 event. Congratulations Zhada! As a side note to this story, at this meet, Zhada was lucky enough to meet, and have her picture taken with World Record holder and Olympic Gold Medal winning swimmer, Michael Phelps. Or, after hearing about Zhada's accomplishments, maybe it was Michael Phelps who was lucky enough to meet Zhada.

"FIELD DAY"

Friday, May 16, 2008

Students **DO NOT** have to wear school uniforms on "Field Day", Friday, May 16, 2008. Students should wear comfortable clothing on this day for our outdoor activities.

(REMINDER: Even though this is a dress down day, students are reminded that short-shorts, tank tops, or halter tops are not allowed.)

REMINDERS

These reminders have been published in various “Couriers” throughout the year, but they are very important. Here are some reminders to help keep our students safe around school.

- Please do not drive into the horseshoe drive to drop students off or pick them up between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 AM and 2:30 and 3:30 PM. This drive is reserved for our buses and we do not want traffic in the drive when buses are loading or unloading. **In addition, please do not drive into the faculty parking lot to drop students off and pick them up. Even if your child is a 4th grade student and has classes in our portable buildings.** Each class is assigned a door to enter, usually at the front of the building. Dropping them off in back would necessitate them walking around the school to enter the building. Please stop at the curb on Shadylawn and ask your child to walk on the sidewalk, which borders the horseshoe drive to walk to their assigned entry door. **We have had some students walk between the buses, which is very dangerous for our young students, because they see adults doing it. It is a good idea to use the sidewalk even when you are with them. This will help them get in the habit of using this safe path when you cannot be with them.**
- There are posted NO PARKING signs on Shadylawn on the side of the street across from the school. Please park on the school side of this street. We have had some very close calls when students try to cross Shadylawn to get to their parent’s car. We do not want anyone hit by a car.
- If you must drive your child to school, designate a spot where you will meet them each day. This could even be down Shadylawn next to Crossgates Park since there are limited spaces in front of the school.
- For the safety of our students and staff, **we ask that ALL visitors to our building report to the main office before visiting any other area of our building.** (This includes our portable classrooms behind the school, Rooms 3 and 4.) If your child forgets a lunch, gym shoes, etc., please bring the item to the main office and we will make sure your child gets it.
- I have received complaints by phone from people who live on Cherrylawn, in addition to complaints in person about cars dropping students off at Crossgates speeding on Cherrylawn. The lives of children walking to school down Cherrylawn, in addition to other pedestrians are in danger because of some cars traveling more than 40 miles per hour so they can get their child to school on time. Some cars traveling the speed limit have even been passed by speeding cars. The speed limit on Cherrylawn is 25 miles per hour. Having to leave home 10 minutes earlier is a small price to pay to keep from seriously injuring someone.
- If you need to speak to a teacher, please call for an appointment. We have had many instances of parents going directly to classrooms before, during and after school when students are present and try to meet with the teacher. If you absolutely must speak with them, please come before 8:45 or after 3:15. Check-in at the office and we will call the room to see if the teacher has time to meet.
- If you have visited school at the end of the day I am sure you realize how busy the front of the building can be. I am also sure you have heard

school staff ask students to walk, not run, and to stay on the sidewalk. Parents can help us encourage sidewalk use if they too would use the sidewalks when escorting their son or daughter before or after school. The example we set as adults can go a long way in influencing our students’ behavior.

- Arrival time at school should be no earlier than 8:25 AM (unless your child has a before school tutoring session). The doors open for breakfast at 8:30 AM. If your child does not eat breakfast at school, they cannot enter the building before 8:45 AM. Staff members are not scheduled to begin work before these times, so students cannot be properly supervised before the times listed above.

Important Reminder

The following information is reprinted from the Student Handbook and the November, 2007, “Courier”.

We ask that parents work with schools regarding the use of cell phones and electronic devices in school. **Parents are discouraged from providing cell phones and other electronics for their students to have at school.** As cell phones and other electronic devices become more readily available, they are appearing more often in our schools and they are creating a discipline problem. Many students are text messaging in class, making phone calls during the school day and taking inappropriate photographs at school. Cell phones have also been used to cheat on exams. Electronics are a tempting target for theft and they have caused disputes between students.

The Toledo Public Schools does not allow students to have electronic devices in school. Please discuss this with your children. Because so many students are ignoring this rule, the district has standardized how we will address those students who have electronic devices during the school day. The district will follow the steps listed below if students violate this regulation.

1. Cell phones, pagers and other telecommunication devices are strictly prohibited in Toledo Public Schools. They are not to be visible or in use during the school day for any reason.
2. Violation of this rule may result in, but not be limited to, the confiscation of the device at the school. Following confiscation, a parent or guardian may pick up the items 24 hours later unless other arrangements are made with the administration.
3. A second violation of this rule will result in, but may not be limited to, confiscation of the telecommunications device. The parent or guardian may then pick up the item during business hours on the second or fourth Wednesday of the month. The location for pick up will be determined by the building administration.
4. In the event of an emergency, parents may contact the main office as a means to reach their students.
5. Toledo Public Schools is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen electronic devices.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to enforce this rule.

Early June Events

The following events will take place in early June. We wanted to give the groups involved with these events some advanced notice, since the June "Courier" will not be sent home until late May or early June.

- Mrs. Kaper's and Mrs. Pertcheck's classes will visit Olander Park in Sylvania on Monday, June 2, from 9:00-1:30.
- The 6th graders will have their "6th Grade Party at the UT Recreation Center on Monday, June 2, from 9:00-3:00.