

# 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- **Jessica Villarreal**, Mrs. Smitley's Kindergarten- **Matthew Meiring**, Ms. Gallagher's Kindergarten- **Robert Cannon**, Mrs. Best's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- **Francisco Estrada and Maranda Heffelbower**, Mrs. Eding's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- **Allyse Goodwin**, Mrs. Han's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- **Keegan McClain and Shiasia Gregory**, Mrs. Ocker's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- **James Metzger and Austin Klempner**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- **Allen Buck**, Ms. Ganun's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- **Shanna Wells**, Ms. Tisdale's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- **Maggie Marx**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Donald Nalls**, Mrs. Packo's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Noah Lusetich and Vanessa Skouroukos**, Mrs. Kaper's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Shannen Bernal, Amanda Nagy and James Tomten**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- **David Crosby**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- **William Herrod**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Brooke Bliss**, Mrs. Sherman's 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- **Jacob Wilson**, **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!**

## "Muffins for Moms"

All Crossgates moms are invited to have breakfast with their sons and/or daughters at Crossgates on the morning of Thursday, May 7, 2009. 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.

## April Attendance Report

Number of Student Absence Days- **217**  
Number of Student Tardy Days & Early Dismissals- **222**

## FIELD DAY

Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009. 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. )

## FIELD DAY ATTIRE

Students **DO NOT** have to wear school uniforms on "Field Day", Friday, May 22, 2009. 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.**)



## Awards Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2009, 7:30 PM

This year's Awards Program will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> program. A reception for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents will be held immediately following the awards program.



## Summer School

There will be two different Elementary Summer Schools this year. The first is a Summer School for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. This will target 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who are having difficulty with reading and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8 through July 10, 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 22, 2009.** If you would like a brochure for your child, please contact the office at Crossgates.

**Fourth quarter mid-quarter reports will be sent home during the week of May 4 - May 8. Please keep your copy and sign and return the school copy as soon as possible.**

**Thank you!**

## Parents' Club News

### Box Top News

Thanks to everyone! Keep collecting and remember any family 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 Box Tops at one time: Zachary Bloomer, Lance Haupricht, Spencer Hudson, Austin Klempner, Shane Klempner, Rylee Martens, Amanda Nagy, Seth Pittock, Nashan Rankins, Emily Rugg, Kody Theis, Taylor Viers, Brandon Welch, Kelsi Welch, Caleb Wells, Luke Wells and Shanna Wells!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the April drawing for sending in 30 Box Tops at one time: Morgan Flores, Allyse Goodwin, Molly McDonagh, Kobe Towbridge and Dominique Witcher!

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!**

Lena Arnott

Box Top Coordinator

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**You made a difference this past month at our school....** Christina Arent, Magdalena Arnott, Liz Boyles, Nicole Coffman, Kim Cornell, Carol Dunning, Rachel Ehmann, Beth Fields, Michelle Goeder, Shannon Haupricht, Rhonda Hayes, Dana Heffelbower, Nora Jaegly, Tina Canary, Kristin Kohring, Karen Liegel, Chris Marx, Sara Metzger, Amanda Myers, Scott Pittock, Sarah Preston, Tanya Skouroukos, Judy Snyder, Patty Viers, Hannah Wagner, Diann Welch and Tonia Willis **THANK YOU!**

### **PARENTS' CLUB MEETING**

The next parents club meeting is scheduled at 9:15 AM on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Any parent who attends the meeting will receive a "Dress Down Day" pass for their child(ren).

## Cub Scouts, Baseball Teams, Parents and Family Members:

You are cordially invited to help with the Crossgates Park and School grounds annual spring clean-up! This is a great opportunity to give back to the community that provides us with valuable resources. It is also a great volunteer opportunity for kids.

Date: **Saturday, May 9th**

Time: **9am**

Place: **Crossgates Park and School**

Please bring gloves, rakes, blowers, trash bags, and any other tool you think would be useful for the clean up. This is a rain or shine event. Any time that you can give would be appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Fields at [bfields@bex.net](mailto:bfields@bex.net) or Karl Huss at [karlhuss@bex.net](mailto:karlhuss@bex.net).

Sincerely,  
Crossgates Park Committee

## Students in the News

Congratulations to the following students who excelled in various events and activities during the month of April.

**TPS Elementary Chess Tournament-** Seven Crossgates students represented Crossgates in this year's Elementary Chess Tournament held at Bowsher High School on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The students and their results are as follows: **Toriano Drane**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, **7<sup>th</sup> Place, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**; **Jacob Mitchell**, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, **7<sup>th</sup> Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**; **Vanessa Skouroukos**, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, **12<sup>th</sup> Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**. In addition, **John Skouroukos**, **Dominic Smith**, **Tre Robinson** and **Conner Palm**, all finished in the top 25 at their grade level and the Crossgates Team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> Place overall. Congratulations to all of the students and our Chess Club advisor, Mr. Rob Donaldson.

## 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 15, 2009.**



## 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 Wednesday, June 3, 2009. 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.**

Thursday, June 4, 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 Friday, June**

**5, 2009, to pick-up their grade cards. Dismissal on June 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, they must supply the office with a self addressed stamped envelope so their grade card can be mailed to them.

## Camp Scrubs I

Do you have a child who loves science? Would they be interested in hands-on activities such as DNA fingerprinting, dissecting a pig heart, critiquing X-Ray films, anesthetizing a gold fish, and using critical thinking to solve a crime? If you answered yes, then you may be interested in having your child attend **Camp Scrubs I**, an interactive summer camp for youth sponsored by Mercy College of Northwest Ohio. This camp is designed for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grades, and it runs from June 13-19, 2009. **The cost for this camp is \$275.** For detailed information you can contact Cheryl Nutter, Director, Continuing Professional Education at Mercy College, at 419-251-1799, or by visiting their <http://mercycollege.augusoft.edu>

### Early June Event

The following event will take place in early June. We wanted to give the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents some advanced notice, since the June "Courier" will not be sent home until late May or early June.

- The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will have their "6<sup>th</sup> Grade Party at the UT Recreation Center on Monday, June 1, from 9:00-3:00.

## Important Reminder

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.