

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 November, 2009, recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Zachary Andrejan**, Mrs. Smitley's Kindergarten- **Noah Graff**, Ms. Gallagher's Kindergarten- **Piper Bickham**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Brayden Franklin**, Ms. Dean's 1st Grade- **Joseph Hayes**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Manuel Guillen**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Molly McDonagh**, Mrs. Metcalf's 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade- **Da'Jai Thomas**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Leilani Perez**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Shiasia Gregory**, Mrs. Replogle's 4th Grade- **Taylor Kanary**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Evan Savage**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Holly Cray**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Delina Masters**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Marissa Martinez**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Jordan Andrejan**, Mrs. Sherman's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Khalil Smith**, Ms. Forbes' 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Mark Martinez**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!



UNITED WAY
Outstanding Job!!!

We would like to thank all of our students who donated to this year's United Way Student Drive. A total of \$378.50 was contributed by our students. **As a result of exceeding our school goal, and to thank everyone for their generosity, all students will be allowed to "Dress Down" on Friday, November 6, 2009.** On a special note, I need to mention two classes in particular for their efforts during this year's drive. Ms. Ganun's and Ms. Tisdale's classes competed against each other in a "United Way Penny War". As a result, these two classes alone contributed a little over \$280.00 of our \$378.50 total. Great job!

Lost and Found

Have you been looking for a jacket or sweater your child seems to have misplaced? They say they can't remember where they left it. Remind them to look in our Lost & Found box located in the lobby of the school. Parents may also want to check this box periodically when they visit the school. A good time to look is when you come for Parent/Teacher Conferences in November.

NOTE: With the inception of our student uniform dress code, many students have sweaters, etc. that look alike. Writing your child's name on the collar tag may help your child identify their lost clothing.

Conference Days November 12th & 13th



Parents, you should have received, or will receive soon, a Parent/Teacher Conference confirmation notice that was sent home from school with your child. This notice will have the date and time when you are scheduled for a conference with your child's teacher. A portion of the pamphlet is to be filled out by you and returned to school with your child confirming your attendance at the conference. Conference days are Thursday and Friday, November 12th and 13th. Because of conferences there is **NO SCHOOL** for students on **Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13.** If you have any questions, please call the school office at **419-385-4571.**

NOTE: First quarter grade cards will be given to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is important that parents attend conferences to discuss their child's progress and discuss future plans with the teacher.

Conferences That Count

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up soon. How can you be ready for the conference? Start by making a list of items you'd like to share with the teacher. *Examples:* Your child's interests, strengths, and work habits; family situations; any major changes in their life; assignments they struggle with. Then, think about what information you need from the teacher. For instance, you may want to find out about school rules or the teacher's expectations. Or, you might need ideas for helping your child with a difficult subject. Finally, ask your child questions about the year so far. *Examples:* What do you like best about school? Least? What's the most interesting thing you've studied? Has anything been tough to learn? What would you like your teacher to know? Having a successful conference will go a long way in ensuring a successful school year.

CUB SCOUT SCOOP

Cub Scout Pack 203 had a very busy month of October. Not only have they been working very hard selling popcorn, they also participated in Scouting for Food for the Toledo Area Foodbank, distributing 225 bags within our area. It wasn't all work, though. The scouts also had a great time freezing their toes off watching the UT football team win over Northern Illinois 20-19.

In TIGER news...The Tigers had a visit from Bowling Green firefighter, Jason Hudson, for fire safety month. Mr. Hudson did an excellent job with our young Tigers, teaching them about fire safety. The Tigers and their parents learned many different escape plans that they can use to implement the best possible escape plan at home. The scouts, as well as their parents, learned very valuable information. Thank you Mr. Hudson!!

In BEAR news...The Bears have been having a great time while earning their awards. Congratulations to the following Bears on their achievement awards: Sam Packard-swimming sports belt loop and pin, archery pin, BB shooting pin and 2 achievement beads, Justin Bick and Andrew Preston-swimming sports belt loop and pin, archery pin, and BB shooting pin, Matthew Martin-archery pin, BB shooting pin, and 2 achievement beads.

In November, the Bears are going to talk about heros and Sam Packard will be the Denner. A police officer will be coming to fingerprint the boys and talk about safety.

In WEBELOS news...The Webelos went to the Toledo School for the Arts. Congratulations to the following Webelos who earned their Artist Pin: Shawn Disher, Hayden Garzynski, Nate Huffman, Chad Huss, and James Repka. The Webelos are currently working on the Citizenship and Fitness Pins. Good Luck!!

Parents, if you take pictures at any of the Den or Pack meetings you would like displayed at the Blue and Gold Banquet, please send them to email address: pack203pics@bex.net. We look forward to seeing all the scouts at the next Pack meeting, November 24th at 6:30pm in Crossgates Cafeteria. Have a great time and always remember to **DO YOUR BEST**.

School Security

If you visit Crossgates during the school day, you will find our doors locked. You must ring a buzzer at one of two doors. The buzzers are at our main front doors, or our rear door off the parking lot. After ringing the buzzer, if you are recognized on our security monitor, you will be let into the building. If you are not recognized, you may be asked for the reason you are entering the building. Once inside, please report to the main office before visiting any other area of the building.

In addition, if you must return to school after dismissal to retrieve a forgotten book or article of clothing, please do not enter any classroom without a staff member present. We ask that you check in at the office when arriving, even after school hours. If the office staff has left for the day, please locate Mr. Rob Broadway, our night custodian, so he can escort you to the classroom. Thank you!

Hallway Crowding

If you come to school at the end of the day to pick up your child, we ask that you do not go down the hallways near the classrooms to wait for them. This causes added congestion in a already crowed hallway when the classes are dismissing.

Parents' Club News

Thank you for making a difference this past month at our school... Jennifer Adkins, Molly Andrejan, Christina Arent, Celia Apodaca, Magdalena Arnott, Katrina Barnhill, Cheryl Bettinger, Kelly Breniser, Amy Carr, Nicole Coffman, Lisa Conley, Melissa Cray, Heather Dixon, Eva Eitriear, Victoria Fisher, Beth Fields, Michelle Goeder, Melissa Graff, Carolyn Halberstadt, Bonnie Herrmann, Ken Herrmann, Kelli Huffman, Andrea Hudson, Nora Jaegly, Pete Jaegly, Carly Jahns, Lindale Jones Sr., Tina Canary, Kristen Kohring, Keith Kurtz, Amanda Leister, Karen Liegel, Crystal Lutz, Ilyana Martens, Marianne Martin, Sara Metzger, Amanda Myers, Cristi Parker, Scott Pittock, Valerie Pfister, Stacey Plaisance, Sarah Preston, Caryn Salts, James Spratt, Satarah Thomas, Steffon Thomas, Patty Viers, and Tonia Willis !

Box Top News

Keep them coming in! Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000! 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 by sending in 100 or more Box Tops at one time: Kylie Albright, Lauren Albright, Destiny Breniser, Tanner Carr, Courtney Coffman, Sabrina Coffman, Andrew Goeder, Jordyn Greer, Emma Hansen, Susan Hansen, Amanda Heffelbower, Maranda Heffelbower, Mark Heffelbower, Madison Huffman, Nate Huffman, Trevor Huffman, Chad Huss, Sophie Huss, Hunter Canary, Taylor Canary, Breanne Kurtz, Lauren Kurtz, Zachary Kurtz, Matthew Martin, Ben Meiring, Matthew Meiring, James Metzger, Conner Palm, Makayla Price, Makenzie Price, Jazmyne Rice, Ian Sood, Landon Stone and Austin Vanzo-O'Shea!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who won the October drawing for sending in 30 Box Tops at one time: Chad Adkins, Alesandria Bradford-Parker, Allyse Goodwin, Angel Grant and Morgan Flores, !

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!**

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Box Top Coordinator

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Upcoming Events

November 5th - PTO meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 9th- Chuck E Cheese Night, 3:00-9:00 PM.

November 25- Walk-a-Thon Assembly, 9:15 AM.

Thank you,

Sarah Preston

October Attendance Watch

Number of Student Tardies-**174**

Number of Student Early Dismissals-**75**

Number of Student Absent Days-**424**

Emergency Lockdown Drill

Crossgates School held a mandatory Lockdown Drill on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. This is a precautionary measure to prepare staff and students for any hazardous event that may occur. **House Bill 422** now mandates that we have this type of drill and they will become as common as Fire Drills and Tornado Drills. This is just another way to ensure that all students and staff are safe in the event of a crisis situation in the building or surrounding neighborhood. If you happen to be in the building when a LOCKDOWN is called, you will be expected to participate in this drill and report to a secure location such as the main office or a nearby classroom until an ALL CLEAR is given.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 419-385-4571.

"Caught Being Good"

Some of our students have been receiving "You've Been Caught Being Good" Dress Down Day passes, or a "Caught Being Good" pencil. You should be proud of him/her. "Caught Being Good" is a school-wide incentive program developed through our School Improvement Plan. Various times throughout the day we must correct students for misbehavior in school. We felt it was also important to recognize students for good behavior. Here is how the program works. Any school staff member who observes a student "being good" can give them a "Caught Being Good" award. Students write their name on this award and deposit it in a box in the office. Every Friday morning fifteen names are drawn from the box. Five of the students receive a "Dress Down Day" which can be used during the following week to "dress down". Ten additional students receive a "Caught Being Good" pencil. We are proud to say that many weeks the box is stuffed full of entries.

LOOKING AHEAD

To help our families plan we have listed some events coming up in December and early January. Events for November are listed on the calendar included with this newsletter.

Thursday, DECEMBER 3, 2009- Parents' Club Meeting in library, 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, DECEMBER 8, 2009, 7:00 PM- The evening performance of our Holiday Musical performed by K, 1st and 2nd graders in the auditorium at Crossgates. Dress rehearsal will be at 9:10 AM on Tuesday, December 8.

Friday, DECEMBER 18, 2009- Last day of school before Winter Break.

Monday, JANUARY 4, 2010- First day back to school after Winter Break.

A Great Website for Parents and Children

Please note: Practice tests for the O.A.T. can be taken at home. Your child can practice without stress and learn what The Ohio Department of Education expects your child to master by the beginning of April. (Parents, you might want to take the practice tests too!)

The website is: www.success.ode.state.oh.us
Sue Hyman
Counselor

November Counselors Corner

Parenting can be fun and exciting however, it is not without stressors. Hopefully the ideas below will help make your parenting days a little easier. In most cases, rewards are more effective than punishment. Everyone needs to feel good about his or herself, and that includes parents as well. Have a great day☺ and thanks for all you do for your child.

Respectfully
Sue Hyman
Counselor

- Write notes on index cards or paper. Put them in your child's lunch or on his or her pillow. Tell them how much you love them and thank them for something they did that you really liked.
- Make lists of What You Are thankful For. One aspect of children with low self esteem is that they are not able to see the good things in life. As you and your child make a list, make sure you mention the progress your child is making in school. List their strengths and special skills. For Example , "I like the way you helped your brother get dressed or I like the way you remembered your schoolwork."
- Use your child's art work to wrap a present. Have your child sign their artwork and mention to the receiver where the wrapping paper was created. This activity may encourage future drawings or paintings.
- Share your goals in writing about what you and your child would like to accomplish this week. If you need to, break the task into smaller chunks. Post your goals on the refrigerator. Check everyone's progress mid-week. Reward yourself and your child if the task was mastered by the end of the week.

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

It is always nice to hear about Crossgates students, both present and former, who are excelling outside of the school day. The following are a few we heard about recently.

HANNAH WAGNER- She is now a freshman in high school where she is earning straight A's. She has her black belt in karate, which she earned while she was in 6th grade at Crossgates. She'll be getting her second degree black belt this December. She teaches a weapons class at her karate school and assistant teaches some of the other classes as well. She left for Ireland on Thursday, October 29th, where she'll compete in the World Karate and Kickboxing Championship. Only 2 competitors from Ohio are going. There will be between 50 and 100 competitors from the U.S., as well as competitors from 42 other countries. Congratulations to Hannah and best of luck in Ireland!

DAKOTA FRANKLIN, TYLER FRANKLIN, CONNOR McCLURE and BRANDON WELCH- Each of these boys made the all-star team in the Maumee Youth Football League. The following are their awards: Connor McClure, Maumee Gold 5-6, defensive line; Brandon Welch, Maumee Gold 5-6 running back and linebacker; Dakota Franklin, Maumee Purple 5-6, wide receiver; and Tyler Franklin, Maumee Purple 3-4, running back.

Important Reminder

The following information is reprinted from the Student Handbook.

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.

Canned Food Drive

OHIO STATE vs. MICHIGAN

We are beginning to collect non-perishable food items for our annual Canned Food Drive. The drive will begin on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, and continue through Friday, November 20, 2009. Since the last day of the drive coincides with the day before the Ohio State/Michigan football game, we will continue to do as we have done the last couple of years. We are asking you to send your donations to school in a bag marked with either Ohio State or Michigan written on the bag. Each food item in the bag will count as a "point" for that team. At the end of the drive we will announce either Ohio State or Michigan as the "winner". There are boxes in the front lobby of the school, and I'm sure, as always, Crossgates' families will continue to support our food collection drives very well.

Thank you!

Crossgates School Delayed Start Policy

Toledo Public Schools has a **School Delay** policy they use when the weather is severe. This policy will allow Toledo Schools to delay two hours instead of closing right away to see if the weather will improve enough for students to come to school. On days when a delay is called, 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. Regularly scheduled before school programs such as before school tutoring, and school breakfast, **WILL NOT BE HELD ON THESE DAYS.** When school begins after a two-hour delay, we will continue on a regular school schedule from 11:00 AM. This means lunches will still be held at 11:20-11:50, 12:00-12:30 and 12:40-1:10. Special classes such as Music, Art, etc. will be held at the regularly scheduled times.

Whenever school is delayed or closed because of inclement weather, we find out the same way that you do, by listening to the radio or watching television. We will not be in the office to answer the phone on days when school is closed, or during the time it is delayed. If you feel we may not have school on a bad weather day, please listen to a local radio station or watch a local television channel to see if school is delayed or closed.

SPECIAL NOTE: On days when school is delayed, please continue to listen to the radio or television. Sometimes delays turn into closings if the weather does not improve.

5th & 6th Grade Camp

Each year in the past, 6th grade students attend Outdoor Education "Sixth Grade Camp". This is when they spend a week at Camp Storer in Michigan. This year Crossgates will have both 5th and 6th graders attending camp. This is taking place to prepare for when Crossgates 6th graders become Byrnedale Middle School students in the fall of 2011. So this school year, the 2009-2010 school year, both 5th and 6th graders will attend camp and then beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, only 5th graders will attend camp. During this school year Crossgates 6th graders attended camp from September 21-25, 2009. Crossgates 5th graders will attend camp from December 7-11, 2009. The cost for this week at camp this year is \$124.00. Parents of 5th graders should watch for details about camp coming home with their students this week. One packet of materials need to be completed and returned to school ASAP. The other is a page showing exactly how much your child owes for camp after Candy Bar Sale profits are taken into account. NOTE: (Not all students participated in the Candy Bar Sale.) **PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009.**