

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 October, 2007, recipients of this award. Mrs. Lardinai's Kindergarten- **Samantha Apodaca**, Mrs. Haas' Kindergarten- **Darnell Robinson**, Mrs. Eding's 1st Grade- **Owen Boyles**, Mrs. Smitley's 1st Grade- **Dominic Wrighten**, Mrs. Hanf's 2nd Grade- **Cameron Payne**, Mrs. Ocker's 2nd Grade- **Asielle Kaimari**, Ms. Tisdale's 3rd Grade- **Madison Huffman**, Ms. Ganun's 3rd Grade- **Emma Hansen**, Mrs. Lefevre's 4th Grade- **Megan Davidson**, Mrs. Packo's 4th Grade- **Marissa Martinez**, Mrs. Pertcheck's 5th Grade- **Tala Abou-Dahech**, Mrs. Kaper's 5th Grade- **Luke Wells**, Mrs. Dendinger's 6th Grade- **Rebecca Johnson**, Mrs. Sweeney's 6th Grade- **Tierney McClure**, Mrs. Appelhans' 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Courtney Duckworth**, Mrs. Schroeder's 4th, 5th, 6th Grade- **Dylan Murray**. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE STUDENTS!**

Folk Dance Night

Some of our families may recall the Folk Dance Nights we held in the past. Students and their parents were invited to these evening events to participate in folk dances students had been doing in music class. Since the past Folk Dance Nights always seem to be enjoyed by all who attended, it was decided we would continue holding them. This event is scheduled for **Thursday, October 18, 2007, from 7:00-8:00 PM** in the auditorium at Crossgates. So please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for this fun-filled family event.

Testing In October

Third grade students took the Ohio Reading Achievement Test on Monday, October 1.

(Students in grade three received a notice about this test on September 28, 2007.) In addition, students in grades 3 and 5 will be taking the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) beginning on Tuesday, October 2nd, and continuing throughout the week using a schedule determined by their teacher.



United Way Campaign

We will begin our United Way student drive at Crossgates in late October. We will be collecting contributions from students beginning Monday, October 22, 2007, and continue through Monday, October 29, 2007. The money collected supports numerous agencies in our community. Our goal is to collect at least \$330.00. If we reach our goal we will have a "dress down" day when students will not have to wear uniforms. Please help us reach our goal.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

If you did not have a chance to sign-up for a Parent/Teacher Conference time at our Open House on August 28th, please call the school office at 419-385-4571 to schedule a time. Conferences will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20 and 21, 2007.

Halloween Parade & Parties



We will have our annual Halloween Parade and classroom parties on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Please watch for details coming home with your child in a couple of weeks.

First quarter mid-quarter reports will be sent home with students in grades 1-6 during the week of October 1st through October 5th. Please keep the yellow copy for your records and sign and return the white copy to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES

AmericaReads: What Can You Do?

http://www.ed.gov/inits/americanreads/families_can_do.html

Family Education Network <http://www.fen.com/>

Fun Brain <http://www.funbrain.com>

MightyBook www.mightybook.com

National Association for the Education of Young Children <http://www.naeyc.org>

National Geographic

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

National Institute for Literacy Publications

<http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/publications.html>

Ohio Public Library Information Network

<http://www.oplin.lib.oh.us>

PBS Kids <http://pbskids.org/>

Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org>

Sesame Workshop

<http://www.sesameworkshop.org>

Seussville <http://www.seussville.com/seussville/>

U.S. Department of Education Tips for Parents

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>

You Gotta Love Parents

<http://www.yougottaloveparents.org>

Math Books Website

<http://www.eduplace.com/math/mw/>

Reading Books Website

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/>

Crossgates Park

Some of you may have noticed some activity on the baseball field in Crossgates Park. The backstop has been torn down to make way for a new backstop and other renovations to the baseball field. This is a City of Toledo public park and the work is being done through the City of Toledo. The field should be finished and ready for use when next spring rolls around and the baseball season begins.

From the School Counselor

My name is Virginia (Ginny) Ulch and I am one of the school counselors at Crossgates. I am very happy to return to Crossgates this year after a couple of years serving other schools. My days at Crossgates are Thursday and Friday mornings. Sue Hyman is the other counselor and she is at Crossgates on Tuesday mornings. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if there is an issue with your child.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the rare instance when it is necessary to evacuate Crossgates, we are required to have a destination identified where students and staff can be housed until the building is clear or students are picked-up by parents. This may take place if we have a gas leak at the school, or a power outage during cold weather. If the situation arises, we will have our students and staff walk to Church of St. Andrew, 3620 Heatherdowns Blvd., (this is at the corner of Colony and Heatherdowns). Everyone will remain there until Crossgates is safe, or until they are picked-up. The telephone number at the church is 419-385-6160.

Cafeteria Charges

Once in a while a student may forget their lunch, lunch money or milk money. If they do they can charge a lunch, or milk, and bring the money to school the next day to pay for the charge.

Attendance Watch

NUMBER OF STUDENT TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER- **124**

NUMBER OF STUDENT ABSENCE DAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER- **225**

REMINDERS REPEATED

- 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 in the back of the building to drop students off and pick them up, even if your children are in the 4th grade, which is housed in the portable trailers.** It is dangerous when students are getting in and out of cars when families add to the traffic in the back parking lot. 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.
- During the first week of each month, a Crossgates Courier, like the one you are reading now, will be sent home with your child. Please take time to read it so you can stay informed of activities at school. In addition to the Courier, a monthly lunch menu and school calendar of events will also be sent home.
- For the first few days of school, we welcomed parents to walk their child into school if it helped alleviate fears a child may have had about attending school. Now that school has been in session for about five weeks, we encourage parents to allow their child to begin entering school by themselves. If your child continues to be afraid, do not minimize or dismiss the fear as being silly. Do not belittle them, but talk to them about their feelings and help them work through this fear. The sooner this can be accomplished, the better. If school personnel can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to ask for help in the office.
- 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.
- 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.