

Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries to C.I.S. Third Grade Students

Third grade students and teachers at Crestwood Intermediate School are grateful to the Rotary Club of Mantua for their generous donation of dictionaries. Each third grade student received their own personal student dictionary.

One of the many skills students are working on is the proper use of the dictionary and vocabulary building. The dictionaries are filled with useful information about our country and world. Students were surprised to find the longest word in the English Language consists of 1,909 letters.



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Crestwood Continues Community Health Walks at C.I.S.

Crestwood Local School District is again offering free to the community the opportunity to stay healthy on cold mornings by walking at the Crestwood Intermediate School. The community is invited to walk a marked course within the building every Wednesday and Friday morning between 7 and 8 a.m. beginning Friday, Feb. 1, through Friday, March 22. Advanced Rehabilitation & Health Specialists will be available on Friday mornings to discuss a variety of health topics including: blood pressure, resting heart rate, body mass index (BMI), target

heart rate, walking warm up drills, and stretching.

Those wishing to participate can enter through the front of the building at the main entrance, where you will sign in and receive a visitor pass at the front office. You will sign out after walking and return your pass at the front office. Parking is available at the main lot off of Bowen Road.

Call or e-mail Juli Robine 330-274-2747 or jvrobine@yahoo.com with any questions, or visit Advanced Rehabilitation & Health Specialists' website at: www.arhs.us

Parent/Teacher Conferences to be Held February 21st and 28th

Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in each building on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013 and Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013. The middle school and high school buildings conferences are from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Intermediate and Primary school conferences are from 4:30 to 8 p.m. We strongly encourage you to meet with all your son's/daughter's teachers during the conference days.

For High School parents, there will also be an informational meeting about Post-Secondary enrollment options held on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in the high school library. No advanced

registration is needed. Please just show up on that evening.

To schedule a conference with your child's teachers please contact the building's guidance office:

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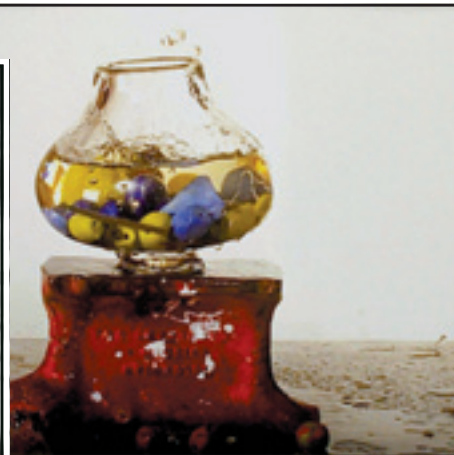
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11 High School Artists Compete in New York After Outstanding Local Performances in Scholastic Art and Writing Competition



On Jan. 9 Crestwood High School Art students once again competed in the Scholastics Art and Writing competition.

Crestwood students had an amazing year bringing home 1 Gold Key Portfolio Award, 19 individual Gold Keys, 8 individual Silver

Keys, and 37 Honorable Mentions.

The Awards Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 26 in the University Center at Kent State University's Stark Branch. All Gold Keys will travel on to compete at

the National Show in New York. The following students received awards:

Gold Key Portfolio

Katrina Schenck

Individual Gold Keys

Tori Chiller, Amanda Fosnight (3), Zak Goldinger, Ryan Houpt, Xyl Lasersohn (3), Nicole Nero (2), Rachel Quesenberry, Katrina Schenck (4), Mackenzie Shea, Morgan Strenk, Jessica Wright

Individual Silver Keys

Cody Campbell, Tori Chiller, Jessica Felker, Xyle Lasersohn (2), Andrew

Magyarics, Challis Roberts, Katrina Schenck

Honorable Mentions

Kaity Benjamin, Dessie Donat (2), Leannah Frances, Rhiannon Gyongyos, Nicole Hovevrm, Emily Kotrluk, Tori Krause, Liz LaMarca (2), Alyssay Lamb (2), Xyl Lasersohn (3), Danielle Magyarics (2), Kayle Michuta, Marissa Midgley (3), Nicole Nero (3), Joanna Ondash (2), Rachel Quesenberry, Challis Robers (2), Anna Marie Romano, Rebeca Rosa, Ariel Sherry, Morgan Strenk (3), Laney Velek

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Superintendent's Letter . . .

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) About Security Measures & Alert Now Messages

Q: What general safety measures are in effect in Crestwood?

A: Our current safety measures are:

- All buildings now have locked doors and "buzz in systems."
- Authorized visitors are required to sign-in/out and wear visitor badges.
- There is extensive camera coverage throughout the district that can be monitored internally and by local police.
- There is a full-time student Resource Officer for the district who is a member of the Mantua Police Department.
- A SAFE SCHOOLS hot-line is in place for "anonymous tips" to be left related to safety or security concerns (1-800-4-1-VOICE ext.359).
- An internal safety committee meets monthly to discuss security matters and upgrades. The district safety committee consists of key administrators, the school resource officer, and two school board members
- Crestwood was one of the first districts in the area to fully train staff and students in the ALICE system of responding to potential intruders.

Q: What is a "Lockdown?"

A: Lockdowns are used when some kind of a security threat may be present or rumored and merits immediate investigation or implementation of non-standard security measures. Examples include bomb threats, an unauthorized visitor, an authorized visitor who exhibits inappropriate behavior, or even a threat in a nearby district or community that could conceivably impact student safety in Crestwood.

The type of lockdown varies based upon the specific matter at hand and what degree of restriction needs to be placed upon students and staff to maximize security and to enable more efficient investigation by district officials and usually law enforcement officers.

Q: During lockdown I may receive a text message from my child before an "Alert Now" phone message issued by the district. Why is that?

A: When a building goes into lockdown the first priority is to make sure that all students are safe and that the matter of concern is being dealt with quickly, safely, and efficiently. Having lead administrators stop to send a message would interrupt dealing with the matter at hand. Also, since texting and Facebook are types of immediate messaging, it is virtually impossible for the district to get a message out before texts are sent.

Q: Students are not always told why a lockdown is occurring. Why?

A: Some details must be confidential so as to not impede an investigation, compromise an investigation, or interfere with actions of law enforcement personnel.

Q: Why have students been sent home without their books or personal belongings during a bomb threat?

A: We realize this is inconvenient but safety is the first priority. Until the entire building is cleared by the police, we cannot allow students, parents, or employees to enter any part of the building. Students will not be penalized academically or otherwise if they are not able to get their work since extended time will be provided to turn in assignments.

Q: Who makes the decision as to when or whether a building should be evacuated or not?

A: This is a collaborative decision between law enforcement and district and building administration.

Q: After a situation is resolved why are specific details not provided?

A: Too much detail can compromise an investigation or contribute to potential future concerns.

Q: Can "Alert Now" phone messages be broadcast sooner?

A: The timing of Alert Now varies based upon various factors that affect a given situation. The first priority is to make sure that students and staff are safe. The second is to deal with the actual situation in a timely manner. When these priorities are completed the message must be crafted carefully to make sure that it is accurate and clear to the parent or student who picks up the phone.

If you have additional questions, please call the Superintendent at 330-357-8206.



Mr. Joseph Iacano
Superintendent

Board Engages Finding Leaders to Assist in Superintendent Search

In late December, the Board of Education met with Finding Leaders and OSBA (Ohio School Boards Association) and heard presentations from them regarding how they handle the search. The Board ultimately voted to hire Finding Leaders. This is the same company that assisted with the Treasurer's search last year.

The Board of Education met with Finding Leaders at the beginning of January to go over the initial steps to begin the search. The position has been advertised regionally and the application deadline is March 8.

Focus groups of staff and community members will be conducted in January and February in order to help Finding Leaders match candidates with district needs. Interviews will be conducted in April with hopes for an appointment in May.

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Emergency School Closing Procedures and Notification

With winter weather having arrived, the possibility of school closings is upon us. Closings due to inclement weather or other emergencies are broadcast on all local radio and television stations. We ask that parents avoid calling the schools or stations since incoming calls tie up phones and delay notification.

Decisions on whether or not to close schools due to snow or extreme cold are often difficult since forecasts about if and when bad weather will arrive are often inaccurate. Periodically, forecasts are definitive enough that school can be called off in time for the nightly news. Most of the time, however, the decision is based on reports from district supervisors who are assigned the task of driving our roads between 4 and 5 a.m. on the days that bad weather is forecast. We attempt to contact all TV stations as early as we can so that parents can get the information they need in a

timely manner.

In addition to snow, wind-chill factors can also be a determining factor. A wind chill of more than 15 degrees below zero brings consideration for closing school due to the large number of students that wait outdoors for buses in our district. Safety is our greatest concern. The most difficult situation is when bad weather arrives immediately after the decision is made to keep schools open. In such cases, we respect the right of parents to make their own decisions based on neighborhood road and weather conditions.

If it becomes necessary to make up school days, the school calendar may be amended using days at the end of the school year.

An additional tool called Alert Now may also be used to contact parents who are part of that system. If you did not sign-up for the Alert Now system please contact your child's principal for details.

Flu Information for Parents



Flu season is upon us. Here are some suggestions to keep you and your child from getting sick this flu season:

Flu Prevention

1. Vaccination. Everyone over the age of six months should get a flu vaccination every year. The vaccine may be a nose spray or shot. It's not too late to get a flu vaccine this school year.

2. Wash your hands. Hands should be washed frequently with soap and water or an alcohol hand rub.

3. Cover your cough and sneeze. Everyone should cough or sneeze into a tissue or their sleeve. The tissue should be thrown away immediately and hands washed.

4. Good health habits. Getting enough sleep, exercising, eating a healthy diet, drinking plenty of fluids and avoiding stress and people who are sick will help keep you and your family well this flu season.

What if you have the flu?

Flu can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)

• Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

If you or your child has these symptoms, you should stay home from work, child care or school until fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours. Children 18 years of age or younger should never be given aspirin when they have flu symptoms due to the risk of Reye's Syndrome. Use one of the other fever/pain reducing medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen instead.

If your healthcare provider prescribes an anti-viral medication for you, take it as prescribed until it is all gone.

*Information provided by the Ohio Department of Health.

Crestwood Ponytail League



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Division	Age as of June 1st	Child Cost
Pigtail	6 - 9	1 st \$35
Junior	10 - 13	2 nd \$20
Senior	14 thru Grade 12	3 rd \$15
		4 th \$5

Sign-ups for all girls will be from

1 - 4 pm Saturday, Feb. 23rd

6 - 8 pm Thursday, Feb. 28th

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CHS Students Use Real World Application in Broadcasting Exams



Have you ever wondered what it's like to be on TV? Students in Mr. Marfy's Studio Production class don't. They actually do it every day. Students in Mr. Marfy's classes produce a 3-5 minute morning announcements show every day, which is then broadcast to the students at the high school. In addition to their daily duties, students are encouraged to keep up with current events and then produce a full 30 minute news broadcast as part of their midterm and final exams, where they apply all the skills and knowledge they have acquired in the course.

"It's a great class because students are challenged to solve problems and sometimes overcome technical difficulties," Mr. Marfy said. "The goal is that they learn and become passionate about what they do in class, so that maybe they develop an interest in pursuing broadcasting as a career."



Mr. Marfy has a number of former students working in radio, film and television, the most notable of whom is 2001 graduate Nicole Pesecky, an anchor and reporter at WKMG-6 in Orlando.

"Nikki was a fun student at Crestwood. She had some great ideas to keep the announcements interesting and I'm proud of her accomplishments," Mr. Marfy said. "Keep your eyes open for her because she is going places."

CHS Guidance News for February

2/7/2013 – Sophomore Maplewood Trip

All sophomores will be visiting Maplewood Career Center on the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 7 so that they can see all of the opportunities available to them. Please encourage your child to attend.

2/12/2013 – 8th Grade Night

Eighth grade Night will be held at the high school for all incoming freshmen to familiarize them and their parents with the high school, classes, activities and sports. The time is 6 – 8 pm. All eighth graders and their parents are invited to attend.

2/21/2013 and 2/28/2013 – Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held each of these nights from 4 – 7:30 pm. Please plan on meeting with your children's teachers. A sign up form can be obtained from the guidance office.

2/21/2013 – Post Secondary Enrollment Options Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all students and their parents who would like to participate in this program for the 2013-2014 school year. The meeting will begin at 6 pm in the high school library.



"On the Front Line...Understanding the Addiction Epidemic"

The Portage County EMS, Mental Health and Recovery Board, Crisis Intervention Team and Sheriff's Office is teaming to present "On the Front Line...Understanding the Addiction Epidemic." Two sessions will be offered: March 20, 2013 from 7 to 9 p.m. and March 27, 2013 from 10 a.m. to noon at Robinson Medical Arts Building, Room 150. Topics discussed will include a discussion on the addictive properties of heroin and other opiates. Discussions on treatment and relapse as well as the effect of drug use on the family will also occur. To attend, register by March 15 by calling 330 – 673-1756, ext. 201 or e-mail laurab@mental-health-recovery.org.



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~ February Breakfast & Lunch Menu ~

<p>The High School & Middle School will also have many more ala carte items and choices for breakfast!</p>	<p>February is the official month for celebrating grapefruit, canned foods, cherries, dental health, potatoes, strawberries, eating disorder awareness American heart and Black History!</p>			<p>February 1</p> <p>No School</p> 	<p>School Meals <i>We serve education every day!</i></p> <p>K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p>
<p>February 4</p> <p>Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Macaroni & Cheese Bread w/Peanut Butter Carrots Assorted Fruit Choices</p>	<p>February 5</p> <p>Breakfast Burrito Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Creamed Turkey over biscuits Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn, Ice Juicee</p>	<p>February 6</p> <p>Pillsbury Mini-Cinni's Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Stuffed Crust Pizza Spinach & Romaine Mixed Fruit Rice Crispy Treat</p>	<p>February 7</p> <p>Assorted Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover Yogurt Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Cheeseburger, Fries Veggies w/ Hummus Assorted Fruit Choices</p>	<p>February 8</p> <p>Strawberry topped waffles w/syrup Sausage links Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	<p>Prepaid breakfast and lunches are available. Food Service does not accept personal checks, if sent, they will be returned to you. Cash, money order or certified bank checks, are accepted. Prepayments are NOT available for ala carte.</p>
<p>February 11</p> <p>Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Cheese-Rice Bake Breadstick, Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Choices Ice Cream</p>	<p>February 12</p> <p>Pillsbury Apple or Cherry Frudel String Cheese Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chicken Patty Sandwich Sweet Potato Puffs Green Beans Assorted Fruit choices</p>	<p>February 13</p> <p>Chocolate chip pancakes w/ syrup, Sausage patties Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Pizza Spinach & Romaine Salad Fruit Cobbler</p>	<p>February 14</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p> 	<p>February 15</p> <p>No School</p> 	<p>Make lunch your way, everyday! Students may substitute the following for their main entrée:</p> <p>*Entrée size salad w/ dressing, crackers & cheesesticks</p>
<p>February 18</p> <p>Presidents' Day No School</p> 	<p>February 19</p> <p>Apple Nut G-Force Bar or Cocoa Bar, Yogurt, Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>BBQ Pork Sandwich Mashed Sweet Potatoes Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Cook's Choice Treat</p>	<p>February 20</p> <p>French Toast w/syrup Sausage Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Personal Pan Pizza Spinach & Romaine Mixed Fruit No-Bake Cookie</p>	<p>February 21</p> <p>Pillsbury Mini Pancakes Fruit Jerky/Roll-up Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chips, Chili & Cheese Refried Beans Variety of Veggies Frozen Ice Juicee</p>	<p>February 22</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Bagel Sandwich Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	<p>Nutrition Tip: (Healthy Fats) Some foods that contain healthy fats include: Salmon, olive oil, nuts, avocados and peanut butter. For a healthy snack try a handful of nuts with a slice of low-fat cheese or sliced avocado layered over a low-fat cream cheese covered rice cake.</p>
<p>February 25</p> <p>Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Dunkin' Dippers (Cheese Bread Sticks) with dipping sauces Sweet Potato Fries Assorted Fruit, Frozen Treat</p>	<p>February 26</p> <p>Muffins, Cheese Wedge Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Corn Dog Bites Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Brownie</p>	<p>February 27</p> <p>Rice Krispy Treat Cheese Wedge or Yogurt Assorted Fruits/Juice, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Dominos' Pizza Romaine & Spinach Salad Mixed Fruit, Cookie</p>	<p>February 28</p> <p>Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chicken Tenders w/ Sauces Seasoned Fries 3 Bean Salad Assorted Fruit Choices</p>		<p>Did you know that some fats are good for you? There are several types of fats. Monounsaturated, polyunsaturated and omega-3 fatty acids are considered healthy fats while saturated fat and trans fats are the unhealthy fats!</p>
<p>Breakfast Prices:</p> <p>K-5 \$1.50 6-12 \$1.75 Reduced \$.30 Free- Free Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change</p>	<p>EXERCISE TIP:</p> <p>Be active together as a family. Get your 60 min. of daily physical activity by doing chores such as shoveling snow or do fun family activities such as sled riding, ice skating or walking the dog. Together it can be fun! -Juli Robine, PTA, BA. Advanced Rehabilitation & Health Specialists</p>		<p>Got questions?</p> <p>Feel free to call the Department Director or the Building Managers.</p> <p>Food Service Director: Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, 330-357-8206 ext. 5004</p>	<p>Food Service Building Managers:</p> <p>High- Barb Blazek- 330-357-8205 ext. 118 Middle- Connie Nunns- 330-357-8204 Intermediate- Donna Lewis- 330-357-8203 ext. 3600 Primary- Susie Janson- 330-357-8202 ext. 4409</p>	<p>Lunch Prices:</p> <p>K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p>

Regular Board of Education meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month, at the High School Library, 10919 N. Main Street Mantua, OH. The public is cordially invited to attend. If more information is needed about a Board meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 330-357-8206.

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Crestwood Middle / High School Events & Games Schedule (February)

Friday, February 1

Teacher In-Service Day

9:00AM Dance Team Practice in Gym
4:30PM Boys Freshman Basketball Chagrin Falls Away
5:30PM Boys Varsity Wrestling PTC Tournament @ Rootstown Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Springfield Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Springfield Away

Saturday, February 2

10:00AM Boys Varsity Wrestling PTC Wrestling Tournament @ Rootstown Away
1:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling PTC Bowling Tournament @ Akron Lanes Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Norton Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Norton Home

Tuesday, February 5

4:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Rootstown @ Twin Star Lanes Home

Wednesday, February 6

6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Kent Roosevelt Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Kent Roosevelt Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Kent Roosevelt Home

Thursday, February 7

6:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Tri Match @ Aurora with Maple Hts. Away

Friday, February 8

5:30PM Boys Varsity Swimming Boys Swimming Tourn @ Akron U Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Norton Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Norton Home

Saturday, February 9

9:00AM Boys JV Wrestling PTC J.V. Tournament @ Ravenna Away

11:00AM Boys Freshman Basketball Field Away
5:30PM Girls Varsity Swimming Girls Swimming Tourn @ Akron U Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Southeast Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Southeast Home

Monday, February 11

7:00PM CASB Meeting in Cafeteria
7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Lake Center Christian School Home

Tuesday, February 12

6:00PM 8th Grade Night in High School Gym Home
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Southeast Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Southeast Away

Wednesday, February 13

6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Streetsboro Home
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Streetsboro Away
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Streetsboro Away

Thursday, February 14

5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Possible Tourn Game @ Garfield Away

Friday, February 15

President's Day Break
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Kent Roosevelt Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Kent Roosevelt Home

Saturday, February 16

Band Solo Ensemble Concert
10:00AM Boys Freshman Basketball Possible Tourn Game @ Garfield Away
5:00PM Girls JV Basketball Berkshire (Burton) Away
6:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Berkshire (Burton) Away

Monday, February 18

President's Day Break (No School)

Tuesday, February 19

6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Southeast Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Southeast Home

Thursday, February 21

4:00PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
5:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Possible Tourn Game @ Garfield Away

Friday, February 22

6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Streetsboro Away
7:30PM Winter One Act Play (School) Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Streetsboro Away

Saturday, February 23

11:00AM Boys Freshman Basketball Possible Tourn Game @ Garfield Away
2:00PM Winter One Act Play (School) Home
7:30PM Winter One Act Play (School) Home

Sunday, February 24

1:00PM Girls Varsity Cheerleading Cheer Competition @ Norton High School Away

Thursday, February 28

4:00PM Parent/Teacher Conferences

CRESTWOOD GIRLS FAST PITCH



For over a decade, our organization has been dedicated to making the spring and summer softball seasons fun and exciting for girls in the Mantua, Mantua Township, Hiram and Shalersville communities. Come join us for another successful season of an activity that is fun, teaches sportsmanship, places team above self and helps to build character through hard work and determination.

****** Sign-Up! ******

When: February 9 or 10, 2013

Time: 1-3pm

Where: Mantua Village Park Lodge

Don't have time to make it to sign-ups or if you have any questions, please e-mail them to crestwoodfastpitch@gmail.com or contact Barb Hill (President) 330-388-4685 before February 15, 2013.

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After School Enrichment Activities for Intermediate School Students

Crestwood Intermediate School has been working to add enrichment activities after school. Students who love to explore science had the opportunity to work with Hiram College professor Matt Sorrick and his students. CIS Science Club students explored and experimented with the way forces apply to motion. The three week class ended with the students building and racing marble roller coasters.

CIS students interested in reading and writing participated in an after school Book Club planned by Lauren Bissell as part of her Junior/Senior Seminar class, a class offered by Ms. Spencer at the High School.

Book Club students heard seasonal stories, wrote group stories of their own, and completed related crafts. Both

of these programs will continue in the spring.

Madam Brenner and her French Students returned to CIS to teach some basic French to their fourth grade buddies in Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. McClure, and Mrs. Pochedly's rooms. While visiting, they sang French Christmas Carols to several classes in the building.



Middle School Spellers on Their Way to District Competition

On Jan. 10, 2013, Crestwood Middle School held its local Spelling Bee. The contestants earned their positions by scoring the highest in the school on a written test. Congratulations to all competitors.

The competitors spelled down to three school champions who will represent CMS at the District Bee at Maplewood Career Center on Jan. 29, at 7 p.m.

Congratulations and GOOD LUCK to this year's qualifying champs: Our eighth graders are Callie Mo and Madeline Turner and our seventh grader is Ephraim Oliphant.

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Intermediate School Sees Technology Upgrades



Pictured left to right are students Summer Larch, Maggie Hahn and Steven Campbell

Students at Crestwood Intermediate were happy to find new updates in technology for 2013. Our extra computer lab in room 212 has some new equipment that makes accessing the internet a lot easier. Student's are busy improving their reading skills on RAZ-KIDS. com and math skill on IXL. com. Thank you Technology staff for your prompt service. Students and teacher are looking forward to using this lab often!

Winter Theme Used as "Plot" in Math

In the month of December, Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Pariso's Math classes learned about transformations on the coordinate grid. They studied rotations, reflections, translations (slides), and dilations (shrinking and enlarging). At the culmination of the unit, the students completed a winter holiday-themed project displaying their mastery of these transformations.

Second Graders Celebrate Special People

Second graders in Mrs. Grebb's class recently celebrated the special people in their lives. Students invited grandparents, neighbors, aunts, uncles, siblings, or parents to the special event held on Nov. 30, 2012. There were over 50 people who attended. The children recited a legend, sang songs, and served a special dessert that they had made. It was wonderful spending time with the special people in our lives.



Above: Avrie Shenkel and her grandparents



Left: Aimee Barnauskas with her dad Rick and grandma, Teri Beck.



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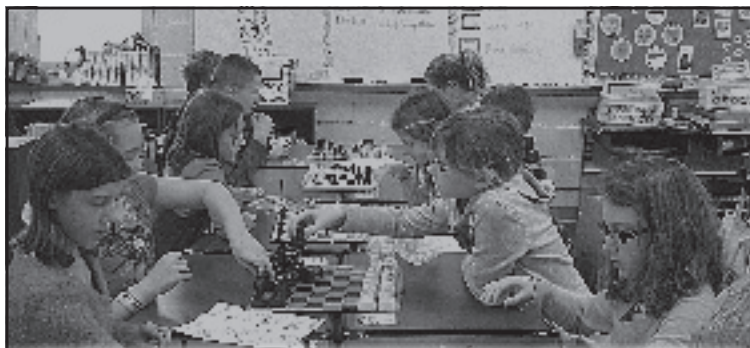
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Students Study France and Celebrate French Cuisine



Mrs. Broman's and Mrs. Gardner's third grade classes celebrated "French Day". Students studied about France and compared its culture to the United States. A culminating activity was a culinary celebration. Students left to right are Ethan Brady, Laurel Monroe, Daniel Masiello, Cade Habbyslaw, And Allison Wesley.



Students Teach Each Other Chess

Mrs. Isler's fourth grade CHARGE classes have been teaching the fourth grade homerooms Chess!

CMS December Students of the Month



6th Grade - Ashleigh Fowler, Mira Soukenik, Alexander Maiden, Logan Bailey, Kathleen Hawley, Luke Leister
7th Grade - Avrie Talboo, Kassandra Fedor, Austin Shaffer, Ryan Britt, Emily Hawkins, Lincoln Chiller
8th Grade - Emily Walker, Olivia Brady, Blaine Sorrick, Adam Fitzgerald, Krystal Willett, Kenneth Haynie

Book Talks Today, Make for Stronger Readers Tomorrow

What have you noticed about our strong readers? Sharing many common traits, one is obvious: They accessorize with books not bling! Strong readers read –A LOT! We learn to read by reading. Yes, it can be as simple as that.

This was emphasized even further in

"The Art of the Book Talk: How Sharing Young Adult Literature Improves the Common Core of Reading, Writing, and Speaking," which was presented at last summer's Write Here! Write Now! Annual National Writing Project workshop at Kent State University attended by seventh grade teacher Mrs. Anfang. "The new Common Core English Language Arts standards make it clear that our students, more than ever, need to be prolific, successful readers in order to be fully prepared for college and career," she said.

Sharing books, talking and writing about books, and engaging in sustained silent reading (SSR) are

all ways Mrs. Anfang's seventh grade language arts classes spend time to reach this success and to become stronger readers. In addition to their required independent reading, the students also prepare book talks to share with other classrooms, and it works! As seventh grader Avrie Talboo explained as she checked out her new book, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, "Brent made it sound interesting the way he explained the book. He described how he felt when he read the book."

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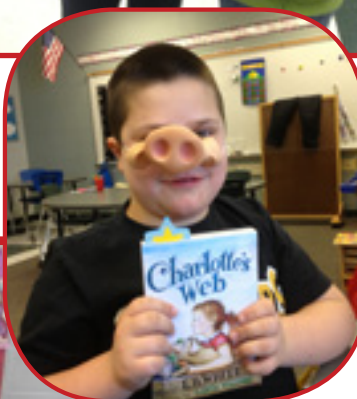
Primary School Participated in One Book - One School Project



Students and staff in the primary school donned their pink piggy noses and engrossed themselves in a farm culture while reading the book "Charlotte's Web," by E. B. White. A school-wide vocabulary activity included a word of the week chosen from the book. The word was defined, antonyms and synonyms identified and correct use was modeled. In addition to reading "Charlotte's Web" each student received a book about spiders.

The students also participated in a school-wide farm assembly, transformed the hallways from farm to fair and read daily facts about farms. A family movie night was held Jan. 31 from 6-8 p.m. with volunteers from the local church, eighth grade students and students from Crestwood National Honor Society.

To top it all off, the school is participating in a school-wide book challenge to read 1,500 books. If the students are successful, Mrs. Trivelli will kiss a pig!



Mrs. Plicka's class made beautiful spider webs in honor of One Book One School. Crestwood Primary School read Charlotte's Web. Mrs. Plicka's class created the webs by dragging yarn through paints onto paper.

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Feb. 21 and Feb. 28**

**Parent Information Night:
April 11**



Children who are five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2013 are eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2013-2014 school year. Information packets for registration are available at the Primary School or on the district web site at www.crestwoodschools.org after Feb. 2, 2013. Registration will be held Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 at three separate times, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., 1 – 2:30 p.m. and 5 – 7 p.m., at the Primary School.

In addition to registration paperwork, parents or guardians are required to show two proofs of residency, the child's official birth certificate issued by the State, and their social security card. Student's immunizations must

be up to date for entry to school in the Fall.

A parent information night will be held April 11, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Primary School Cafeteria. No child care services will be available.

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