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“Help Our Dreams Come True” Project Has Students Designing a New High School

Students in Mrs. Teresa Moon’s high school geometry class were involved in a high-stakes project as the school year came to a close. They designed plans for a new high school. These High School students are adamant about letting the public understand the need for a new building. The solution: a project called “Help Our Dreams Come True!”

Students were placed in groups of three to four team members. Each team created a site plan, designed a building layout, constructed a model of one of the classrooms, created a set of blue prints, and generated a budget for their new school. Mrs. Moon provided them with topographical maps and with the help



of Mr. Edward Moon of the Portage County Soils and Water Conservation, students studied the contours of the land and decided where they would like their new school to be located.

In the computer lab students used a free software program called Google Sketchup to design a 3-D view of the rooms in the building as well as the model of the school itself.

“Students are excited about this project, and used critical thinking skills as well as creativity as they designed their school,” said Mrs. Moon. Each team will be calling local businesses in the community to ask if they can display their final projects in their offices. Display boards will be used to provide information to the public in regards to their dreams: a new high school.



Crestwood Local Schools’ New Logo

Crestwood Local Schools has created a new logo for the district to help communicate its message of striving to meet the needs of every child, every day. The new logo will be used on school district pieces including its website, newsletters, school stationary and other print and online collateral materials. Additionally, each school will receive their own version of the logo to use for their school-specific materials.

“One of the pieces of information we received through our community engagement efforts was that the district did not have a brand,” said Superintendent Joe Iacano. “People didn’t really know what our image was. We hope the new logo will become more recognizable and community members will always remember that we strive to give the best education possible for our students every day.”



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Crestwood Local Schools Updates Five-Year Forecast Amidst State Budget Reductions

by Carol Corbett, Treasurer & Gregg Reink, Director of Administrative Services

The Crestwood Local Schools' Board of Education approved updates to the five-year forecast presented by District Treasurer Carol Corbett on May 23. Every year, school districts in Ohio are required to revise their forecasts in May and October. The change to the May five-year forecast is for revenues and expenditures for the school years ending June 30, 2011 through 2015.

"The biggest change to our five-year forecast is the significant loss of revenue in 2012, 2013 and beyond," Corbett said. "This forecast reflects the implementation of our budget reduction plan in response to the proposed state budget cuts."

Current budget information shows a projected loss in state revenue of \$1.75 million for each of the next two years. The forecast is prepared with input from all departments throughout the district and takes into consideration state and local funding. Even though it is a five-year forecast, the Ohio legislature has not set the state budget for 2012 - 2013 or the following years.

"In general, Crestwood currently receives about 45 percent of our revenue from the state," said Gregg Reink, Director of Administrative Services. "Even with no new local revenue since 1992 and years of proactive reductions, difficult decisions lie ahead. We will continue to work towards finding ways to provide the best education possible with the resources we have available."

Already this year, the district has saved taxpayers \$550,000 by refinancing the bonds for the elementary school buildings. Crestwood and Ravenna School Districts also became one of the first set of districts in Northeast Ohio to begin sharing food service operations, which saves both districts \$20,000 annually.

Despite those cost savings, the district anticipates a positive cash balance of only \$13,000 by July 2013 unless there are more reductions or an increase in state and/or local funding.

The district's updated five year forecast can be viewed at <http://yf.f.oecn.k12.oh.us/>.

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High School Choir Performs in New York

The Crestwood Concert Choir and Chamber Singers went to New York City during their spring break. They performed some of their Pop's Concert songs at the South Street Seaport. Some of their songs included *I'll Be There*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Africa* and *I Heard It Through the Grapevine*.

The students were able to tour many of the landmarks in NYC including Radio City Music Hall, Empire State Building, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. They were also on the *Today Show*.

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Regular Board of Education meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month, at the High School Library, 10919 N. Main Street Mantua, Ohio. Meetings are held at the Primary School during the summer months. The public is cordially invited to attend. If more information is needed about a Board meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 330-274-8511.

Crestwood and Ravenna School Districts to Share Food Service Operations

Proactive measure saves each district approximately \$20,000 annually

The Boards of Education for both Crestwood Local Schools and Ravenna School District approved resolutions today to share food service operations beginning July 1, 2011. The agreement between the two districts is potentially the first shared services agreements in Northeast Ohio for public school districts.

As approved by the boards, Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch of Crestwood Local Schools will continue to oversee food service operations for Crestwood Local Schools while also assuming food service responsibilities at Ravenna. Hirsch's responsibilities will include: staff hiring and evaluation, ordering, invoicing, concession stands, overseeing free and reduced lunch programs, and attending mandatory conferences. Each district will save approximately \$20,000 per year under the agreement.

"This agreement really is a win-win for both districts," said Crestwood Superintendent Joe Iacano. "Jennifer has done a wonderful job for Crestwood students, and I'm excited for her to take the next step in her professional development and implement this very innovative agreement."

Discussions between the two districts to share food service operations began after the announcement that Ravenna's current director of student nutrition, Linda Grant, would be retiring after 30 years of service.

"For 30 years, Linda has been respected both personally and professionally at Ravenna Schools," said Bill Wisniewski, director of business operations, Ravenna School District. "She has been a tremendous help in ensuring this plan is successful and has even made herself available to help after she's retired."

The proximity of the two school districts was one of many factors the two districts identified when agreeing to this position, said Gregg Reink, director of administrative services, Crestwood Local Schools. Reink and Wisniewski will also continue to work together as the program continues to develop over the summer months.

"Flexibility and ongoing dialogue between the two school districts is essential for this to be a success," said Dr. Tim Calfee, superintendent, Ravenna School District. "I have been excited about this opportunity ever since Mr. Iacano discussed it as a possibility. I applaud both boards of education for being leaders in public service."

Bujak-Hirsch recently became a certified school nutrition specialist, one of only 1,100 nationwide and the first in Portage County. In addition to her experience at Crestwood, Hirsch has worked in food service management for Sea World Ohio, Six Flags Worlds of Adventure and the Akron Zoological Park. She is also a member of the National School Nutrition Association and the Ohio Nutrition Council.

"I am just excited about the possibilities to bring this creative and innovative idea to the public sector," Bujak-Hirsch said. "I know my experience in the private sector will help me implement a program that benefits both districts and the students and staff at Crestwood and Ravenna."

AP Students Represent Crestwood at D. C. Congressional Academy this Summer

Two Juniors from Crestwood High School's AP program were recently selected to attend the prestigious Congressional Academy for American History and Civics sponsored by the Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs. They are among the 112 students selected from throughout the country. Only two students are selected from each state, plus 10 additional students nationwide, are selected.

Jessica Liszkowski and Thomas Pochedly will attend this two-week program which will take place in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Gettysburg, PA during the summer. They will be studying Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence, Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

"Out of the 112 students selected to attend this prestigious academy, two will be from Crestwood . . . that's pretty impressive considering the level of competition in the selection process," said High School Teacher Mr. Angus McDougall. "We should all be very proud."

Students who apply have to complete an application process that includes a student essay, teacher recommendations and academic performance considerations.

The academy is designed and led by several of the country's best historians and professors. Each participant receives free room and board, tuition, three college credits and a \$500 stipend.



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Other Happenings...

CMS Bands Receive 13th Superior Rating in 14 Years

The Crestwood Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Bands participated in the Ohio Music Education Association Large Group Adjudicated Event held at The University of Akron May 13, 2011, and received their 13th Superior Rating in 14 years of entering the event.

The bands played amongst thirty other bands and orchestras from OMEA District VI, which includes Portage, Summit, Medina, and Wayne Counties. Three OMEA adjudicators evaluated these large ensembles, and each judge gave a rating from I (Superior) to V (Poor) based on a standard of musicianship and performance from which the final rating is calculated.

The 8th Grade Band consists of 56 students and the 7th Grade Band consists of 76 students. The Bands are directed by Mrs. Judith Guegold with Mrs. Debra Wiandt assisting with these ensembles.

Cleveland Orchestra Trombonist Performs at CMS Concert and Conducts Master Class

Mr. Edward Zadrozny, trombone teacher at the University of Akron and first sub for the The Cleveland Orchestra, recently came to CMS to rehearse with the 8th Grade Band, and solo with them at their annual Spring Concert playing the Irish tune "Danny Boy."

Mr. Zadrozny returned the next week to teach a master class to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade trombone and euphonium students. The students learned about breathing and tone production as

well as other fundamental elements pertaining to low brass performance. Mr. Z's wealth of knowledge and friendly personality created a wonderful learning experience for our CMS band students.



State Support Team Region 8 Honors Crestwood Students and Teacher for Outstanding Achievements

May 13, eight Crestwood students and one teacher were honored for their outstanding achievements at the annual Outstanding Achievement Award luncheon sponsored by the State Support Team Region 8. Four high school students, four primary school students and a teacher received awards. The luncheon was held at St. George Fellowship Centre in Akron.

High school students awarded were Cole Benjamin, honored for his outstanding achievement in Extracurricular Activities; Jacob Holcomb honored for his outstanding achievements in athletics; and Francis Hosey and Tyler Hosey for their outstanding achievements in community service.

Primary school students awarded were Luke Brugmann, Cynthia McDivitt and Adam Leininger, all for their academic achievement.

High School Teacher Mrs. Kristy Jones was recognized as an Outstanding Educator for 2010-2011.

Each year the SST8 offers Outstanding Students of the Year Awards for students achievements in Academics, Arts, Athletics, Community Service, Employment, Extracurricular Activities, and Independent Living Skills. Students must be nominated by teachers or administrators

SST8 is an agency that provides services and assistance to school districts and educational institutions in Medina, Portage and Summit Counties in the areas of school improvement, secondary transitions, early learning and special education.



*Pictured from L-R front row: Erin Levicky, Gary Travney, Betty Miner, Tyler Hosey.
Pictured from L-R back row: Francis Hosey, Barbara Hosey, Arden Sommers, Cole Benjamin, Jacob Holcomb, Ken Hosey*



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BUS ASSIGNMENTS AND SCHEDULES

Like last year, bus schedules will not be posted at schools. All bus schedules will be mailed out the week of August 14. Please review and contact our office with any discrepancies or if you have not received your child's schedule by August 22.

TRANSPORTATION FORMS

All transportation forms are available on the Crestwood website. Go to crestwoodschools.org, click on Transportation – locate appropriate form. It is the parents or legal guardian's legal responsibility to ensure supervision for the child before and after they are picked up at their legal residence, alternate bus stop, or collection point.

ALTERNATE BUS STOP FORM (Students who use a sitter or daycare)
Alternate Bus Stop forms are only good for the current school year and you must fill out a new Alternate Bus Stop form each year. As always, if you know your arrangements before the end of the school year you can fill out the form and return or fax it to the Transportation office. Please return or fax (330.274.3706) the Alternate Bus Stop form to the transportation office as soon as possible, but no later than July 31, 2011. Allow three (3) business days to process your request.

ENDING ALTERNATE BUS STOP FORM

(Students who use a sitter or daycare)
You must submit this Ending Alternate Bus Stop Form to the Transportation office if you choose to end an Alternate Bus Stop request that is currently on file. Once your ending form is processed your student is automatically added back to the Bus Route to and from their legal residence unless another Alternate Bus Stop Form is turned in for processing. All forms once completed can be brought to the transportation office, schools, or faxed to 330.274.3706. Allow three (3) business days to process your request.

JUNIOR/SENIOR REGISTRATION TO REGISTER YOUR 11/12 JUNIOR OR SENIOR FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION

If you have a junior or senior that will be riding the school bus for the 11/12 school year as always. Juniors and seniors must register for bussing. Look for the 11/12 junior - senior bus registration form to come with your sophomore or junior's end of the year report card. Please return or fax (330.274.3706) the junior - senior bus registration form to the transportation office as soon as possible, but no later than July 31, 2011. Allow five (5) business days to process your request.

HOW BUS PASSES ARE ISSUED AND WHAT INFO IS NEEDED

As always bus passes are issued on an emergency basis only. Approval is issued from the building administrator, secretary, or transportation office. A detailed note must be sent or a phone call to the school office from the parent or guardian with all pertinent information to have a bus pass issued. Information needed: Name, GR., Reason, Bus #, and Name and Address of person at emergency stop. Sleepovers, parties, school projects, carpooling, evening groups, clubs or lessons etc. are not considered an emergency and will not be authorized. If your emergency arises after school hours and will affect the morning route please contact the transportation office at 330.274.2776. Feel free to leave a message. Bus passes will be monitored for abuse.

If you plan to stop in after the last day of school, our summer hours vary so please call ahead. (330.274.2776)

To Parents/Guardians of an upcoming Junior or Senior student:

If your Junior or Senior student will be riding the bus to/from school during the school year you must register him/her for this service. Families of an upcoming Junior or Senior will need to register each year by completing and returning a "Request for Bus Transportation Form". Any Junior or Senior who do not register will not be scheduled on routes.

Bus schedules will not be posted at the schools. Bus schedules will be mailed out the week of August 16th. It is imperative that you review all personal information and contact our office with any discrepancies or if you have not received your child's bus schedule by August 21st.

All Transportation Forms are also located on the Crestwood Website: www.crestwoodschools.org.

Please allow five (5) business days to process form from the time we receive it in the Transportation Office.

Any questions please contact the Transportation office at 330.274.2776 or contact us by email transport@crestwood.sparcc.org.

Return or fax (330.274.3706) completed form to the Transportation office by July 31st.

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ENDING AN ALTERNATE STOP: You need to submit an Ending Alternate Stop form to the Transportation office if you are ending an Alternate Stop request on file. Once your ending form is processed your student is automatically added back to the bus route to and from their legal residence unless another Alternate Bus Stop form is turned in for processing.

All forms are available at the schools, Transportation Department or on the school's website at **crestwoodschools.org**.

PLEASE PRINT

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HOME ADDRESS: _____
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If approved, I understand that the child listed above will be picked up and dropped off at the requested above Alternate Stop Address until I request in writing for this service to end. I understand the Transportation Manager reserves the right to deny this request if the location of the stop or request is deemed impractical or inconsistent with policy.

Top Performers on IXL

These students have mastered the most skills at their grade-level using the online math practice program IXL.

Kindergarten: Ethan Oliver, Katherine Martin, Cole Thompson
1st Grade: Kolten Borrelli, Theoren Brown and Eva Mory
2nd Grade: James Hoover, Kaley Richard, Bethany Mason
3rd Grade: Trevor Malheny, Marvena Fahmy, Blaze Angle
4th Grade: Nicholas Vilt, Alexander Kramer, Breanna Teece
5th Grade: Austin Shaffer, Shannia Moore, Evelyn Geib
6th Grade: Christopher Harbaugh, Haley Brady, Ryan Velek
7th Grade: Shanley Kline, Shannon Martin, Audrey Klatik
8th Grade: Dessie Donat, Angelena Nero, Zack Willett

Crestwood Middle School Holds Annual Pint Size Heroes Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 24, Crestwood Middle School hosted the first annual CMS Blood Drive for the American Red Cross.

"The response was overwhelming," said Lynn Morrison, School Counselor and organizer of the event. Morrison held a brief Blood Drive Assembly for all students prior to the Blood Drive to help them understand the need and encourage them to gather community members to donate.

The students reached out to the Crestwood community members and they responded. There were 33 participants, an incredible turnout for a first time event, said a Red Cross staffer. "The students and the community are to be congratulated for such a successful event," Morrison added.

Many lives will be impacted by the 25 pints of blood collected. In addition, 10 students received a free ticket to a Cleveland Indian's game for their participation in this year's drive.

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H.S. Guidance Office Summer Hours

The Guidance Office at the High School will be open from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Friday until June 29, and then the office will only be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – noon during the month of July. The office will reopen to normal operation in the month of August. If anyone needs a transcript or other services from the Guidance Office they can leave a voicemail at 330-274-2214 Ext 104 or an email to CGOGGIN@crestwoodschools.org.

Summer Baseball Camps Offered for Grades 5 - 9 and 1 - 4

Crestwood Athletic Sports Boosters will be holding two youth baseball camps this summer. The camps are instructed by Crestwood Baseball Coaching Staff and players. The camp for grades 5 - 9 is June 25 - June 27 from 12 to 3 p.m.. The camp for grades 1 - 4 is July 8 - 10 from 12 to 3 p.m. Both camps take place at Crestwood High School baseball field. The cost is \$90 per camper. Each camper will receive a t-shirt and certification of participation. Checks may be made out to Crestwood Athletic Sports Booster (C.A.S.B.). Please contact John Bakalar, jbakalar@crestwoodschools.org (216) 408-0449 for more information.



Mantua Soccer Association Registration Dates

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August 7, 2011 12:30-2:00pm St. Joseph's church

August 11, 2011 12:30-2:00pm St. Joseph's church

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High School . . .

Pre-Engineering Class at Crestwood High School Opened its Doors to Visitors

Crestwood High School's pre-engineering class was open to the community Friday, May 13, to highlight a new course that helps students better understand how engineering fits into the global economy.

In a joint venture between the middle school and high school, a pre-engineering academy was launched with teacher Colleen Ready at the helm. This academy touched 60 eighth graders who traveled to the high school to learn about engineering. This problem-based course was mostly student lead, and it introduced students to the various fields of engineering. Students also gained an understanding of the design process used by engineers, and tried their hand at AutoInventor, a 3D digital prototyping software.

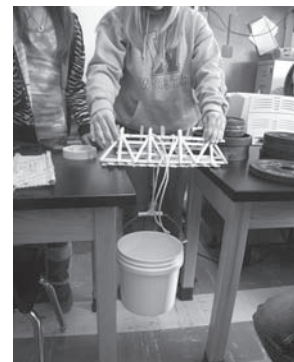
"The engineering academy not only gives students the opportunity to learn in a different environment, it also allows the students to become more comfortable in the high school setting," Ready said. "This aspect has been very beneficial for the students considering the stress level of most eighth-grade students as they make their transition to the high school."

According to Ready, the students focused on three major engineering fields of mechanical, civil, and chemical. Each field contained various activities such as developing free standing structures, creating towers that were strong enough to hold books, building bridges, exploring the chemical make-up of bubble gum, and designing and creating cardboard chairs. All activities were designed to challenge the students to use the design process while given restrictions and constraints.

Eighth-grader Laney Velek said, "The pre-engineering program taught me many ways to solve problems and different ways to make things. I never thought being an engineer would be fun. It's more than building; it's solving a common problem in the community using the design process."

Eighth-grader Hannah Hilty added, "The class encouraged me to try harder, and I think it was a good addition to the Crestwood schools."

"Colleen has done a phenomenal job designing and implementing this course," said Mary Ann Strenk, curriculum director. "It's just another example of the district meeting the needs of every child, every day."



CHS STUDENTS & ATHLETES OF THE MONTH - APRIL



Back Row: Joe Monroe (Wrestling), Mallory Lorence (10th), Talia Cobb (11th), Kyle Vertoch (12th)
Front Row: Rachel Quesenberry (9th), Sarah Brugmann (12th)
Not Pictured: Olivia Phillips (Track)

CEA Awards Senior Scholarship

On May 18, 2011 at the senior awards banquet, the Crestwood Education Association was honored and proud to present the CEA's Annual \$1,000 Scholarship to senior Heather Ristau.

The CEA presents this scholarship to one deserving senior to put towards their post-secondary educational expenses. The recipient of this award must demonstrate to a panel of Crestwood teachers through application, essay and teacher recommendations that through their leadership, character, and academic success they are a standout student in their graduating class. This year there were 11 applicants, all deserving and all demonstrating exemplary character, leadership and outstanding academic success. However, the panel of five Crestwood teachers representing elementary, intermediate, middle and high school teachers, through a blind-rubric process chose Heather as this years deserving recipient.



Middle School Choir Ends Successful Year

The Crestwood Middle School 8th choir finished their year on top. After their final concert, students went to Sandusky to a contest in which they received the highest rating, a Superior. They showed their diversity by performing an a cappella song called *Bring Us Peace*. They continued with their impressive performance by singing *The River Sleeps Beneath the Sky* and then a powerful ending *Joshua's Battle*. They were not only commended on their singing but also their stage presence. They then continued to enjoy the rest of the day at Cedar Point. While Mantua was experiencing rain they were enjoyed drying weather and fun.

At the end of the year concerts, the 6th Grade choir sang *Witch Doctor, Beep Beep, How Could Anyone and Do, Re, Mi*. The 7th grade choir demonstrated their talents with their pieces *Ching-A-Ring Chaw, When You Are Singing a Song and Bad Day*. Only the 7th grade choir could make the song *Bad Day* into a good day.

CMS Track Teams Complete Season with 2nd in PTC Meet, Zigman and Fitzgerald Set School Records

Despite the looming rain clouds this Spring, the CMS track teams completed an excellent season with both girls and boys teams finishing 2nd in the PTC Championships in May. Both teams also boast new record holders with Hailey Zigman setting the school record in the 200 meter hurdles with a time of 31.80 and to Jeremiah Fitzgerald for setting the new 1600 meter PTC record with an impressive 4:55.65.

The girls finished the season 9 - 2 only losing to Kent and Ravenna. The lady Red Devils won the Crestwood Relays invitational and finished third at the Woodridge Relays.

The boys were 10 - 1 only losing to arch rival Field. They placed second at the Crestwood Red Devil Relays, again to Field, and third at the Woodridge relays.

CMS Students of the Month - May



6th Grade: Evelyn Head, Karli Bigler, James Vaughan, Noah Worrone, Alyssa Blake, Bradley Leventry
7th Grade: Ashley Agle, Micheal Hosey, Courtney Capel, Lauren Smith, Shanley Kline, Romeo Nuti
8th Grade: Megan Scaletta, Ryan Ambler, Miranda Beatty, Jacob Hanzlik, Samantha Spencer, Nicholas Morris

Middle School...



Crestwood Education Association Awards Four with Summer Camp Scholarships

The Crestwood Education Association (CEA) has awarded four middle school students each with \$100 to be used towards summer camp expenses. Scholarships went to two eighth grade students, Leannah Francis and Nicole Derthick, seventh-grader Treinity Hammonds and sixth-grader Bill Harrison.

Francis will attend Kent State Track and Field Camp. Derthick will attend AC Dance Camp in Aurora. Hammonds will attend the Wooster Music Camp and Harrison is planning to attend a Camp Asbury in Hiram.

"Teachers are very happy to support student activities both inside and outside the classroom," said Kim Marfy, treasurer of CEA and organizer of the scholarship program. "The more life experiences students have, the better their academic perspective. This year we had eight applicants and we wish we had enough money for all of them to attend the camps of their choice."

"A very important component of the middle school philosophy is to allow students to try new things and develop existing skills," said Principal Julie Schmidt. "Summer camps allow students to do that, and these scholarships help make it possible for our students to have rich experiences."

The money used to fund the scholarships comes from the raffle of themed baskets at the Annual Potato Festival. The baskets are made and donated by teachers. All profits from the raffle go towards the middle school summer school scholarship program.

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Intermediate School...



Intermediate School Embraces One School, One Book Program

Crestwood Intermediate School, inspired by the One Book, One School program, dressed in red, white and blue and took up flags to celebrate heroes May 25.

The entire school, from the lunch room staff, students, teachers, principal and counselor, are reading the book *On the Wings of Heroes* by Richard Peck. The book takes place during World War II, and has provided these 3rd to 5th grade students an opportunity to walk through history.

Replicating a jalopy parade from the book, veterans rode around the campus bus loop in old cars and an army jeep. Students waved flags and chanted, "Go USA!"

An entire WWII/Heroes Memorabilia Room has been created within the school to help students see and understand items they read about in the book. The staff has worked together to create and share different activities to enhance the educational experience.

Other activities have included visiting heroes from our community. Mayors, firefighters, mail carriers, and the two deputy sheriffs were all represented. Veterans and family heroes have also been invited to lunch with the students.

Using the book as a starting point, students used their reading to create stories, write poems, journal entries and develop letter writing skills.

Students extended their outreach by raising money for "93 Cents for Flight 93," the memorial to celebrate the heroes of Flight 93.

There is a vibrant excitement humming through the school that is reflected in the interaction of community members, students and their families, school staff and our nation's veterans. In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "Do not even attempt a job if you do not plan to do the best you know how." Crestwood Intermediate School's One Book, One School reflects these words.



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Fifth Grade Spelling Bee

On Friday, May 13, the fifth grade held its annual spelling bee. Four top spellers from each class were chosen to participate. First place winner was Mitchell McGreal from Mrs. Duvall's class, Second place was Austin Shaffer from Mr. Grubbs'/Mrs. McClure's class, and third place was Elizabeth Adkins from Mr. Schmitt's class.



Shown with Mr. Maglionico are from left to right, Elizabeth Adkins, Mitchell McGreal, and Austin Shaffer

Primary School . . .

Crestwood Honored with the NEOEA's Green School Award

As the Crestwood Primary and Intermediate Schools prepared for their Annual Earth Day Celebration, news arrived of their receipt of the North Eastern Ohio Education Association's Green School Award, which was awarded to them for their Earth Day Celebration and promotion of outdoor education. Crestwood Primary and Intermediate Schools were one of three schools awarded.

Students at the Primary and Intermediate buildings are able to explore outdoor education through the the bio-swales that are located next to the elementary schools. Students have also gained insight from presentations put on by local agencies and environmental enthusiasts such as, Ken Riley's presentation on Global Warming, and Wendelin Taylor's presentations on recycling and composting. Other community members such as Matt Sorrick, and Jennifer White have been key in teaching students and staff members about water conservation and water pollution prevention.



"It's really cool," said Tara Gall about learning science at Crestwood Primary School. "When we went with Mr. Sorrick we got to use nets to catch insects. We caught a big praying mantis! We brought it in the classroom and watched it eat other bugs. It was fun learning about its habitat too."

"Children have a natural curiosity for nature and the world around them," said Natalie Harr, a member of Crestwood's Outdoor Education Committee (OEC). "The OEC strives to provide our students with opportunities to explore the natural environment located right in their schoolyard. Being a 'green school' increases student's creativity, improves knowledge retention, and makes learning more meaningful and relevant to our students."

Students are not the sole beneficiaries of these programs, many staff members have found leadership opportunities that have encouraged and permitted them to share all the wonderful events happening within the school. These Crestwood educators have presented at the Ohio Confederation of Teaching Education

Organizations, and the annual conference of Environmental Education Council of Ohio. Another thrilling moment for the program was the receiving of a \$9,800 Dominion Educational Partnership Grant in 2010, which allowed the K-3 environmental science program to expand. Perhaps the most electrifying of these moments was when Primary School teacher, Natalie Harr who co-authored the article "Nature Detectives" with Dr. Richard E. Lee was published in the Journal of Science and Children which is a journal supported by the National Science Teacher Association (NSTA).



Created in 2010 by the Environmental Concerns Committee or NEOEA, the Green School Award honors schools within local affiliates that are leaders in environmental education. To receive the NEOEA Green School Award, a school building must demonstrate having met at least one criterion in each of the following objective areas: Curriculum and Instruction, operation, design, maintenance of school building and grounds, and finally school and community partnerships. Crestwood Elementary schools have not only demonstrated proficiency in all these areas, but earlier this month members of the Outdoor Education Committee (OEC) showed how they have excelled in providing opportunities for students to learn about science and the world around them.

Crestwood Community Celebrates Earth Day at Intermediate Campus

The cold winds of April 29 could not stop the flow of families and community members to Crestwood's Seventh Annual Earth Day Celebration. The celebrations began with songs from Dale Lacan, and while the wind stole Mother Earth's poem, it did not stop her enthusiasm for encouraging all citizens to step forward to care for our earth.

This year's event presented 23 stations and 400 visitors: Wendlyn Taylor, Portage County Recycling, shared worm composting; Dawn Alber, Portage County Parks, Marty Calabreeze, Cleveland Natural History Museum, and Matt Sorick, Hiram College, provided critters for kids to see, touch and explore; Jen White and Nancy Speck shared buckeye tree information; Lynn Vogal, representing Portage County Water and Soil and Master Gardeners, helped students plant trees and learn about invasive plants; Sharon Graper, Holden Arboretum, helped students make recycled pots and plant them; and the Guyette bees were too cold to make the trip, but they sent honey and a table full of bee equipment!

There was an opportunity to try some Earth Day yoga with Vicki Salvini. High school and college students helped with rocks and mineral exploration, recycled hat making and face painting. College students led habitat hikes that helped families learn about their school yard. For those with crafting on their agenda, there were water cycle bracelets, candle art, bottle cap lockets, and caddis fly snacks to make and an opportunity to paint nature with Willy.

For those more interested in observing, there was also a delightful Earth Day themed art show. Polar Pat helped students learn about Antarctica and introduced our schools exciting adventure in sending one of our teachers, Natalie Harr, to Antarctica.

Crestwood's yearly Earth Day is an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the beauty and care of our earth. The commitment of county and community members, past and present staff member (from all of our district buildings), students, and families makes this a truly unique community growing opportunity.

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