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Crestwood Art Students Receive Gold at Scholastic Art Competition

Crestwood High School art students competed in the 2011 Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Competition at Kent State University on January 10. Crestwood had four students receive Gold Key Awards,



two Silver Key
Awards and five Merit
Winners. The Gold
Key winners move on
to the National Finals
in New York City. The
awards presentation
and show opening will
be January 29 at 10
a.m. in the Conference
Center at Kent State
University, The Stark
County Campus. The
A list of our student's
Awards is on page 3.



8th Grade Art Projects Blossom

Drawing, composition and still life painting were the focus of a very successful eighth grade art project. Two sections of eighth graders completed paintings of flowers in vases after much hard work and deep thought. They began their process by drawing individual flowers, leaves and vases. The practice work lead to drawings of flower arrangements in which composition, or placement of objects, was the main focus.

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Erin Tyrrell - Painting

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Superintendent's Letter . . .

Community Engagement More Important Than Ever

As the state of Ohio ushers in new leadership, school districts and municipalities across the state are anxiously awaiting news regarding cuts in state funding and how significant cuts will be to K-12 education. Without question, Crestwood Local Schools will be impacted by these cuts. While we continue to operate in a time of great uncertainty, our district stands out from others in that our academic performance has increased while we have kept costs down. In fact, we spent less in 2008-2009 than we did in 2003-2004.

This accomplishment is the result of strategic planning and dedicated staff who prepare our students for academic success each and every day. Yet, with less revenue expected for our district, important decisions, including reductions, must be made. Future announcements by state officials about funding cuts will be the determining factor in how large those reductions need to be.



Mr. Joseph lacano Superintendent

In 2011, Crestwood Local Schools would like to hear from you. We hope to learn more about your concerns, your desires and your hopes for our schools. Over the next several months we will devise a plan to give you the opportunity to do this. We would like to set out on a path to determine what is most important for *our* district.

This will be accomplished in many different ways, and we encourage you to get involved. The district will be conducting focus groups with residents, and the Board of Education will continue mid-month meetings to discuss important issues, including facilities. The district will be seeking your input for ways we can better communicate with you and generate successful and ongoing, two-way communications. More information will become available as these meetings are scheduled.

2011 is a year that holds great promise for Crestwood Local Schools. But, it is also a year that will prove difficult without the combined effort of our community, teachers, staff members, and administrative team.

I have great faith in our collective resolve. By starting to work together now, we can ensure that success continues to grow throughout Crestwood Local Schools.

I look forward to meeting with many of you to discuss the things that mean the most to all of us – our students, our schools and our community.

- Joe Iacano

Crestwood Comments

The Crestwood Comments is a non-profit publication serving as the communication medium between the Crestwood School District and the communities it serves.

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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.





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School News . . .

Crestwood Receives Gold - continued from Page 1



Brittany Crary - Photography

Gold Key Award: Erin Tyrrell - Art Portfolio Sam Musarra- Drawing Megan Cowan-Photography

Brittant Crary- Photography

Silver Key Award:

Kayley Michuta- Drawing Justin Shannon- Drawing

Merit Winners:

Katrina Schenck-Photography Justin Shannon- Drawing Emily Rollin- Computer Art Erin Tyrrell- Drawing Erin Tyrrell- Drawing

8th Grade Art - continued from Page 1



The best compositions were transferred to canvas boards. Background colors were chosen as the painting process began with the study of color and painting techniques. Creating a three-dimensional look on a twodimensional surface is very challenging for fledgling artists.

Choosing colors and creating flowers that showed depth occupied most of the student's time and effort. The overall beauty of the students' work points to their deep involvement in the process.

Crestwood Local Schools

Other Happenings...

Parent/Teacher Conferences - HIGH SCHOOL

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 24, and Thursday, March 3, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. We strongly encourage you to meet with all your son's/daughter's teachers during the conference days. Child care is available from the National Honor Society on both nights.

Please complete the form below providing the time you can start your conferences and teachers you would like to meet with. The form may be returned to the Guidance Department by mail, fax 330-274-0072, or with your child. If mailing this form, please address it to:

Crestwood High School – Guidance Department 10919 N. Main Street Mantua. Ohio 44255

If sending the form to school, please have it dropped off in the Guidance Office (Room 106). A confirming schedule will be sent home with your student or e-mailed if an address is provided. Copies of the conference schedules are also available in the Guidance Office at the beginning of the conferences. Thank you for taking the time and interest to talk with the teachers, it is indeed time well spent.

Sincerely, Arden Sommers, Principal

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Crestwood Local School 2011-2012 Kindergarten Information

Children must be five years old on or before August 1, 2011, to be eligible to attend Kindergarten during the 2011-2012 school year.

Information packets containing registration paperwork will be available for parents to pick up at the Crestwood Primary School beginning February 1, 2011.

The official registration of students is February 24, 2011 and March 3, 2011 during the times of 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. All registration will take place at the Crestwood Primary School.

In addition to the registration paperwork, parents/guardians are required to show two proofs of residency, the child's official birth certificate issued by the State, and their social security card. Also, custody papers if applicable. Student's immunizations must be up to date for fall entry into school.

There will be a "Kindergarten Parent Information Night" for parents Thursday, April 7, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the Crestwood Primary School cafeteria. NO child care services will be available at this time.

All questions can be directed to the Crestwood Primary School at 330-422-3104.

Crestwood Girl's Youth Fastpitch Softball Sign-up

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CEA Accepting Applications for Summer Camp Scholarships

Again this year, Crestwood Education Association(CEA) is offering Summer Camp scholarships to Crestwood Middle School students. Any student interested in attending a summer camp is encouraged to submit an application for the scholarship. Through CEA fundraising efforts, three \$100 scholarships are available to middle school students.

To apply, simply fill out the application, which can be found on the middle school Web page of www. crestwoodschools.org. Return the completed application to Mrs. Kim Marfy at Crestwood Middle School in a sealed envelope by May 1, 2011. Applications can also be picked up at the Middle School office.



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Student News . . .

Internet Sites Aid in Student Mastery

by Mary Ann Strenk, Director of Curriculum

Technology has impacted our world in many ways, and education is one of the areas that has seen a benefit from this innovation. Following are some internet links that may help as students work to master many of the skills in our curriculum. Direct links can be found on the district website on the curriculum page under the *Departments* link.

IXLmath

Crestwood students have access to this program and may receive log-in information from their math teachers, or contact me in the curriculum office. This program allows students to practice and master math topics at any level. If specific skills are too hard, the program offers explanations to help students be more successful. Students may also choose more challenging problems by selecting a higher grade level.

I Can Statements

Parents and students K-5 can view the Academic Content Standards in more friendly language. This will help gain a better understanding of what students are expected to learn in each grade.

First 4000 Words

This link is helpful for the primary grades. It includes the first 4000 words students should learn to read.

Vocabulary Lists

Under this link you will find lists of vocabulary words for all core subjects K-12. Learning these words and having a strong grasp of their meaning will help students understand the content in textbooks and stories being used in class. Review these lists and use these words in conversations at home as much as possible so the words become more familiar. This would be one of the strongest ways to help your child prepare for state tests.

Pathfinders

This site was developed by library media specialists to help students on research reports. Content is organized alphabetically with appropriate grade levels listed. Each topic link contains information about books, magazines, and web-sites that help students conduct research. Definitely a good way to choose stronger web-sites that can be trusted to have truthful content.

Math TV

Video clips explaining math concepts and solutions to problems can be found on this site. Choose from a topic screen to view different questions, then choose the appropriate link. Topics range from general math, like addition and fractions, all the way to systems of equations, trigonometry, and calculus.

Khan Academy

Another video site that offers explanations of problems, but in multiple subjects. Topics include arithmetic, money and banking, biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, geometry, calculus, history, trigonometry, and many more. Definitely a site to visit for homework help, or to prepare for a test.

Oral Presentation and Power Points that Rock

Students at all grade levels are expected to present information in front of their classes. How can these oral presentations stand out from the crowd? Being able to speak fluently in front of a crowd is a life skill that all students need to develop. Gone are the days when putting a few slides in a PowerPoint was enough. Students need to clearly express their point, engage the audience, and have a strong grasp of the content. Preparation and practice are the keys to success.

Success Portal

This is the state testing site that contains previous OAA and OGT questions. Students can view what is expected at each grade level, or even take a practice test that will automatically offer explanations for incorrect answers.

Interactive Lessons in all Subject Areas

Great site for interactive games and lessons that can be done on a SMARTboard or with a computer and mouse. Test your knowledge locating the 50 states, watch science lessons, create graphs, play music, and much more.

National Library of Virtual Manipulatives

Another interactive site, but geared for math preK-12. Topics are divided into categories by grade span. Choose from numbers and operations, geometry, algebra, data analysis/probability, and measurement. Activities really help bring concrete understanding to some abstract topics in math.

Hopefully the curriculum page on the school website will provide useful options as students work to master skills. Updates are made as new sites are located.

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Thursday, 4/7 @ 5:30pm** Tuesday, 5/3 @ 5:00pm Tuesday, 3/1 @ 5:00pm Tuesday, 2/1 @ 5:00pm

Pick-Up

Tuesday, 6/7 @ 5:00pm

* Order deadline is 11:00pm CST on dates listed.

** April's pick-up time is scheduled for 5:30pm instead of the normal 5:00pm. Crestwood Primary & Intermediate Schools thank you for your support!

Swimming V Boys/Girls Away 5:00PM Alliance Bus 3:30PM Basketball JV Girls Away 6:00PM Coventry Bus 4:00PM Basketball V Girls Away 7:30PM Coventry Bus 4:00PM Basketball FR Boys Home 6:00PM Coventry

02/03/11 Thursday

Basketball FR Boys Away TBA Garfield Tourn (possible

12/04/11 Friday

4:00PM Dance Team Practice in Primary Gym Basketball JV Boys Home 6:00PM Southeast Basketball V Boys Home 7:30PM Southeast 9:45PM DANCE sponsored by SADD

02/05/11 Saturday

Mrestling JV Boys Away 9:00AM Coventry JV Tournament Home TBA Choir & Band Solo & Ensemble Bus 7:00AM Wrestling V Boys Away 10:00AM Olmsted Falls Tri Meet Bus

Basketball JV Girls Away 1:00PM Windham Bus 11:45AM Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 1:00PM PTC Tourn @ Akron Bowl Bus 11:15AM

3asketball V Girls Away 2:30PM Windham Bus 11:45AM

02/07/11 Monday

Basketball FR Boys Away TBA Garfield Tourn (possible game) Bus TBA

02/08/11 Tuesday

Basketball FR Boys Away TBA Garfield Tourn (possible Basketball JV Boys Home 6:00PM Windham 3asketball V Boys Home 7:30PM Windham game) Bus TBA

02/09/11 Wednesday

Crestwood High School Events for February 2011

Basketball FR Boys Away 6:00PM Field Bus 4:45PM Basketball JV Girls Home 6:00PM Field Basketball V Girls Home 7:30PM Field

02/10/11 Thursday

Basketball FR Boys Away TBA Garfield Tourn (possible game) Bus TBA

02/11/11 Friday

Home 4:00PM Dance Team Practice in Primary Gym Basketball JV Boys Away 6:00PM Coventry Bus

Wrestling V Boys Away 6:00PM PTC Tournament @ Rootstown Bus 3:00PM

Swimming V Boys Away 6:00PM Sectional Toun @ Akron U Bus 4:30PM Basketball V Boys Away 7:30PM Coventry District Bus

02/12/11 Saturday

Swimming V Girls Away 6:00PM Sectional Toun @ Wrestling V Boys Away 10:00AM PTC Tournament Basketball JV Girls Home 6:00PM Garfield Akron U Bus 4:30PM Bus 8:00AM

02/15/11 Tuesday

Basketball V Girls Home 7:30PM Garfield

Basketball JV Boys Away 6:00PM Garfield Bus TBA 8th Grade Night in High School Gym

Basketball V Boys Away 7:30PM Garfield Bus 4:45PM

02/16/11 Wednesday

Basketball V Girls Away 7:30PM Ravenna Basketball FR Boys Home 6:00PM Basketball JV Girls Away 6:00PM Ravenna Bus 5:00PM Ravenna

02/18/11 Friday

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Wrestling V Boys Away 6:00PM Sectionals Basketball JV Boys Home 6:00PM Field President's Day Weekend---No School Basketball V Boys Home 7:30PM Field @ W Branch Bus 3:00PM

02/19/11 Saturday

Sectionals @ W Branch Bus 9:00AM Wrestling V Boys Away 11:00AM

02/21/11 Monday

President's Day Weekend---No School

02/25/11 Friday

Basketball V Boys Away 7:30PM Ravenna Wrestling V Boys Away 4:00PM District Home TBA Drama---Winter One Acts Basketball JV Boys Away 6:00PM Fourn. @ Firestone Bus 3:00PM Ravenna Bus 5:00PM **Bus 5:00PM**

02/26/11 Saturday

Wrestling V Boys Away 9:00AM District Home TBA Drama---Winter One Acts Tourn. @ Firestone Bus 7:30AM

High School ...

2010-2011 Yearbooks

REMINDER! order your 2010-2011 Yearbook.

Yearbook order forms have been sent home and are available at the Yearbook Website: http://crestwood.sparcc.org/olc/class.aspx?id=5051&s=632. **The deadline for order forms is February 22, 2011**. This year's book will continue to be sold for \$50.00 and the sale will be conducted at the high school by Mr. Pavelek. Payments for the 2010-2011 yearbook need to be made by either cash or check, checks should be made payable to CHS and delivered to Mr. Pavelek in room 116.

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For any additional information and questions regarding Yearbooks, please contact Mr. Pavelek at the High School in room 116; via phone 330-274-2214 (x 416); e-mail pavelek@crestwood. sparcc.org; or mail Crestwood High School, C/O Andrew Pavelek/Yearbook, 10919 N. Main Street, Mantua, Ohio 44255. Or see his teacher website, http://crestwood.sparcc.org/olc/class.aspx?id=5051&s=632.

NOVEMBER 2010 STUDENTS AND ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Back Row: Lindsey Heineke (Basketball), Steve Green (X-Country), Mike Zeleznik (12th), Anna Marie Romano (9th), Luke Hillier (11th) Front Row: Holly Rogers (10th), Tyler Hunter (12th)

Coat Drive Collects 100 Coats for Portage County Clothing Center

During the holidays, the Crestwood High School Guidance Department organized a coat drive to help children and families in Portage County to stay warm this winter season. All first period classes competed with each other to see which class could bring in the most coats.

Mr. Pavelek's yearbook class was the winner and received a breakfast party to celebrate their generosity and efforts. Overall, the drive collected 100 coats that were donated to the Portage County Clothing Center. The Guidance Department student aids played a large role in helping to organize the event. Pictured are Brittany Hewlette, Emily Rollin, Jamie Kager, and Kelsey Bascombe (Jenna Head and Kira Edic were absent).



Looking for Help for After Prom

If you're interested in helping with After Prom, please attend an organizational meeting Feb. 17 from 5:30-6 p.m. at CHS teacher's lounge. Open to interested junior and senior parents. For more information, contact Kendra Becker 330-274-0328.



NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



6th Grade- Catherine Hoover, Marissa Perry, Michael Snodgrass, John Genovesi, Emma Urban, Adam Fitzgerald

7th Grade- Alison LaManna, Shane Midgley, Romanie Schweickert, Jacob Ondash, Isabella Wagner, Anthony Savoca

8th Grade- Nicole Derthick, Ross Nielsen, Carlie Cofojohn, Benjamin Cooley, Paige Markuzic, Torre Filippi

Middle School . . .



Nine Students Participate in Honors Choir

Nine students participated in the OMEA District VI Honors Choir, sponsored by Ohio Music Educators, District VI at Wooster College. Fifteen schools participated with a total of 130 students. Congratulations to the following students: Madeleine Sorrick, Natalie Cline, Aubrey Ferguson, Maddison Spencer, Taylor Happel, Nick Morris, John Scotton, Brandon Caldwell, and Morgan Strenk (not pictured).

Four Students Move to District Spelling Bee Feb. 1

On January 6, 2011, CMS held its school-wide Spelling Bee. The contestants earned their positions by scoring the highest in the school on a written test. These students then competed for four spots to compete for CMS at the District Spelling Bee at Maplewood Career Center on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.





The finalists were Madeline Turner, Samuel Oliphant, David Hill, Rosalie Novotny

The Spelling Bee participants included:

8th Grade - Daniel O'Sickey, Madeleine Sorrick, David Hill, Rosalie Novotny, Savannah Burkett, Hannah Hilty, Amber Gibbons, Morgan Giaimo, Clay Reid, Oliver Green,

7th Grade - Micheal Hosey, Dylan Sweet, Logan Collier, Samuel Oliphant, Andrew Shehorn, Kaylyn Cox, Jeffrey Lorence, Eliza Soukenik, Romanie Schweickert, Jacob Lieberth,

6th Grade — Benjamin Pearce, Taylor Gall, Emma Kotkowski, Michael Quesenberry, Madeline Turner, Hunter Osborne, Olivia Brady, Megan Cymanski, Jacquelynne Deuley, Scott McGrady

Intermediate School . . .

Island Project Help Students Understand Landforms



Third grade Social Studies classes have studied landforms, and constructed their own make-believe islands. Mason Angle and Owen Martin share "Angle's Tropic Island" and "Red Volcanic Paradise Island."

King Arthur's Court at CIS

Mrs. Cobb's and Mrs. Franks' fourth grade classes have been transported to the Middle Ages and King Arthur's Court. There they translated the knight's code of conduct into fourth grade terms, conquered possessive nouns and pronouns, and perfected their research skills. They celebrated with a Medieval Feast provided by parents with community member, Ellen Eckhouse, playing the harp.







I, Knight Maddie, pledge to be fair and right, I will be full of kindness, I will never fight for money, I will always protect the King and Queen and I will always be brave.

Making the Best of Cold Weather Days







Third Graders from Mrs. Zimcosky's Class would like to thank the PTO for the "Adopt A Snowman" program. Due to the cold weather and wind chills too low for outdoor recess, student have enjoyed the generous classroom gifts given by students and families. Students have developed "Battleship" strategies, compared "Lego" & "Lincoln Log" construction, and have used great wit in "Connect Four" competitions. Enthusiasts of the "Whimpy Kid" series love reading and sharing their favorite books. We all look forward to warmer weather but until then, our indoor activities have been inspiring.

Students Use Online Math Program to Practice Skills

Third Grade students Ryan Bigler, Connor Rowe, and Marvena Fahmy along with many other classmates have been improving their math skills with new IXL computer program. The program can be used on home and/or library computers. Since Jan. 1 their class has completed over 5,000 problems. Great job students!



Primary School...

Primary Students Explore "The Incredible Human Machine"







Crestwood Primary enjoyed the COSI on Wheels program January 5. The program was called, "The Incredible Human Machine." Students were able to explore the digestive, nervous, and circulatory systems, plus learn about nutrients and how exercise keeps a body healthy. COSI on Wheels program is offered by the Center for Science and Industry in Columbus and offers a high-energy and interactive display for students to explore science.



Kindergarten students Ella Leister, Caden Bennett

You've Got Mail

Crestwood Primary students made handmade Christmas cards for soldiers serving over seas this year, and found out just how much these cards meant to soldiers when they received letters and cards back from them. The letters from the soldiers reminded us how a small act, such as making a card, can mean so much for someone who is sacrificing so much to serve our country! Our student's cards bring smiles to soldiers' faces,

warm their hearts in absence of family, and remind them that their dedication and service does not go unnoticed.

The students partnered with Soldiers' Angels, a

nonprofit organization that provides aid and comfort to men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, veterans and their families. Rosalie Mormile, a local volunteer for Soldiers' Angels, helped send the cards for the students. Crestwood Primary students are looking forward to making Easter cards for soldiers as well!



First grade students Erika Hager, Sarah Pearce, Sarah Maretka

Alex Ferrell helps Matheiu throw in physical education

Market Day Earns Money for Our Schools

Market Day offers pre-packaged food items at a comparable price to grocery stores, that is delivered directly to our community at the Intermediate School gymnasium and earns money for both the Primary and Intermediate School PTO groups. Profits benefit students at both schools by supporting assemblies, classroom tools, community enrichment programs, field trips and other educational needs.

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