

Crestwood COMMENTS

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Crestwood Board of Education Adopts Five-Year Forecast

At a special meeting on October 18, the Crestwood Board of Education adopted the five year forecast prepared by Treasurer/CFO Carol Corbett for years 2012 through 2016. Districts are required by the state to submit a 5-year forecast at least twice per year, one by Oct. 31 and another between April 1 to May 31.

In her explanation of the five-year forecast, Corbett presented information in regards to how decreased state funding and an uncertain economy will impact the district throughout the next five years.

Revenues:

Overall state revenues continue to be lower than expected and this condition may result in further decreases in state funding for schools. This shortfall in state revenues has been projected to be within a wide range of overall reductions to state foundation revenues. The Crestwood administration and Board of Education is mindful of the state's financial condition and continues to monitor the situation with help from the many professional organizations that support school personnel.

Tax year 2009 was the update of property valuations for Portage County, which happens every three years and would traditionally result in an increase for 2012 real estate collections. However, due to the current depressed economic conditions in Ohio, a 5% decrease in assessed valuations for residential property was made by the County Auditor for 2009.

Crestwood is currently collecting taxes at slightly over the state minimum of 20 mills, which represents the lowest collected millage for all school districts in Portage County. For 2012, the county estimates for revenues are relatively level. This adjustment in valuations has resulted in the district collecting slightly more than 20 mills for 2012. This forecast is prepared with level total funding in real estate collections for 2013 to 2016.

The biennium budget enacted for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 included approximately \$740,000 and \$1,500,000 per year in 2010 and 2011, respectively, from federal stimulus funds. At this time, no provision has been enacted into law to replace that source of funding beyond 2011. **The loss of this revenue will not be replaced in years 2012 through 2016 – a decrease of approximately \$1,500,000 in annual revenue from 2011.**

Residents can read the full report prepared by the treasurer on the district's website, www.crestwoodschoools.org and click on the "Treasurer/CFO" link.

Crestwood - Antarctica Connection to Launch Blog Offers Teachers Opportunity to Use Gigapan Technology

Students, community members, and science enthusiasts worldwide can soon follow Miss Harr and the research team's journey on the Crestwood-Antarctica Connection website. The link will be accessible from the district's website at www.crestwoodschoools.org and clicking on the Primary School link. The Crestwood-Antarctica Connection website features student learning on Miss Harr's blog page. The website showcases student involvement in our schoolyard science program, Read and Walk to



Dominic Summers and Brooke Engelhart checking out Antarctica.

Antarctica project, Nature Detective Photo Challenge, and other exciting activities taking place in our schools.

The website will also showcase the use of a cutting edge technology called Gigapan. This is a robotic camera (used by both NASA and Google) that takes a patchwork of images, meshes them together, and creates a highly interactive panoramic image for viewers to explore. Ten teachers district-wide received training in October on how to use this technology to enhance student learning. Miss Harr is excited to take Gigapan with her to Antarctica so students can take virtual tours of Palmer Station and its extreme environment.

Crestwood Primary School will host a kick-off event for the departure of first grade teacher Natalie Harr and the Antarctica research team lead by Dr. Richard E. Lee, Jr. is set for Monday December 5, 2011. All community members are invited to attend Dr. Lee's Community Talk at 7:00 p.m. at Crestwood

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Facts About Crestwood's Permanent Improvement Renewal (Issue 17)

- This levy currently generates \$418,581 per year and has been renewed by voters every five years since 1977
- This is a renewal only ... **approval will not increase taxes**
- Funds can only be used for permanent improvements like buses, school building repairs, boilers, safety equipment, desks, computers, etc.
- By law **cannot** be used for employees' salaries or benefits

Superintendent's Letter . . .

Maintaining High Standards at a Low Cost

In recent weeks I have had the pleasure of meeting with members of our Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) to review details regarding Crestwood's achievement of the "Excellent" rating on the 2011 Local Report Card as designated by the Ohio Department of Education. As I'm sure you can imagine, it's wonderful to present such good news. In these presentations, I highlighted key information:

- Crestwood and Aurora were the only two districts in Portage County to meet all 26 standards;
- Crestwood's performance index (summary of all test results) has improved for the 6th consecutive year;
- Crestwood's ACT scores were tied for the second in Portage County; and
- While academic achievement has increased consistently, yearly expenditures remain less than they were in 2004-2005.

The presentation highlighting academic achievement is available to see on the district web site at www.crestwoodschools.org.

Additionally, I'd like to point out that Crestwood's effective millage, residential/agricultural property tax, in 2010 remains the lowest in Portage County at 24.55 while districts like Kent and Aurora have effective millage in excess of 40 mills. The average millage rate in the county is approximately 32.8. Our high academic performance is a testament to the dedication and excellence of our staff, community and board. Our financial decisions have allowed us to maintain quality services for students, meeting the needs of every child every day, while maintaining a fiscal responsibility to our community. Our diligence continues to pay off as we face this challenging economic climate that is forcing a decline in state contributions and reducing our overall budget. Please see the article regarding the five-year forecast for more information about our economic future.

Thank you for your continued support of Crestwood Local Schools.

- Joe Iacano



Mr. Joseph Iacano
Superintendent

Crestwood Local Schools Receives Auditor of State Award

Award states citizens are well-served by effective and accountable financial practices

A recent financial audit of Crestwood Local Schools by the Auditor of State Dave Yost's office has returned a clean audit report. The district's excellent recordkeeping has earned it the Auditor of State Award, which was presented to Carol Corbett, Crestwood Local Schools' Treasurer/CFO.

The Auditor of State Award is presented to local governments and school districts for exemplary financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). According to Corbett, the district earned the award because the audit report met all the criteria from the Auditor's Office for the financial audit year 2010.

"Our audit report did not contain any findings for recovery, material citations or weaknesses, significant deficiencies, nor questioned costs," Corbett said. "The district takes pride in the statement that appears on our award: 'The citizens you represent are well-served by your effective and accountable financial practices,'" Corbett added.

Corbett has served as Crestwood's Treasurer/CFO since 1983 and is a graduate of Crestwood High School and Kent State University.

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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.



Primary School. Families will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Lee, enjoy refreshments, and attend his intriguing presentation about his ongoing research on the frozen continent. During his visit, he also plans to hold school assemblies and visit classrooms across the district to discuss the role of a 21st century scientist and the importance of learning about Antarctica's extreme environment. In addition to understanding the Antarctic fly *Belgica Antarctica*, he plans to visit science classes to conduct some hands-on investigations about an incredible fly that lives right outside their school doors!

**CPS will host a kick-off event
for the departure of first grade teacher
Natalie Harr and Dr. Richard E. Lee, Jr.
Monday December 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm**

Harr and the research team will leave late next month to make the 8,000 mile journey to the isolated continent and study the incredible adaptations of the southernmost insect in the world. Harr was invited by Dr. Richard E. Lee, Jr., of Miami University as both a researcher and leader of the team's educational outreach program. The National Science Foundation has funded his travels to Antarctica for several years to learn how this insect survives the cold harsh Antarctic environment. Potentially, the team's research may help doctors preserve human transplant organs for longer periods of time. Harr has been working with teachers across the district to connect student learning to this once in a lifetime opportunity for Crestwood.

Please stay tuned to the Crestwood Comments for more updates on this exciting adventure!

NOTE from the NURSES

Protect You and Your Child(ren) from Influenza, the Flu

The Flu season is fast approaching and many Crestwood employees took advantage of our district wellness day to get vaccinated against this potentially serious virus. The Center for Disease Control advises that by getting the flu vaccine you can protect yourself from Influenza and thus avoid spreading it to others. In this way we help prevent unnecessary illness and missed school days for our staff and students.

Influenza is a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus, which is spread by coughing, sneezing, or nasal secretions. Anyone can get influenza, but rates of infection are highest among children. Symptoms can include:

fever/chills • sore throat • muscle aches • fatigue • cough • headache • runny or stuffy nose
sometimes vomiting and diarrhea

Other illnesses can have the same symptoms and are often mistaken for Influenza but Influenza can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. It can cause seizures in children. It can be especially dangerous for young children and children of any age who have long term health conditions, including diabetes, asthma (even mild or controlled), heart, lung or kidney disease, or a weakened immune system. Each year thousands of people die from influenza and even more require hospitalization.

Yearly flu shots are recommended because Influenza viruses are always changing. A new flu vaccine is made each year to protect against the three flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the next flu season. Flu vaccine will not prevent disease from other viruses, including "stomach viruses" and other flu viruses not contained in the vaccine.

Other ways to help prevent the spread of flu and other germs:

- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.



What if my child seems very sick?

Call for emergency care or take your child to a doctor right away if your child of any age has any of these warning or emergency signs: fast breathing or trouble breathing; bluish or gray skin color; not drinking enough fluids/ not urinating enough; severe, persistent vomiting; not waking up/not interacting; flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough; a child with chronic illness (like heart or lung disease, diabetes, or asthma) who develops flu symptoms.

When can my child return to school?

If your child has flu-like symptoms, consult your doctor and make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids. A child with a fever (temperature greater than 100 degrees) should stay home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine. Consult your healthcare provider if you have questions about the flu shot or the best treatment for your child.

High School . . .

Crestwood Chronicle goes Digital to Expand Distribution

The *Crestwood Chronicle*, a student newspaper published by Crestwood High School, is undergoing changes for the 2011-2012 school year. The newspaper will be switching from a paper-based informational medium to an online high school newspaper/newsletter publication.

The webpage will feature articles written by CHS journalism students, crucial information for parents, photo galleries and advertisements from local businesses.

The goal of the online publication is to connect Crestwood's community, parents, and students to the school by providing meaningful and necessary information on activities and events at the high school.

The CHS newspaper class will still be providing printed copies of the annual Senior Issue of the *Chronicle* for sale beginning in May. The CHS journalism students are working extremely hard to get the *Chronicle* up and running, and are hoping to be fully functional by November. The web address for the site will be announced using the Alert-Now system at that time. Any questions regarding advertising should be directed to CHS Newspaper teacher Sarah Moore at 330-274-2214 ext. 414.

Non-Food Rewards or Classroom Treats

As schools have worked diligently to revise menus and ala carte options to offer students healthier choices, we still see "junk food" brought in for classroom parties or to celebrate birthdays. Consider a healthier option by bringing in a non-food treat. Not only do many "treats" contain unwanted fats and sugars, more and more children have food allergies. Your local dollar store can be a wonderful resource for fun, cheap, non-food related toys or trinkets. Happy Shopping!

Elementary Level

Coloring Books
Crayons
Stamper Sets
Rubber Bracelets
Sidewalk Chalk
Silly Putty
Stretchy Animals
Bubbles
Balloons
Sponge Capsules (grow in water)
Inflatable toys
Small dolls or action figures
Paddleball
Stencils
Glitter
Hula Hoops
Frisbee
NERF Balls
Jump Rope
Yo-yo
Rubber Balls
Finger Puppets
Stuffed Animals
Toy cars, helicopters or planes
Slinky
Temporary Tattoos
Shoe Laces
Crazy Straws
Plant or Seed packet with pot

Middle/High Level

Gift Certificates
Highlighter sets
Key chains
Movie Tickets
Playing cards

All Grade Levels

Board Games
Books
Cups/ Mugs
Erasers
Flashlights
Greeting Cards
Hats
Magnets
Notebooks
Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners
Puzzles
Rulers
Sunglasses
T-shirts



Donate and Shop to Raise Money for the Class of 2015

The Freshman Class is holding a Rummage Sale Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. In order for it to be successful we need all the donations we can get! Drop off your donations at the high school. Be sure to come and shop on November 18. Remember, someone else's trash is another's treasure! See you there!

Don't forget to continue to bring in your used ink and toner cartridges, old cell phones and digital cameras. Recycle and support the freshman class!



Thanks!
The Class of 2015

SEPTEMBER 2011 STUDENTS AND ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Josh Parr (Soccer/X-Country),

Katie Bica (12th),

John Franks (12th), Kira Judd (9th),

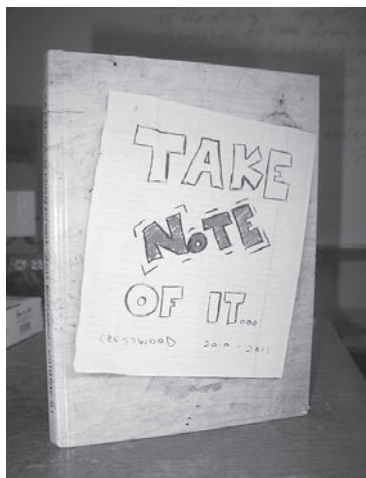
Carrigan Benoit (10th),

Tori Chiller (11th), Mallory Czuchra (Volleyball)

Yearbook Staff in Walsworth Publishing Company's Gallery of Excellence



Congratulations to the 2010-11 yearbook staff for being inducted into the Walsworth Publishing Company's Gallery of Excellence. "The Gallery of Excellence is a showcase of the company's top yearbooks on a national level," said Walsworth. "Gallery books demonstrate true mastery of a yearbook's purpose-to provide thorough coverage of the school year with interesting stories that highlight all types of students using well-written copy, stunning photography, and trendy design. Only a small percentage of yearbooks published by Walsworth enter the gallery every year."



"I am exceptionally proud of the students for the tremendous amount of work and effort put into creating our yearbooks," said Mr. Pavelek, Yearbook Advisor. "We begin talking about the book before the school year starts, work weekends and nights throughout the school year, and continue to work on the book for up to a month after the school year ends. It is a tireless endeavor that speaks volumes of the character of our staff, who are willing to go above and beyond for the benefit of the entire student body. I hope the student body, community, and staff will enjoy our work for years to come."

High School . . .

Students, Teachers and Community Members Spruce-Up Downtown



From L to R: Students Ryan Fedor, Josh Parr, Tom Dunkin, and Zack Goldinger smile at their progress, despite the gloomy weather.

For the second year in a row, more than 50 Crestwood High School students worked alongside teachers and community volunteers to help spruce up downtown Mantua before the Homecoming week. The volunteers braved the cold temperatures and wet weather in order to get the job done Sept. 30. Members of the FCCLA Club, Leadership Class, and Senior Seminar Class pulled weeds, washed windows, shoveled gravel, and made and hung decorations to give back to their community and to prepare for their upcoming Homecoming. The students received many positive and encouraging comments from local business owners and employees.

Christine Spencer, who teaches Senior Seminar, said, "I have great students, so I'm not surprised that they worked so hard. What truly amazed me were their positive attitudes amidst the cold and wet. Even when it began to pour, most of them wanted to continue working. They, and the adult volunteers who came out to join us, are all such great examples in their community!"

Due to the weather, the volunteers were only able to work for a little less than two hours, but in that short amount of time, they accomplished as much as last year's group completed in four hours. Many thanks to Edie Benner of the Mantua Revitalization Project for helping to coordinate this community effort for a second season!

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November Breakfast & Lunch Menu

<p>Make lunch YOUR way EVERY DAY! Students may substitute the following for their main entrée:</p> <p>*Entrée size salad w/ dressing, crackers & cheesesticks</p> <p>*Peanut Butter & Jelly Pocket w/cheesestick</p>	<p>November 1st</p> <p>G-Force or CoCo Bar Yogurt</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Sloppy Joes</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruits</p> <p>Apple Crisp</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>November 2nd</p> <p>Waffle with Fruit Topping</p> <p>Sausage Links Milk</p> <p>Pizza</p> <p>Garden Salad</p> <p>Mixed Fruit</p> <p>Oatmeal Cookie</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>November 3rd</p> <p>Fruit & Yogurt Parfait</p> <p>Granola Milk</p> <p>Chicken Sandwich</p> <p>Fries</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruits</p> <p>Ice Juicee</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>November 4th</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Omelet</p> <p>Sausage Patty</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Ham & Cheese Stromboli</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Assorted Fruits</p> <p>Jello Cup</p> <p>Milk</p>
<p>November 7th</p> <p>Assorted Cereals</p> <p>Assorted Yogurts</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Grilled Cheese</p> <p>Soup</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Pumpkin Bar</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Meatless Monday!</p>	<p>November 8th</p> <p>Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover</p> <p>Cheese stick or yogurt</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Chicken Fajitas w/ Salsa</p> <p>Corn</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Cinnamon Tostadas</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>November 9th</p> <p>Pancakes w/syrup</p> <p>Sausage links</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Dominos' Pizza</p> <p>Garden Salad</p> <p>Mixed Fruit</p> <p>Fresh Baked Cookie</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>November 10th</p> <p>Pop tarts</p> <p>Trail Mix</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Hot Ham & Cheese</p> <p>Chicken Noodle Soup</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Cookie</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Thank a Veteran Today!</p>	<p>November 11th</p> <p>Egg & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p> <p>National Chicken Soup Day!</p>
<p>November 14th</p> <p>Assorted Cereals</p> <p>Assorted Yogurts</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Homemade</p> <p>Macaroni & Cheese</p> <p>Bread w/ Peanut Butter</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Meatless Monday!</p> <p>America Recycles Day!</p>	<p>November 15th</p> <p>Pizza</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Reverse Day!</p> <p>(Sausage & eggs for lunch!)</p> <p>Eggs & Cheese Omelet</p> <p>French Toast or Waffles</p> <p>Sausage</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>November 16th</p> <p>Waffle with Fruit Topping</p> <p>Sausage Links Milk</p> <p>Slow-Roasted Turkey</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Herb Seasoned Stuffing</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Thanksgiving Treat, Milk</p>	<p>November 17th</p> <p>Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover</p> <p>Cheese stick or yogurt</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	<p>November 18th</p> <p>No School</p> <p>Walver Day</p>
<p>November 21st</p> <p>Assorted Cereals</p> <p>Assorted Yogurts</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Breaded Mozzarella sticks or Cheese Bread Sticks with dipping sauces</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Frozen Treat</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Meatless Monday!</p>	<p>Reverse Day!</p> <p>(Pizza for breakfast!)</p> <p>November 22nd</p> <p>Cook's Choice Breakfast!</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets w/ Dipping Sauces</p> <p>Fries</p> <p>Various Veggies Assorted Fruit</p>	<p>November 23rd</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>November 24th</p> <p>No School</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving!!</p>	<p>November 25th</p> <p>No School</p>
<p>Meatless Monday!</p> <p>November 28th</p> <p>Assorted Cereals</p> <p>Assorted Yogurts</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Cheese & Veggie Quesadilla</p> <p>Chips & Salsa</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Milk</p> <p>Meatless Monday!</p>	<p>November 29th</p> <p>Granola Bar</p> <p>String Cheese</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Chicken Strips w/ dipping sauces</p> <p>Various Veggies</p> <p>Assorted Fruit</p> <p>Pumpkin Bar</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>November 30th</p> <p>Muffins</p> <p>Cheese Wedge</p> <p>Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <p>Gionino's Pizza</p> <p>Garden Salad</p> <p>Mixed Fruit</p> <p>Jello Cake</p> <p>Milk</p>	<p>The High School & Middle School have many more ala carte items and choices for breakfast!</p>	

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H.S. SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 01

Tech Week for Fall Play
7:00PM Football/Cheer Banquet @ Sun Valley

Friday, November 04

Coaching Begins for Boys Basketball
End of Grading Period. One Hour Early Release.
7:30PM Fall Play Home

Saturday, November 05

7:30PM Fall Play Home

Sunday, November 06

2:00PM Fall Play Home

Monday, November 07

6:00PM Powder Puff Football Game

Friday, November 11

Report Cards Issued

Monday, November 14

7:00PM Sports Boosters in Cafeteria

Thursday, November 17

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 18

Teacher In-Service Day
WINTER PTP FEES DUE

Saturday, November 19

9:00AM Cheerleader Competition @ Windham

Monday, November 21

Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:00PM Winter Sports Picture Day

Tuesday, November 22

4:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling
Walsh Jesuit Walsh Jesuit @ Legend Lanes Away

Saturday, November 26

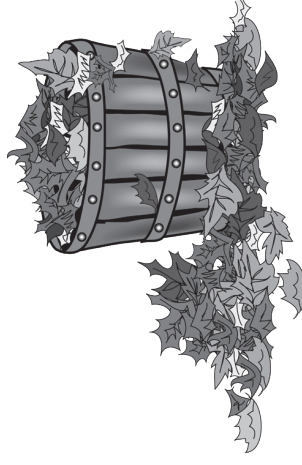
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Rootstown Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Rootstown Home

Tuesday, November 29

4:15PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Hoban
Hoban @ Midway Lanes Away

Wednesday, November 30

6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Garfield Away
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Garfield Away



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Middle School...

Playing Games with Integers

Designing and playing integer board games gave 7th grade students in Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Pariso's math classes opportunity to practice math skills and demonstrate knowledge of integers. Students designed games where they had to add, subtract, multiply, divide, problem solve, and apply the use of integers in real-life situations.

The students were allowed to model their game from an existing board game, but many used their creativity to come up with their own new game concept. The students were required to integrate the use of integers into their game play. Also required in the development of the game was a set of written directions for game players to follow. Their creativity was extraordinary.

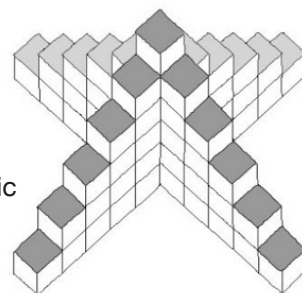
The students really enjoyed being able to see what their classmates had designed and just being able to play games in class was a treat. Students were able to express their creative talents, have fun, and master the operations with integers all at the same time.



If you build it ... Creating Meaning with Algebra

When are we ever going to use variables? Students in Mr. Judd's and Mr. Wesley's algebra classes will no longer need to wonder that thanks to the Skeleton Tower problem. In this investigation, students started solving a problem using arithmetic to count the number of cubes needed to build a tower, progressed to exploring the patterns involved with varying tower heights, and finally expressed the number of cubes needed for a tower of any height algebraically.

This showed the usefulness in being able to problem solve situations where concrete arithmetic is no longer practical! Our activity strongly reinforced many 8th grade OAA indicators and incorporated graphing calculator technology as well.



The Skeleton Tower

September Students of the Month



6th Grade: Cristina Masiello, Lillian Bissell, Nathan Maro, Austin Shaffer, Elizabeth Smith, Mitchell McGreal

7th Grade: Hope Sedivy, Amber Schauer, Michael Snodgrass, Colton Rahach, Catherine Hoover, Jacob Whitman, Katie Amport

8th Grade: Romanie Schweickert, Daniel Schmidt, Zoe Blank, Samuel Oliphant, Timothy Kollman

Dancing to the Beat of New State Standards



New state standards are coming down the pike for 6-8 grade physical education classes. One of the standards requires students to learn and perform a dance with a partner. Dancing to the beat of the new standards, Mrs. Thigpen and Mr. Vanags, recently taught a dance unit where students learned dances including the Cha-Cha Slide, the Electric Slide, the Cupid Shuffle and the Macarana. Students then chose the dance they would like to perform with a group.

Seventh grade student Josh Morris said it was fun to learn the dances. "It took us awhile to get it down, but we figured it out," he said. "We had a blast!"



Intermediate School...

Students Create their own Jellyfish Exhibit



The jellyfish is the oldest living creature on earth. It has no brain, heart, or backbone and is made up of 95% water.

If you have been to the Akron Zoo recently, you probably already know that this is the last year for the extremely popular jellyfish exhibit.

On October 21 the Crestwood Intermediate School third grade classes made their annual pilgrimage to the Akron Zoo. The students and chaperones viewed all of the animal exhibits including some of their favorites, the jellyfish, bats, Komodo dragon and penguins.

Prior to this field trip, the students learned about jellyfish through reading and writing activities and viewing YouTube videos. Finally classes will create a sea full of jellyfish out of coffee filters, paints, paper plates and elaborate yarns. Come see our own jellyfish exhibits right here at the Intermediate School!



Multi-Media Exploration of Yellowstone Allows Students to Explore the Oldest National Park



Grace Svab, Slate Bretz, Garrett Kepple, D.J. Velek

Students of Mrs. Ostrowske and Mrs. Engelhart's classes are taking a "tour through Yellowstone" in Language Arts. After reading about some of Yellowstone's features and inhabitants, students created a brochure highlighting their favorite finds. They also wrote paragraphs about Yellowstone and watched a streaming video of Old Faithful erupting in real time. They are eager to continue their journey through the world's oldest national park.

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Primary School...

Making Friends



The boys and girls in Mrs. Stamm's class are having fun making new friends. They are saying and doing motions to a poem about friends.



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Kindergartners Learn at the Apple Orchard



Destiny enjoys an apple at the orchard.

The Kindergarten classes recently went to Monroe's apple orchard. Here Mrs. Monre is showing the class how apples can have an imprint of a leaf. With her is our very own "Kaleb Delicious."

Handheld Technology Help Kindergartners Share their Work

The Kindergarten classrooms are now using the Interwrite MOBI by Einstruction. The Mobi is a handheld tablet that works like a smartboard. This allows the teacher to walk around the room during instruction to help individual students. The student learner lets the class work on a problem in groups while their work is shown on the board. All can see what the other groups have done. The Kindergarten classes would like to thank the Crestwood Primary School PTO for funding. In the pictures a group of kindergarten students are practicing with the student Mobi, for the first time, by writing letters and numbers.



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First Grade "Nature Detectives" Explore Schoolyard Habitat

First graders in Miss Harr's and Mrs. Crowe's classes have been exploring the natural habitats in their schoolyard. Using scientific tools (ex. sweep nets and magnifiers) students enjoy being "Nature Detectives" to discover the various

plants and animals living right outside their classroom. They are excited to learn how the seasonal changes will impact their ongoing nature study!




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