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## Crestwood "Nature Detectives" Receive National Recognition

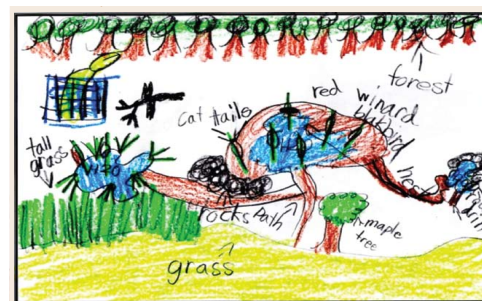
The November issue of the national peer-reviewed magazine, *Science and Children*, published by the National Science Teachers Association, featured Crestwood's "Nature Detectives" first-grade science program led by Ms. Natalie Harr. The article, co-authored by Harr and Miami University of Ohio Professor Richard E. Lee, Jr., highlights Crestwood's year-long science investigation. It provides a suggested approach to teachers nationwide on how to incorporate science and other standards into an engaging curriculum for elementary students.

The "Nature Detectives" spend the year investigating a natural area on school grounds called the bio-swales. This area of the school yard was created when the new elementary school campus was built and meets EPA requirements to control water runoff from the schools rooftops and parking lot areas. This created an ideal setting to study nature.

Students rotate among four groups and are assigned specific tasks throughout the year. There are Plant Detectives, Animal Detectives, Weather Detectives and Soil Detectives. Students then keep an ongoing journal making predictions and recording their observations. Students also post their findings outside their classroom for other students in the building to see. At the end of the year, students collect all the data they have gathered and create a field guide of their own school yard.

"This is an excellent example of connecting school to the community, integrating curriculum, teaching problem solving and building community within the classroom," said Joe Iacano, Crestwood Superintendent.

"The students are also highly engaged and are motivated to read and write about their discoveries and observations," said Ms. Harr.



### Assignments for nature detectives.

Group	Task	Scientific Tools
Plant Detectives	Search for changes in colors, shapes, sizes, and textures of various plants located at your study site. These include grasses, sedges, flowers, shrubs, and trees.	Magnifiers Optional: flower presses, field guides
Animal Detectives	Look for evidence of animals in your school yard. These include sightings, tracks, rubbings, fur, feathers, insect galls, etc.	Binoculars Optional: sweep nets, water nets, collection containers, field guides
Weather Detectives	Take measurements of current weather conditions in your school yard.	Thermometers Optional: other weather instruments
Soil Detectives	Examine soil for changes near the ground at your study site (e.g., leaf litter, mud, snow, ice, burrows, etc.). Measure soil temperature.	Soil thermometer with storage sleeve Optional: Berlese funnel North Carolina State University ( <a href="http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/course/ent591k/berlese.html">www.cals.ncsu.edu/course/ent591k/berlese.html</a> )

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# Superintendent's Letter . . .

## Additional Mid-Month Board of Education Meetings Planned from January through April 2011

Special mid-month Board meetings/work-sessions are planned from January to April to discuss the following topics. The first meeting will be held January 24 at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

### Updates and planning related to anticipated reductions in state funds to Ohio school districts

The state has informed school districts that state funding to school districts is likely to be reduced by no less than 5%, and up to as much as 20%, for each of the next two school years. Since Crestwood receives approximately 55% of its revenue from the State of Ohio, proactive planning about options for spending reductions is needed even though the state legislature will not formally act on the budget until July 2011. The level of reductions will also have an impact on if, or when, the district may need to consider increasing revenues through a local ballot issue.



Mr. Joseph Iacano  
Superintendent

### Facilities Planning

With last year's defeat of a bond issue to build a new high school (at a 50% state share) we must consider the pros and cons of various alternatives to replace, renovate, or repair CHS and CMS. The state share of replacement has been reduced to 38% and appears to be trending downward. According to the regulations of the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC), state funds may be used to partially fund renovation (major reconstruction). State funds, however, may not be used for general repairs or additions to current facilities. A key point of these discussions will relate to the educational benefits of new or improved facilities. The district will also have to consider timing for the renewal or replacement of its current "permanent improvement fund." As its name indicates, this fund can only be used for permanent improvements and cannot be used for operating expenses such as salaries, utilities, etc.

The board will also consider the pros and cons of a potential move of the Board of Education offices to unused or under-used space in our current elementary facilities. Movement to the elementary facilities would likely be at little or no cost to the district and some projections indicate that the district would actually save money by moving. Repair or renovation to the current offices would also be considered. Discussion will include considerations related to instruction, security, future enrollment, and handicapped accessibility.

The first mid-month meeting Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM at Crestwood High School Library. Additional meetings will be scheduled later. We encourage interested citizens and employees to attend.

- Joe Iacano

### Crestwood Comments

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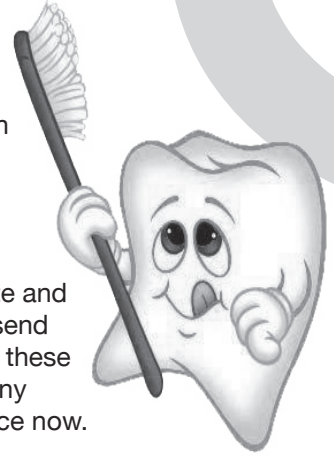
### Mobile Dentist Program Returns to Crestwood

Mrs. Joyce Schroder RN, BSN & Mrs. Kim Ondash RN,BSN

Sometimes oral hygiene problems and toothaches affect student attendance and the student's ability to participate fully in class. We have again arranged for Smile Care Ohio the mobile dentist, to come to Crestwood Local Schools on February 3, 2011. The dentist and dental hygienists will set up a mini dental clinic at the Primary building for grades K-5 and at the Middle School for students in grades 6-12. An additional clinic can be set up at the High School if at least 15 students from that building schedule an appointment. The school nurses were delighted at how organized and efficient the dental staff was last year. Students missed very little class time and it did not disrupt the school day.

This service is provided by Ohio dentists and is in compliance with the Center for Disease Control and US Surgeon General Guidelines. Preventive treatment includes a dental screening, cleaning and fluoride treatment. X-rays and sealants to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth can be offered as needed. Smile Care Ohio will bill your insurance provider if you have one. Insurance such as Medicaid and Healthy Start/Healthy Families cover your child 100%. Smile Care Ohio can provide grants to subsidize fees for those who need financial assistance for all or part of the treatment.

Your child will bring home a permission form for this health service in January. Please complete and return it promptly to your child's school nurse. If you are requesting a grant, the school nurse will send you a brief form that must be completed prior to receiving dental services. It is important to return these forms promptly so that scheduling can be arranged. Every child who participates will receive a shiny smile and a toothbrush and just might miss fewer school days so sign up for this convenient service now.



## Two-Hour Delay Procedures May Be Used



With winter weather arriving Crestwood Schools realizes that decisions about closing schools impacts families and employees. Historically, Crestwood has either decided to keep schools open or to close schools for the entire day. Recent changes to state law have forced more districts to consider a two-hour delayed start, as an additional option during bad weather days.

A "two-hour" delay may be used as an alternative to cancelling school *if it can be done safely. Safety is our first priority!* Two hour delayed start will be considered if weather forecasts and local road departments indicate that roads can be adequately cleared in time for a "late-start" and that safe weather conditions are likely throughout the remainder of the day. We ask you to please make arrangements for your children for the possibility of a two hour delayed start as well as, for full-day school closings.

In Crestwood, under a two-hour delay, each building's schedule will begin two hours later than usual. The day will start with the corresponding class period of the school day unless communicated otherwise by individual building principals. The school day will end at the usual time.

### Transportation changes will be made as follows:

All morning pick-up times for Crestwood public and non-public school students will be two hours later than normal. If your student participates in the CLP, ALS, or Maplewood programs this will also apply.

Afternoon transportation home will be at the regular time.

Transportation will not be provided for the morning pre-school program since it will be cancelled. It will be provided for the afternoon pre-school program at the regular times.

For answers to commonly asked questions, visit our Web site, [www.crestwoodschoools.org](http://www.crestwoodschoools.org).





# Other News . . .

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## 2010-2011 Yearbooks

### Parent Pages Fundraiser

It's time again for the Crestwood High School annual Parent Page Fundraiser! We would like **all** Crestwood Senior parents to consider reserving a space to add a message and pictures to the yearbook for a graduating senior. These ads will be tastefully designed in black and white and due to overwhelming demand, we are accepting NO full page ads—sorry; we want to include as many seniors as possible. The acceptance process will be **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**. Your support of the Crestwood Yearbook is **MUCH** appreciated—thanks. The deadline for order form, payment, and pictures is **Wednesday, March 10, 2011**.

### Yahoo! time to order the 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.

### Online Yearbook Ordering

**Need to pay with a credit or debit card?** Walsworth will now take orders online for the Crestwood High School yearbook. Just go to [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) and search Crestwood High School to purchase a book online.

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](mailto: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>.

## Fancy Yourself as the next Oprah or Rachel Ray? Channel 9 is Looking for You.

Do you have an idea for a program you'd like to see on Channel 9? Do you like to cook? Repair Cars? Hunt or Fish? Like the Arts? Health and Fitness? Zumba? Crestwood School's Television has the crew and equipment to make your program a reality! All you have to do is provide the idea, bring in your props and, of course, be willing to host the show. We can shoot your program once every week at the high school and then run it on Channel 9.

Interested? Email Mr. John Marfy at [jmarfy@crestwoodschoools.org](mailto:jmarfy@crestwoodschoools.org) for a Project Proposal form or call (330) 274-2214 ext.426.

Crestwood Schools' Television is now offering DVD Duplication-- family mementos, etc.  
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## Other News . . .

### CEA Helps Kids Attend Summer Camps 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. CEA realizes that there are many wonderful opportunities for summer camps available to middle school age students, yet the cost can sometimes make it difficult for families to send their children. CEA wants to help. Through CEA fundraising efforts, three \$100 scholarships are available to middle school students. Applications for all types of camps will be considered.

To apply, simply fill out the application, which can be found on the middle school Web page of [www.crestwoodschools.org](http://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.

### Intermediate School Provides for Families in Need



More than 15 families will receive over sixty gifts from the Giving Tree at the Intermediate Building. In addition, new coats that were donated to the Middle School were given to Intermediate and Primary students due to some smaller sizes. The community has really shown the Christmas spirit in supporting our families. The special care in wrapping the donated gifts would bring a tear to your eyes. Four third grade students from Mrs. Zimcosky's class pose with Mr. Maglionico and the Giving Tree.



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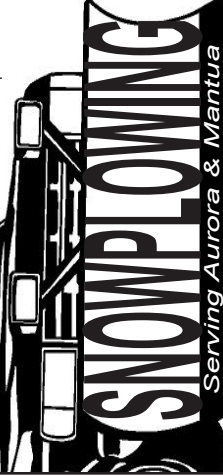


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<b>January</b> is the official month for celebrating oatmeal, eye care, soup, eggs, dried plums, breakfast, fiber, wheat bread and Thank You!	<b>January 4<sup>th</sup></b>  Muffins Cheese Wedge Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Chicken Nuggets or Tenders w/ Sauces Seasoned Fries Variety of Veggies Assorted Fruit Choices	<b>Did you make a New Years Resolution to live a healthier lifestyle?</b> Check out our nutrition and exercise tips!	<b>January 5<sup>th</sup></b>  Pancakes w/syrup Sausage patties Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  High & Middle-Extreme Pizza Elementary: Gionino's Pizza All: Garden Fresh Salad Assorted Fruit Fresh Baked Cookie	<b>Exercise Tip:</b> You're never too old to go outside and build a snowman! It not only gets the heart rate up it is fun for the whole family!	<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>  Apple Nut G-Force Bar or Cocoa Bar Yogurt Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Mealball Sub Chips Variety of Veggies Assorted Fruit Choices	<b>Nutrition Tip:</b> (Fiber Focus) Need to increase your fiber? Here are some tips for adding more fiber to your daily diet	<div><div>School Meals</div><div>We serve education every day™</div></div>
<b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Pasta Marinara w/Cheese Garlic Bread Variety of Veggies Assorted Fruit Choices Ice Cream Treat  Meatless Monday	<b>January 11<sup>th</sup></b>  Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  BBQ Riblet Sandwich Fries Variety of Veggies Frozen Ice Juicee	<b>January 12<sup>th</sup></b>  Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  French Toast w/ syrup Eggs w/cheese Sausage Links Various Veggies Assorted Fruit  Reverse Day~ French toast for lunch!	<b>January 13<sup>th</sup></b>  Cutie Pie Turnover Yogurt Milk  Chicken Patty Sandwich Fries Assorted Fruit Choices Frozen Yogurt	<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>  Egg & Cheese Onilet Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Cook's Choice	*Start your day off right with a bowl of high fiber cereal. *Buy whole grain pasta and bread instead of white. *Substitute wheat bran for 1/3 of all purpose flour in recipes. *Add fruit to cereal.	*Popcorn is a yummy whole grain snack! *Leave the skins on fruits & veggies such as pears, apples, peaches and potatoes. The skins are high in fiber! *Dried fruits are a great source of fiber!	
<b>January 17<sup>th</sup></b>  No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>January 18<sup>th</sup></b>  Granola Bars String Cheese Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Fries Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Popcorn Treat	<b>January 19<sup>th</sup></b>  Waffles w/syrup Sausage links Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Domino's Pizza Garden Fresh Salad Fruit Cobbler	<b>January 20<sup>th</sup></b>  Poplarts Trail Mix Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Tacos Chips w/ Salsa Various Veggies Assorted Fruit	<b>January 21<sup>st</sup></b>  Egg & Cheese Bagel Sandwich Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Cook's Choice			
<b>January 24<sup>th</sup></b>  Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pickles Soup Assorted Fruit Choices Cook's choice treat  Meatless Monday	<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b>  Breakfast Burrito Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Ham & Cheese Stromboli or Pepperoni Pocket w/ dipping Sauces Various Veggies Assorted Fruit Crestwood's Famous Peanut Butter Bar	<b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b>  French Toast w/syrup Sausage patties Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Personal Pan Pizza Garden Fresh Salad Mixed Fruit Chocolate Cake National Chocolate Cake Day!	<b>January 27<sup>th</sup></b>  Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Cook's Choice	<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>  Waiver Day  No School			
<b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b>  Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits/Juice Milk  Cheese & Veggie Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Variety of Veggies Assorted Fruit Choices Pudding Cup  Meatless Monday	<b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b>  Ways to say thanks:	<b>Make Breakfast your way!</b> In addition to the main entree, students are offered a variety of fruits. These include fresh fruits such as grapes, oranges, apples as well as many more! Juice is also offered daily!	<b>Breakfast</b> is offered daily at every school. Cost is: <b>Paid- \$1.75 (H&amp;M)</b> <b>Paid- \$1.50 (I&amp;P)</b> <b>Reduced- \$.30</b> <b>Free- Free</b>	<b>Got questions?</b> Feel free to call the Department Director or the Building Managers. Food Service Director: Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, 330-274-2294 ext. 2108	High- Barb Blazek- 330-274-2214 ext. 118 Middle- Connie Numms- 330-274-2249 Intermediate- Donna Lewis- 330-422-3100 ext. 3600 Primary- Susie Janson- 330-422-3100 ext. 4409	Food Service Building Managers:  High- Barb Blazek- 330-274-2214 ext. 118 Middle- Connie Numms- 330-274-2249 Intermediate- Donna Lewis- 330-422-3100 ext. 3600 Primary- Susie Janson- 330-422-3100 ext. 4409	

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# Crestwood High School Events for JANUARY 2011

**01/04/11 Tuesday**  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 4:00PM Coventry @ Turkeyfoot Lanes Bus 3:00PM  
Basketball JV Boys Away 6:00PM Southeast Bus 4:30PM  
Wrestling JV Boys Home 6:00PM Tri Match with Orange and Chardon  
Swimming V Boys/Girls Away 6:00PM Bedford High Bus 4:15PM  
Basketball V Boys Away 7:30PM Southeast Bus 4:30PM

**01/05/11 Wednesday**  
Basketball FR Boys Home 6:00PM Field  
Basketball JV Girls Away 6:00PM Field Bus 4:30PM  
Basketball V Girls Away 7:30PM Field Bus 4:30PM

**01/06/11 Thursday**  
Basketball MS Boys Away 4:00PM Garfield  
Basketball MS Girls Home 4:00PM Garfield  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Home 4:00PM Kent @ Sky Lanes  
Wrestling V Boys Away 5:30PM Southeast and Springfield @ Southeast Bus 4:00PM

**01/07/11 Friday**  
Home 4:00PM Dance Team Practice in Primary Gym  
Basketball JV Boys Home 6:00PM Coventry  
Basketball V Boys Home 7:30PM Coventry

**01/08/11 Saturday**  
Basketball FR Boys Away 9:00AM Ravenna Bus 8:15AM  
Basketball JV Girls Home 6:00PM Ravenna  
Basketball V Girls Home 7:30PM Ravenna

**01/09/11 Sunday**  
Wrestling V Boys Away 12:00PM Ohio Duals @ St. Paris Graham Bus 8:00AM Saturday

**01/10/11 Monday**  
Home 5:30PM Athletic Council Meeting for Head Coaches in Library  
Swimming V Boys/Girls Home 6:30PM Tallmadge  
Basketball FR Boys Home 7:00PM Garfield

**01/11/11 Tuesday**  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Home 4:00PM Garfield @ Sky Lanes  
Basketball JV Boys Away 6:00PM Field Bus 4:45PM  
Basketball V Boys Away 7:30PM Field Bus 4:45PM

**01/12/11 Wednesday**  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 4:00PM Springfield @ Akron Lanes Bus 3:00PM  
Swimming V Boys/Girls Away 5:30PM Lake Bus 3:45PM  
Basketball FR Boys Home 6:00PM Springfield  
Basketball JV Girls Away 6:00PM Springfield Bus 4:30PM  
Basketball V Girls Away 7:30PM Springfield Bus 4:30PM  
Wrestling V Boys Away 5:30PM Field & CVCA @ Field Bus 3:45PM

**01/14/11 Friday**  
Home 4:00PM Dance Team Practice in Primary Gym  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 4:00PM Ravenna @ Twin Star Bus 3:00PM  
Basketball JV Boys Home 6:00PM Ravenna  
Basketball V Boys Home 7:30PM Ravenna

**01/15/11 Saturday**  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 1:00PM Sectional Preview Tourn @ Twin Star Bus 11:30AM

**01/15/11 Saturday**  
7:30PM Winter Ball

**01/17/11 Monday**  
Home MLK Day—No School  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 10:00AM MLK Tourn @ McKinley Lanes (Niles) Bus 8:30AM

**01/19/11 Wednesday**  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Away 4:00PM Kent @ Kent Lanes Bus 3:00PM  
Basketball FR Boys Away 6:00PM Norton Bus 4:30PM  
Basketball JV Girls Home 6:00PM Norton  
Basketball V Girls Home 7:30PM Norton

**01/20/11 Thursday**  
Wrestling V Boys Home 5:00PM Canfield, Howland, and Streetsboro

**01/21/11 Friday**  
Home 4:00PM Dance Team Practice in Primary Gym  
Basketball JV Boys Away 6:00PM Springfield Bus 4:15PM  
Swimming V Boys/Girls Away 6:00PM Twinsburg Bus 4:30PM  
Basketball V Boys Away 7:30PM Springfield Bus 4:15PM

**01/22/11 Saturday**  
Wrestling JV Boys Away 9:00AM Nordonia JV Tourn Bus 7:15AM  
Basketball JV Girls Home 6:00PM Kent Roosevelt  
Basketball V Girls Home 7:30PM Kent Roosevelt

**01/24/11 Monday**  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Home 4:00PM Coventry @ Sky Lanes  
Basketball FR Boys Away 6:00PM Windham Bus 5:00PM

**01/25/11 Tuesday**  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Home 4:00PM Springfield @ Sky Lanes  
Basketball JV Boys Home 6:00PM Norton  
Basketball V Boys Home 7:30PM Norton

**01/26/11 Wednesday**  
Basketball FR Boys Home 6:00PM Southeast  
Basketball JV Girls Away 6:00PM Southeast Bus 4:45PM  
Basketball V Girls Away 7:30PM Southeast Bus 4:45PM

**01/27/11 Thursday**  
Wrestling MS Boys Away 4:30PM @ Chardon  
Swimming V Boys/Girls Away 5:00PM Kent Roosevelt Bus 3:30PM

**01/28/11 Friday**  
Home 4:00PM Dance Team Practice in Primary Gym  
Basketball JV Boys Home 6:00PM Kent Roosevelt  
Wrestling V Boys Away 6:00PM Tri Match @ Willoughby South Bus 4:00PM  
Basketball V Boys Home 7:30PM Kent Roosevelt

**01/29/11 Saturday**  
Basketball FR Boys Away 10:00AM Streetsboro Bus 9:00AM  
Bowling V Boys/Girls Home 1:30PM G-Men Classic @ Sky Lanes

**01/31/11 Monday**  
Swimming V Boys/Girls Home 6:30PM Chagrin Falls

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# High School . . .

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### Co-Teaching Benefits Crestwood High School

Over the past couple of years, Crestwood High School has embraced the model of co-teaching. Co-teaching is the practice of partnering two or more teachers in a classroom, instructing students who have very diverse learning styles and needs as an inclusive practice of instruction. We currently have eleven pairings of intervention specialists with general education teachers in the core subject areas of English, mathematics, science and social studies.

The purpose of these co-teaching teams is to work together to meet the needs of a wide range of learners more effectively. The outcome of this kind of delivery instruction has shown multiple benefits to teachers and students.

One benefit of this model for students is that it diminishes the instructional fragmentation that can happen when students with exceptional needs are served outside the regular classroom. Students are integrated the entire school day with their peers. Students benefit by not having to leave the classroom to receive services they need because they are met within the general education classroom.

For teachers, it has allowed intervention specialists to become more skilled in the content areas while the general education teachers have become more practiced in various learning and instructional delivery styles.

As our school district focuses on meeting the needs of all of our students, we will continue to explore and implement effective instructional strategies. Crestwood High School is determined to move forward with more types of collaborative teaching practices in the future for all of our students.



# Middle School . . .

## Crestwood Middle School Students Of The Month – November 2010



### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Emily Graves, Emma Dockery, Max Weatherbee,  
Russell Hilverding, Kylee Myers, Aaron Cox

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Keri Fisher, Logan Collier, Valori Vaught,  
Anthony Foulkes, Bailey Lamb, Daniel Schmidt

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Leanna Frances, Raiden Foris, Nicole Nero,  
Jeremiah Fitzgerald, Madeleine Sorrick, Nathan Nielsen

## This is JEOPARDY!



What a SMART way to review before the common assessment! The eighth grade science classes combined for a challenging game of jeopardy. The questions were designed by Ms. Tarase, a Hiram College student, using the SMART board. With Mrs. Duesing and Mr. Kerst facilitating, all students were asked to collaborate by teams. Students displayed their knowledge of lab safety, SI units, tools of measurement, states of matter, changes of state and physical/chemical properties of matter. Also, the responses had to be in the form of a question and written on a whiteboard. Many teams were tied until the last question, which made for an exciting Final Jeopardy question!

## H.S. Planning Night for Eighth Graders Feb. 15

The middle school years are quickly approaching their end for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and they will be moving on to new experiences and challenges at Crestwood High School. This year, as part of the high school scheduling process, 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents will be invited and encouraged to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Planning Night on February 15 from 6:30 - 8 pm at Crestwood High School. This will be a great opportunity for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to learn about making the transition from middle school to high school, as well as the requirements for graduation and how to earn an honors diploma.

In addition, the evening will include a presentation on how to start planning now for college and life after graduation. To help welcome the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the Crestwood High School family, CHS students will put on a showcase of all of the courses, clubs, sports, and activities that our high school has to offer and will be available to talk with and answer any questions that parents and 8<sup>th</sup> graders may have. It is going to be a great evening and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there!



# Intermediate School...

## History Comes Alive!

Students in Mrs. Cartwright and Mrs. Duvall's fifth grade Social Studies classes learned about the Age of Discovery through a simulation which recreated the experiences of those brave individuals who opened the door to the "new world" in the 1400s.

Students worked together as a crew on an explorer ship using their problem-solving skills to deal with the challenges of sailing from the ports of the "old world" in Europe to the shores of the "new world" in the Americas. The students kept a log of their experiences. Here are some quotes from student logs,

*"I have left on the voyage. I am at sea and my crew is in good health with good supplies..."*

*"We sailed on for weeks, at night it was dark and the sea mist hurt like pins and needles. We all knew that there was a storm close by..."*

*"...then one of our crew members sighted land! We were so happy I started to cry..."*

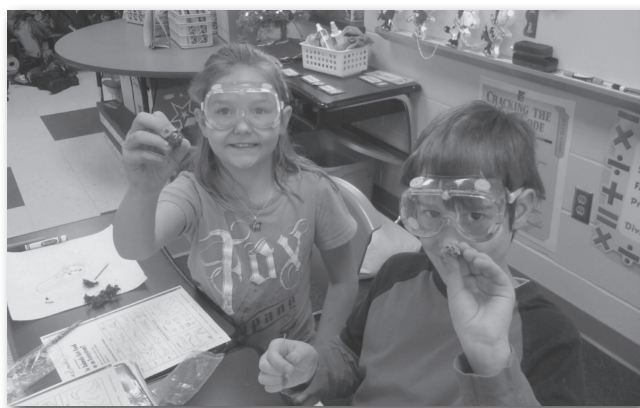
By taking on the role of a historical explorer, students learned that history is much more than just names, dates, and places, but rather real people who experienced hardships and amazing discoveries.

## Students Learn the Art of Silence to Improve their Writing

The fifth grade students participated in a Young Authors Day Assembly. Young Authors Day is designed to support and enhance the creative writing curriculum. This rewarding day began with an assembly introducing students to the "art of silence" - mime. Toma the Mime discussed the differences between writing for the stage and writing for the page. Toma stressed the importance of structure and told the students where he got his inspiration for his stories.

Following the morning assembly, the students returned to their classrooms to write stories for Toma the Mime. During the writing process, Toma assisted with answering questions relating to the writing procedure.

The day culminated with an afternoon assembly in which the students were recognized for their fine work as selected stories were acted out by Toma. The students really enjoyed watching their stories come to life right in front of their eyes.



## Fourth Grade Students Investigate Owl Habitat Through Dissecting Owl Pellets

The fourth graders at Crestwood Intermediate School have been exploring the world of plants and animals during their Life Sciences unit. Part of their investigations included looking at adaptations of plants and animals. Recently, Mrs. Franks' Science classes dissected owl pellets.

The students used their science process skills of observing, organizing, sorting, inferring, and classifying as they carefully worked through the feathers and fur of owl pellets finding bones and teeth of the owl's prey. Prior to this investigation, the students watched a video on owl adaptations, and read books all about this bird of prey. As a culminating activity, the students then wrote paragraphs about the dissecting activity, and included these paragraphs on an owl poster.

## Third Grade Students Embark on World Tour

The third grade students in Mrs. Broman, Mrs. Gardner, and Mrs. Vacca's classrooms are in the midst of a year long world tour. While visiting countries, we explore the culture, traditions, geography, language, people, and food. Our travels integrate reading, writing, social studies, and the arts while we examine and celebrate the similarities and differences among various groups of people.

Before leaving France at the end of December, we celebrated with a "French Day." We dressed in stripes and wore berets (or shower caps) and moustaches. Students painted watercolors after looking at French masterpieces and then wrote descriptions of the paintings. We ended our day by eating bread, grapes, cheese, etc. at a French café while listening to French music. Next stop - China!



# Primary School . . .

## Second Graders Plant Spring Bulbs and Give Thanks



*Planting fall bulbs, Nicholas Zamora and Austin Rayle*

Fall was a busy time for students in Mrs. Grebb's and Ms. Boyle's second grade classes. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Larry Lang of Lang Landscaping, as well as Mrs. Trivelli's own leftover fall bulbs, students were able to plant tulip bulbs around the trees located in the front of the Primary Building in hopes to enjoy beautiful flowers in the spring.

The second graders also held a "We give thanks for the special people in our lives" program in November. The students sang songs, recited a folk tale, and asked the audience to join them in a yummy dessert that they made themselves, pumpkin mousse! Thank you to all of our parent helpers who helped make these projects possible!

## Kindergartners Plan Winter Celebration

### First Graders Practice Spelling with Interactive Web Game



Mrs. Chesla's first grade class has been hard at work in the computer lab. Every Friday they visit the lab and use it to practice their spelling words. Currently, they are using a web site entitled [spellingcity.com](http://spellingcity.com) to help them learn their words. Not only is the computer lab fun, but educational as well!

Mrs. Reese's Kindergarten class worked very hard to present a Winter Program for their parents. They sang songs, recited Nursery Rhymes and read some poems. After the program, the students enjoyed cookies and juice with their families.



Grace Lesnak, Charley Tushar, Evan Howell, Dylan Bliss and Candence Olson loved being reindeer in the winter program.



Joey Martin, Raili Vandercook, Molly Gilles, Luke Wilcox, Cole Dillion, Anthony Kowalski and Kallie Macchi were very busy little elves in the program.



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