

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

Spring has finally sprung and we are into the fourth grading period. Despite an uncooperative Mother Nature, the students and staff have worked hard to prepare for all of the state mandated testing. Our student athletes are grateful that they finally can get outside to participate in track, softball, and baseball. We were able to replace the fence surrounding the baseball field this spring in order to bring it up to the same standard as our softball field's fence. The improved weather conditions also mean that we can finally get back into the routine of having school every day. I again would like to express my gratitude to the community for its understanding for the need to cancel or delay school due to extreme weather conditions. Student safety continues to be our top priority.

The third nine weeks was a busy one at Crooksville Exempted Village Schools. This newsletter will highlight many of the activities that took place during the third quarter of the school year. One area that I would especially like to recognize is our high school art students. Mrs. Miller has done an excellent job of assisting our young artists and you will see a few examples in this newsletter. Also, at our intermediate school, students continue to perform well inside and outside of the classroom. Additionally, students at the primary school continue to be recognized for "Stepping Up to Blue."

Crooksville Exempted Village Schools continues to offer many excellent learning opportunities for our students. I encourage you to attend one of the many events we have going on at the schools before the end of the school year.

Your partner in education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew L. Sheridan".

Matt Sheridan



GEAR UP Crooksville is a US Department of Education program that partners with Crooksville Schools, Zane State College, and the Scholarship Central Access Program in order to increase high school graduation and support student success in post-secondary education. Your Crooksville Team is excited to join the Crooksville staff for the next seven years, with an office in the high school.

Your Gear UP team will provide grades 7-12 the following services:

- ◇ One-on-One Advising
- ◇ Community/Parent Partnerships
- ◇ College Visits
- ◇ Workshops
- ◇ Summer Programs
- ◇ Communication—connect with them on Facebook (Scholarship Central Access Program) and Twitter (@ScholarshipCent)

GEAR UP contact Miss Abby Anderson if you have any questions 740-982-7015

Crooksville High School Post-Secondary Student **Jackie Lacey** Zane State "Student of the Year"

C.H.S. Senior, Jackie Lacey, a post-secondary student received Zane State's Student of the Year award. Miss Lacey was nominated by her Literature of Sustainability course instructor, Emily Baldys. Students are nominated by each division faculty and chosen based on having 30 semester hours, a GPA of 3.5, college and/or high school and community activities. This year four students were chosen out of 1,772 students attending Zane State.

Nominator Emily Baldys wrote—Jackie is a pleasure to work with because she is an excellent student and a leader in class discussions. She is also highly motivated; she is a post-secondary student who is also enrolled in the transfer program, and she will graduate with both her high school diploma and Associate's degree this spring. Jackie is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and has done numerous community service activities through her church.

Miss Lacey is the daughter of Ralph and Debra Lacey.

High School Happenings

Principal, Kevin Smith

March Students of the Month

- 8th **Laurel Frash**
- 9th **Karley Carpenter**
- 10th **Gary Kinney**
- 11th **Haley McLean**
- 12th **Chris Willison**

The quiz team did very well this season. At the MVL, the team came in fourth place, a higher ranking than last year. Overall, it was a great season and the senior members will be greatly missed. Our win/lose record rose from last year and we hope to keep this streak going into next year. New members will be appreciated, the club is a fun experience for those who like trivia.

On March 7th, Crooksville High School Art students, Lindsey Crowder, Christina Mursa, Dakota DeGarmo, and Alisha Schilling, entered their original



artwork in the Ohio Governor's Youth Exhibition. There were 364 entries across our region that was submitted. Ninety-six of the entered artworks moved on to the state judging. Two of the entries that moved on



to the state judging were created by Crooksville High School's very own Dakota DeGarmo. We are proud of all of the students that participated and feel that experience will help them to grow into well-rounded individuals.

During parent teacher conferences on Monday, March 30th, we held our College Credit Plus informational meeting for parents and students. The new criteria and regulations for taking college courses while in high school were explained and outlined by Lisa Baughman the high school guidance counselor. Also in attendance to answer questions were representatives from Zane State and Hocking College. The meeting was sponsored by Scholarship Central which provided food, drinks and door prizes for attendees.

Upcoming Dates:

May 24—Class of 2015 Graduation NOTE: Graduation is a formal affair. Boys should wear dress slacks, dress shirt (a tie is preferable), and dress shoes. Girls should wear dresses or dress slacks and dress shoes. Tennis shoes, flip flops, and work boots are NOT acceptable (no matter how clean or how new). Jeans are also NOT acceptable. If you come in one of these you will be asked to go home and change.

May 29 Students' Last Day

Crooksville eAcademy

The Crooksville eAcademy offers online courses to all students K-12 in the Crooksville district. During this school year, over 60 students have used this program to recover credits or to take all their required classes.

This summer, high school students who have failed a required class will have the opportunity to retake that class online. Letters will go to all students that are eligible to participate in this summer program. Students participating in this summer course option will need to have a computer and internet access. Please keep in mind that retaking a class in the summer does not change fourth nine weeks eligibility for fall sports.

For more information about the eAcademy and the options available to students, please contact:
eAcademy@crooksville.k12.oh.us

Crooksville Drama Club proudly presented "All Shook Up." We hope you were able to attend, if not make sure you get the dates for next year's production which are always in April. This was the fourteenth show and a great one! It was a very up beat fun musical about a roustabout who comes into a town where there is no music and no dancing! If you love Elvis music you would have loved this musical.

This show was choreographed by senior Ethan Wintgens. Pictured left to right are some of the cast members; Jalyne Bolyard, Ethan Wintgens, Tyler Ansel, Kitana Vanoy, Karissa Granon, Ethan Tingler, kneeling in front Collen Ward.



Intervention Specialist Classes Make a Difference in the School and Community

The students in Mrs. Holcomb's class baked cookies during math class and made snowflake ornaments during science, which they took to the Perry Metropolitan Housing Authority for a Christmas treat. Upcoming events: The class has a field trip planned to go bowling in New Lexington towards the end of the year, which all of her students will be able to participate in with adaptations. The class will celebrate the graduating seniors and another great school year with a family event where the students share what they have learned throughout the year with their parents and families. Mrs. Holcomb creates a video timeline of the year for families to see. A few of the highlights were building a class weather station, reading *Wonder and Percy Jackson*, and the Toothbrush Experiment!

Students have been raising money for their bowling trip all year with teacher car washes and selling student baked cookies during lunch on Friday's for extra hands-on math learning. This is a great opportunity to increase their money skills. The money they raise goes directly to the class for their field trips. In addition, Mrs. Holcomb's class all have work study jobs within the school examples include; helping in the preschool, the K-7 and high school cafeterias and in collecting recycling within all the schools.

Throughout the year Mr. Houk's class collects "box-tops" for education. This activity enhances the hands-on math in the classroom. The money raised helped purchase a popcorn machine this fall to help raise money for his classroom. The popcorn machine is used to teach his students how to measure items, handle money and social skills. The students sell bags of popcorn for \$0.75 to middle school students and staff. The money is used for Mr. Houk to take his students on field trips. Mr. Houk's

class participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. Students shop for a boy and girl and fill shoeboxes to be distributed to Third World Countries. The packages are tracked and used in map skills. This May, they will go to a Columbus Clippers game, and have a fishing derby and cookout.

Within the community Mrs. Holcomb and Mr. Houk's classes have gone to the Crooksville Park several times for trash pick up to keep the community clean and see the impact of pollution within the town. The final trip to the park is planned for a clean – up before summer begins. The students are highly invested in making the school and community the best that it can be. Love of learning and dedication to their school and community can be seen on a daily basis within Mrs. Holcomb and Mr. Houk's classrooms.

Intermediate School News

K-7 Asst. Principal, John Gardner

The intermediate school is back on track after a long winter. Fourth grade students have been learning about the Ohio frontier. During this unit, students and parents use teamwork to build log cabins reminiscent of those during pioneer days. Fifth grader Brandon Post won the Family Life essay contest sponsored by the Fairfield/Perry Lions Club. Brandon was honored at a banquet attended by his family and teachers. Brandon's hard work earned \$200 for Mrs. Filkins' classroom.

Sixth grade students have been busy reading all year. They have read 20 novels, performed two plays and now have over 200 comic books in their classroom library. The seventh grade ROCHS students have been investigating a variety of subjects. Students had the opportunity to dissect frogs and compare the anatomy of frogs to that of other

animals. They also completed a rocket building project. With the guidance of his father, PJ Marolt built a rocket capable of flying 1000 feet into the air.

A big congratulations goes to the following students for achievements outside of the classroom: Greta Barker finished sixth and Logyn Chamberlin finished eighth in the state in gymnastics which qualified both girls for regionals to be held in South Bend, Indiana. David Chapman finished sixth in the state in wrestling this year and Tanner Collins recently placed third at the GNC Cross Country dirt bike race in North Carolina.

All students and staff need to be commended for their efforts during PARCC testing. Those efforts are a true reflection of the Crooksville community.

Seventh grade teacher, Ms. Metcalf and her students, Hunter Riley and Kolton Porter planting spring crops; lettuce, kale, broccoli and arugula.



We invite you to visit the school website and Facebook page for additional information such as; school calendars, athletic schedules, staff directory, cafeteria menus, building telephone numbers, current activities and news. www.crooksville.k12.oh.us Like us at Facebook page @ Crooksville EV Schools * **Applications for Open Enrollment are being accepted until August 1.**

Primary School Update

K-7 Principal—John Toeller

In the primary school the onset of spring brings more opportunities for students to learn and play in outside settings. While the forecasted high temperatures may call for a light jacket or coat, please remember your child may be outside for recess or learning activities when the temperature is still cool. The student handbook allows for shorts to be worn to school after April 15. Please dress your child with the understanding they will be going outside to recess.

To BLUE”

“Step Up

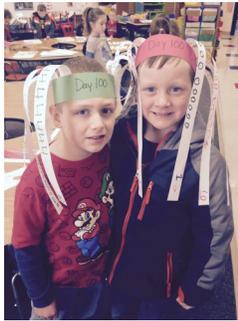
Nineteen students are being recognized for “Stepping Up To Blue” during the months of February and March. Students are recognized in front of their parents and peers for going above and beyond what’s expected of them at school. The following students have demonstrated outstanding character, kindness, honesty and leadership. They are: Seinna Porter, Alexia Van Meter (twice), Blake LaGrange, Noah Lemaster, Leila Finck, Brynn Lundell, Alexis Saffell (twice), Erica Flood, Luke Barnhart, Isaac Williams, Mia Hammond, Raidyn Davis, D. J. Waite, Nathan Dyer, Malorie Crooks, Sam Rupe, Wyatt Hillis, and Alli Wilson.



Pictured above kindergartener Jordyn Fields reads to her classmates.

Kindergarten show off their number skills on 100’s day.

In headbands, Mason White and Ethan Miller



Counting cups, Cailyn Long, Jason Wilson and Treston Stoneburner

Crooksville Archery Team

Coach Adam Pontious and the archery team qualified for the state tournament held in Columbus with 1,152 archers. Our team finished in fourth place, with freshman, Larry Eymann winning first place for high school boys. Fifth grader, Nick Flood placed third and fourth grader, Gavin Keirns placed second. This is the second year our team has gone to state and this was the first year for these individual winners.

Spring Sports

Baseball Coach Shawn Chamberlin is expecting big things from his team this season after returning many players and starters from last season’s district runner-up team. The team is led by seniors Chris Sparks, Steven Taylor, Cody Harper, Jeffrey Patrick, Nate Daniels, Chris Willison, and Matt Sellers. Other players that are going to get some playing time this season are; freshman - Landon Hinkle, Trey White, and Kevin Taylor; junior - Blake Wilson, sophomore - Dustin O’Neal.

Softball is 2 – 2 overall and 0 – 2 in MVL after a big couple of wins vs. Caldwell, April 4. The team is led by seniors Keely Thomas, who holds the career and single season HR records, Jalyann Summerville threw a complete game no-hitter vs. Caldwell, combined with junior, Jade Thompson for another no-hitter in game two. The juniors all have two to three years as starters and are very competitive - Kaitlyn Mills, Casey Hurst, Jamesca Davis, Jade Thompson, Shayna Grannon, and Kaylea Brannon. Sophomores Cassidy Lindsey, who led team in hitting last season, and Lauren Rambo, while freshman Layona Davis is getting playing time at multiple positions this season.

Track & Field has had one invitational this season which was the weekend of April 4. A couple of the boys and girls relay teams placed, as well as junior, Bruce Thompson in long jump and freshman Teck Kirkpatrick in the high jump.

Crooksville Athletics

By Greg Williams, AD

Winter Sports Review

Boys Basketball 1-22 Record

Junior—Daulton Finck

Honorable Mention All MVL,
Special Mention SE District

Girls Basketball 9-14 Record

Senior—Jordan Smith

1st Team All MVL
2nd Team District 12
Special Mention SE District

Sophomore—Lacie Ebert

Honorable Mention MVL
Honorable Mention District 12

Freshman—Carson Miller

1st Team All MVL Unanimous
1st Team All District 12
3rd Team SE District

Wrestling Team 5th in MVL

Sectional Team Runner-Up

Senior—Jeffrey Patrick

3rd in the MVL, Sectional Runner-Up,
District Qualifier

Sophomore—Matt Kuhn

4th in the MVL, Sectional Champ,
District Qualifier

Sophomore—Nate Bateson

3rd in the MVL, Sectional Champ,
District Qualifier

Sophomore—Chaz Love

4th in the MVL, Sectional Champ,
District Qualifier

Sophomore—Taylor Lyons

2nd in the MVL, Sectional Runner-Up,
District Qualifier

Sophomore—Hunter Foster

Sectional Runner Up, District Qualifier

Freshman—Colten Mettler

Alternate, 5th at Sectionals