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Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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Early College High School

A collaborative of three school districts in southeast Ohio has received a Race to the Top Innovative Programs Grant in the amount of \$561,000 over a three year period to establish an Early College High School. The collaborative includes Crooksville, Morgan, and New Lexington School Districts. This collaborative will produce the first Early College High School in Ohio that does not center on a brick and mortar school building. The Early College High School will be a multi-campus school using interactive video and the internet to deliver much of the course work to the participating high schools. The school will be named The Rural Ohio College High School (ROCHS).

Since ROCHS will serve a rural area in two counties, it could become a replicable model for other rural areas in Ohio and across the nation. As a multi-campus school, students will spend most of their time on their own high school campuses with the opportunity to continue to participate in normal high school activities with their classmates. ROCHS is unique from most other early college high schools since it will not have its own separate building. The vision of ROCHS is:

“We will provide students the opportunity to earn college credit during high school with the goal of earning an associate degree, or college junior standing, along with a high school diploma.”

Through curriculum compacting and dual credit courses, cohorts of students have the opportunity to reach their high school junior year with their high school credits nearly completed. These students will continue at their home high school, taking college level courses taught by the ROCHS faculty and partnering college



faculty, using interactive video, the Internet, and Blackboard, which is an online platform. On a regular basis, cohorts of students will get together at one of the high schools, or on college campuses, for face-to-face activities, instructional sessions, or lab courses.

The ROCHS faculty will be high school teachers from the three school districts who are qualified to teach college level courses. The ROCHS program will begin in the summer of 2012.

Students will participate in a summer “bridge” program to prepare them to participate in ROCHS.

Specifically, at Crooksville, ROCHS brings another learning path for students to explore! We are excited about the possibility of saving parents thousands of tuition dollars and providing accelerated opportunities for our students! Dual enrollment classes, outside of the ROCHS curriculum, will continue to be offered. Currently at CHS we offer dual enrollment college credit in the following classes: Psychology, Pre-Calculus, Physics and American Government. All classes can be taken on the Crooksville High School campus offering high school credit, as well as college credit from respective universities. The following instructors on our staff at Crooksville Schools are able to offer those classes to our students: Tammy Carpenter (MVESC), Will Sheets and Chris Baughman. These teachers have a master’s degree in their particular subject area, thus qualifying them to teach college level classes.

Students will benefit by obtaining college credits, as well as high school credit, through dual enrollment during their regular school day, in our school buildings!! Our goal is to continue to increase our offerings through our Early College High School helping students well beyond this initial grant. If you have questions regarding ROCHS, dual enrollment, and/or acceleration of students, please feel free to call Alea Barker @ 982-7010.

A Note From the Superintendent

As a district this year has seen many changes. Change is never easy. It makes us question ourselves and can tempt us to take the path of least resistance. I am proud that our staff is willing to work through these changes and do what is best for our students. This year we have seen such growth from our staff and students. Our current direction is positive and one of constant improvement.

As we have made these changes we have remembered our focus:

- ◆ A high quality and focused primary reading program
- ◆ The implementation and use of technology as a tool and to enhance instruction in all classrooms
- ◆ Improved opportunities for our students who need additional or different education programming
- ◆ A focus on educational rigor and relevance in instruction
- ◆ Embedded and focused professional staff development
- ◆ Embracing a collaborative environment that uses all of the strengths of our staff

Our staff and students work hard every day to keep us moving forward and focused on these key aspects.

As we only have two months left in this school year, please take advantage of the many opportunities and events going on this spring. Please contact your child’s teacher and have conversations regarding spring testing and spring classroom events. It is a great time to be a Ceramic and a member of our school community.

Crooksville High School

Our first year with the 21st Century Program at Crooksville High School has been a very successful one. We have accomplished so much this year and have been able to provide many opportunities for students to not only become more successful inside the classroom, but also find a sense of achievement outside of the regular school day through various clubs specific to students' interest.

21st Century Program

Twenty-first Century is a uniquely structured afterschool program, which allows a great sense of flexibility, which bends to each individual student. Therefore, students can take full advantage of all services offered or can be selective in which programs they attend. For this reason, students of all interests are encouraged to join the program—it's never too late!

The current academic programs we offer are Credit Recovery, for any high school student, and our popular Homework Help, which provides one-on-one assistance to students. This, of course, is a definite luxury and powerful tool in the field of education. Other valuable programs that may be of interest to students include ACT preparation and various clubs such as the Archery, P90X, Kicking, Crafting, Gaming, and Literary Clubs.

The students currently enrolled in the Crafting Club are planning a trip to the Ohio Ceramic Center where they will take a tour and paint pottery. A field trip is planned for the Literary Club to see a comedy entitled "The 39 Steps" at the Catco Theater in Columbus. The Kicking Club has invited several college kickers to visit to offer advise on kicking and about life in college as a kicker. The Archery Program is planning to enter its first archery tournament in April. We are also looking to begin a Bass Federation Student Angler club. Look for additional information soon.

The high school 21st Century Program runs before and after school. Should you know of any students who may potentially be interested in joining,

please talk to Diana Davis or Shelia Smith for information at 982-7015 ext. 1226.

The following pictures were taken of our students in the Kicking and Archery Clubs. Additional photos may be found in the April school newsletter on the school website.



Teacher, Matt McIntyre kneeling to place the football for Darren Strate during the Kicking Club after school program.

Archery Club students with fifth grade teacher, Adam Pontious, and volunteer, David Freriks.



Crooksville Intermediate School

Mrs. Terri Caton, Principal

**Character *Involvement *Scholarship*

The wonderful weather has given everyone at CIS a case of early Spring Fever! Even though it feels like summer is near, we have lots of learning left to do. As I write this, our annual Ohio Achievement Assessments are five short weeks away, beginning the week of April 30. Please do your best to make sure your students are at school every day during testing, even if you must reschedule a planned appointment. Students who must make up tests after the original time can be less focused than when testing with their classmates.

Parents may wonder why we em-

phasize the importance of these tests. Maybe a sports analogy might help! When your child is a member of any team, you expect them to practice. Regular practice leads to improved skills. On a number of occasions, your child then gets to show you and others how that practice has paid off when they play a game or participate in a competition. You would no doubt be disappointed if your child's team didn't make the effort to demonstrate what they had learned. Others watching your team might come to the conclusion that they hadn't really developed their skills much at all!

The OAA's are sort of like the "big game" for our students. Students have worked hard throughout the school year to improve their academic skills. Their teachers have spent many hours designing lessons (our practice sessions) and other opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning. But just like in the big game, if a student doesn't make the effort to do their best, others might come to the conclusion that *they* haven't really developed their skills much at all!

We use the tests as one measure of student learning. Along with other information we know about our students, we use the test results to develop schedules, assign students to learning groups, plan professional development and identify strengths and weaknesses in our program. In short, we want students to do their best so we can do our best to serve them!

I'd also ask that you take a second look at our dress code in the student handbook. Even though some of our students are still very little girls, some are more physically mature. It's our responsibility to make sure that clothes are appropriate for school. I don't want to upset anyone with a phone call home with a request to bring in other clothes. We really appreciate your help with this not-very-frequent problem.

Some important dates to mark on your calendar:

April 13 The Sharon Watson History Bee Interim Reports

May 15 Academic Banquet Grades 6-8

Enjoy this wonderful



Crooksville Primary & Preschool

Mr. John Toeller, Principal

With the early spring we have had it will be important for parents to check the weather as it is sure to change. Please dress your children accordingly. Shorts will be allowed for the rest of the year. Children will be going out to recess in the mornings so please dress them according. Primary students must wear shoes with backs on them. Sandals are fine but please be sure they have a back strap.

May is achievement testing month for students in Grades k, 1, 2, 3. Students in all four grades will be taking Reading and Math tests. It is important students are rested on testing days. Testing will occur beginning the week of May 1.

Our revised parent pickup system is running smoothly. As many of you know we will no longer allow people to pick up children after school who are not on emergency forms. You must enter the library and report to the grade level table of your child to sign him/her out. If you wish for someone to pick your child up from school, whose not on the emergency form, you must call us. We will be happy to add people to the form for you. These changes were made for safety of our students. We appreciate your cooperation.

Here are a few tips to help your child build study skills.

1. Even when there is no homework, encourage daily study. Reading and reviewing lessons will get your child in the habit of studying every day.
2. Help your child chunk or break large tasks into several smaller ones to study more efficiently.
3. Have your child set goals before each assignment and organize study priorities to reach them.
4. Help your child develop the habit of packing away school items as soon as homework is done and putting them in an area where they can be easily found the next morning.
5. Set a consistent time to do homework and stick to it.

The following pictures are of students from the primary and preschool building in various activities. Additional pictures may be found on the school website under the link for School Newsletters.

Students, Emily Wilson and Karleigh Motz solve a counting problem using graphing in Mrs. Gaddis' first grade class.



Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Weaver's preschool classes celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a day of fun learning activities centered around the holiday. Pictured—Joshua McCormick [l] and Elias Miller [r]

Drama Club presents:

Seussical the Musical

April 13—14, 2012

7:30 pm HS Commons

“Oh the things you can think!” One of the famous lines from Dr. Seuss' books. Many more of Dr. Seuss' funny stories and life lessons can be heard in this year's musical *Seussical the Musical*. *The Cat in the Hat*, played by Elizabeth White, will guide you through this wonderful, mystical and sometimes scary Seuss story. It is sure to be fun for all ages! Other Seuss characters will be played by: **Jordan Marolt, Jordan Rose, Miranda Pharis, Jena Thomas, Karissa Grannon, Briana Thomas, Jaivin Kennedy, Joey Adams, Joseph Swingle, Clay Whissen, Dillion Darling, Sophia Marolt, Kendra Spofford, Kitana Vanoy, Zach Reed, Tyler Ansel, Paige Lashley, Jaylyn Bolyard, Ethan Wintgens, Collen Ward, Madison Lopez and Christy Higgins.** Technical crew members include **Logan Emory, Elliot Collins, Joey Penrod, Trevor Piccone, Kristen Hunt, Aaron Erwin, Alyssa Stalling, and Dakota DeGarmo.**

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$7.00 or in advance at the high school office or any cast/crew member for \$6.00.

High School “Good Happenings”

The junior English classes have finished their unit on genocide in which they had to present a PowerPoint presentation explaining a country involved in genocide. Possible topics included Cambodia, Rwanda, Sudan, Congo, Bosnia, and Syria. This project was in conjunction with the novel “Night” by Elie Weisel. They are beginning a unit on African imperialism in which they are reading “Things Fall Apart.”

The seniors are immersed in the political novel “1984” and are also working diligently on their research papers. Mrs. Allen is looking forward to reading the papers and they are enjoying interesting conversations surrounding the novel.

Crooksville High School advanced art students were invited to the Perry County Health Department to paint a mural as part of a community project. The following students participated in the art project: **Elizabeth White, Madison Lopez, Kajun Gussler, Amanda Jones, Mariah Watts, Adam Wheeler, Ashly Clark, and Brianne Dennis.**



Additional pictures are on the school website under the School Newsletter link.

Class of 2012

Seniors and parents, Jostens will deliver graduation supplies on April 26 at 10:30 a.m., the remainder of the bill must be paid in cash or money order.





April 2012

Menus subject to change due to availability of foods or unplanned school closings.
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High School Lunches Grades 8-12, Preschool

Choice of one entrée – chef salad, regular pizza, sandwich, or the daily special – includes vegetable, fruit, and milk.

April 2—6

Monday Bosco Sticks
Tuesday Chicken Nuggets
Wednesday Chicken Quesadilla
Thursday No School—Spring Break
Friday No School—Spring Break

April 9—13

Monday No School—Spring Break
Tuesday Hamburger Sandwich w/ French Fries
Wednesday Stuffed Crust Pizza
Thursday Chicken Drumstick/Mashed Potatoes **TWO HOUR DELAY**
Friday Taco Salad

April 16—20

Monday Chinese Chicken
Tuesday BBQ Rib Sandwich
Wednesday Mini Corn Dog
Thursday Turkey & Gravy/Mashed Potatoes
Friday Chicken Patty Sandwich

April 23—27

Monday Salisbury Steak
Tuesday Hot Dog Sandwich
Wednesday Rotini
Thursday Sub Sandwich **TWO HOUR DELAY**
Friday Chicken Strips

April 30—May 4

Monday Hamburger Sandwich with French Fries
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Intermediate—Primary Lunches serving grades K-7

Choice of one entrée – chef salad, regular pizza, sandwich, or the daily special – includes vegetable, fruit, and milk.

April 2—6

Monday Hamburger Sandwich, Cheese & Pickles, Potato Wedges
Tuesday Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas, Roll & Butter
Wednesday Bosco Sticks
Thursday No School—Spring Break
Friday No School—Spring Break

April 9—13

Monday No School—Spring Break
Tuesday Chicken Patty Sandwich, Seasoned Pasta, Vegetable
Wednesday Chili Soup, crackers, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Pudding
Thursday Hamburg Gravy, Mashed Potatoes **TWO HOUR DELAY**
Friday Pizza, Green Beans, Pretzel Stick, Yogurt

April 16—20

Monday Sloppy Jo Sandwich, Tater Tots, Vegetable
Tuesday Johnny Marzetti, Garlic Toast, Vegetable
Wednesday Mini Corn Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese
Thursday Taco Salad with Chips, Corn, Pudding
Friday Bosco Sticks with Dipping Sauce, Salad

April 23—27

Monday Chicken Nuggets, Potato Puffs
Tuesday Tomato Soup, crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Wednesday Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Garlic Toast
Thursday Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes **TWO HOUR DELAY**
Friday Mexican Pizza, Green Beans, Pretzel

April 30—May 4

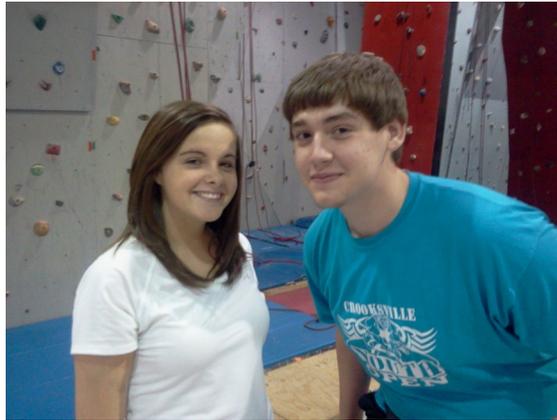
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April 2012 Schedule of School Activities

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| Apr. 2 | VBBSB—Morgan H 5 pm
RBBSB—Morgan A 5 pm
JHTK—Sheridan H 4:30 pm | Apr. 12 | JHTK—Morgan A 5 pm
Two Hour Late Start
Lift a Thon HSC 6:30 pm | Apr. 21 | VTK—Heath Invite A 10 am |
| Apr. 3 | VTK—Fairfield Christian H 4:30 pm | Apr. 13 | Sharon Watson History Bee
VBBSB—Philo H 5 pm
RBBSB—Philo A 5 pm | Apr. 23 | VBBSB Morgan A 5 pm
RBBSB Morgan H 5 pm |
| Apr. 4 | VBBSB Tri-Valley H 5pm
RBBSB Tri-Valley A 5 pm
JHTK—Maysville A 4:30 pm | Apr. 13-14 | Drama Club Play | Apr. 24 | VTK New Lex A 4:30 pm
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Apr. 5 | NO SCHOOL Spring Break
VBBSB—New Lex A 5 pm
RBBSB—New Lex H 5 pm | Apr. 14 | VBBSB—Miller A DH 11 am | Apr. 25 | JHTK Philo H 4:30 |
| Apr. 6 | NO SCHOOL Spring Break | Apr. 16 | VBBSB—Maysville A 5 pm
RBBSB—Maysville H 5 pm
JHTK—Tri-Valley A 4:30 pm | Apr. 26 | Two Hour Late Start |
| Apr. 8 | EASTER SUNDAY | Apr. 17 | VTK—JG/MA Home 4:30 pm | Apr. 27 | VBBSB Sheridan H 5 pm
RBBSB Sheridan A 5 pm
VTK Ceramic Invite H 4:00 pm |
| Apr. 9 | No SCHOOL Spring Break | Apr. 18 | Preschool Pictures—Group
VBBSB—John Glenn H 5 pm
RBBSB—John Glenn A 5 pm | Apr. 28 | Prom at C.H.S. |
| Apr. 10 | VTK—TV/SH, H 4:30 | Apr. 19 | Preschool Pictures—
Cap & Gown
JHTK—New Lex A 4:30 | Apr. 30 | VBBSB Philo A 5 pm
RBBSB Philo H 5 pm
JHTK Ceramic Invite H 4:00 pm |
| Apr. 11 | VBBSB—West M A 5 pm
RBBSB—West M H 5 pm | Apr. 20 | VBBSB—Tri-Valley A 5 pm
RBBSB—Tri-Valley H 5 pm | | |





Wall climbing at the Crooksville Recreation



Archery Club



Art Project at the Perry County Health Department

