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Curriculum News

Alea Barker, Director of Learning

On November 13, 2012 ROCHS (Rural Ohio College High School) was well represented at the Ohio School Boards Association Student Achievement Fair. Two students from Crooksville High School, one from New Lexington High School and one from Morgan High School presented the collaborative innovative model of an Early College they are experiencing in the classroom to many by-passers at this day long event. One of the neat strategies that the ROCHS students, under the direction of Mr. Will Sheets, used to get folks into their booth or listen to their story was the art of yo-yoing. Once the folks stopped by the booth, our students were able to share with them how they learn physics from Mr. Sheets using a digital format accompanied by netbook computers. The cohort of students and Mr. Sheets then provided participants "a shock" when they used some of their science laboratory materials to demonstrate wave activity. Mrs. Lou Ann Holcomb, board member, along with her spouse, Mike Holcomb, and Mr. Kevin Weaver, board member were able to stop by and offer the students their support! Others to show their support by stopping by the booth were: Mr. Casey Coffey, High School Principal; Mrs. Alea Barker, Director of Learning; Mr. Kyle Newton, Superintendent; Mr. Rob Ogg, Treasurer, respectively. The students were very articulate in their presentation and have already been asked to present at the state-wide E-Tech Conference that will be held in February 2013 in Columbus.

ROCHS is part of the federally funded Race to the Top Innovation Grant. The three districts; Crooksville, Morgan and New Lexington formed a collaborative network to offer dual enrollment to students while still in high school. An award of \$561,000 was awarded to the collaborative over a three year period. Additionally, ROCHS was recently awarded an expansion and sustainabil-

ity grant from AT&T in the amount of \$40,000. Additional dollars are being sought to further the ROCHS collaborative, as additional schools in the Southeast region, as well as the state of Ohio, become interested in the collaborative model. Crooksville is proud to be leading the way in innovation in dual enrollment, early college and to further student college and career readiness.



Crooksville High School

Mr. Casey Coffey, Principal

Happy holidays from our Crooksville High School family! December will go very quickly and it is important that academics remain priority number one during the rush of the season. In preparation for inclement weather and potential snow days, please make sure you are paying attention to the detail of organization and accountability for your grades. Remember the semester comes to an end on the last day of school before the holiday break. Scheduling for classes for next school year will begin when we return to school on Monday, January 7, 2013.

Thank you to all parents who attended parent-teacher conferences. If you were unable to attend conferences and you would like to set up a time to meet with your son or daughter's teacher, call the high school office at 982-7015.



Pictured R—L Mr. Will Sheets CHS Teacher, ROCHS Students—Shaia Pierce MHS, Erik Schilling CHS, Walker Clark NLHS, Clay Northrop CHS

Crooksville Intermediate School

Mrs. Terri Caton, Principal

**Character *Involvement *Scholarship*

A lot of great learning has been happening here at CIS! I hope your children are telling you about the exciting and challenging things they have been doing, but just in case they have not been very informative, please allow me to share just some of what we have been doing.

Fourth graders have completed their study of the Ohio Indians. I visited their classes as they demonstrated their learning through dioramas, board games and even game shows. After seeing how much they had learned, I was glad I wasn't competing against them! In science, students have been learning about variations and similarities in living things. They've also completed experiments and held a "great debate" over which natural disaster was more destructive—a volcano or an earthquake. In language arts, students are being challenged to use evidence from whatever source they are reading to answer questions and figure out difficult vocabulary words. We are just getting started and our mastery is a "not yet," but we are definitely working hard and improving! They are also increasing their reading time and working on writing. In math class, students have studied fractions and decimals and are now working on measurement skills. Ask a fourth grader to explain the "gallon man" or the "Big G." Fourth graders also have been very entrepreneurial, selling silencers for our honor tags and CIS T-shirts. The money earned financed our field trip to the Zane Grey Museum, the National Road Museum, and the John and Annie Glenn Museum. Thanks to all parents who contributed!

Fifth graders have completed their study of early Indian civilizations. They did some extensive research, created projects and taught other class members about the important characteristics of the Incas, Mayans, and Aztecs. In science class, students have nearly

completed their study of biology and are moving into earth science. Students have studied animal classifications, biomes and food chains and webs. I also observed students create some pretty unusual LEGO creatures with behavior and structural adaptations to help them survive! In language arts, students have been writing, writing, writing! They are learning to evaluate their own papers prior to turning them in, using a rubric as a guide to quality work. In addition, they are studying figurative language and learning how to compare how authors use that language to develop their stories. Math class has been a busy place, with work on division. You may also have seen some "drawings" from math class, where students create a picture by plotting points on a coordinate grid. I also was treated to four fun reader's theater performances with a holiday theme.

Sixth graders are continuing their study of the continent of Asia as well as some of the world famous landmark associated with Asian countries. Science students have completed a unit of weathering and erosion and now begin a study of rocks and minerals. Language arts students have been working on identifying figurative language and identifying purposes for writing. Now, they will work on writing for different purposes in their own compositions. Sixth grade math students have been working very hard on algebraic equations, both writing and solving them. It's complex and challenging and they have been doing a great job!

Seventh grade social studies students are focusing on ancient Greece and Rome and their contributions to the world of today. Science students are now working on understanding the genetic code and how traits are inherited. They also extracted their own DNA in the form of cheek cells. Language arts students have worked very hard on grammar and writing mechanics. They are now working on different kinds of writing, including research and writing from different points of view. In math class, students have completed a "mini-me project", where they created scale drawings of their homes and of themselves. They have also done lots of work on using proportional reason-

ing to solve all kinds of problems.

In addition, our math teachers organized a school-wide math facts tournament with homeroom champions of all grade levels competing against one another for the right to take on the principal in the finals. Congratulations to **sixth grader Jasmine Tokie** who easily defeated Mrs. Caton with her lightning quick responses!

Look for more information in the next newsletter about our service projects! Have a wonderful holiday season!



Crooksville Primary 2011-2012 School of Excellence

Mr. John Toeller, Principal

The preschool will be presenting a holiday music program on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30pm in the high school commons.

On Tuesday, December 18 primary students will enjoy a performance by ventriloquist Mark Wade. His performance this year will be entitled "Pride Show." Mark's performances are both entertaining and educational.

Connections for November/December will be sent home on Thursday, December 20. If you have questions or concerns feel free to call.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Crooksville Primary School staff and students for their efforts during the 2011-2012 school year. As you may know, Crooksville Primary School will receive a rating of EXCELLENT on our school grade card. It takes everyone involved, including parents, teachers, bus drivers, cooks, secretaries, custodians, maintenance staff, aides, our nurse and administrative staff to create a welcoming and strong learning community for children. Parents, we thank you for trusting and working with us to do what's best for your children. We will continue to strive to be the best. Have a happy and safe holiday season!

Good Happenings

The **tenth grade Literary Analysis classes** have been using their unique abilities and learning styles to analyze the short stories of Edgar Allan Poe. Each student has been given the intellectual freedom to show their understanding through their “multiple intelligence” (logical, verbal, visual, intrapersonal, interpersonal, existential, naturalist, and musical) strengths to who their understanding of his works, bringing Poe’s literary masterpieces to life! Students **Shelby Garey** and **Trevor Piccone** showing off their drawings © Miss Lindsey Cox, Teacher



The following picture is of **Jordan Ross** as he drafts his plans for a way to organize his messy locker. Jordan is a student in the high school technology class. A picture of **Mitchell Swingle**, **Gage Harris** and **Jereth Bechstein** working on drafting their designs for a mailbox may be found in the school newsletter in it’s entirety on the website. © Mr. David Mason, Teacher



The **juniors** did a wonderful job on their political commercials and are currently studying transcendentalism. They will be moving towards realism and the Civil War. After viewing *Hamlet*, the **seniors** are reading *Macbeth* and considering the psychological effects of murder on one’s mind. They strongly dislike Lady Macbeth! We will continue with the comedy *A Midsummer Night’s*

Dream. They are excited for their upcoming project in which they must analyze a deceased musician’s work and present to the class in a twenty-minute presentation. © Mrs. Barb Allen, Teacher

Several of our **gifted students** in **grades 3-5** participated in the Muskingum Valley ESC Gifted Connections Program. Students spent the day traveling to different activities that involved technology, problem solving, math, science, and discussion of issues around being identified as gifted. Students enjoyed the day of learning and returned very enthusiastic. In December and January **grades 6-12** will get to take part in the program. © Miss Mary Ann Headley, Teacher

In the following picture of Miss Ashley Krieger’s **third grade music** students **Emmalee Rixie** and **Alaina Pitcock** making a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast brass and woodwind instruments.



Mrs. Renee Eppley’s **third graders** are so. . . thankful for the Perry County District Library and Melissa Marolt’s dedicated staff. They have matched the books to the students’ reading levels and personally chosen several hundred books to rotate through my classroom this fall. These books have made our “Read to Self” and “Read with a Buddy” time a literature rich and fun learning experience.

Thanks to the Crooksville Fire Department, **Mrs. Roberts’ second graders** enjoyed the time learning about fire safety. Pictures of her class may be found in the school newsletter in it’s entirety on the school website.

Crooksville Preschool had a great turn out for their Grandparents’ Day and the **Leaps & Bounds Preschool** students are learning every day, you may find additional “good happenings” on the school website with pictures.



During **Sophomore Hands-On Week**, CHS vocational student, **Devon Hiles**, chose to job shadow the Crooksville Schools bus mechanics. Devon looks on as mechanic James Creech explains what is going on under the hood of bus 18.



Meanwhile, bus mechanic Chris Motz tackles the problems of a Head Start bus.

These two mechanics have rolled up their sleeves and taken on extra work. As of October 1 they have taken charge of total maintenance of the Community Action Head Start buses. James and Chris



are keeping 14 Crooksville and seven Head Start buses ready to safely transport our students at all times. They are also doing the oil changes and brake work for Perry Transit. This is bringing in extra revenue to our district and provides a much needed service to Head Start and Perry Transit.

We are very fortunate to have these two highly motivated and very competent mechanics on our school transportation team.

Merry Christmas

December 2012 School Activities

- Dec. 1 VRGBK Maysville A 1 pm
- Dec. 3 JHBBK Morgan A 5 pm
JHGBK Morgan H
- Dec. 4 VRBBK Morgan H 6 pm
- Dec. 5 VRGBK Morgan H 6 pm
- Dec 6 JHBBK Sheridan H
JHGBK Sheridan A
Preschool Music Program
HS Commons 6:30 pm
- Dec. 7 VRBBK Sheridan A
- Dec. 8 VRGBK Sheridan A
- Dec. 10 JHBBK Philo A
JHGBK Philo H
Christmas Concert 7 pm
Band & Choir—HS Commons
- Dec. 11 VRBBK Philo H “Parents’ Night”
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- Dec. 12 VRGBK Philo H “Parents’ Night”
- Dec. 13 JHBBK Tri-Valley H
JHGBK Tri-Valley A
- Dec. 14 VRBBK Tri-Valley A
- Dec. 15 VRGBK Tri-Valley A 1pm
- Dec. 17 JHBBK John Glenn A
JHGBK John Glenn H
4th & 5th Grade Christmas Concert 7 pm
HS Commons “Jinglebell Jukebox”
- Dec. 18 VRBBK John Glenn H
- Dec. 19 VRGBK John Glenn H
- Dec. 20 Last Day of School**
End of Second Grading Period
End of First Semester
- Dec. 21– Jan.4 No School Christmas Break
- Dec. 22 VRGBK Miller A Girls 3:00 pm VG 5:00 pm
VRBBK Miller A Boys 4 :00 pm VB 6:00 pm
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 27 VBBK Fairfield Christian TBA
VGBK Fairfield Christian TBA
- Dec. 29 VBBK Fairfield Christian TBA
VGBK Fairfield Christian TBA
- Jan. 2 VRGBK Granville Christian 5 pm
- Jan. 3 JHBBK New Lex A 5 pm
JHGBK New Lex H 5 pm
V JHWR New Lex H 5 pm
- Jan. 4 VRBBK New Lex H 6 pm
- Jan. 5 VRGBK New Lex H 1 pm
VWR Northridge A 8 am
- Jan. 7 RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Crooksville Intermediate School 2012-2013 Student Council Officers

President: Sophia Marolt
 Vice President: Joey Adams
 Grade 7 Representatives:
 Karly Carpenter
 Camara Locke
 Climate Secretary: Abigail Hampton
 Art & Publicity Secretary: Carson Miller
 Co-Secretary: Anessa Whitt
 Art & Publicity: Jade Printz
 Grade 6 Representative: Belle Blau

Grade 5 Representative:
 Aaron Ross
 Regan Embry
 Climate Committee:
 Savannah Moorehead
 Ashley Allen
 Grade 4 Representatives:
 Greta Barker
 Jesse Sampson
 Art & Publicity:
 Marissa Booher
 Bailey O’Neal

Athletic Department News

I would like to take this time and wish our athletes and coaches the best of luck this winter season. Come out and support our athletes as we begin league play this December. As winter approaches, so does the chance for game and practice cancellations. Please communicate with your coaches when inclement weather arises to receive the latest scheduling updates.



We will have our Crooksville Athletic Booster Meeting on Dec. 18, 2012, @ 6:00 in Room 101 at Crooksville High School. Please pass this information along, as this is an attempt to boost meeting attendance and communication between our boosters, coaches, parents, staff, athletic director, and community members. This booster organization is a great way to support our kids in all sports.

To view our updated winter sports schedules and bus times to www.crooksville.k12.oh.us and click on athletics.

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CHS Yearbook Sale

Order forms for the 2012-2013 Crooksville High School Yearbooks will be mailed with report cards. The cost of a yearbook will be \$35.00 until March 1, 2013. After March 1 they will be on sale for \$40.00 until April 19. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Miller at 982-7015, additional information regarding the high school and K-7 yearbook may be found on the school website

CHS Seniors

A cap, gown, and tassel must be ordered as soon as possible from Jostens in order to participate in graduation. The final deadline is quickly approaching for all orders. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Desguin or Jostens.



Parents—please let the school know when you have a telephone/cell phone number change AND if you move please make sure you get your new address to the school office staff. We need to add your new number to the School Connects system so you will continue to receive school updates and cancellations.

If you would like to receive text messages from the school or district, please make sure the school has your mobile (cell) phone number on file. Step 1: Send a message to: 56360 text the word JOIN in the message box and send. You should receive a confirmation message from our messaging system if the school has your number. At any time, you can unsubscribe by texting the word STOP to 56360. Remember to create a contact on your phone with the name of the school and the phone number 56360. If you have any questions please contact the school. Thank you



Extra Good Happenings and Pictures of School Events

Crooksville Preschool

(located in the high school)

Mrs. Daniels preschool students had a 99% turn out for Grandparents Day. The children made Indian vests and headbands with letters from their name on each feather. The preschoolers sang for their grandparents Thanksgiving songs and a special song, "We love Grandma and Grandpa."

The following picture is Mrs. Anderson's preschool class celebrating Grandparents' Day.



Thank you to the Crooksville Fire Department. Mrs. Roberts' **Second Grade Class**—spent the day learning about fire safety.

Leaps & Bounds Preschool Unit

(located in the K-7 building)



Picture of preschool student, Calleigh Nicholson experimenting with water pipes and how they work in our water table. The next picture from left to right is Calleigh Nicholson, Treston

Stoneburner, and Ethan Barnhart being helped by aide, Peggy Higgins, not in the picture is aide Vickie Lynsky. Their teacher, Jennifer Hearing said this activity teaches social skills and discovery of learning how water pipes work.



Mitchell Swingle, Gage Harris and Jereth Bechstein work on drafting their designs for a mailbox in Mr. Mason's technology class.