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Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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ROCHS Expands with Ohio Appalachian Collaborative Districts

On Monday, January 28, 2013 the Muskingum Valley ESC hosted a media *Ready-Set-College* event presentation, an initiative made possible by a \$40,000 grant from AT&T to expand the ROCHS (Rural Ohio College High School) program. ROCHS was established in 2012 as a collaborative of three districts in southeast Ohio—Crooksville EV, Morgan Local, and New Lexington City to create the first early college high school that does not center on a brick and mortar school building.

The following legislators and government officials were at the meeting when superintendents from Crooksville, Morgan, and New Lexington were presented with the check. Pictured left to right; Senator Troy Balderson, Representative Bill Hayes, Lori Lowe-Snyder, Morgan Superintendent; Kyle Newton, Crooksville Superintendent; Tonya Sherburne, New Lexington Superintendent; B.J. Smith, AT&T representative. Back row; Dr. James Mahoney, Battelle for Kids Executive Director; Stephanie Dodd, State Board Member; Representative Brian Hill, Nick Gatz, Governor's Regional Office; and Brad Mitchell, Portfolio Manager Ohio Appalachian Collaborative.

Superintendent, Kyle Newton received a special “thank you” for being the go-to person with planning, making the presentation, and arranging for teacher, Will Sheets and two students, Clay Northrop and Erik Schilling from Crooksville Schools to be part of the media presentation. Everyone enjoyed hearing from Mr. Sheets, Erik, and Clay. For complete press release and information on the ROCHS program go to the school website; www.crooksville.k12.oh.us click on High School or Intermediate.



Pictured: Erik Schilling, Clay Northrop, and Will Sheets

Crooksville Primary School Medal of Kindness

Mrs. Alea Barker, Director of Learning

It is my pleasure to write an article about a special angel that is living among us, Miss Kena Hunter. Kena is the 8 year old daughter of Junior and Lynn Hunter of Crooksville and a second grade student in Mrs. Jody Cannon's classroom at Crooksville Primary School. In lieu of birthday presents this year for her birthday, Kena decided to collect “presents” for needy kids for Christmas. Crooksville Schools was fortunate enough to assist Kena in passing out over 300 toys to families during the holiday season. Kena selected gifts from donated “birthday presents” from our community; including skateboards, dolls, games, cars and books. She took GREAT pride in selecting “just the right” gift for each child.

On December 20, 2012, in a whole school assembly, our primary school principal, Mr. John Toeller awarded Kena with a special honor, the **Crooksville Primary School Medal of Kindness**, which is given to a student who has gone above and beyond in the special area of kindness. Kena proudly wore her medal during the school day before Christmas break!!

Crooksville Schools is extremely proud of Kena Hunter!! We know we are blessed in our community and school district to have great kids and Kena is just one of them!! Thank you Kena for making Christmas so special to so many people and we hope you too had a great BIRTHDAY!



Crooksville Intermediate School
Mrs. Terri Caton, Principal

****Character *Involvement *Scholarship***

CIS hopes your new year started out great! It has really been a whirlwind first semester with lots of learning going on! In December’s newsletter, I really focused on the scholarship aspect of our school. This month, I’d like to talk about our involvement and activities and projects that build character.

Many of our students are involved in athletic pursuits this winter, including wrestling, cheerleading and basketball. We also have several students who participate on competition gymnastics and cheerleading teams. Our student council is rolling with many worthwhile projects. Our archery program, sponsored by the 21st Century After School Program began in January. I’d also like to congratulate our talented singers and musicians for the wonderful programs they presented in December under the direction of Miss Krieger. What a talented group of students all around! As you probably have heard, research shows that kids who are involved in activities do better in school, graduate and go on to college at a greater rate than those who don’t!

During the past holiday season, our students and teachers contributed to several worthwhile causes. The student council raised money for “Trees for Troops”, which helps supply Christmas for the families of our soldiers. We also had a “can pass” from our back door to the community food pantry, sending over 600 food items to help others in need. Our fifth graders contributed their change and purchased pajamas for a project sponsored by Scholastic (the book order people). Students raise money and donate pajamas which are distributed to kids in shelters. For every pair of pajamas donated, Scholastic also sends a book for the children. Our fifth graders, their families and their teachers donated over 90 sets of pajamas!

As we begin the new year, our school community would like to express our appreciation to our community for the wonderful kids they send to us every day and for the support you provide to all of us.

Crooksville Intermediate School Fifth Graders—Pajama Project



Crooksville Primary
Mr. John Toeller, Principal

We have made it through January. Please remember to be sure your children are dressed to go outside this winter. When the weather permits we will be having recesses.

I want to thank all parents for their patience as we work through developing our Connections process. We are working hard to give you the information you need to know how your child is progressing throughout the school year.

The following are a few quotes from a book entitled “Little Promises for Success”, written by Jim Tressel. This book has many messages that apply to us all. Here are just a few I thought you might find interesting:

- ◇ “The greatest danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim to high and falling short; but in setting our aim to low and achieving our mark.” Michelangelo
- ◇ “Hold yourself to a higher standard than anyone expects of you. Never excuse yourself.” Henry Ward Beecher
- ◇ “Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible.” Cadet Maxim, U.S. Military Academy
- ◇ “Obstacles are those frightening things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.” Hannah More

Good Happenings

Crooksville High School's **Global Issues Class** raised \$772.60 for Hurricane Sandy victims by holding hat day, staff jeans week, and a dodge ball tournament in December. Teacher, Susan Beck ☺

In Mr. LaBatte's **Literary Studies** the classes have been working with Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Students are working with the original text and making real life connections to the current day. Coming up will be several different activities that will require critical and creative thinking.

Two CHS students, JJ Canter and Melvin Hollenback play basketball at Mount Aloysius in New Lexington on February 8 at 3:15 pm and February 18 at 1:00 pm. Teacher, Nathan Van Meter



A big "shout out" for three very dedicated CHS students, **Tyler Hiles, Dakota Daugherty, and Steven Bourff** for getting up early two days a week to come in for Mr. Chamberlin's P90X club. So awesome to see these young men making an effort to take control of their own fitness! Great job! The club meets from 6:15-7:15 am on Wednesday and Fridays. Students looking for a way to tone up and feel great, are welcome any morning. See Mr. Thorngate or Mr. Chamberlin to register.



The **eighth graders** are reviving the traditional class trip to Washington, D.C. this year. Students and parents/chaperones who want to pay have been asked to make deposits and work on raising the rest of their dues throughout the year. Our eighth grade students are currently selling sub sandwiches for \$5.00 each to help raise money. They will take orders through February 8. The trip is scheduled early May 20 and return late May 22,



2013. If you have any questions contact one of the eighth grade teachers at the high school.

The **sixth and seventh grade intermediate technology classes** are starting to work on career projects. Students will be able to research a possible career and prepare a multimedia project to share the information. There are seven different types of projects that range from a basic written report to creating a comic. Students are learning that there is more than one application or program to use for each project and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Completed projects will be shared in class and standout designs will be available on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Headley at 982-7010.

At this time five elementary and intermediate students involved in the **Crooksville Youth Wrestling Program** have qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament in Youngstown March 15-17. **Daniel Chapman**—first grade, **Corbyn Brown**—second grade, **Brody Thomas**—second grade, **David Chapman**—fourth grade (alternate), **Kaden Hamilton and Scott Cannon**—sixth graders. Good luck to all of the wrestlers, this is the first time the youth league has been this successful at a district tournament.

Our **intermediate students** really made an impact on, not only our local community, but our nation's soldiers as well. Before school was dismissed for the holidays students collected over 600 items for the Iliff Church food pantry! Students formed a line and passed these items from our school doors, all the way to Iliff's back door. What an amazing picture of impact and generosity. Our students are spectacular. The same week, student council members also sold Candy-Grams to students for 50 cents a piece. One hundred percent of the Candy-Gram proceeds were donated to "Trees for Troops," an organization bringing

holiday cheer to our US troops stationed around the world.

The student council members are looking at our current recycling efforts and setting goals for the new year. While our **fourth grade students** are doing their part in the recycling effort! They are saving #5 soda and other plastic caps for Katrina Carpenter of the Perry County Waste Reduction & Recycling. She takes these to Columbus where they are recycled to make funnels. The fourth graders are totally committed to this effort and are bringing in about 50 caps a week. If you are interested in helping the fourth graders with this recycling project, send your clean plastic caps to school with your student or drop off at the office for recycling. Thank you.



Mrs. Barb Behrendt's **second graders** wrote a verse for a song about the book, *Pete the Cat: I love My White Shoes* to the tune of the song, *Alice the Camel*. Their class song is quite entertaining! ☺

Thanks to all my preschool students, teachers, and parents that have sent me get well cards during my recovery at home. I miss all my little angels. See you soon. Mrs. Daniels, Preschool Teacher

Don't forget about the upcoming **14th Annual April Original Works Poetry Contest**—winners will be published in Book V, *Musings & Memories of Southeastern Ohio*, June 2015

- * One poem per student—free
- * Adults pay \$5.00 per poem
- * Teachers' turn in students' poems to the office to be picked up on May 1.
- * Write name, address, telephone, grade and school on the back of poem.
- * Contact Alma Mae Hoopes at cvilleart@aol.com or call 740-624-1550

February 2013 School Activities

- Feb. 1 VRBBK at New Lexington 6 pm
- Feb. 2 VRGBK at New Lexington 1 pm
VRBBK at Fairfield Union 6 pm
VWR MVL at Sheridan 10 am
- Feb. 4 JHBBK John Glenn H 5 pm
JHGBK at John Glenn 5 pm
- Feb. 5 VRBBK at John Glenn 6 pm
- Feb. 6 VRGBK at John Glenn 6 pm
- Feb. 9 ACT Test at CHS 8 am
JHWR MVL at Morgan 10 am
CHS Sweetheart Dance 7 pm—10 pm
- Feb. 12 VRBBK West M Senior Night H
Crooksville Athletic Booster Meeting
Room 101 at 6:00 pm
- Feb. 15 VRBBK at Maysville 6 pm
- Feb. 16 Kids Space After School Program Trip to
COSI—Columbus
- Feb. 18 NO SCHOOL—PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- Feb. 19 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm

Athletic Department News

I would like to take this time and wish our athletes and coaches the best of luck in post season tournaments. Come out and support our athletes as we begin tournament play this February. Please communicate with your coaches when inclement weather arises to receive the latest scheduling updates. Our athletic website is updated with the most recent changes to our schedules.

We will have our Crooksville Athletic Booster Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, @ 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.

WE ARE BIG "C"

Dave Rupe, A.D.



KIDS Space After School Program

The KIDS Space After School Program is proud to announce that we have added close to 90 students since return from winter break. This includes students who have chosen to enroll in the KIDS Academy tutoring program, and 50 students in grades 4-7 who have signed up for the archery program. We have added several staff members to work with these students and we are excited to see the progress that students are making each day.

For our families we are ending our science enrichment clubs with a trip to COSI on Saturday, February 16. This trip is free for the families and is intended to provide some stress-free, quality time together as a family. We are already planning our next round of clubs around a "Move it, Move it" theme to shake off the winter blahs! As always, please feel free to contact teacher, Diana Davis with any questions at 982-7010, ext. 2105.



CHS Yearbook Sale

Order forms for the 2012-2013 Crooksville High School Yearbooks were mailed with the second nine weeks 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

PARENTS—BUS STOP PROCEDURES: State law requires that students wait in their driver designated "place of safety" at the bus stop. They are to arrive at the bus stop five minutes before bus time. After being dropped off they are to remain at their "place of safety" until the bus pulls away.

All students must wait for the driver's hand signal—both right-side and left-side before approaching the bus. When bus drivers make a student stop, they open the door to activate the warning lights and check mirrors to assure that all traffic has stopped before signaling students to approach the bus or before allowing students to leave the bus.

After they have been given the signal from the driver, students must check traffic in both directions before entering the roadway.

The safety of our students as they are transported on our buses is our highest priority. Please encourage your child to learn and follow these safety procedures at the bus stop.



We invite parents and community members to make use of our school website. You will find valuable information about your school, such as calendar, activities, scholarships, school menus, sporting schedules, board of education meeting summaries, employment opportunities, school newsletters, student/parent Progress Book, staff directories, individual building links, and the ROCHS Program, etc.

www.crooksville.k12.oh.us/

Extra Good Happenings and Pictures of School Events

Crooksville Primary

I would like to take this opportunity to thank second grader Kena Hunter for her kindness and generosity during this past holiday season. Hopefully, you have read the front page article about Kena. Because of her, and the efforts of her family, many toys were donated to her cause. Those toys were distributed to children attending our school. Thanks to all who donated and especially to the Hunter family for reminding us what the holiday season is truly about. John Toeller, Primary Principal



Students in Mrs. Anderson's preschool class have been learning about shadows. They also made a graph about whether they think the groundhog will see his shadow. Pictured are **Mya Lindsey, Cloe Canter, and Skylin Smith.**



First grader in Mrs. Gaddis' class working on her SPELLING.

