

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

The first half of the school year seemed to pass by very quickly. We are now well into the second semester and our winter sports season is in full swing. So far, we have been fortunate to have a relatively mild winter. However, if the winter takes a turn for the worse, I want to take the opportunity to remind you about our plan to make-up calamity days. We will not be required to make-up the first five days we miss. If we have missed six days by February 15th, then this day will serve as a make-up day. If the sixth calamity day occurs after February 15th or we have used seven calamity days before March 29th, then March 29th will serve as a make-up day. After February 15th and March 29th make-up dates are scheduled to be used, the next three calamity days will be made up via Blizzard Bags. Students will not be required to make-up any additional calamity days unless the number of instructional hours fall below the state minimum requirements.

As always, I continue to take the safety of our students very seriously and will close or delay school if it is unsafe for our students to travel. I will also continue to notify the major media outlets of any closings or delays and will attempt to contact parents through our School Connects phone system. If you are not re-

ceiving these calls, and wish to have your name and number added, or need to change or remove a number, call Vicky Nelson at the district office—740-982-7040.

Our students and staff have had an excellent first half of the school year. In this newsletter our building principals have highlighted many of their accomplishments.

I invite you to attend one of our many upcoming sporting or academic events that take place within our schools. I truly appreciate all of the support our community shows for our students. I continue to believe that it takes students, staff, support staff, administrators, parents, and community members all working together to provide the best possible education for our students.

Your partner in education,

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

Matt Sheridan

What does a school board do?

By Matt Sheridan, Superintendent

Often times when I tell people about my job, they ask me "What does a school board do?" As a result, I thought I would share with you some information that I found on the greatschools.org website.

"School boards establish a vi-

sion for the community's schools. They have to set up and maintain an effective, efficient organizational structure for the district that lets the superintendent and administrators manage the schools, teachers teach and students learn.

They are responsible for hiring and evaluating a superintendent, evaluating and adopting policies that affect all schools in the district, serving as a judicial and appeals body when conflicts go unresolved, monitoring and adjusting district finances, and managing the collective bargaining process in the district.

A school board has a symbolic role as well. The behavior it shows in the meeting room, the rapport among school board members and the relationships that members have with teachers and administrators in the district all add up to the climate of public education in a community. Whether healthy or dysfunctional, a school board has a heavy influence on the spirit that characterizes a community's impression of its school system."

Often, serving on a school board is a thankless job. I would like to express my gratitude to our board for valuing public education and being so dedicated to serving and teaching all of our students. For more information about school boards including how you can tell if your school board is doing a good job and what you should look for in a school board candidate, you can visit:

www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/school-board-candidates/

News from the Ceramics

Crooksville High School

Principal, Kevin Smith

High School and Preschool Collaborate on Reading Project



Mr. Childress and his reading students selected *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, by Clement Clarke Moore to conduct an activity with our preschoolers. The high school students were each given a stanza to study, read, and record. The students also found an image that best fit the main idea of their assigned reading. Mr. Childress compiled all the readings and images into a video production. They made ornaments with each preschoolers initials on the back to share



and created a book they titled "Can You See What I See," where the students had to find different things throughout. All of this was packaged up and delivered to Ms. Carpenter's class to open. Afterwards, the preschoolers wrote a wonderful Thank You card to the class for their appreciation and gratitude.

Club Activities to Begin

Students will soon be participating in many different club activities in which they have the opportunity to sign up for. These will take place twice a month beginning in late January. Teachers have volunteered to lead different groups such as fitness, spirit, technology, gaming, cooking, debate, community service, and card club to name a few. We look forward being able to provide our students

with opportunities outside of their regular classes to learn and enjoy areas of interest.

New Greenhouse Project



Mr. Houk and Mr. Granger have together decided that they would like their students to learn about community involvement and entrepreneurship. Plans are being made to build a greenhouse on school grounds and renovate the existing Reading Garden area by moving it closer to the buildings. Letters to community businesses have been sent as an invitation to partner with us on the project. However, any help is welcome. If you would like more information about the plans for the project or wish to volunteer to help the students meet their goal, please contact one of the following school staff members:

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Scott Houk – MS Teacher 740-982-7010
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High School Yearbook News

Since we are now in the second half of the school year and spring is quickly approaching, I wanted to communicate a few reminders:

- * Seniors Tux and Drapre retakes will be March 3
- * Senior pictures, baby pictures, and parent ads are due March 4
- * The last day to order CHS Yearbooks for \$35.00 will be January 29, yearbooks purchased January 30 through the end of May will be \$40.00
- * This year orders will go through Jostens. Jostens will accept cash, check, money orders or a credit card through the mail or online

If you have any questions, please contact advisor, Keeley Miller during school hours at [740-982-7015](tel:740-982-7015) or email her at keeley.miller@crooksville.k12.oh.us

High School Athletics

Boys Basketball

The boys' basketball team is off to an improved start. The team has welcomed backed senior Tanner German who was sidelined with an injury a year ago. Returning alongside German are; senior Dalton Finck, junior Dustin O'Neal, and sophomore Landon Hinkle. Freshman Eric Taylor and junior Sloan Mumford are newcomers to the varsity and both are contributing important minutes. Head Coach— Travis German

Girls Basketball

The girls' basketball team is competing very well and is almost halfway through their season. They are led by seniors Josie Channel and Kate Mills, juniors Lauren Rambo, Lacie Ebert and sophomore Carson Miller. All are returning letterwomen and seem to work well together. Substitutes include; sophomores McKenzie LeRoy, Daralyn Ater, Ava Finck, and Layona Davis, as well as, freshman Lakyn German. Head Coach—Curt Miller

Wrestling

The wrestling team has only one senior (Steven Bourff) this year. Below are some team and individual placements this season:

Granville – Team Ninth Place, Juniors Nate Bateson 1st, Chaz Love 2nd

Logan – Team Fourth Place, Juniors Nate Bateson 1st, Chaz Love 4th, Freshman Kolton McClelland 3rd

Conn's Duals – Team Fifth Place
Spartan Invitational (Alexander) – Team Second Place, Juniors Matt Kuhn, Taylor Lyons, and Chaz Love placing 1st, Freshman Brayden Glanemann, Nate Bateson 2nd, Sophomore Colton Mettler 3rd

The wrestling team will be hosting the Ceramics Red & Black Classic on Saturday, January 30. The MVL meet will be at Philo High School on February 6. Head Coach—Jeremy White

K-8 Middle School

Asst. Principal, John Gardner

Crooksville Middle School has been busy with a variety of activities. Student Council hosted the annual food drive for Iliff United Methodist Church. This year's drive collected more than 1,500 items, tripling donations from previous years. The fifth grade earned a pizza party for donating the most items. Individual prizes were awarded to the following four students who donated the most items; Gage Kennedy (256 items), Gavin Burgess (175 items), Cole Satterfield (63 items), and Vanessa Dunwoody (60 items).

Fifth grade students were able to collect 181 pairs of pajamas for the annual Scholastic Pajama Program. For every



pair of pajamas, one book is donated to the school from Scholastic. The pajamas were donated to Iliff Methodist Church.

Kena Hunter's annual toy drive was held before winter break. This year Kena was able to collect toys for 134 local families. Thank you Kena!



Mr. Ron Derry visited our seventh graders on January 5. Mr. Derry speaks with students all over Ohio about the importance of persevering and overcoming obstacles. At the end of the year teachers will choose eight seventh grade students that best exemplify the characteristics of perseverance. Those students will receive a t-shirt as a reward from Mr. Derry. Middle school students have demonstrated tremendous character

while completing our community service projects! Keep up the great work!

Junior high wrestlers, David Chapman, Chris Pitcock, and Dakota Wisecarver continue to improve as the season progresses. The girls and boys basketball teams continue to work hard, along with the junior high cheerleaders. Congratulations to the eighth grade boys basketball, they have had a very successful season with only two losses.

K-8 Elementary School

Principal, John Toeller

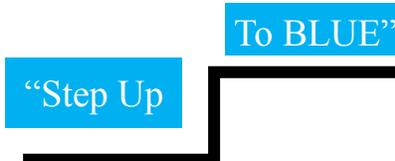
As the new semester begins it becomes increasingly important for parents to keep close tabs on their child's academic progress. Check your child's homework each night. Please have them complete the assignments. Feel free to help them with understanding the concepts but try not to give them answers. We need to know if they understand the skill. Teachers do not use homework to heavily affect Connection reports. Homework is valuable practice and good information for teachers. If your child struggles with the work, it is OKAY. Their teacher will adjust accordingly when homework is returned. We encourage you to stay in contact with teachers as the year moves forward.

Chamberlin, Cali Dunn, Laila Swingle, Ryleigh Crooks, Denver Dyer, Brynn Lundell, Elizabeth Lucas, Kamdyn Hall, Bo White, Alexis Dyer and Maelee Collins.

When December came along...many people may think fourth grade was all fun and games, but in **Mrs. Chamberlin's fourth grade class**, they were thinking, learning and creating right up to break! They read about Snowy Owls and made owl ornaments, as well as designing and completing paper airplanes. Oh, and they wrote about it all!



Mrs. Weaver's kindergarten class had a visitor in December.



Students who "Stepped Up to Blue," during the months of November and December were recognized in their classrooms. The following students received awards: **Chelsey Embrey, Elijah Storts, Jadyne Harper, Meadow Moyer, Alex Thorngate, Aubrey Russell, Mylee Davis, Clay Howell, Grayson Houk, Pierce Newlon, Elias Misuraca, Ella Rixie, Rayne Schooley, Mya Morgan, Sonni Nelson, Kessa McClelland, Blake LaGrange, Addison Slack, Sheriden Glanemann, Jonathon Love, Noah LeMaster, Cooper Mumford, Sarah Westcott, Skylin Smith, Abbey Swingle, Korynn McIntyre, Rylee**

If you bring your child to school in the morning please do not drop them off prior to 8:40am. Doors will remain locked until that time. Have your child exit your vehicle on the right side closest to the curb. Cars behind you may pass you on the left creating a danger to your child. Please be patient with those in front of you and remain in line to ensure everyone's safety.

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Crooksville Schools

Did you know why Crooksville Schools is an Exempted Village School District?

Up until 1928, the Crooksville schools had been operated as a unit of the Perry County Schools. There were both advantages and disadvantages to the county system tie-up. In theory, the county provides expert supervision from the County Superintendent and his staff. The many common problems of a number of similar school systems are thought to be solved by common action under the guidance of the County Superintendent.

Crooksville school leaders in the late 20's felt that the disadvantages of the county connection outweighed the advantages. Crooksville had become the only fully industrialized city in the county and its educational needs differed from the mining centers and agricultural communities that made up the remainder of Perry County. It was felt that county politics were playing too large a part in the county school set-up and that Crooksville progress was repressed by the more conservative parts of the county.

As a result, the Crooksville Board of Education took advantage of a section of the Ohio School Laws that provided for exemption from county supervision for districts of 3,000 population or more if the Board so legislated. In September, 1929, Crooksville became an exempted village school district. This step gave the local Board of Education and its Superintendent full authority over the schools limited only by state statute and regulations of the State Department of Education. Crooksville was also relieved of payment to the County Board. It (Crooksville) had been the largest contributor.

Guy E. Crooks (1863-1945), *The History of Crooksville, Ohio*, Publisher—The Crooksville Lions Club, 1945, pp. 121-122