

Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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A Note from the Superintendent

Dear Ceramics,

Spring is just around the corner and that means the fourth nine weeks is now underway. Hopefully, the winter weather is behind us as we begin our spring sports seasons. Although we had a rough winter in terms of calamity days, right now the last scheduled day for students remains May 18. Graduation for our seniors will be on May 13 at 2:00. It is hard to believe, but the end of the school year is quickly drawing near.

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. Please take the opportunity to read about the many great things that have happened and are happening in Crooksville Schools.

At this time, I would like to take a few minutes to address school safety. With the recent events nationally, school violence has been all over the media and social media. I want to reassure everyone that student safety remains our top priority. This is my fourth year as superintendent of the district and over that time we have made many improvements to enhance the safety for our students and staff. Just a few of them include the single entry buzz in entrances at both of our buildings, ID badges for all staff, the addition of two-way communication radios to contact law enforcement, security camera upgrades and the installation of monitors for these cameras in the offices at both buildings, and various staff exercises and trainings done in conjunction with local law

enforcement on threats, including ALICE training and bomb scare training. This year we also trained all staff members on how to "Stop the Bleed," a program which teaches how to administer basic first aid in case of an emergency situation. Additionally, we have worked together with the Department of Homeland Security and local law enforcement to craft a safety plan which was approved by these agencies as well as the Ohio Department of Education. While I cannot provide you all the details of our plan or our security measures because doing so may jeopardize the integrity of our safety plan, rest assured we are always looking for ways to improve school safety and routinely practice and train for emergencies.

Student safety remains our top priority

However, the reality is that no matter the amount of training or physical safety improvements, the best deterrent to an attack on our schools is our positive relationships with students. I am proud to say at Crooksville Schools, the relationships formed between staff and students are second to none. Not only do we care about our kids, we have programming in place to help foster and grow these relationships. From club activities built into the schedule at the high school, to "Students of the Month" and high five hallways at the middle school and elementary school, to our iLearn before school and after school programming, to the many highly engaging activities inside and outside of our classrooms, it is evident our staff and students have great relationships. Additionally, this year we began offer-

ing more outside mental health counseling services to our students in need of these services though a new contract with Allwell Behavioral Services. Creating an environment where all students feel loved, supported, and valued is our best defense against acts of violence at school.

Furthermore, we must all work together as a community to help keep our students and staff safe. When we see early warning signs of children in crisis or trouble, we need to work together to get them the help they need. Additionally, we can all encourage our students if they hear about a potential school threat to report it to an adult. As an adult, if you see a threat, I encourage you to report it to a school administrator and law enforcement. Sharing or spreading information about potential threats on social media only serves to create and spread panic. Everyone wants our students and staff to be safe. In order for us to be as effective as possible in this objective, we must collectively work together towards this common goal.

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. 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,

Matt Sheridan, Superintendent

Crooksville High School

Principal, Kevin Smith

Muskingum Valley ESC Awards Ceremony

Students Karley Carpenter and Carson Miller, as well as teacher Mr. J.J. LaBatte, were recently recognized for their great accomplishments and dedication by the Muskingum Valley ESC. Karley was a finalist for the Franklin B. Walter award, which recognizes top students in each of the counties served by the service center. Carson was honored as Crooksville’s outstanding senior for her remarkable accomplishments in all aspects of her life. Mr. LaBatte was recognized by Carson for being a key factor and inspiration towards her success during her school career.



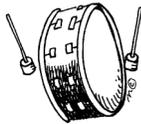
Drama Club Musical

The drama club will be presenting “Annie” this spring. Members have been diligently practicing and preparing for this years performance which will take place on April 6 and 7. The show time is set for 7:00 pm. both evenings. We encourage you to make plans to attend this musical and help support our hard working, dedicated students on stage.



Concert Held to Prepare for Band Competition

The high school band hosted a concert in preparation for their upcoming district competition. Bands from Crooksville, Morgan, Maysville and Waterford performed in front of an audience and judges to receive an evaluation and focused areas of improvement. Band Director, Mr. Dunlap has made a concentrated effort in recent years to provide this great experience and exposure for our students.



Science Club

Our high school science club has been busy making great experiments during our special activity days. This month they introduced their students to “chap stick.” The students were able to create useable lip balm with their own special flavoring.

Student Council Visit to the Blue Jackets

Crooksville High School Student Council spent the day in Columbus on Tuesday, March 6 for Student Council Day. CHS Student Council participated in the Blue Jackets History Education, Question and Answer Professional Panel, ice skating and attended the Blue Jackets game. Thank you to Gear Up for funding this wonderful trip full of opportunities for Crooksville's young leaders!



Teacher Feature

Nicole Dickerson currently teaches seventh grade Social Studies. Ms. Dickerson’s entire fifteen year teaching career has taken place in our district. She has had multiple teaching assignments, including time at both the high school and middle school. She started out as the teacher of the TAG (talented and gifted) classes, a position she held for two years. She later became the eighth grade Language Arts teacher. Since then she has taught sixth grade through ninth grade various Language Arts and Social Studies classes.

She earned a bachelors degree from Ohio University in Middle Childhood Education in Language Arts and Social Studies. Most of her courses were completed at branch campuses. These included Ohio University Zanesville, Ohio University Lancaster and the Ohio University Eastern campus. Nicole has served on many teacher committees and worked through a Teacher Leadership cohort under Mrs. Barker.



When asked about something she likes about working at Crooksville she said, “I LOVE the small, close-knit feeling of teaching in Crooksville. In my years here, I have taught so many siblings and cousins of students, and I feel like I have started to know the families well. I appreciate how welcoming the Crooksville community has been to me.”

Nicole also teaches in our iLearn Afterschool Program, which means she can be found here until 6:30 or 7:00, four nights a week. She spends her time off campus hanging with her 14-year old daughter Elizabeth.

K-8 Elementary School

Principal, John Toeller

Consistent attendance at school is extremely important to your child's educational and social development. The state of Ohio has recently passed HB 410 which governs student absenteeism. Student absenteeism is tracked by hours both excused and unexcused. Students with excessive absences are defined by the following:

- Habitually Truant – Absent 30 or more consecutive hours **without** a legitimate excuse; 42 or more hours in one school month **without** a legitimate excuse; or 72 hours in a school year **without** a legitimate excuse. Students who meet this threshold will require a plan developed by the principal, truant office and parents to ensure attendance improves. The plan will be monitored and failure to improve attendance may result in intervention through the court.
- Excessive Absences – Absent 38 or more hours in one month **with or without** a legitimate excuse; and 65 or more hours in one school year **with or without** a legitimate excuse. Parents will be notified if their student reaches these thresholds.

Whenever possible, please schedule appointments and vacations during times when school is not in session.

We will be completing state mandated testing during the month of April. It is important that students are in attendance and rested on testing days. Third grade students will be testing on April 18 and 19. Fourth grade students will be testing on April 10 and 11. Please help us by insuring your children are ready to do their best.

Kindergarten and Preschool Registration will take place in the new K-8 gym. Look for the dates and times on the Mark Your Calendar along with additional information on the back page of this newsletter.

Big C Sports Winter Review



Boys Basketball

The Ceramics were 8-14 this season with league wins over West M twice, New Lex, and Maysville, as well as, a couple of tough and close losses to Sheridan. In tournament play they had a win over District Division IV #1 seed, Fisher Catholic. Sophomore, Caden Miller received first team ALL-MVL and All-District 12 honors, junior, Eric Taylor was First Team All-District 12 and Honorable Mention in the MVL, and senior, Landon Hinkle was Honorable Mention in both the MVL and District 12.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Ceramics went 9-14 on the season with league wins over West M and New Lex and a league win over Morgan, as well as, getting a tournament victory over Nelsonville-York. They were led by senior, Carson Miller who averaged 21.7 points a game and is now the career leading scorer with 1,372 points, career leading rebounder with 824 rebounds, and the career leader with 396 assists. Carson, also holds a couple other season and single game records as well. She was a unanimous First Team ALL-MVL and District 12, as well as being voted Player of the Year in both the MVL and District 12. Senior, McKenzie LeRoy received Second Team District 12; seniors Ava Finck and McKenzie LeRoy were Honorable Mention ALL-MVL, and Finck and senior, Daralyn Ater were Honorable Mention District 12. The team got the schools three hundredth career victory on Senior Night vs. New Lex on February 10, 2018.

Wrestling

Freshman, David Chapman led the team in wins this season with 22 wins and took third in the MVL and second in Sectionals which qualified him for Districts. Junior, Carson Rupe was next with 21 wins and also took third in the MVL, third at Sectionals to qualify for Districts. Junior, Brayden Glanemann had 20 wins and took third at Sectionals, as well to qualify for Districts. Senior, Evan Miller had 14 wins in his only year of wrestling and was fourth in the MVL and sixth at Sectionals along with sophomore, Chris Pitcock.

K-8 Middle School

Asst. Principal, John Gardner

Students in the middle school have been enjoying some well-earned incentives. At the end of the semester, students with exceptional behavior qualified for an afternoon dance and other activities. At the conclusion of the third nine weeks, good behavior students attended an afternoon movie, had pizza and popcorn prepared by Mr. Houk's class. About 300 middle school students qualified for each of the behavior incentives.

February "Dudents of the Month" were recently recognized by participating in our high-five hallway and receiving a Dude...Be Humble t-shirt. The theme for February was "Be Humble." Students recognized as humble were: Amory Brown, Hannah Oder, Kaylin Savage, Ava Houk, Jady Harper, Seanna Coleman, Cayde Chapman, Hannah Thacker, Gage Kennedy, Jordan Morgan, Katlyn Watson, Brayden Carr, Riley McKenzie, Henry Reynolds, and Cameron Siders.

Congratulations to all of our students being recognized for their good deeds, exceptional behavior, and work ethic.



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March 20 P-T Conference TWO HOUR EARLY OUT
March 24 Archery FUN SHOOT
March 30 No School
April 1 Easter
April 2 No School
April 3 No School PT Comp Day
April 6-7 Drama Club "Annie" 7pm HS Commons
April 11 Pre Sports Physicals Grades 6-11
April 12 Kindergarten/Preschool Registration & Screening
NEW K-8 GYM 9 am-12 noon, 1 pm-4 pm, 5 pm-7 pm
April 13 Kindergarten/Preschool Registration & Screening
NEW K-8 GYM 9 am-12 noon, 1 pm-3 pm
April 21 Crooksville High School Prom and After Prom
April 26 Kindergarten Program HS Commons 6:30 pm
May 3 Fourth Grade Spring Musical K8 NEW GYM 7 pm
May 5 Crooksville Hosts MVL Post Season Archery Tourney
May 8 Boys Sports Physicals
HS/MS Choir HS Commons 7 pm
May 9 Preschool Graduation Program HS Commons 6:30 pm
May 10 HS/MS Band Concert HS Commons 7 pm
May 11 Girls Sports Physicals
May 13 Class of 2018 Graduation 2:00 pm
May 14 K-8 Super Games
May 18 Last Day of School

The One-Hundred Seventeenth

Crooksville High School

Graduation

Class of 2018

Sunday, May 13

2:00 p.m.



Kindergarten & Preschool Registration

Screening Pick up registration packets at the district office to be filled out before registration dates. Please include the following with your packet or bring to registration: birth certificate, immunization record, social security card, proof of residency, and custody papers (if applicable). If you are registering a kindergarten student please bring the student to registration. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2018. Preschool students must be 4 years old or 3 years old on or before August 1, 2018. Four year olds will be given priority and if there is room 3 year olds will be accepted.