

# Success Starts Here

## Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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### Crooksville High School “Destination Imagination” Team Competed in Tennessee

Destination Imagination, part of the 21st Century Afterschool Program at Crooksville High School, had three teams participating this year. All three teams qualified for state competition. Team “Controlled Chaos” placed second in their category—In the Zone, which qualified them to attend the global competition in Knoxville, Tennessee in May. The members of this team are (pictured left to right) **Robert Penrod, Kaitlyn Stewart, Dylan Storts**; (back) high school math teacher and team advisor, Shannon White.

This team’s challenge was to create from three to ten cars using at least three different power sources. The cars had to stop on their own within safe zones marked out on the ground. In addition to creating these cars, the students had to create a story about the dangers of the road told from the viewpoint of the car. The students have been working really hard on their cars and props for many months. In addition to the cars, the students have created a “car suit” with working headlights that one of the students wore! **Congratulations to team “Controlled Chaos,” with hard work they placed 34th out of 60 teams in their category.**



#### Background and History of Destination Imagination, Inc. (DI)

Destination Imagination, Inc. is a non-profit that helps kids around the world discover their creativity. They create programs that teach the creative process, so kids can solve problems in astonishing ways. The kids build a life-long confidence in working together to solve any challenge.

The organization was incorporated in 1999, when they took over the charter for OM Association, Inc. Since then, the non-profit has impacted more than a million participants. About 125,000 youth make friends and learn the creative process through the DI programs every year, and 38,000 volunteers help support the program!

All of the programs are Challenge based, and they teach the creative process. Their goal is to help kids learn to be creative in every aspect of their lives.

The Challenge program is their most popular offering. Destination Imagination is an international tournament for kids. At the start of the season, teams choose one of seven Challenges. After weeks spent creating and developing their solutions, they go to a local tournament. Top-scoring teams advance to state or country tournaments. The top level of the tournament is the Global Finals—the world’s largest celebration of creativity.

Their programs are developed annually to ensure they are relevant and align to National Education Standards, STEM standards, ELA Common Core Standards and Mathematics Common Core Standards. Every year, with the help of volunteers and subject matter experts, they design new, exciting Challenges for kids.



#### Congratulations Lady Ceramics!

CHS Varsity Girls Track 4 x 100 Relay Team qualified to run at the 2013 OHSAA Track & Field State Championships, Friday, June 7 at the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at The Ohio State University.

Team members left-right: Freshman—**McKayla Chevalier**, senior—**Hillary Taylor**, juniors—**Ashly Clark** and **Taylor Pennington**. The girls 4 x 100 is scheduled at 10:50 am. Call the high school for directions and schedule of events.

**Crooksville Intermediate School**  
Mrs. Terri Caton, Principal

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

As our school year came to a close, I'd like to say a big thank you to our students, their families and especially our teachers. We have had a very good year at CIS! Our testing is completed and the teachers report that our students worked exceptionally hard to "show what they know." We held some fun activities at the end of the school year. Our seventh graders enjoyed an overnight field trip to the Hocking Hills at Camp Oty-Okwa. There they enjoyed lots of environmental science, biology and geology activities as well as some that were just for fun! Our sixth graders traveled to Columbus where they attended the Columbus Clippers game in beautiful Huntington Park. Our fifth graders headed to Lake Isabella for a day of volleyball, putt-putt golf and a cookout! As a school, we held our field day and Super Games fun as well. Our band and choir students ended the year with their spring concerts! As you have no doubt read in the newspaper or heard on the news, Ohio's standards for students are becoming increasingly more challenging. All of us, students, teachers and parents, will need to work together to be successful as the bar is raised. As your children have some relaxation time this summer, I suggest you keep them reading. The "summer slide" is real and often students lose ground over that time. The summer is also a great time to just dream with your students. What do they want to be? What will it take for them to accomplish their goals? Your conversations about what education can do for them are some of the most important any parent can ever have.

It's been my privilege to serve your students this year. If you have any questions about the next school year, please call or e-mail me. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and see you in August!

**Crooksville Primary**

In February our primary building was honored as a *School of Promise*, and now we are honored as:

**High Progress  
School of Honor**

On April 29, 2013 I received a letter from the Ohio Department of Education. I would like to share this letter with you.

Dear Principal Toeller:

I am happy to bring you the good news that the Ohio Department of Education has named Crooksville Primary School a High Progress School of Honor, based on your 2011-2012 Local Report Card.

The department established the High Performing Schools of Honor and High Progress Schools of Honor programs this year to recognize Ohio schools that have sustained or increased student achievement over time in reading, math and graduation rates, while serving many disadvantaged students. See the fact sheet posted [here](#) to learn more about our criteria for Schools of Honor as well as the Schools of Promise we announced earlier this year.

What your school has done to serve students from all backgrounds is working, and I urge you to share your strategies with other Ohio schools. The department plans to spotlight your

school as an outstanding example of what is possible when students, educators, parents and community member come together and believe that all students can succeed. Please share my gratitude with all of those who contributed to your school's success.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending you a Schools of Honor banner to display in your school building. Congratulations, and my very best wishes for continued success. I know that the determination and compassion for students that led to your school's success will continue to make you an asset to your community.

Best regards,  
Dr. Richard A. Ross  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

The primary school would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, and especially those who have given of their time, for helping us this school year. Your support is critical to your child's success in school. You are an important part of the recognition we are receiving as a school. Thanks, again and have a great summer.

Mr. Toeller & Staff



# Good Happenings

**Congratulations to the Class of 2013  
Valedictorian—Brianna Finck and  
Salutatorian—Nathaniel Stalling!**

On May 3, our seniors went to New Lexington High School to attend a Jury Trial to observe an OVI case, Judge Wilson presided.

On May 8, Miss Beck's Global Issues class presented their 'lasting words' - a short speech about the lessons they have learned while at CHS.

Economics students completed a career planning unit using an interactive online website as they learned about themselves as students, possible career paths, and set goals for following their paths.

CHS teachers, Mr. Will Sheets and Mr. Ron Childress created fliers to distribute in our community to promote environmental awareness. These fliers will be constructed to help citizens understand ways to keep our environment clean and healthy for generations to come. Join in!

Fifth graders **Savannah Moorehead** and **Colton White** took first and second place respectively in the Perry-Fairfield essay contest entitled "**What My Family Means to Me.**" They are students of Kristen Filkins and Jessica Smith. The students and their families were honored at a banquet where they read their essays and received a plaque. As the winners, their teachers received a \$300 award to be used for



In November the after school weightlifting program began. Seventh grader **Brody Strate** had made the largest gains of any of the regular attendees. Brody increased his bench press by 300%, his squat by 150% and hang cleans by 200%. The current pace Brody would be able to compete for the world record in bench press for his age and weight class in the next year. Congratulations Brody on your determination and work ethics, continue to improve and work hard at everything.

## News from School Nurse Jodi Paul, BSN, RN

All students entering the seventh grade must receive a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) immunization before the first day of school which is Monday, August 19, 2013. **All new seventh graders must provide written proof of the immunization.** Please bring the proof of the immunization to school on the first day back or drop off to the administration office, or mail to Crooksville K-7, 12400 Tunnel Hill Road, Crooksville, OH 43731 Attn: Jodi Paul, RN. If you plan for your child to receive the immunization from the Perry County Health Department, you must call for an appointment at 740-342-5179.

## K-7 Music Notes



The **first and fifth grade music students** have studied the history of music during the Baroque and Classical Periods (1600-1820). They have enjoyed listening to the music of composers such as Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart. Their favorite composer to study has been Joseph Haydn who loved to put practical jokes in his music. The students also worked in small groups to create Music History Timelines.

The **fourth grade students** have worked at learning to play the recorder. They were eager to learn new songs and earn a Recorder Karate Belt to display on the bottom of their instrument. The recorder serves as a great introductory band instrument, while reinforcing music reading and instrumental performance. For more information, please visit the fourth grade music page at [www.crooksville.k12.oh.us/music7](http://www.crooksville.k12.oh.us/music7).

While we wrapped up the end of another great school year, we would like to thank you for supporting the Crooksville Music Program! It is wonderful to share the joy of music with our many talented students! Have a safe and healthy summer!

Miss Krieger  
K-5 General Music  
6-7 Grade Choirs



***Congratulations to the  
One Hundred Twelfth  
Crooksville High School  
Graduates  
Class of 2013***

**Summer 2013 School Activities**

- June 7 Girls 4 x 100 Relay Team at OHSAA Championships'
- June 10-14 Varsity Boys Youth Basketball Camp Grades 1-8
- June 18 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 22 Boosters meet at Perry Co. Fair for Clean Up Day 8am
- June 28 Special Board of Education Meeting 9:00 am
- July 1 Football Tickets for Season Ticket Holders at District Office
- July 15-20 Crooksville Athletic Boosters, Parents, Athletes and Coaches will be at the Perry County Fair!
- Aug. 5 Football Reserve Tickets on Sale to the Public District Office
- Aug. 14 Staff Returns to School
- Aug. 19 First Day Back to School for Students



Dear Parents:

School supplies will be the responsibility of the student's family for the next year. Due to a 5.1% federal budget cut from the Title I money, Crooksville Schools will be unable to purchase school supplies for the students this 2013-2014 school year. We are doing all we can to keep the supply list as minimal as possible. The school supply list will be placed on the school website and at our local businesses. You may pick up a supply list at the district office during the summer.

Back to school, August 19, 2013

Crooksville Schools Administrative Staff



Pictured top: Mrs. Wishy Washy (Mrs. Carpenter) and (right) Mrs. McNosh (Mrs. Daniels) told their stories to their preschool classes this spring. Parents, keep reading and have a fun summer!



MAY Eco Tip.... Tips to help our Earth!

Get outside! Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of spring and summer! This is also a great time to pick up litter. Consider doing a community service project in your area or just keep it clean in front of where you live. Litter free areas instill community pride, improve property value and add to the over all beauty of the season. Please contact Perry County Waste Reduction & Recycling for more information 740-342-7881 or visit us online [www.perryrecycling.com](http://www.perryrecycling.com)

This message is a community service.