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Crooksville Exempted Village School District

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THANK YOU

Crooksville Exempted Village Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for its outpouring of support that was felt by many as our boys made their tournament run in the 2013 basketball season. For many of us, it brought back some familiar feelings that were reminiscent of times past that seemed to right the world for us if only for a moment. Our community pride was certainly shown through the support that was evidenced on Friday night at the Convocation Center in Athens, Ohio. Strong fan support was witnessed by all as community members, Crooksville alumni from far and near, and current students and staff members rocked the Convo as they rallied behind our boys. We also extend a huge thank you to our local EMS and law enforcement as they provided caravans for the return of both our girls' and boys' basketball teams on their sectional championships and the state qualifying wrestler. Additionally, we give kudos to our county sheriff for the caravan to the county line on Friday evening with our team bus, our pep buses and many vehicles following as we made our way to the Convo.

Many folks who don't know our CVille traditions, question our caravan routine, but for many of us, it is one of the most beloved traditions we have. There is nothing like a caravan through our small village, horns honking, sirens blaring, kids shouting out bus windows, folks coming outside to clap and yell while the buses pass, or the blinking of porch lights to signal that our Ceramics have been successful, yet again. It makes us realize that even if we have differences as people, that for that moment in time, we are united behind our kids as Ceramics! Our pride runs deep, our belief in the positive is shared, and our commitment to our kids is second to none, that is what makes us a community. Students have graduated and left our small community to become successful in big cities or fight wars in foreign lands, but many still call our small community of Crooksville "home." Some alumni remain or have returned to carry on the traditions that were started by our parents, our friends and our forefathers, as Ceramics. To say that we are proud to be Ceramics is an understatement, to use an old phrase that will be familiar to some, but certainly applies in this situation, CERAMIC PRIDE IS COMMUNITY WIDE!! Thanks Ceramics for making us, as a community and a school PROUD to be from our small village!!



Submitted by Alea Barker, CHS Alumni & Director of Learning, Crooksville Exempted Village Schools

CHS Eighth Graders are Active and Hardworking

There are moments in our careers that remind us of why we became teachers, these moments are what drive us forward on our professional path. On February 28, eighth grade students were rewarded with a very special activity. . . teaching kindergarten! Our students joined the kindergarten class to celebrate Dr. Seuss through a variety of fun and exciting activities in which they had to teach, lead, and actively participate. The eighth grade students did an amazing job and we take great pride in saying that it was a memorable and rewarding experience as their teachers watched them in action! Great job eighth grade! A special thanks to kindergarten teachers; Mrs. B. Dodd, Mrs. T. Dodd, Mrs. Russell-Reed, and Mrs. Spicer for having us join them.

The Eighth Grade Team of Teachers



Crooksville Intermediate School

Mrs. Terri Caton, Principal

***Character *Involvement
*Scholarship**

It's almost spring! Our third grading period will end on March 15 and report cards will come home on March 22. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on March 25 and March 27 in the afternoon. Please be on the lookout for conference schedules to come home with your child.

With spring comes spring sports and spring practices. Please encourage your children to do homework before practices. Often, practices and games are given as answers to the "Where is your homework?" question. We appreciate parents who help their child by structuring the afternoon so that schoolwork comes first!

Our annual required testing is the week of April 28. I encourage you, if at all possible, to make sure your child is in attendance. Students who take make-up tests tend not to do as well as when they are testing with their classmates.



Our fourth graders just completed their Mystery Day. Students used their observation skills to study a "crime scene" and complete experiments to find the criminal. Many thanks to Mrs. Chamberlin, the fourth grade teachers, and especially, the moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas who volunteered to help our detectives. We appreciate you!

Fifth graders have seen some schedule changes this past week. Students are group based on their learning needs and teams of teachers are working together. The more flexible schedule allows students to focus specifically on what they need to learn, regardless of homeroom.

Sixth graders are fund raising for their annual field trip to see the Columbus Clippers. Thanks to the teachers, students and parents who supported our dance-The Love Bug Boogie!

Seventh grade students are also planning for their spring field trip to Camp Oty-Okwa in the Hocking Hills. Parents, be on the lookout for green information sheets to come home with your students.

Just a heads-up for parents...students must be in good standing, both academically and with their behavior to attend field trips. Kids-make sure you are doing your homework, being good passengers on the school bus, and staying out of detention. Everyone has a clean slate beginning March 18!

Have a wonderful spring!

Crooksville Primary

Mr. John Toeller, Principal

School of Promise

On February 27, 2013 I received a letter from the Ohio Department of Education. I would like to share this letter with you.

Dear Principal Toeller:

Crooksville Primary School proves every day that failure is not an option. Because of that, it is my honor to recognize you, your students, teachers, administrators and the families in your building being named a 2012 *School of Promise* for the first time.

Your school is in a prestigious group of 163 schools that achieved this honor on the Local Report Card for the 2011-2012 school year. Strategies by you and your staff to close the mathematics and reading achievement gap for students who represent a range of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds are working, and we hope you will share them with other Ohio schools.

The Ohio Department of Education plans to spotlight your school as a strong example of what is possible when students, educators, parents and community members come together and believe that all students can succeed. Please extend my gratitude to all those who shared in your school's success.

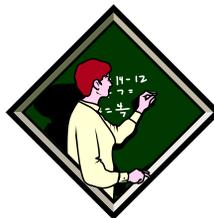
In coming weeks, you will receive an official *Schools of Promise* banner to display in your school building. Congratulations once again on this achievement, and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,
Michael Sawyers
Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction,

MATHCOUNTS REGIONAL COMPETITION

Crooksville MATHCOUNTS team celebrated it's Tenth Anniversary as a competitive team this year. MATHCOUNTS, celebrating its 30th anniversary, is a national math competition for middle school. Seventh and eighth graders in the ROCHS program, traveled to Ohio University, Athens on February 16 for a day of "Mind Blowing Math" in the regional competition. The university's engineering school hosts the event. Representing Crooksville eighth grade: **Austin Burgess, Tori Carr, Ashley Compston, J.J. Creech and Keela Ratliff.** Seventh grader: **Karley Carpenter, Kaylene Cochran, Carson Miller, Chip Russell and Anessa Whitt.**

Crooksville's 21st Century After School Program sponsored the team this year. Team coach, Mr. Sean Hill, seventh/eighth grade math teacher at Crooksville.



Good Happenings

Congratulations **Jordan Burkholder!** Jordan qualified to wrestle at the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament in Columbus this past week. Jordan overcame a broken collarbone injury in the regular season. In the post season he placed second in the sectionals, third in the districts and went 1 - 2 in state competition. Super job, Jordan!!

The **juniors** are reading *The Great Gatsby* and will be completing a newspaper project with a partner. They must complete all sections found in a newspaper such as editorials, news articles, and politics, in addition to entertainment and lifestyle sections. The **seniors** are beginning *Fahrenheit 451* and will continue with *1984*. Themes covered will be technology and its impact on culture, censorship, alienation and loneliness, and some behavioral psychology. They will also begin their research paper soon. Wish these seniors luck in their push to ready themselves for their future college and career experiences. **Mrs. Barb Allen**

Senior, Austin Campbell wrote and developed his own recycling video, he has entered a contest through Perry County Recycling and if his video is chosen he will be on WHIZ TV at noon on April 16.

Dakota Hiles, tenth grader, is learning to take care of animals. He has learned to give injections both subcutaneous (SQ), which is just under the skin and intramuscular (IM), which go in to the muscle. He is caring for these goats from birth to show them at the



Perry County Fair this summer. Good luck Dakota. **Mr. Kevin Cannon**

Eleventh grader, Mia Dalrymple is competing in a national cheer event in Texas this March. She will air on ESPN in April. We wish Mia the best of luck.

All the **volleyball** teams are having their annual flower fund raiser. Last day to order is March 12. Flats \$15.00, 6 pack \$3.00. If you have any questions contact Coach Kara Caton-Searls at the high school.

Senior class officers have been busy working on plans for this year's graduation ceremony. Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 at 2:00 pm in the high school gymnasium. You will be provided with more information in April. Also, you should be receiving information from Jostens in the mail this month up to the begin-

ning of April regarding your balance due for graduation supplies. As soon as Jostens notifies the school with a date on the arrival of these supplies, you will receive a SchoolConnects message. Keep in mind that final payments are due in the form of cash or money order only. Jostens will not accept personal checks for this final payment. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Desguin at the high school.



CHS Yearbooks: Don't forget to pre-order your 2013 high school yearbook. The price is \$40.00. The last day to pre-order yearbooks will be Friday, April 19 at school. Make your checks out to Crooksville Schools. You can order the book online using your credit or debit card at jostensyearbook.com until June 1. If you have questions contact Mrs. Miller at 982-7015 or check the school website at:

<http://www.crooksville.k12.oh.us>

REMINDER TO SENIORS— Senior pictures and baby pictures need to be turned in by April 1.

On March 8, **fourth grade science students** will be using their powers of deduction and reasoning to unravel a mystery. Thank you in advance to the many volunteers that are helping in our "crime lab" to make this powerful learning activity a great one! Mrs. Chamberlin

CHS student athletes help in Mrs. Sowers' fourth grade class, Reading to Score program. In the following pictures are: **Lake Channel** and **fourth grader Bradey Starner; Sedona Sowers** and **fourth grader Angelina Messina**, they read together every Friday one-on-one for thirty to forty minutes. Thank you, Lake and Sedona.



Second graders have been learning the life cycle of plants. Marcy Kern, from Reed's Greenhouse on Tatmans Road helped Ms. Cannon and Mrs. Winegardner's classes plant tomato seeds. Marcy is the grandmother of Samantha and Shelby Reed. We are patiently waiting for our seeds to sprout!



Athletic Department News

I would like to take this time and thank our athletes and coaches for a excellent winter season. This was an extremely exciting winter season with many teams advancing deep into the OHSAA tournaments and many of our athletes being recognized for their achievements. I am so proud of our school and community for the support throughout the season.

Our preseason spring sports parent meeting will take place on March 18, 2013, @ 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. All coaches and athletes participating in a spring sport (grades 7-12) need to attend this meeting. Our athletic website is updated with the most recent changes to our schedules and bus time departures.

We will have our Crooksville Athletic Booster Meeting on March 19, 2013, @ 6:00 p.m. 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 spring sports schedules and bus times go to: www.crooksville.k12.oh.us and click on athletics

WE ARE BIG "C" Dave Rupe, A.D.

21st Century Archery Program

The 21st Century Archery Program is booming this year. Last year was the first year for the program and averaged about 40 kids each day. This year we have about 70 students, grades 4-12, participating every Monday and Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30.

Our students have the privilege of using the Southeastern Ohio Sportsman's Association facility, which is located less than a mile from the school. The facility, which is one of the best in the nation, is run by a group of men who volunteer their time in order to make sure that young people today have the opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy activities in the outdoors.

The program started last year under Mr. Adam Pontious, Mr. Jordan Pompey, and Mr. Casey Coffey. This year the program has developed into a successful program and is moving towards becoming an interscholastic athletic team for CHS. With the sport of archery growing so quickly in the area, Crooksville joined 12 other schools including Philo, Maysville, and Tri-Valley in creating the Appalachian Archery Conference. The AAC is a great opportunity for students to compete in tournaments with the chance to earn all league honors. The best part about the AAC tournaments for the students is that they get to participate free of charge. Parents and spectators are invited to attend the events and support the students in action. The Crooksville team will be competing March and April, see the activity schedule on this page.

The 21st Century Archery Program is a great opportunity for **ALL** students to join a team and be successful. If your student is interested in participating please call the high school at 982-7015 or the intermediate school at 982-7010 for more information. You can also email Mr. Pontious at adam.pontious@crooksville.k12.oh.us



March 2013 School Activities



Mar. 15	End of Third Grading Period
Mar. 18	Spring Sports OHSAA Parent
Athlete	Mandatory Meeting 6:30 HS
Mar. 19	Athletic Booster Meeting 6 pm HS
	Room 101
Mar 23	Archery at West M
Mar. 25	Parent Teacher Conferences
	Grades 4-12 3:00—6:30
	Grades KG-3 4:00—7:30
Mar. 26	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
Mar. 27	TWO HOUR EARLY OUT
	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	Grades 4-12 1:00—4:30
	Grades KG-3 2:00—5:30
Mar. 28	NO SCHOOL –P/T COMP DAY
Mar. 29-Apr. 2	No School Spring Break
Mar. 30	V Track at Maysville 12 pm
Apr. 3	Back to School
Apr 6	Archery at Maysville
Apr 13	Archery at Tri-Valley
Apr 20	Archery at Morgan

Kindergarten and Preschool Registration

Registration packets may be picked up at the district office for kindergarten and preschool students until April 10, 2013.

Kindergarten Screening at the K-7 Library

Thursday, April 11, 2013

9:00—12:00, 1:00—4:00, 5:00—7:00

Friday, April 12, 2013

9:00—12:00, 1:00—3:00

Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before August 1. Parents of kindergarten and preschool students must bring with them the following documents; birth certificate, social security card, medical records (shots), proof of residency and custody papers (if needed).

Preschool students must be three or four years old on or before August 1 and must be potty trained. 😊

Extra Good Happenings and Pictures of School Events



21st Century Archery Program





8th Graders help kindergarten with reading on Dr. Seuss Day!



Mrs. Anderson's preschool class have been talking about community helpers. We talked about visiting the dentist and in celebration of Dental Health Month each student received a new toothbrush. Pictured are Seth Jones and Hodge Taylor.



March Eco Tip: . . .tips to help our earth!

Don't throw your batteries away! Keep them out of the landfill. Save them in a milk jug labeled "dead batteries," then bring them (AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) to the Perry County Ultimate Recycling Day, April 13, 2013. The precious metals and paper wrapping get recycled and the remaining materials get disposed of properly. Use rechargeable batteries whenever possible. Other materials accepted on this day include: tires, motor oil, appliances, computers, TV's, car batteries (some items require donation to offset proper recycling costs). For more information contact Perry County Waste Reduction & Recycling 342-7881.