

Dr. James Craik Elementary

This past week two of our family members were recognized at the county-level and we are so excited to highlight them with our Craik community!

Our technology facilitator, Ms. Samantha Krueffel was selected by her peers for recognition as our Exemplary Employee at Dr. James Craik Elementary School. Ms. Krueffel has been a staple in our building for the past four years and is always actively involved in our school community.

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Upcoming Events

Two-Hour early dismissal
10.21

PTO Meeting @6:00
10.24

2nd Grade Field Trip Science
Center
10.25

Kindergarten Field Trip to
Pumpkin Patch
10.27

Trunk-or-Treat @5:00
10.27

2nd Grade Field Trip to Science
Center and 4th Grade Field Trip to
St. Mary's City
10.28

Halloween/Character Day
Parade/Class parties
10.31

Picture Day
11.1



Fifth grader, Safia Boubertaka (pictured in the middle), was selected by her teachers for recognition of Academic Achievement. Safia has been on the honor roll every quarter since 2nd grade, she is always willing to help her teacher and peers alike and is a wonderful role model in the classroom.



Message from PTO

PTO is off and running this year with tons of involvement and great ideas from our parents! We are so excited to kick everything off and see how much we can accomplish. Our next PTO General Meeting will be on October 24th - 6pm at the school. All are welcome to attend, but only dues-paying members are eligible to vote. If you haven't signed-up for PTO and paid your dues, you can do so at the meeting with cash or check.

Our November fundraiser will be kicking off a little early - on October 24th! And it's fun. We are asking you to clean out your closet, your kid's closets and ask your friends and family for all of their new or gently-used shoes they no longer want! We will accept donations of shoes during the PTO meeting and during the Trunk or Treat on October 27th. Keep an eye out for more donation dates, and even drive-through donation days!

PTO will be selling concessions during the Trunk or Treat on October 27th. We will be offering hot chocolate, snacks and treats. Our table will be cash only, and everything will be under \$2! Please stop by and get something sweet while you drop off some shoes! We are also looking for volunteers for help man the tables for the event, so if you are interested in helping out please let us know.

Our first two spirit nights are over, and our next Spirit Night will be November 9th at Foster's Grille in La Plata. Please consider coming out to support us and our efforts for the school! Flyers will be posted online for this event, and you can mention that you are there to support the Craik PTO!

If you are not receiving emails from the PTO and filled out the membership form and paid your dues, please let us know! Your email address may have accidentally gotten typed-in wrong and we want to make sure that you are receiving communications!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased spirit wear and made donations to the PTO. Our first goal of the year was to purchase books for every child for their birthday. We are well underway with this effort and have been able to purchase books for 4 months so far - thanks to all of the spirit wear purchases and donations!

A special thank you to all of our active volunteer parents and board members for their time, dedication and enthusiasm for our school, our teachers and our students. It's only because of you that we are successful.

Kristina Newton - PTO President

Unity Day

Unity Day will be celebrated on October 19th. We are asking students and staff to wear orange on this day to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. We will be sharing pictures on our social media pages on this day.

Trunk-or-Treat

Thank you for those who signed up to donate candy and for those who will be decorating a trunk for our event on the 27th. Out of the abundance of caution, and according to CCPS policy, we can only accept candy that is "commercially manufactured, individually wrapped in single serving sizes and marked with the ingredients and the nutritional facts label." In an extra effort to ensure the safety with candy, we prefer that instead of sending in bags, please send in monetary donations instead. The school will use all donations to purchase the candy. Thank you for your support!