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Spring 2022

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Hello Crestwood Community,

Spring has sprung at Crestwood. We have so many great things to look forward to for the remainder of the school year.

We have spring concerts, spring sports, the musical Annie, Prom, Commencement, field days, our first ever sixth-grade camp, and many other extraordinary activities that our students and staff lead.

I encourage you to come out and see our kids and our teams and all the tremendous things they do!

As always, it is a great day to be a Red Devil!

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NUTRITION SERVICES DIRECTOR ADVOCATES FOR CRESTWOOD FAMILIES



This past March, Nutrition Services Director Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch attended the 50th annual Legislative Action Conference in Washington D.C. She was one of 700 members from across the nation and one of 19 representatives from an Ohio school district. Her attendance was made possible by her involvement with the Ohio School Nutrition Association and the local Chapter 43.

After three days of conference courses, networking, and collaborating, Hirsch had the opportunity to 'charge the Hill' and meet with Ohio Congresspersons and their staff. The plea was for Congress to take immediate action to extend pandemic waivers for school meal programs for the 2022-23 school year. Unfortunately, the omnibus spending bill failed to include the expected waiver extensions, which had widespread, bipartisan support.



Currently, school meals are free for all Crestwood students, however, this will expire with the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year.

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, nonprofit professional organization representing more than 50,000 members who provide high-quality, low-cost meals to students across the country. The mission of SNA is to empower and support school nutrition professionals in advancing the accessibility, quality and integrity of school nutrition programs.

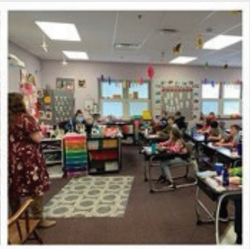
CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS PARTNER WITH KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOR STUDENT TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Crestwood Intermediate School (CIS) partnered this year with students at Kent State University's College of Education, Health and Human Services (EHHS) to connect teacher candidates with middle level education teachers.

Each semester, CIS welcomes around 20 soon-to-be teachers into their halls and gives them hands-on classroom experience. In total, between fall 2021 and spring 2022, 40 Kent State students have had the chance to work with students in grades four and five at CIS. "The KSU pre-service teachers have been wonderful in our classrooms," said fifth-grade math teacher Karli Poole. "They have been a huge help in providing differentiated instruction to all of our students. They have delivered engaging lessons in our classrooms and have helped our students grow. The students love interacting with our KSU pre-service teachers and they have served as positive role models in our students' lives. We were lucky to be a part of their journey to becoming teachers!"

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Mackenzie Vanaman, fourth-grade math teacher



The participating teachers at CIS are paired with two Kent State teacher candidates for the duration of the semester with some of their placements determined by their subject area such as math, science, or English. "The KSU teacher candidates have been such a positive experience in our classrooms," said fourth-grade math teacher Mackenzie Vanaman. "We have been able to do more group work that allows us to meet each student at their level. The KSU teacher candidates are always eager to jump in to help and are well prepared when it is their time to teach. They collaborate with us to create high-quality experiences for our students. Our classrooms are lucky to have them!"

The student teachers spend their Wednesdays during the semester at CIS and gradually work up to leading the entire class. "We have been so lucky to have the KSU pre-service teachers in our classroom," said fourth-grade English and social studies teacher Cassidy Powers. "We have been able to group students and teach small group lessons. The KSU pre-service teachers are so enthusiastic about jumping in and helping our students. They have been meeting with students 1-on-1 to reteach and help students make connections to help them understand the material."

The pre-service teachers have reached the point in the semester where they will teach full units. "Over the semester, they teach and learn little things like hands-on activities and pull-out sessions, but the next few weeks they are teaching based on standards," said Principal Patrick Griffis.

CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOLS VISITED BY STATE SENATOR JERRY CIRINO

Ohio State Senator Jerry Cirino visited Crestwood Local Schools on February 25. Superintendent David Toth invited him to visit the 7-12 campus. During his visit, Cirino spoke with students and teachers from the engineering, leadership and academy classes. The students and teachers prepared presentations to explain their different classes and projects and how some of their classes give them an opportunity to earn college credits.

Cirino also gave students advice and asked about their future plans. The experience was full of back-and-forth dialogue between Crestwood students and teachers and the senator. "It was a great learning experience for the students," said Toth.

Cirino is tentatively planning to attend Crestwood's leadership retreat in May.

Cirino is in his first term serving the 18th Senate District which includes Geauga and Lake Counties and all of Portage County.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Crestwood Board of Education is committed to prudent fiscal management of the school district's resources with the goal of ensuring adequate funding to sustain the high quality of education for our community's children.

CRESTWOOD LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HOMEOWNER
DAILY AND HOURLY COST TO EDUCATE

FISCAL YEAR	PROPERTYTAX PER PUPIL LINE30 OR29	RES/AGR PERCENTAGE LINE24 OR23	RES/AGR TAX PER PUPIL	TOTAL REVENUE PER PUPIL LINE53	RES/AGR%OF TOTAL REVENUE	TOTAL EXPENSE PER PUPIL LINE46	TOTALDAU., Y EXPENSEI 180 DAYS	TOTAL HOURLY EXPENSEI7.5	HOMEOWNER DAILYCOST PER PUPIL	HOMEOWNER HOURLY COST PER PUPIL
2020-2021	$5,739.92	87.84%	$5,041.95	$16,106.96	31.30%	$13,233.34	$73.52	$9.80	$23.01	$3.07
2019-2020	$5,436.17	87.89%	$4,777.85	$13,803.23	34.61%	$12,340.61	$68.56	$9.14	$23.73	$3.16
2018-2019	$5,311.18	88.11%	$4,679.68	$13,340.91	35.08%	$11,629.39	$64.61	$8.61	$22.66	$3.02
2017-2018	$5,195.00	87.18%	$4,529.00	$13,038.42	34.74%	$11,586.67	$64.37	$8.58	$22.36	$2.98
2016-2017	$5,102.56	87.93%	$4,486.68	$13,054.73	34.37%	$11,372.36	$63.18	$8.42	$21.71	$2.90
2015-2016	$4,856.63	88.16%	$4,281.61	$12,371.75	34.61%	$10,957.62	$60.88	$8.12	$21.07	$2.81
2014-2015	$4,663.42	88.15%	$4,110.80	$12,017.14	34.21%	$10,721.32	$59.56	**$7.94**	$20.38	$2.72
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2012-2013	$4,306.71	88.63%	$3,817.04	$10,681.75	35.73%	$9,996.00	$55.53	$7.40	$19.84	$2.65
2011-2012	$3,497.75	89.18%	$3,119.29	$9,509.18	32.80%	$10,426.32	$57.92	**$7.72**	$19.00	$2.53
2010-2011	$3,378.63	88.82%	$3,000.90	$9,438.44	31.79%	$10,227.92	$56.82	$7.58	$18.07	$2.41
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2007-2008	$3,132.93	87.68%	$2,746.95	$9,446.39	29.08%	$9,023.42	$50.13	$6.68	$14.58	$1.94
2006-2007	$3,160.73	85.14%	$2,691.05	$8,559.18	31.44%	$8,057.32	$44.76	$5.97	$14.07	$1.88

The above depiction is representative of a homeowner's daily and hourly cost to educate a student in Crestwood Local Schools. This is a good visual to display the revenue we receive for property taxes per pupil versus the total expenses per pupil. As of last year, the daily cost for a homeowner in the Crestwood Local Schools would be $23.01 to educate a student. The hourly rate for a homeowner paying to educate a student in Crestwood Local Schools is $3.07. I think by looking at the daily and hourly rates homeowners are paying to educate Crestwood students provides a powerful example of our administration being good stewards of the tax dollars we receive.

Sarah Palm, *Treasurer*
Crestwood Local Schools

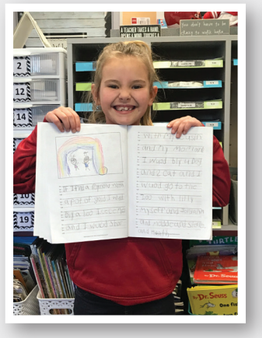


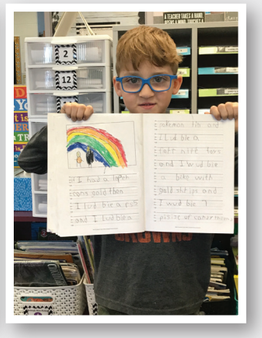
Mrs. Sara Brook's class at Crestwood Primary School had fun in math this past month. Students enjoyed making some estimations of how many Oreos were in a package. They all enjoyed eating a few Oreos for all their hard work!

CRESTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WORKING WITH WORDS IN FIRST GRADE

The students in Sara Picone's first-grade class have been working on writing all year to increase not only their writing stamina to get their ideas onto paper, but working on the grammar part as well as writing words correctly. Students wrote about what they would do if they found a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. What would you buy? Would you share it? Who would you buy things for? Would you donate it? Students then drew pictures to represent what they wrote about. The class loved sharing with others their writing and pictures and did such a great job.







MUSIC EXPLORERS AT CRESTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

For the past six years, Crestwood Primary School students have had the option of participating in an after school music club called Music Explorers. Each year, there is a different theme that provides students with the opportunity to learn about musical instruments as well as genres of music. This year, 80 Music Explorers are learning about music across the United States. They have explored music from Texas, Hawaii, the Appalachian Mountains and Colonial America.





CRESTWOOD PRESCHOOLERS JUMP INTO SPRING WITH THEMED LESSONS

During the first two weeks of March, preschoolers have learned all about spring, which has brought them a lot of joy. They talked about how the seasons change and what kind of activities they can do in the spring. They use the phrase, "March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb," then track the weather and put it on a calendar to count. When we have finished counting we work to grow our number sense by writing and showing the number using finger patterns. We have been lucky to work with Ms. Sheets for language lessons who helped us jumpstart our spring lessons by creating a cloud in a jar. We used positional words and followed directions to see how many drops it would take until it started to rain, both AM and PM preschoolers had a chance to enjoy these lessons. A big focus after clouds was rainbows and we worked on the correct order of rainbow colors and enjoyed watching a rainbow grow from just coloring on a paper towel and placing the paper towel in water. Preschoolers have been busy learning and having fun while doing so!







THIRD GRADERS AND PRESCHOOLERS COLLABORATE AT CRESTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

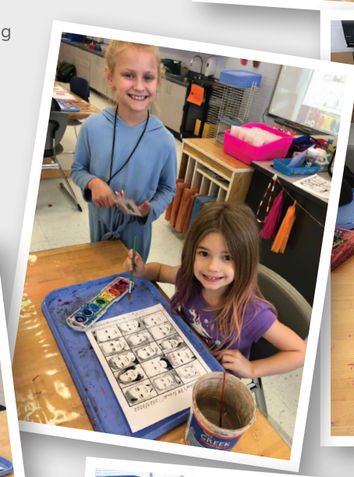
Thirty-five third graders at Crestwood Primary School (CPS) signed up this year to volunteer as "Art Leaders" during their recess time to help assist Mikayla McCall with planning and assisting art lessons for students in afternoon preschool.

Each "Art Leader" wrote a statement explaining why they wanted to be a part of this opportunity. The third-grade students were placed in groups of four and five and have been assigned a theme that coordinates with the preschool curriculum focus of the week.

Throughout the week they work with their team to come up with an idea, create a list of materials and a plan for delegating tasks. On Fridays, the preschoolers arrive excited to create with their third-grade "Art Leaders".

This has helped the preschoolers immensely with their transition as they start to think about kindergarten, giving them peers to look up to. Crestwood Primary teacher Amanda Kilcher said that when the students come in on Fridays they know it is art day and always look forward to discovering what they get to create. This leadership opportunity has provided third graders with "real world" responsibilities and has allowed them to experience compromise, communication and creative problem solving skills.







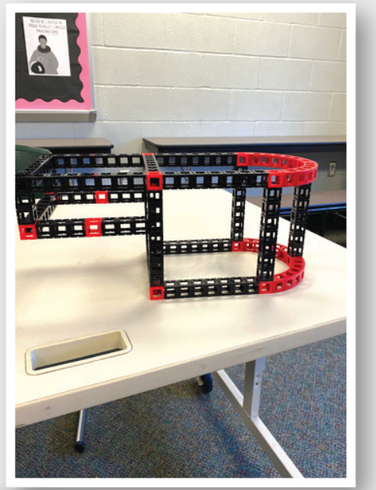






CRESTWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

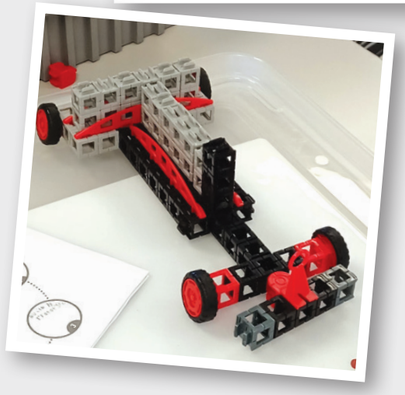
CRESTWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IMPLEMENTS STEM LESSONS



Crestwood Intermediate School (CIS) has implemented STEM lessons into their science curriculum. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering, and math. These four fields share an emphasis on innovation, problem-solving, and critical thinking. As society innovates and technology advances, the need to understand how these technologies work and who can propose practical solutions continues to grow. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics calls STEM careers "tomorrow's jobs," emphasizing the importance of these unique industries. Today, STEM jobs are in high demand, and many are projected to stay in demand for several years. At the same time, STEM professionals are in short supply, which is why so many colleges — as well as the U.S. government — are imploring students to study STEM.

CIS has done an awesome job in implementing these skills and content in an interactive and fun manner in their new STEM lab. The students work together in groups while the teacher is facilitating and supporting the students.

We are fortunate that we are able to partner with Kid Spark Education for STEM materials and in the future we are looking forward to incorporating more items in the STEM lab. Kid Spark programs are designed to help young students learn foundational STEM fluencies from the moment they enter school and then build upon their learning each year. Their school programs are comprised of progressive units of instruction that cover a range of STEM concepts, and can be used to meet any student where they are. Students jump right into the shoes of a real engineer as they explore applied mathematics, mechanical & structural engineering, and robotics & coding.



Students focus on concepts such as how to make things strong, how to make things move, how to measure, how to use a design and engineering process to solve a challenge, and how to design and program robotic systems. As students progress through the program they gain confidence in their ability to author with technology to solve real-world problems and design new solutions.

The most important result from our STEM lab is that the students are having fun in their learning and are engaged from the minute they enter to the time they leave.



CRESTWOOD INTERMEDIATE GRADE LEVEL CONCERTS

On Tuesday March 22, the fourth and fifth graders had their first concert in three years! The concert looked a little different this year. The fourth, fifth, and sixth-graders all sang together on the same stage in the old middle school gymnasium.

CRESTWOOD DRAMA CLUB TO PERFORM CLASSIC BROADWAY MUSICAL ANNIE

Crestwood High School Drama Club is performing the classic broadway musical Annie April 29 through May 1. The musical will begin at 7 p.m. on April 29 and 30 with a matinee showing at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. In addition to the Sunday show-time they are hosting an Annie themed brunch on May 1 at 11 a.m. All ages are welcome.

Pre-sale tickets are available for $10 but tickets will be available at the door for $12. The Annie Brunch package is $20/person.

The cast is as follows: Adrien Hunter, Elai Houpt, Gabby Opalanko, Izzi Kotkowski, Dean Hazel, Addie Oliphant, Kenny Stoots, David Frato, Jasper Dolence, Ashley Rayle, Bianca Mason, Justine Mathers, Julie Gerdhardt, Al Mack, Adam Humes, Val Wright, Grace Schweickert, Destiny Verbic, Sarah Lame, Cadence Olson, Tara Douglas, Izzy Lester, Alana Prijatel, and Liz O'Bryant.

The performance will take place in the auditorium at the Crestwood 7-12 Campus Building located at 10919 Main Street.





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WINTER SPORTS UPDATES:



Winter season has come to a close for the varsity sports programs at Crestwood Local Schools.

Varsity boys basketball finished the season 1-22. Their record does not reflect the work ethic, dedication or growth that these young athletes made this season. The athletic department is a believer, as is their coaching staff, that though the season had many more losses, the lessons that athletics teach young adults outweigh the record for the better.

Varsity girls basketball finished the season 10-11. A loss to Garfield in the sectional finals concluded their season. This 10 win season recorded more wins than the program has had collectively over the last two to three years combined. This is success for the participants and coaching staff as Coach Henderson completed his first season here as a Red Devil. The development of skill and knowledge of basketball was evident this past season from game one up through the final contest.

Boys Bowling was young but competitive. Head to head the program finished just above 500 with great promise for the future years. The male bowlers competed tough all season as they finished 7th at sectionals to conclude their season.

Girls Bowling finished the season with a perfect season in head to head competition. This program concluded their season as sectional champions as a team, qualifying for districts. From districts our bowlers did not qualify as a team, however, had two bowlers qualify for the state individual tournament. Emily Linamen, who finished fourth overall, and was honored with 1st Team All-Ohio, and Sydney Coburn, who finished 10th overall earning her 2nd Team All-Ohio.

Varsity wrestling finished sixth out of 20 in the CVC Tournament. The program had four individuals, plus one alternate wrestler, qualify for districts. From districts, two individuals qualified for the OHSAA state wrestling meet in Columbus, JP Wrobel and Mason Daniels.

Spring sports are underway with practices. The Athletic Department is very excited to see what spring brings.