100 Attend First Wellness Walk

Thanks to everyone that participated in our first ever Wellness Walk!! We had over 100 in attendance!! The weather was beautiful and good times were had by all. A big thanks to our sponsors~ Advanced Rehab, Giant Eagle of Streetsboro, Heinen's of Aurora and Mantua Gardens. Also, a HUGE thanks to Heidi Duke, all our student athletes & the Wellness & Vitality Committee's!!

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Crestwood COMMENTS

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Crestwood Students Visit the Ohio Supreme Court

On September 24, Crestwood High School students from the A.P. Government and Academy II classes travelled to Ravenna to participate in a once in a lifetime event. The Ohio Supreme Court's Off-Site Program met at Ravenna High School. Selected students of local schools including Streetsboro, Windham, Aurora, Garfield and Crestwood had the opportunity to observe the court in action and engage in a question and answer session with lawyers involved in the case they observed. Only about 5,000 students in the last 25 years have had the same opportunity.

Tim Thomas, a CHS alumnus of 1969, was the lawyer appointed by the Ohio Supreme Court to work with CHS students. Prior to the event, Thomas visited the high school to brief the students of the facts surrounding the medical malpractice case they were to witness, and help familiarize them with the procedures of the court.

After court concluded, Thomas sent a letter to teachers Angus McDougall, Jessica Mazanetz, Andrew Brown and Sarah Moore who helped prepare the students for the trip. Thomas commended all students involved for their behavior and the way they conducted themselves earlier that day.

"Judge Giulitto, who organized and coordinated the event was impressed with, especially, the appearance of the students...Your students should know that the only picture the Judge took of any single school was Crestwood because of their proper attire." Thomas wrote.



Attorney Thomas continued, "I could not have been prouder of the students representing the school district in such an exemplary fashion."

Overall, the students from CHS found the trip to be both an educational and enjoyable experience, and many were able to argue one side of the case or another after observing the courts presentation.







Week of Championships at Crestwood

On October 9 our Lady Red Devil Volleyball team completed an undefeated season in league play and brought home the PTC Metro Division Title to Crestwood. This team never lost a set during any league match this year. We are the number one seeded team at the West Branch Districts as well.

Red Devil Spirit Award

The Red Devil Spirit award is under way with currently 30 candidates submitted. Student names and their observed positive behavior are posted in various locations throughout the school as examples to be commended/followed. One student from each grade level is recognized monthly with a t-shirt and certificate.

College and Career Readiness Awareness

CHS is focused on increasing student awareness of college and career readiness through our "What will you be:" signs. The college from which each staff member earned a degree will be posted on a sign outside classroom doors to stimulate conversation between students and staff about college life and college choices. The signs will say "I am a Falcon - What will you be?" The mascot of the college will also be on the sign.

October 10 saw our Crestwood Varsity Football team beat Ravenna 40 - 20 to remain undefeated and move into the top spot in Region 11. Our 7 - 0 Red Devils are leading the PTC Metro Division with games remaining against Springfield, Kent, and Field.

The PTC Cross Country Championships were held at the Randolph Fairgrounds on October 11 and our Boys Team brought home the title. Jeremiah Fitzgeral finished in first place, Jacob Ondash was third, George Lesnak fourth, and Sam Oliphant ninth.

PTO HOLIDAY

The First Annual Crestwood Middle School PTO Holiday Vendor Expo will be held on Friday, December 5 in the CMS cafeteria from 4-7 p.m.

Various local vendors and crafters will be setting up booths for you to shop. Gift basket raffles will also be available for you to win.

Please consider attending this event to help support the many special events that PTO sponsors for our students each year.

For more information on this event, or if you would like to be a vendor, please contact: Kim Ule-President of Crestwood Middle School PTO at 330-977-0092

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CHS Students and the Mantua Revitalization Committee: A Winning Team!

On Friday, September 26, over one hundred students from Crestwood High School cleaned up downtown Mantua. Working with volunteers from the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Committee (DMRC), headed by Dr. Edie Benner, students and community members painted road signs, picked up litter, pulled weeds, cleaned up the mini-park and spruced up the Headwaters Trail entrance. The fall clean-up day has been an annual event for several years and is a good time for students and community members to work together to brighten up the downtown in time for homecoming events. All of the students involved will be representatives from Junior-Senior Seminar, S.A.D.D, and FCCLA.



Superintendent's Letter . . . Crestwood Moves to Google Apps

Dave Toth, Superintendent



Superintendent David Toth

This school year the District began using Google Apps for Education and is a "Google District." The technology department has been hard at work ensuring a smooth transition and we are continuing to add applications for our teachers and students to use.

Why did we switch to Google Apps?

- Google apps allow us to provide our teachers with unlimited storage space for free. In any other situation the cost to provide unlimited data storage is prohibitive.

- By using Google, students and teachers have access to documents anywhere they have Internet access including word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, web sites, calendars and more.

- Offers security features that allow us to keep our data safe.

- Allows for document sharing among teachers and students giving them greater opportunities to collaborate.

- Alleviates internal technology department from tasks in maintaining data storage and securing data.

- With all teachers and students having access to digital content we are able to reduce paper costs.

Google is adding applications all the time that will allow our teachers and students to be more productive and collaborative. In addition to using the Google Apps we will be adding Chromebook labs throughout the district, which will increase our students' access to technology. We are excited about the opportunities that using Google apps brings to our school.

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School Board Asked To Approve Five-Year Forecast

Jill A. Rowe, Treasurer/CFO

At the October Regular School Board meeting, the Board of Education is asked to approve the Five-Year Forecast. The Five-Year Forecast was created by the 122nd General Assembly in 1997-98 via. Am. Sub. H.B. 412. It serves three primary purposes:

• To provide a standardized tool for long range planning at the local level.

• To serve as a basis for determining a district's ability to sign contracts.

• To provide a method for the Ohio Department of Education and the Auditor of State to identify districts headed toward financial difficulties.

The District primarily receives two sources of revenue. The first source is from the State of Ohio and is referred to State Foundation Revenue and the second source is from the collection of taxes. The Districts received approximately 62% of its revenues from the State Foundation and the remainder, 38% from taxes.

With a larger source of revenue coming from the State of Ohio the District needs to be cautious due to the fact that 36% for this revenue is "Guaranteed." A guarantee means the State of Ohio will guarantee the District they will pay them what they got in the previous year. It also means that the State of Ohio feels the District should not be getting 36% of the revenue it received in the previous year, but will pay / "guarantee" the District in a good faith effort. Currently 190 school districts (out of 615) are on the guarantee.

There has been much talk from the Governor's office of decreasing or eliminating this guarantee in the future, but there has been no time frame or reduction schedule provided at this time.

The District took several steps in the Spring of 2014 to try to combat deficit spending and extend the cash balance as far in the future as possible. The forecast reflects a reduction of 3.5 FTE's (Full Time Equivalent's) beginning in Fiscal Year 2015. This reduction was due to attrition and movement of staff. This reduction represents approximately $400,000 of savings each year of the forecast. The District also received a favorable premium increase relating to its Health Insurance. The premium increase for Fiscal Year 2015 is 6% and the October Forecast originally had a 14% projected increase calculated. This savings represents approximately $200,000 of savings each year of the forecast.

While the District still has work to do relating to deficit spending, and the lingering concern about a potential cut to the "guarantee" funding, the five year forecast is looking much more favorable than in previous publications.

OCTOBER 2014 FIVE YEAR FORECAST
Crestwood Local School District

General Fund		Fiscal Year 2015
	Revenues	
1.010	General Property Tax (Real Estate)	$6,332,445
1.020	Tangible Personal Property Tax	500,000
1.035	Unrestricted State Grants-in-Aid	10,617,555
1.040	Restricted State Grants-in-Aid	125,000
1.050	Property Tax Allocation	1,003,300
1.060	All Other Revenue	1,378,297
1.070	*Total Revenues*	19,956,597
	Other Financing Sources	
2.050	Advances-In	19,920
2.070	*Total Other Financing Sources*	19,920
2.080	*Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources*	19,976,517
	Expenditures	
3.010	Personal Services	11,142,792
3.020	Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits	4,644,075
3.030	Purchased Services	2,449,705
3.040	Supplies and Materials	792,076
3.050	Capital Outlay	94,300
4.020	Principal-Notes	204,400
4.060	Interest and Fiscal Charges	49,578
4.300	Other Objects	283,975
4.500	*Total Expenditures*	19,660,901
	Other Financing Uses	
5.040	*Total Other Financing Uses*	54,000
5.050	*Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses*	19,714,901
6.010	*Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses.*	261,616
7.010	Cash Balance July 1, 2013	2,321,205
7.020	*Cash Balance June 30, 2014*	2,582,821
15.010	*Unreserved Fund Balance June 30, 2014*	2,582,821

The District has two renewal levies as follows:

Renewal Levy – 4.7 Mill Emergency Levy – Originally passed in 2012. This levy collects $1,400,000 annually for the District and is a 4 year levy. This levy will be placed on the ballot in May of 2015. This is a renewal levy and will not increase taxes.

Renewal Levy – 3.5 Mill Permanent Improvement Levy – Originally passed in 1987. This levy collets $450,000 annually for the District and is a 5 year levy. This levy will be placed on the ballot in November 2016. This is a renewal levy and will not increase taxes.

Both of these levies will be in need of renewal for the District to continue with a positive cash balance in the future.

The following table is a brief look at the Five Year Forecast for Fiscal Year 2015. The Five Year Forecast and related Assumptions can be found at: http://www.crestwoodschools.org/content_page2.aspx?cid=160

School Board Meetings Posted Online

Community members interested in viewing board meetings but unable to attend on the first Monday of the month can now view board meetings on the district web site. Visit www.crestwoodschools.org to view the meetings.

Crestwood Local School District
Fiscal Year 2015
October Five Year Forecast Summary

	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019
Revenues	19,976,517	19,942,814	19,267,269	18,418,160	18,404,787
Expenditures	19,714,901	20,115,653	20,587,095	21,157,159	21,751,342
Difference	261,616	(172,839)	(1,319,826)	(2,738,999)	(3,346,555)
Cash Balance	2,321,205	2,582,821	2,409,982	1,090,156	(1,648,843)
Emergency Levy Renewal	-	-	700,000	2,100,000	3,500,000
Total	2,582,821	2,409,982	1,790,156	451,157	(1,495,398)

Internet Safety Tips for Students and Parents

The internet can be a very useful tool for learning, communicating, purchasing and even entertainment. Most of our students have quick and easy access to the internet. With such easy access and so much information available, it's hard to keep our students safe when online. Here are some safety tips provided by i-SAFE America, a leader in internet safety education:

Learn the 4 Rs

RECOGNIZE techniques used by online predators to deceive.

REFUSE requests for personal information.

RESPOND assertively if you are ever in an uncomfortable situation online. Exit the program, log off or turn off the computer, tell a trusted adult, or call the police.

REPORT to a trusted adult any suspicious or dangerous contact that makes you feel uncomfortable.

For Students

Studies show there are 77 million students on the Internet. There is so much to do and see on the Internet that it can be easy to get lost. Getting lost might introduce you to something new and interesting or it can land you in a dangerous situation. To help you stay safe, i-SAFE America has come up with these tips.

- Guard identifying information (name, sex, age, address, school, teams).
- It only takes a little information for a predator to identify you.
- Remember, responsible adults do not pursue relationships with kids and teens.
- Make your username generic and anonymous.
- Make your online profile generic and anonymous.
- Know how to exit an inappropriate website.
- Attachments in e-mails from strangers can contain Viruses and Worms.
- Pictures are great to hand to a friend, but it's not cool to send them to an Internet 'friend.'
- Posting your picture on the Internet gives hackers the chance to doctor your picture and make fun of you to everyone on the World Wide Web.
- Chat room 'friends' are not always who they say they are.
- Know the rules about Intellectual Property. Do not illegally download music and movies.

For Parents

Today's children are the first generation to grow up with the Internet. Remember, technology only changes the advantages kids and teens have. It does not change the way you parent. The rules may have changed with the Internet, but you are still the one making them. In an effort to help parents, i-SAFE America has come up with a list of tips to protect your children. Whether you are computer savvy or Internet illiterate these tips are easy to understand, follow, and implement.

- Always keep your child's computer in an open area. Never allow a computer with Internet access in your child's bedroom.
- Communicate. There is no better tool to bridge the Digital Divide.
- Become a part of your child's online experience.
- Respect your child's privacy.
- Regularly review your computer files.
- Teach your child the responsible use of online resources.
- Talk to your child about online dangers. Let them know you are there to help them get out of a bad situation.
- Educate yourself on the ins and outs of the Internet.
- Talk to other parents about your experiences. It will help everyone.
- Let your child know responsible adults do not pursue relationships with minors



To read more Internet Safety tips for high school students, read this blog post from Common Sense Media: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/internet-safety-tips-for-high-school-kids

Ohio Students Will Undergo New State Assessments Starting Spring 2015

The new generation of assessments for Ohio students is called the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment, and it replaces the Ohio Achievement Assessment. These assessments are aligned with the new Common Core and were designed in partnership with other states to assess whether or not students are on track for college and their intended careers. PARCC assessments are computer-based K-12 assessments in Math and English/Language Arts. In the Spring students 3-8 will take a performance assessment in February and an end-of-course exam in April. The district has opted to take paper-pencil tests this year as we continue to incorporate the necessary technology to undergo the computer-based assessment.

Teachers and students are working hard to prepare for the new assessments and are regularly practicing with sample test items. Here is a sample test item for grade 4 Mathematics.

Sample PARCC Test Item

Ms. Morales has a bag of beads.

- **She gives Elena 5 beads.**
- **She gives Damian 8 more beads than Elena.**
- **She gives Trish 4 times as many beads as Damian**

Ms. Morales then has 10 beads left in the bag.

Part A - How many beads did Damian and Trish each receive? Show or explain how you got your answer.

Part B - How many beads were in Ms. Morales' bag before any beads were given to students?

If you are interested in learning more about the PARCC assessments and reviewing other sample questions, visit the PARCC website at www.parcconline.org.

~ November Breakfast & Lunch Menu ~



A study conducted at Eastern Michigan University concluded that students who eat school lunches consume fewer calories from fat than students who bring their lunch from home.

Also, research found school lunches contain three times as many dairy products, twice as much fruit and seven times the vegetable amounts as lunches brought from home.

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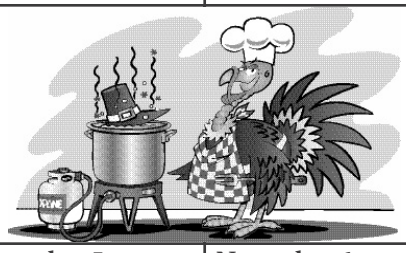
Breakfast Prices:
K-5 $1.50
6-12 $1.75
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Extra Milk $.50
Menu subject to change

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K-5 Lunch $2.50
6-12 Lunch $2.75
Extra Milk $.50
Menu subject to change.

November is the official month for celebrating Peanut Butter, Good Nutrition, Pepper, Raisins, Bread, and Vegan Awareness.

DID YOU KNOW?
On any given day 51% of students go to school without breakfast!



Studies show that eating a healthy breakfast can help give you a more nutritionally complete diet-higher in nutrients, vitamins and minerals.

Prepaid breakfast and lunches are available. You may send in a check or cash with your student or pay on-line at www.payforit.net

November 3 Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk Pasta Marinara w/Cheese Breadstick, Green Beans Assorted Fruit Pumpkin Bar Milk	**November 4** Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover Cheese stick or yogurt Assorted Fruits, Milk Chicken Fajitas w/ Salsa Corn Assorted Fruit Milk	**November 5** Pillsbury Cinni-Mini's Trail Mix / Assorted Fruits Milk Dominos' Pizza Romaine & Spinach Salad Mixed Fruit Fresh Baked Cookie, Milk	**November 6** Pop tarts Assorted Fruits Milk Assorted Wrap Choices Carrot Sticks w/Hummus Assorted Fruit Milk	**November 7** Egg & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits Milk Meatball Sub w/ Cheese Garlic Rosemary Potatoes Assorted Fruit Milk	**Free/Reduced Lunch Application** If you would like to submit an application, please complete ONE FORM PER FAMILY, which may be returned to any building.
November 10 Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk Eggs & Cheese Omelet French Toast or Waffles Sausage Links, Hash Browns Assorted Fruits, Milk	**November 11** Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruits Milk Hamburger Baked Beans Assorted Fruits Low-fat Ice Cream Treat Milk	**November 12** Pancakes w/ Syrup Sausage Links Assorted Fruits, Milk Pizza Romaine & Spinach Salad Assorted Fruits Apple Cobbler, Milk	**November 13** Pillsbury Cinnamon or Triple Berry French Toast Assorted Fruits, Milk Slow-Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Herb Seasoned Stuffing, Green Beans, Assorted Fruit, Pumpkin Bar, Milk	**November 14** Cook's Choice Honey BBQ Rib Sandwich Carrots & tomatoes w/dip Assorted Fruits Milk	If your child qualified for Free or Reduced lunch last year, he/she will be eligible THROUGH November 30, 2014. If you do not fill out a new form, your child will be removed from the list as of November 1, 2014. Please allow 10 business days for processing.
November 17 Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk Bosco Sticks with dipping sauces Carrots, Assorted Fruit Frozen Treat Milk	**November 18** Waffles Assorted Fruits Milk Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup, Fries Assorted Fruits Milk	**November 19** Pillsbury Maple or Strawberry Pancakes Assorted Fruits, Milk Domino's Pizza Romaine & Spinach Salad Assorted Fruit Peanut Butter Bar, Milk	**November 20** Muffins Assorted Fruits Milk Chicken Strips w/ dipping sauces, Dinner Roll Green Beans Assorted Fruits, Milk	**November 21** Breakfast Bagel Sandwich Assorted Fruits Milk Beef Teriyaki Dippers Garbanzo Bean Salad Assorted Fruits Milk	Lunch forms are available in any building and on the school website, crestwood.sparcc.org. Use new forms dated 2014-2015. Old forms will NOT be accepted. Applications not filled out correctly or completely will NOT be accepted.
November 24 Assorted Cereals Assorted Fruits / Juice Milk Cheese & Veggie Quesadilla Refried Beans Assorted Fruit Milk	**November 25** Cook's Choice 	**November 26** No School 	**November 27** No School 	**November 28** No School 	**Lunch Prices:** K-5 Lunch $2.50 6-12 Lunch $2.75 Extra Milk $.50 Menu subject to change.

Regular Board of Education meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month, at the High School Library, 10919 N. Main Street Mantua, OH. The public is cordially invited to attend. If more information is needed about a Board meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 330-357-8206.

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6-12 $1.75	6-12 $2.75
Reduced $.30	Reduced $.40

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Crestwood High School Events & Games Schedule for November

Monday, November 3
6:00PM Powder Puff Game @ Stadium

Tuesday, November 4
6:00PM Volleyball Banquet @ Maplewood

Friday, November 7
Start Boys Basketball Practices
7:00PM Fall Play

Saturday, November 8
7:00PM Fall Play

Sunday, November 9
2:00PM Fall Play

Thursday, November 13
6:00PM Football/Cheerleading Banquet @ Maplewood

Friday, November 14
Winter Sport PTP Fee Due

Wednesday, November 19
2:45PM Winter Sports Photos in Gym

Thursday, November 20
Parent Teacher Conferences

Saturday, November 22
9:00AM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Springfield Invitational @ Akron Bowl

Monday, November 24
Parent Teacher Conferences
3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Rootstown Rootstown @ Sky Lanes

Wednesday, November 26
Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 27
THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 28
4:00PM Girls JV Basketball Thanksgiving Tourn @ Green vs Manchester Away
5:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Thanksgiving Tourn @ Green vs Manchester Away

Saturday, November 29
4:00PM Girls JV Basketball Thanksgiving Tourn @ Green vs Green Away
7:00PM Girls Varsity Basketball Thanksgiving Tourn @ Green vs. Green Away

Sunday, November 30
8:30AM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Ravenna Invitational @ Twin Star Away

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

Middle School Scholastic Book Fair

November 17- Nov. 24

The book fair will be open during parent-teacher conferences

Pinching Pennies?

The school meal program may be able to help. The program is confidential, easy, and good for both your budget and your child's school.

The benefits are significant.

Families who qualify for free or reduced-price meals can save hundreds of dollars per child compared with buying full-price school meals or making meals at home. The School Breakfast Program provides funding that makes it possible for schools to offer a nutritious breakfast to students each day. Similarly, the goal of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is to protect the health and well-being of the nation's children by providing nutritious school meals every day. NSLP provides funding that makes it possible for schools to offer a nutritious school lunch. Schools receive Federal funds for each breakfast and lunch served, provided that the meal meets established nutrition standards.

There are extra benefits as well; students on this program can also qualify for fee reductions rates for athletics and activities.

The school district receives federal reimbursement for the meals, and schools even receive additional federal funding based on how many students have applied and qualified for free and reduced meals—so if you fill out a form and qualify, you are helping both your family and your school.

This program is confidential.

The only people who will know your child is receiving benefits are the nutrition staff. Children receiving free or reduced-price meals are not identified to other students or adults.

How does a family qualify?

If your household income is at or below the federal guidelines then you qualify! You can qualify for the program even if your situation is short-term, such as a temporary layoff. Which means you can apply and qualify at any time, not just the beginning of the school year.

You can obtain the application on the Food Service page of the District's Website.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	$21,590	$1,800	$416
2	29,101	2,426	560
3	36,612	3,051	705
4	44,123	3,677	849
5	51,634	4,303	993
6	59,145	4,929	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	1,427
Each additional person:	7,511	626	145

Crestwood Holds an Unusual Fundraiser, Raises $2,500

A study conducted by the Association of Fund Raising Distributors & Suppliers (AFRDS) found that more than three-quarters of parents of school-age children purchase products to support school and youth group fundraisers. The 2011 study also found that 80% of Americans agree that fundraising is an important financial resource for schools. But not everyone wants to buy candy, wrapping paper, or frozen food in order to support his or her school.

This Fall, faculty, staff and PTO members at Crestwood's Primary and Intermediate Schools decided to try something a little different in order to raise money for field trips, field day, and educational opportunities at their schools. In lieu of selling products, students and their families were asked to seek sponsors for a school-wide walk-a-thon. In addition, each CIS and CPS family was asked to consider making a one-time donation as well.

Then, on a gorgeous fall day, the kids at Crestwood Primary and Intermediate Schools strapped on their sneakers and walked the one-mile course instead of hitting the sidewalks to sell items to family and friends. And in the process, they raised much-needed funds for their schools while learning about healthy lifestyle choice.

Over the course of the school day, each student in every class -- from preschool through grade five -- as well as teachers and staff took a one-mile hike around the perimeter of the campus. Each teacher lead their class, wearing pedometers donated by Streetsboro Sports Medicine, to track the number of steps. By day's end, a grand total of 1,287,442 steps were reached -- or nearly 130 miles!

In addition to raising an estimated $2,500 per school, the event also raised awareness of making smart choices. Before starting their walk, students warmed up by jumping rope and using hula-hoops. Halfway through their hike, participants stopped for a water and music break. Once fully refreshed, they continued their trek, many with an added kick in their step. Upon completion of the course, each participant enjoyed a healthy snack of apple slices and a bottle of water, courtesy of McDonalds & Subway in Mantua, and Giant Eagle in Ravenna.

Event sponsors included: Ace's Well Service, Sayre Construction,



Fortis College, RDP Printing, Star Therapy, Streetsboro Family Days/ Allen Alloy, Coldwell Banker Streetsboro, Mantua Station Drug, Napa, Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel, OK Brugmann Jr & Sons Inc., Aurora Auto Wash, Candance Academy, Piranha Technologies, Trinity Farm, Varkala Services, Inc., F & S Automotive, Carlton Harley Davidson, Kuchenbecker Farms, Express Systems, Sunshine Cupcakes, Advanced Rehab, Montgomery's Pallet Service, Derthick's Farm, Portage Trim, Gateway Towing, Kristoff Electric, Dick's Sporting Goods, Crestwood Intermediate School Staff, Valerie Agle (Equestrian Vet Clinic), and Streetsboro Sports Medicine - Dr. Bartsokas.

Due to the overwhelming success of this first-time event, teachers, staff, and parents look forward to holding another walk-a-thon next year.

- photos courtesy of Stacy Turner

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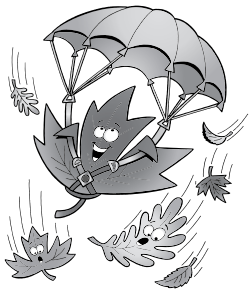
Yahoo! It's time to order the 2014-2015 yearbook. We have a brand new yearbook company we are working with, TreeRing.

Please visit Mr. Pavelek's yearbook webpage and watch the video in the "Links" section that is an introduction to the new process. There are many exciting changes to yearbook ordering and creation process.

Ordering a 2015 Yearbook:

All books will be ordered through TreeRing, www.treering.com/validate, using the code: 1014099230371704. This will allow you to open an account and give you the opportunity to edit two pages of your own yearbook.

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Note From The Nurses...

What Parents Need to Know About Enterovirus D68

Every year, millions of children in the United States catch enteroviruses that can cause coughing, sneezing, and fever. This year, the enterovirus that is most commonly causing respiratory illness in children across the country is enterovirus-D68 (EV-D68). Infections with enteroviruses are usually common in the United States during summer and fall. This year, beginning in mid- August, states started seeing more children in hospitals with severe respiratory illness caused by EV-D68. EV- D68 is not new, but it hasn't been as common in the past. Because infants, children, and teenagers have not been exposed to these types of viruses before and they do not yet have immunity (protection) built up to fight the disease, they are at higher risk than adults for getting infected and sick. If your child has asthma, he or she may be at greater risk for severe respiratory illness from this virus.EV-D68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness.

Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches. Severe symptoms may include wheezing and difficulty breathing. Call your child's doctor if he or she is having difficulty breathing, if you feel you are unable to control their symptoms, or if symptoms are getting worse. If your child develops severe illness, he or she may need to be hospitalized.

Help protect your family from EV-D68

To help avoid getting and spreading EV-D68, parents and children should always follow basic steps to stay healthy.

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Washing hands correctly is the most important thing you can do to stay healthy.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact, such as kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils, with people who are sick.
- Do not share drinks, chapstick, or other products that can allow someone's germs to enter the eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or shirt sleeve, not your hands. Throw the tissue away immediately and wash hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Children with fever should stay home until fever free without using a fever reducing medicine for 24 hours.

There is no specific treatment for Enterovirus D68. Most infections are mild and require only treatment of the symptoms such as cough syrup or a fever reducer. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, you should contact your healthcare provider. Remember, if your child experiences shortness of breath or difficulty breathing get help quickly.



Mrs. Cobb's third grade class has been learning about the life cycle of plants. As part of their hands on learning they planted seeds, charted the flow of waters in celery stems and dissected pumpkin plants. They are seen here, being different parts of the pumpkin plant. In addition, they studied a variety of seeds and leaves and visited CIS's wetland area.



Homemade Pumpkin and Apple Pies for Thanksgiving

Do you want to serve pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving, but don't have the time to bake? Visiting relatives? Take one along and let them think you made it yourself!

The Crestwood High School Leadership class is taking orders for home made pumpkin and Dutch apple pies for $8.00 each or 3 for $21.00. Orders are due by Thursday, November 13th to Mrs. Jones or Mrs. McMahon at CHS.

Pick up your pie(s) at CHS in room 131 on Tuesday, November 25th at 3 P.M. Payment is due at time of order, with cash or check made payable to Crestwood High School.

Contact Amy McMahon at amcmahon@crestwoodschools.org or Kristy Jones at kjones@crestwoodschools.org with questions.

All proceeds help to fund the 2015 CHS Leadership Retreat

Crestwood's Two-Hour Delay Proceedures Explained

Living in Northeastern Ohio presents our school district with many challenges dealing with adverse weather. Often, severe conditions at 6:00am are much improved one or two hours later making it safe to continue school activities. With this being said - our school district may use the option of a two-hour delay start to the school day for inclement weather or other emergencies. By using the "two-hour delay", we may be able to have school and avoid using as many calamity days or making up any school days.

The need to close or delay the opening of our schools for the safety of students and staff is a decision we take very seriously. We understand students are better served both academically and socially by being in school, however, student and staff welfare is our top priority.

The following procedures will be implemented for a two-hour delay start situation:

Two-Hour Delay Procedures (if Needed)

The superintendent, in conjunction with other school officials, will strive to make a decision by 6:00am to either close or delay the opening of school and will announce it to the radio and television media and send out a Blackboard Connect message as in the past.

When a two-hour delay announcement is made, continue to listen to the radio and television for updated information. If conditions deteriorate, a decision will be made to close school for the day by 7:45 A.M. and you will receive a Blackboard Connect call.

Information, Questions, and Answers for Parents & Employees

Two-Hour Delay Schedule May Be Used

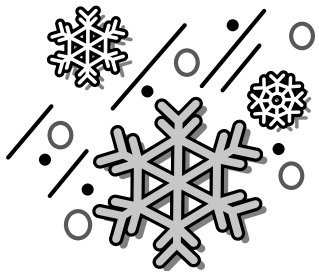
A "two-hour" delay may be used as an alternative to cancelling school if it can be done safely. Safety is our first priority! Two hour delays will be considered if weather forecasts and local road departments indicate that roads can be adequately cleared in time for a "late-start" and that safe weather conditions are likely throughout the remainder of the day. We ask you to please make arrangements for your children for the possibility of two hour delays as well as for full-day school closings.

In Crestwood, under a two-hour delay, each building's schedule will begin two hours later than usual. The day will start with the corresponding class period of the day unless communicated otherwise by individual building principals. The school day will end at the usual time.

Transportation changes will be made as follows:

1. All morning pick-up times for Crestwood public and non-public school students will be two hours later than normal. If your student participates in the Education Alternatives, ALS, LEAP, or Maplewood programs(s) this will also apply.
2. Afternoon transportation home will be at the regular time.
3. Transportation will not be provided for the morning pre-school program since it will be cancelled. It will be provided for the afternoon pre-school program at the regular times.

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Questions and Answers

Q. Can I drop my child off at the regular time if we are on a two hour delay?

A. No. Building staff will not be available to supervise students before the designated starting time.

Q. Can we arrange for alternate pick-up locations when there are two hour delays?

A. No. We cannot change pick-up locations in such a short period of time without compromising safety or causing busses to be late.

Q. Will my child have breakfast or lunch on this schedule?

A. Lunch will be served, but breakfast will not be served.

Q. How will we be notified of two-hour delays or school closing?

A. As with school closings, the announcement of a two-hour delay will be broadcast on television and radio stations and via our Blackboard Connect telephone system.

Q. What if I believe it is safer to keep my child home all day when schools are open?

A. District decisions regarding calamity days are made based on safety conditions for the district as a whole. We realize there may be localized conditions that may cause some parents to be concerned. Parents who keep their students home based on localized conditions should send a written excuse the next day and students will be excused and allowed to make up any missed work for credit.

Q. How does the district make the decision to open, close, or use a two-hour delay?

A. Area weather forecasts are monitored regularly throughout the late evening and early morning hours. District employees drive as many main and back-roads as possible between 4:00 AM and 5:45 AM to monitor depth of snow, drifting, wind, and slipperiness of roads. We also consult as needed with the State Highway Patrol and other area safety forces.

Our goal is to make parents aware of our decisions to close or delay between 5:45 AM and 6:15 AM if at all possible.

Impact of Two Hour Delays on Employee Schedules

Administrators and custodians will report at the regular time to assist as needed.

All other classified employees who are scheduled for mornings will report two hours later than usual. This applies to secretaries unless other arrangements are made with their principals or direct supervisors out of necessity.

Classified employees who are normally scheduled to work mid-day or afternoon shifts will report at their regular times.

Teachers will report two hours later than their normal times.

Closing or delaying school is a difficult decision and we do our best to make the correct call. Your continued support and cooperation is appreciated.

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Andrea tastes the blackberry she just picked.

The Kindergarten students recently visited Monroe's Orchard as part of their Life Science unit.



Lana sees what a pumpkin flower smells like.



Chloe met a new friend at the orchard.





Cody says "M is for mustache."

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The students in Mrs. Griffith's Kindergarten class recently had "M" week.



Juliet says "M is for monkey."



Jaxon displays the "mask" he designed.

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Crestwood Local Schools Communication Plan

Last year the District began developing a 5-year strategic plan. After conducting numerous focus groups and surveys of community members, parents and staff, Crestwood identfied five areas to target for growth: Communication; Technology; College and Career Pathways; Facilities and Curriculum Instruction. The district will provide more detailed goals for each of these area over the course of this school year.

At the October board meeting, Superintendent Dave Toth, presented the Communication Plan, which targets three specific areas for growth.

Goal #1: Increase online communication
Goal #2: Increase two-way communication
Goal #3 Increase Financial Transparency

Some specific strategies to accomplish these goals include:

- Promote twitter and blackboard connect (BBC) in both Crestwood Comments and the District website.
- Student-led stations at Parent/Teacher conferences to sign up families on BBC
- Community breakfasts focusing on strategic plan initiatives
- Annual State of the Schools address
- Curriculum Nights focusing on Graduation Requirement Update, Elementary Curriculum Update, Math Update to be held during parent/ teacher conferences
- "Treasurer's Reports" to highlight financial status

It's the District's desire to keep an open flow of communication with the community, families, staff and students. Goals relating to the other aspects of the Strategic Plan will be addressed at future board meetings and covered in Comments.

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SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Crestwood Local Schools is looking for substitute special education aides wanting to work with our students with special needs especially our Hattie Larlham students. If interested, please apply on the Crestwood website.

