

Getting Messy and Learning Letters!

In preschool we have been working on letter recognition and Natalie Prijatel and Jakob Taylor (inset) are using one of our fun ways to learn the letter - making the letter in shaving cream. Lots of fun!!!



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Crestwood at a Financial Crossroads: Issue 37 Will Determine the Direction

Since the Great Recession of 2008, state officials can honestly say that they have balanced the state budget. But they have done so by cutting the state revenues that they previously provided to school districts, cities, villages, and townships. The effect on Crestwood has been significant. State cuts last year alone totaled nearly \$1.8 million dollars, nearly 9 percent of our entire state and local district budget combined. Despite years of conservative fiscal management, state cuts have put Crestwood at a crossroads.

As required by state law we must either increase revenue, or cut spending even more than we already have. From 2003 to 2011, a major portion of cost reduction at Crestwood has come through measured staff cuts. These reductions have correlated

to lower enrollment resulting from smaller class sizes that began entering kindergarten a number of years ago. In that span, both enrollment and staff have declined by 26 percent. These careful cuts have been a key factor in maintaining top quality educational programs.

Want proof? Our students have shown eight consecutive years of academic improvement on Ohio's Local Report Card. Crestwood was one of only two districts in Portage County to meet all 26 standards on the report card in 2011, then met all 26 again in 2012. We have also maintained top quality arts programs and high-level courses that have helped college bound students post some of the best ACT scores in the county. By cutting in some areas, we were even able to add a few new programs to benefit

students. High school engineering classes and tuition-free all day kindergarten are two examples.

If we choose the path of new local revenue, we can make up for most of the state cuts, allowing us to maintain current programs and services even as we continue to reduce selectively. If we choose the other path, reduction of educational programs and services becomes inevitable. **Here are a few key facts that voters may want to consider:**

- Issue 37 is 4.7 mills and would bring in \$1.4 million per year for 4 years, and would cost the owner of a \$100,000 property about \$12 month;

- Since it is local money, it would stay under local control, the state can't take it away;

- Employees voluntarily accepted wage freezes to base salary and to

increases based on experience to help with cost containment;

- This past year alone, Crestwood cut about \$1 million in salary and benefits by not replacing 9.5 employees who retired or left for other reasons and by replacing others with people at lower salaries; and

- Without a successful levy Crestwood must cut another \$1 million from the budget by next year. This would reduce staff by 10-20 positions including 8-15 teachers, thus pushing class sizes to nearly 30 at many grade levels. An additional \$2 million in cuts would be needed the following year.

More detailed information and frequently asked questions (FAQ) can be found on links located on the front page of our website at www.crestwoodschoools.org.

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September Students and Athletes of the Month



Students of the Month: Freshman: Sam Oliphant; Sophomore: Amy Auble; Junior: Marissa Midgley; Senior Male: Joe Kermes; Senior Female: Emma Cline

Students Athletes of the Month: Micky Cook, Football and Gina Harmon, Golf

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Hilverding Wins Second Place in Statewide Essay Contest



Congratulations to Senior Tara Hilverding for winning second place in the Ohio Statewide Laws of Life Essay Contest. The Ohio Statewide Laws of Life Essay Contest is a competition for winners of local Laws of Life contests. Tara wrote her essay as an assignment for Ms. Christine Spencer's Honors English 11 class last year. All essays of those students who wished to participate in the contest were sent to a panel of local judges who then selected two to be sent to the state level. Both Tara's and classmate Nick Erway's essays were sent to the statewide contest.

Ohio Partners in Character Education (OPCE), in affiliation with the Better Business Bureau Foundation, has, "embraced

the Laws of Life Essay Contest as an important component in developing the character of Ohio youth...OPCE believes that by writing about the 'laws' or values by which they live their lives, students further their knowledge of, and conviction to, good character."

Tara and her mother, along with Ms. Spencer, attended a banquet in September where essay winners were honored with a dinner in which Justice Yvette McGee Brown of the Ohio Supreme Court addressed the guests. Winners were not only honored with dinner and an inspirational speech given by Justice Brown but also received cash prizes for their accomplishments. Congratulations, Tara!

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Superintendent's Letter . . .

People Make the Difference

This school year marks my tenth year as Superintendent in Crestwood. Over the past decade I have seen tremendous accomplishments by students and staff. This includes top ratings in art and music competitions, periodic conference and state championships in athletics, and becoming one of only a two districts in the county to meet all 26 standards on the state's Local Report Card for the past

two years. Our college entrance scores (ACT's) are also among the highest in the county.

"Crestwood is fortunate to serve great kids and families and have top-quality staff members."

You might ask yourself how our students are able to achieve such success despite the school district having the lowest local tax millage in

Portage County.

The answer is **THE PEOPLE**. Crestwood is fortunate to serve great kids and families and have top-quality staff members.

Sometimes people ask what I like

best about being a superintendent. The answer is easy---being able to make a difference for kids. How do you do that? Well, you hire good PEOPLE. Good educators care about kids and get to know kids as individuals. They strive to understand what motivates kids, what de-motivates them, and what may be troubling them when they struggle.

I've been fortunate to be able to hire about 40 percent of our current teaching staff, most of our administrators, and numerous drivers, aides, custodians and others. They joined the many quality educators who were already here. These dedicated employees, along with parents, are the ones who help our kids succeed.

But lately, we've been talking a lot about NUMBERS. Elsewhere in this issue, and on our website, you will see NUMBERS related to what must inevitably happen if the school levy does not pass. NUMBERS of dollars that will be saved, NUMBERS of staff reduced, and NUMBERS showing the impact on class sizes.

Crestwood is not overstaffed in any employee category. We are lean across the board, having reduced staff by 26 percent in the past ten years. We ARE at a crossroads. One road replaces lost state funds with local money,

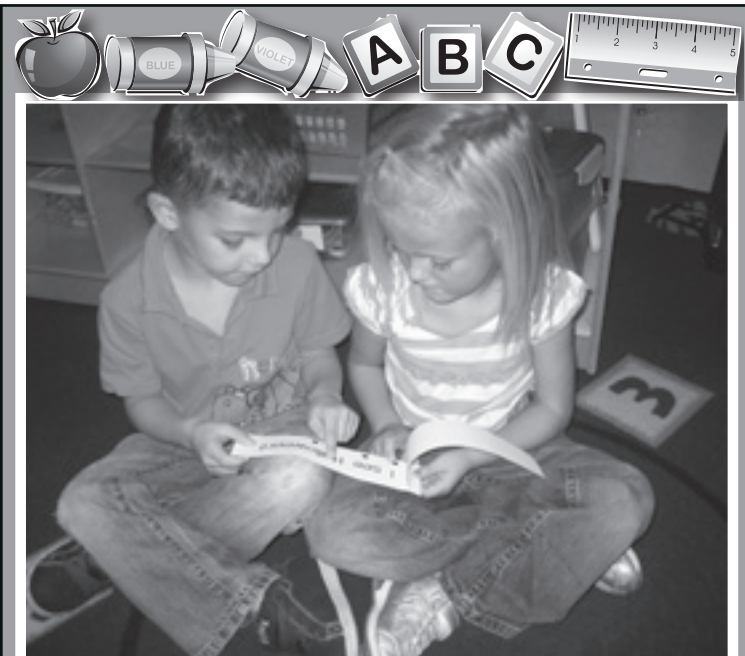


Mr. Joseph Iacano
Superintendent

the other requires us to cut even more, thereby significantly reducing our ability to meet the individual needs of students, parents, and ultimately the community.

Many of you already know that I will be retiring at the end of this school year. While I am happy to be able to spend more time with family, I will miss the great people that I have worked with and served for the past ten years. Please give thoughtful consideration to both the numbers AND the people as you assess what resources the board, the staff, and the next superintendent need to provide a high quality education to Crestwood's students.

~ Joe Iacano



Kennedy and Kyler are partner reading.

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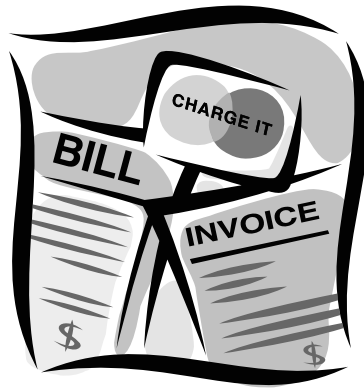
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H.S. Students Take on "Budget Challenge"

The Financial Management classes at the high school, taught by Mrs. Kristy Jones, are participating in a semester-long project called The Budget Challenge. The Budget Challenge is an on-line simulation game in which students create a bank account, receive a faux paycheck, use those funds to pay simulated household bills, and set aside some of their income into a 401K account as savings for retirement. It is intended to connect the topics of personal finance to actual behaviors needed in real life, like routine checking of bills, bank account status, managing cash flow, and balancing near-term and longer-term financial goals.

The scoring in the game positively reinforces savings for retirement and shows the negative consequences of making mistakes such as missing bill due dates, bouncing checks, going over the credit limit on their credit card, etc. In short, a dollar saved equals one point gained and a dollar incurred in fees equals a point lost. There is an additional 100 point penalty for missing a bill due date (per instance). This prevents skewing savings over meeting short-term financial commitments and mirrors



the negative effect on a student's credit rating. All bill notifications and other communications are delivered to the student's email. Paychecks are direct deposited into the student's online checking account with any 401K contributions routed directly to the savings account. Paycheck funds have a one day hold prior to being available for use. Payment checks from the student are issued through the online bill-pay system which has a three day processing window.

Mrs. Jones strongly encourages parental consultation to help their teens as they navigate this valuable learning experience. "The Budget Challenge is an outstanding opportunity for students to discuss personal finance topics with a real world example in a safe learning environment," said Mrs. Jones.

"The lessons learned here may very well help them avoid costly mistakes when they are living on their own."

Just Say "No!"

The "Just Say No" club started this month for fourth graders at Crestwood Intermediate School. The students are divided into teams, red and gray. In Just Say No,



students learn about how to make good choices and to stay away from drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The club meets every month and has two after-school activities throughout the year.



Fifth Grade Class Partners with Natural History Museum



Mrs. Duvall's fifth grade class is currently studying Native Americans and were able to explore a longhouse model on loan from the Natural History Museum. The students really enjoyed analyzing how the longhouse is constructed. The class has had the wonderful opportunity of working with student teacher Miss Weber from Hiram College who has done an outstanding job teaching Social Studies and Language Art through interactive technology.

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Crestwood Engineering Class Constructs Rear Projection Screens



Crestwood Middle School students had the opportunity to apply the engineering design process to meet a need of their school by designing, budgeting, and building two rear projection screens.

The project began September 19, after Principal Julie Schmidt was reviewing the requirements for two scheduled assemblies within a week of each other. Both speakers required the use of a large projector screen. After reviewing the high cost of renting a screen, Schmidt thought this challenge might be best solved by the school's Introduction to Engineering class. A task readily accepted by students and their teacher, Mr. Judd.

Mrs. Schmidt provided the constraints to students: a 10 foot

by 10 foot projections screen, which needed to be completed in less than two weeks, and needed to cost less than \$200. Students interviewed Mrs. Schmidt and quickly began providing ideas to solve the problem. Two ideas emerged to the top. One was to construct the screen by ironing overlapping wax paper sheets together. The other solution was to sew together "frosty" shower curtains. The students broke up into two teams and began to research and brainstorm design ideas. They submitted their design briefs and shopping list to Mr. Judd and Mrs. Schmidt, approved both designs.

Mr. Judd gathered all the materials and the students spent the next week (485 minutes worth) assembling their screens,

frames and legs. Students used PVC pipe for frames and duct tape to strengthen the edges of their screens; and then used grommets and twine to attach the screens to the portable frames.

The total cost of both screens came to just over \$190 dollars. The screens were done in time for the assemblies and worked beyond Mrs. Schmidt's expectations.

"I am in awe," said Schmidt, "of what the class has done in a short amount of time."

Mr. Judd also had high praise for his students, "I'm very proud of my students. The Introduction to Engineering class is like my 'math lab.' It allows me the time I

don't have in Algebra I or Honors Geometry to expose my students to real-life connection with the mathematics we are studying in class."

When asked how much money he thinks he saved the school by not renting or buying a projector screen, Mr. Judd shared some research, "A portable DA-LITE projector screen is \$2,102 for two screens our size. So we built ours for less than a tenth of the price."

More than the money saved, Mr. Judd relished the question his students asked him the class following the assembly, "Mr. Judd, what's next?"



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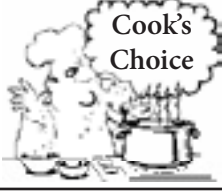
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~ November Breakfast & Lunch Menu ~

<p>The High School & Middle School will also have many more ala carte items and choices for breakfast!</p>	<p>November is the official month for celebrating Peanut Butter, Good Nutrition, Pepper, Raisins, Bread, and Vegan Awareness.</p>	<p>Eating breakfast is important for everyone, especially children and adolescents. According to the American Dietetic Association, children who eat breakfast perform better in the classroom and in physical activities, with better concentration, problem-solving skills, and eye-hand coordination.</p>	<p>November 1 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Granola Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Hamburger Baked Beans Apple Slices</p>	<p>November 2 Egg & Cheese Omelet Sausage Patty Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Meatball Sub Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">School Meals <small>We serve education every day!</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p> </div>
<p>November 5 Assorted Cereals Assorted Yogurts Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Pasta Marinara w/Cheese Breadstick Green Beans, Assorted Fruit Pumpkin Bar, Milk</p>	<p>November 6 Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover Cheese stick or yogurt Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chicken Fajitas w/ Salsa Corn Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>November 7 Pillsbury Cinni-Mini's Trail Mix, Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Dominos' Pizza Romaine & Spinach Salad Mixed Fruit Fresh Baked Cookie Milk</p>	<p>November 8 Pop tarts Trail Mix Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Ham & Cheese Wrap Carrot Sticks w/Hummus Assorted Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>November 9 Egg & Cheese Sandwich Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Cook's Choice National Chicken Soup Day!</p>	<p>Prepaid breakfast and lunches are available. Food Service does not accept personal checks, if sent, they will be returned to you. Cash, money order or certified bank checks, are accepted. Prepayments are NOT available for ala carte.</p>
<p>November 12 Assorted Cereals, Yogurts, Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Homemade Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>November 13 Pizza, Assorted Fruits Milk Reverse Day! (Sausage & eggs for lunch!!)</p> <hr/> <p>Eggs & Cheese Omelet French Toast or Waffles Pumpkin Bar Assorted Fruit, Milk</p>	<p>November 14 Waffle with Fruit Topping Sausage Links, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Slow-Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Herb Seasoned Stuffing Assorted Fruit Thanksgiving Treat, Milk</p>	<p>November 15 Pillsbury Cinnamon or Triple Berry French Toast Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Cook's Choice</p>	<p>November 16 No School Waiver Day</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Make lunch your way, everyday! Students may substitute the following for their main entrée:</p> <p>*Entrée size salad w/ dressing, crackers & cheesesticks</p>
<p>November 19 Assorted Cereals, Yogurts, Fruits, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Breaded Mozzarella sticks or Cheese Bread Sticks with dipping sauces, Various Veggies Assorted Fruit, Frozen Treat Milk</p>	<p>November 20</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>November 21 No School</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>November 22</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>November 23 No School</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>As part of our health and wellness plan, we are again offering "Meatless Monday", "Variety of Veggies" and "Assorted Fruit Choices" on the menu! What does all of this mean?</p>
<p>November 26 Assorted Cereals, Yogurts, Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Cheese & Veggie Quesadilla Refried Beans Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>November 27 Pillsbury Maple or Strawberry Pancakes Assorted Fruits, Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Chicken Strips w/ dipping sauces Dinner Roll, Green Beans Assorted Fruit Milk</p>	<p>November 28 Muffins, Cheese Wedge Assorted Fruits Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Domino's Pizza Romaine & Spinach Salad Mixed Fruit Milk</p>	<p>November 29 Waffle with Fruit Topping Sausage Links Milk</p> <hr/> <p>Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup Fries Mixed Fruit Milk</p>	<p>November 30</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Students have a choice of 2 or more fruits every day with at least one option being fresh fruit. Students will also have the choice of 2 or more veggies with at least one option being fresh vegetables.</p>
<p>Breakfast Prices: K-5 \$1.50 6-12 \$1.75 Reduced \$.30 Free- Free Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Got questions? Feel free to call the Department Director or the Building Managers.</p> <hr/> <p>Food Service Director: Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, 330-274-2294 ext. 2108</p>	<p>Food Service Building Managers: High- Barb Blazek- 330-274-2214 ext. 118 Middle- Connie Nunns- 330-274-2249 Intermediate- Donna Lewis- 330-422-3100 ext. 3600 Primary- Susie Janson- 330-422-3100 ext. 4409</p>	<p>Lunch Prices: K-5 Lunch \$2.50 6-12 Lunch \$2.75 Extra Milk \$.50 Menu subject to change.</p>

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 330-274-8511.

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Parent / Teacher Conferences Primary School

Crestwood Primary will hold the fall conferences on Thursday, November 15 and Monday, November 19 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please contact the school at 330-357-8202 if you have not scheduled a conference for your child. Our goal is to meet with every family for conferences. We believe the school family partnership is essential for academic success. Crestwood Primary will also be holding a Scholastic Book Fair during conference hours so parents can shop for great books.

Middle School

Parent teacher conferences are being scheduled for November 15 and 19, 4 to 7:30 p.m. In order to better meet the needs of parents and their students, Crestwood Middle School is offering individual teacher conferences on November 15 and team conferences on November 19. If you would like to schedule a conference or need more information, please call Mrs. Morrison, School Counselor, at 330-357-8204 ext. 2009.

Intermediate and High School

Parents are invited to conferences at the Intermediate School and High School on November 15 and 19 as well. For specific information on conference format and scheduling, please contact the school directly.
Intermediate School - 330-357-8203
High School - 330-357-8205

Crestwood Middle / High School Events & Games Schedule (November)

Friday, November 2

Boys Basketball Practice Starts
7:30PM Fall Play

Saturday, November 3

7:30PM Fall Play

Sunday, November 4

2:00PM Fall Play

Monday, November 5

6:00PM Powder Puff Game @ Stadium

Wednesday, November 7

6:00PM Football/Cheerleading Banquet @ Maplewood

Thursday, November 8

7:15PM Parent Meeting for Boys Basketball in Cafeteria

Monday, November 12

5:30PM Athletic Council Meeting for Head Coaches
7:00PM CASB Meeting in Cafeteria

Thursday, November 15

Winter Sports PTP Fees Due @ High School
4:00PM Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 16

Teacher In-Service Day

Monday, November 19

4:00PM Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 20

2:45PM Winter Sports Picture Day in Gym

Thursday, November 22

THANKSGIVING DAY

Saturday, November 24

6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Rootstown Away
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Rootstown Away

Tuesday, November 27

3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Stow @ Sky Lanes Home

Wednesday, November 28

6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Garfield Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Garfield Home

Thursday, November 29

4:30PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Independence Away

Friday, November 30

3:45PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Garfield @ Sky Lanes
5:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Solon Tournament Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Rootstown Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Rootstown Home

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A Note From the Nurse

School-age kids need 10 to 12 hours of sleep a night. Bedtime difficulties can arise at this age for a variety of reasons. Homework, sports and after-school activities, TVs, computers, and video games, as well as hectic family schedules might

contribute to kids not getting enough sleep.

Lack of sleep can cause irritable or hyper types of behavior and may make it difficult for kids to pay attention in school. It is important to have a consistent bedtime, especially on school nights. Be sure to leave enough time before bed to allow your child to unwind before lights out.

Adolescents need about 8 to 9 hours of sleep per night, but many don't get it. Because of early school start times on top of schedules packed with school, homework, friends, and activities, they're typically chronically sleep deprived.

And sleep deprivation adds up over time, so an hour less per night is like a full night without sleep by the end of the week. Among other things, an insufficient amount of sleep can lead to:

- decreased attentiveness,
- decreased short-term memory,
- inconsistent performance, and
- delayed response time.

These can cause bad tempers, problems in school, stimulant use, and driving accidents (more than half of "asleep-at-the-wheel" car accidents are caused by teens).

Teens also experience a change in their sleep patterns — their bodies want to stay up late and wake up later, which often leads to them trying to catch up on sleep during the weekend. This sleep schedule irregularity can actually aggravate the problems and make getting to sleep at a reasonable hour during the week even harder.

TIPS FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP from KIDSHEALTH

1. Be active during the day. You've probably noticed how much running around little kids do — and how soundly they sleep. Take a tip from a toddler and get at least 60 minutes of exercise a day. Physical activity can decrease stress and help people feel more relaxed. Just don't work out too close to bedtime because exercise can wake you up before it slows you down.

2. Say goodnight to electronics. Experts recommend using the bedroom for sleep only. If you can't make your bedroom a tech-free zone, at least shut everything down an hour or more before lights out. Nothing says, "Wake up, something's going on!" like the buzz of a text or the ping of an IM.

3. Keep a sleep routine. Going to bed at the same time every night and waking at the same time every morning helps the body expect sleep. Creating a set bedtime routine can enhance this relaxation effect. Include a winding down period every night by reading, listening to music, spending time with a pet, writing in a journal, or doing anything else that relaxes you. Alert young children half an hour and 10 minutes before bed.

4. Parents can help by continuing to encourage kids and teens to maintain a bedtime that allows for the full hours of sleep needed for their age. Following bedtime routines can help students ease into a good night's sleep.

Crestwood is thrilled to have three Portage Trail Metro Division Championship teams this fall:

Volleyball

Girls Cross Country

Boys Cross Country

The Crestwood Girls Cross Country team just qualified for the state tournament to be held in Hebron, Ohio on November 3.

Girls to compete are Abby Soltisz, Challis Roberts, Kira Judd, Taylor Michael, Kira Edic, Melissa Soltisz, Bella Wagner and Marissa Midgley.

All Portage Trail Conference Recognition FALL Sports 2012

Golf

Second Team

Gina Harmon 12
Daniel Jones 9
Jeremiah Poole 12

Honorable Mention

Logan Zuponic 11
Ryan Ambler 10

Tennis

Honorable Mention

Amy Dunkin 12
Emma Cline 12

Boys Soccer

First Team

Ryan Fedor 12

Second Team

Jeremiah Fitzgerald 10

Honorable Mention

Austin Usher 10
David Defer 12

Girls Soccer

First Team

Lindsey Soltisz 9

Second Team

Melissa Soltisz 9
Julia Krause 9

Honorable Mention

Makenna Delgado 10
Rosalie Novotny 10

Volleyball

Player of the Year -

Mallory Czuchra 12

First Team

Holly Hoffman 10
Hayley Zigman 10

Second Team

Morgan Strenk 10
Taylor Atkins 11

Honorable Mention

Sally Hoffman 12
Mallory Lorence 12

Boys Cross Country

First Team

Jeremiah Fitzgerald 10
Michael Hand 9
Jacob Ondash 9

Second Team

Ryan Deuley 9
George Lesnak 10
Matt Kulla 12

Honorable Mention

Dylan Kager 12
Tyler Brady 11

Coach of the Year - Jim Schweickert

Girls Cross Country

First Team

Abby Soltisz 11
Challis Roberts 11
Kira Judd 10

Second Team

Taylor Michael 11
Kira Edic 12

Melissa Soltisz 9
Bella Wagner 9

Honorable Mention

Marissa Midgley 11
Jenna Head 12

Co-Coaches of the Year -

Megan Miller & Samantha Usher

Football

First Team

Micky Cook 12
Garrett Gerardi 12
Kenn Jackson 11

Second Team

Michael Skocdopole 12
Marcus Weatherbee 12
Gabe Surgeon 10

Honorable Mention

Eric Harris 11
Brendan Fannin 10

8th Grade PTC Volleyball Champions



Top Row (left - right) Katie Amport, Emma Urban, Mia Miller, Kassandra Gregoire, Madisyn Benoit, Ashley Prater, Olivia Brady, Autumn Henwood, Taylor Gall

Bottom Row (left - right) Alex Geraci, Lilly Hoffman, Emily Urban
Coaches are Lesa Reed and Patty Welch

Middle School PTC Cross Country Champions



Pictured from left to right are Megan Cymanski, Gabi Campana, Melina Edic, Catherine Hoover, Evie Head, Karolina Kubulins, Hannah Boyer, Katie Fosnight and Marybeth Duke. The coach is Jessica Javorek.

Monroe's Orchard & Farm Market Donates Apples

Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, S.N.S., Director of Nutrition Services



Monroe's Orchard & Farm Market have donated more than 16 bushels of apples to the Crestwood School District Nutrition Services department so far this year, which means students in the Crestwood School District are receiving healthy, fresh, local produce during meal times.

Sue Monroe, Owner of Monroe's Orchard & Farm Market said, "We feel so very blessed with our crop this year and want to share it with the school community."

Monroe's orchard produces apples, peaches, pears, strawberries, maple syrup and a variety of fall crops. They also have a Market Store with unique gift items. Thank you to Monroe's Orchard & Farm Market for helping us provide local, healthy food options for our students.

Monroe's Orchard & Farm Market is located at 6313 Pioneer Trail, Hiram. For more information visit www.monroesorchard.com, or call 330.569.7464.

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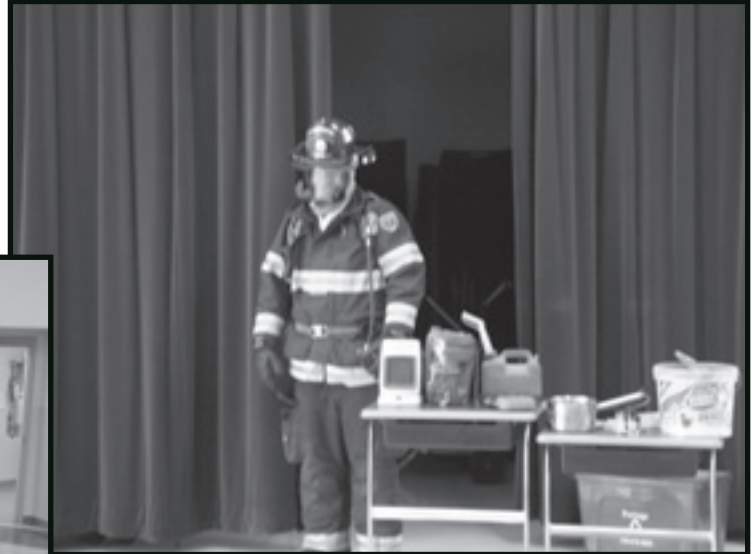
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Mantua/Shalersville Fire Department Teach Fire Safety

The Third Grade Students at Crestwood Intermediate School recently participated in Fire Safety presented by the Mantua Shalersville Fire Department. The students learned about important information including escape routes, meeting points, and fire safety precautions.



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From Trash to "Fash"

October 6, 2012, the 6th grade C.H.A.R.G.E. class at Crestwood Middle School produced an exciting fashion show call "Trash to Fash." Students used recyclable materials to create a fashion show complete with models, hosts, stage designers, and a photographer.

"We just wanted to do the right thing," said set designer, Domenic Picone. "All of that stuff would end up in the dump if we didn't help. Also, it was fun." Students used all the usual recyclable items like paper, tape, bottles, cardboard, brown bags, cereal



boxes, newspaper, and trash bags.

Everyone had a role in the fashion show. Materials were collected and students sketched out outfits and set design. After about four days in the design stage students then built the set and constructed the

dresses.

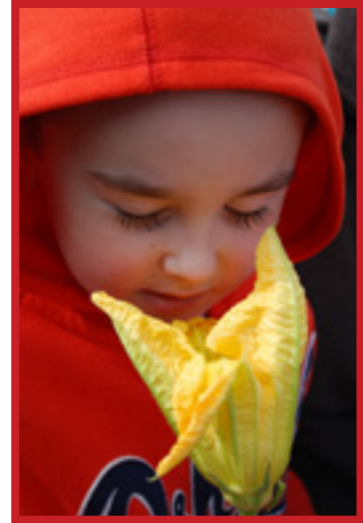
The very elegant and beautiful dresses were created and modeled by the students in the 6th grade C.H.A.R.G.E. program. The following students participated. The models were Ashleigh Fowler, Corrie McHone, Lily Turner, Amelia Wyson, and Cassidy Mesaros. The stage set designers were Logan Bailey, Domenic Picone, and Steve Duber. Photographer was Steve Duber and hosts were Anthony Pietrocini and Andrew Quesenberry.

Recycling is an important part of society, and students were able to see the useful ways to incorporate it into our lives.

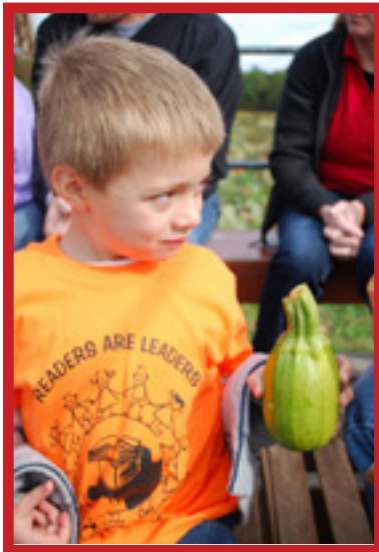
Kindergarteners Enjoy Annual Apple Picking



The Kindergarten Classes recently went to Monroe's Apple Orchard. Here Mrs. Monroe show how apples need sunlight to grow and explains how they help to shape the young trees with our own "Kennedy Delicious" tree.



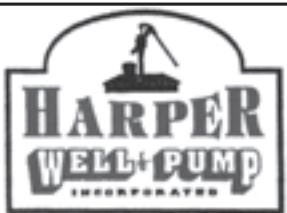
Ethan sees if a pumpkin flower smells like other flowers.



Left - Jake looks at a small pumpkin.



Right - Camden and Lilly enjoy an apple at the orchard.



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Did you Know...?

Beyond all the academic achievements in the classroom, Crestwood School District is an integral partner in the community.

- Crestwood School District recently collaborated with Mantua Village to hire a Student Resource Officer. Officer Joe Urso of the Mantua Police Department will work with the district 6 hours per day at CHS and CMS. In addition to patrolling the halls and grounds he will help train staff related to emergency scenarios, provide education and enforcement related to drugs and alcohol, and assist with general security. He will also spend some time at the lower-grade buildings on educational efforts. Welcome Officer Urso!

- In another partnership with Mantua Village, Crestwood will replace an old waste pump station on Middle School property. The school district and village are collaborating to acquire two separate grants that, if received, would help replace the station with a new "gravity" system that would tie directly into the Mantua Village waste disposal system.

- The district is developing a new "tip" line for students, parents, and residents to report matters of concern to district administration and local law enforcement. Look for more information in the near future.

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