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Putting Student Safety First, Buildings Enhance Lockdown Procedures



Partnering with the Portage County Sheriff’s Office, building principals Dave McMahon, Julie Schmidt, Mike Maglionico and Beth Trivelli received training in August on an enhanced strategy for surviving lockdown or emergency situations. The program, known as A.L.I.C.E., focuses on enhancing the current procedure to save lives. A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate.

Crestwood Intermediate Principal Michael Maglionico led a presentation developed by the principals, on the program at a recent Board of Education meeting. The goal of the training was to implement a comprehensive plan to protect students and enhance the system that is currently in place.

“Traditionally schools only focus on the first two components of A.L.I.C.E., alert and lockdown,” Maglionico said. “What we are now beginning to understand is that we can save more lives and protect our students by teaching our staff to inform, counter and evacuate during life threatening situations.”

Teachers and staff experienced a scaled down version of the A.L.I.C.E training at the November Waiver Day. The training led by University of Akron Police Officer and ALICE Trainer, Chad Cunningham, focused heavily on teaching what to do if faced with a violent situation, to understand the options, and involve more people in decision making – especially teachers. According to Cunningham, the more people involved in the situation that have knowledge of what to do, the more likely everyone is to survive.

A.L.I.C.E. also changes the traditional response of being passive and waiting for help and implements a proactive response based on research from previous violent school events.

The district hopes to implement the A.L.I.C.E. response system in its entirety by Fall 2012.

First-Grade Teacher Set for Antarctica Departure Dec. 26

Crestwood Primary School first-grade teacher Natalie Harr will depart December 26 for a five-to-six week research trip to Antarctica. Harr will join Dr. Richard Lee, Jr., an extreme entomologist from Miami University, to research a unique Antarctic fly.

Lee has traveled to Palmer Station in Antarctica for several years to conduct his research, and each year invites a public school educator to join him as part of his research team. Harr is the first elementary school teacher to make the trip with Lee. She is considered a pioneer in her field because most K-3 educators are not studying this type of bio-science.

The entire project is funded through the National Science Foundation so the district will not incur any costs to send Harr to Antarctica.

“I am thrilled to be going to Antarctica with Dr. Lee and his team,” Harr said. “My primary role is to maximize learning for Crestwood students through lessons and projects that will connect them to the research happening in Antarctica. My goal is to bring together as many people with the project as possible; not just in Crestwood but across the country and the world.”

While in Antarctica, Harr will communicate all learning with students, parents



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Superintendent's Letter . . .

Thank You and Welcome

As a result of the November election, the Crestwood Board of Education sends a warm "Thank You" to outgoing board members David Becker, Ken Justus and David Cline for their dedicated service to the students and to the community. These members were involved in many critical efforts and decisions affecting our schools, most notably:

- Shared service contract in food service administration with Ravenna;
- Consistent academic improvement moving from rating of continuous improvement to excellent;
- Construction of the maintenance facility;
- Established Project Lead the Way At CHS (pre-engineering);
- Improved safety through permanent improvement projects and increased use of camera surveillance on buses and in buildings; and
- Tuition-free, all day Kindergarten.

We would like to congratulate and welcome newly elected Board of Education members Debbie Soltisz, Bonnie Lovejoy and Matt Sorrick. Debbie and Bonnie are from Mantua Township and Matt is from Hiram. New Board members take office in January.



Mr. Joseph Iacano
Superintendent



Debbie Soltisz



Bonnie Lovejoy



Matt Sorrick

- Joe Iacano

Antarctica Connection - Continued from cover

and community members through a blog that can be found at www.crestwoodexplorestheworld.org. Harr's blog, lessons and activities will help students, parents and other districts understand what it means to be a scientist in the 21st century. Students will conduct nature investigations in schools and communities in order to compare and contrast local ecosystems with those of Antarctica.

To celebrate Harr and Lee's departure, Crestwood Primary School hosted an Antarctica Community Talk where students, parents and the community met Lee and learned about his ongoing research. Lee also visited the other schools and students at Crestwood as well as held assemblies about his Antarctic research at Twinsburg City Schools, Kent City Schools and Hiram College December 6.

While in Antarctica, Harr will have the opportunity to meet former Vice President Al Gore on his visit to Palmer Station.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Natalie," said Superintendent Joe Iacano. "She is a talented and dedicated educator who I know will make the most of her time in Antarctica. We can't wait to begin following her on her blog and learning right along with her."

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Crestwood Comments

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Crestwood Local Schools Planning for 2014 Budget Deficit

Not unlike districts throughout the state, Crestwood Local Schools is suffering from state budget cuts. The district has worked hard to manage costs and despite district cutbacks including retirement incentives, combining services and reductions in staff and spending, the district has a projected deficit beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

While the administration and Board of Education continually monitor its finances, the district would like to hear from the community as reductions in state funding continue. If you are interested in discussing the current challenges or finances of the district, Board of Education meetings are generally held the first Monday of the month in the high school library beginning at 7 p.m. Residents can also contact the superintendent's office at 330.274.8511. The administration and Board are actively seeking community members input in the school's future and will be announcing additional opportunities for dialogue after the first of the year.

In considering the upcoming deficit, the Crestwood Board of Education had the opportunity to put a levy on the March 6, 2012 ballot. At this time, the board is more interested in community input and feedback, and has elected not to request new operating money at this time. The deadline to submit a resolution to the Portage County Board of Elections was December 2.

Extending Learning at Home While on Holiday Break

By MaryAnn Strenk, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction

With the holidays fast approaching, there are many opportunities for students to utilize their brain power at home. The more opportunities students have to connect knowledge to real-world situations, the more learning will stay with them permanently. Teachers have a lot of content to cover during a school year, and you can help at home by reinforcing what has been learned. Challenge your child to use this information to solve problems, and continue to create opportunities to practice. Here are some examples:

1. Baking Cookies: This not only is a lesson in chemistry, but practice reading and following directions. Reading a recipe requires comprehension and the ability accurately apply steps in a scientific process. The ingredients must be measured precisely, combined properly, and baked for a specific amount of time. Success in this case is easily assessed, and enjoyable with a tall glass of milk. For an added math challenge, try doubling the recipe!

2. Shopping: It seems like the sale ads come earlier every year, but they are packed with learning opportunities. Is 20% off an item that costs \$29.99 better, or is the best deal to purchase it from another store for \$25? Since the price is close to \$30, put 30 M&M's on the table. 20% (20/100) is one-fifth of the price, so divide the 30 M&M's into five equal piles. Each pile will have 6 M&M's. Since the item is 20% (one-fifth) off, remove one of the piles and count what is left. $30 - 6 = 24$. Therefore, it is a better deal to purchase the item where it is 20% off \$29.99 since you would pay only \$24. The best part about shopping is that students can practice all year. When they need to stretch their allowance money, students are motivated to use math and research skills, plus they may even discover the ancient art of coupon clipping.

3. Decorating: I'm sure we can all think about that one home where you walk in the door and feel instantly welcome. Decorating is an art where balance in color and texture, creativity, and detail make a difference. It is also a practice, meaning any space can change at any time. Different colored pillows, a rug your friend has in a storage closet, a hand-me-down table, endless possibilities can become part of your masterpiece.

4. Family: All people have unique talents to share. Some are known for their cooking, while others can entertain with music or stories. Some can fix almost anything, while others prefer organizing and planning. Some people are athletic, while make-up and straight irons appeal to others. What talents does your child possess? Also, help children learn to appreciate some of your family traditions. Where did these ideas originate, and why were they so important? Discuss how much the world has changed from when their grandparents were kids. An hour without power is a surefire way to highlight many of the items we take for granted.

In conclusion, cold weather brings us indoors where a blanket and comfortable chair are the most important tools for learning. **Read** in the morning and **read** at night. Your eyes scan the page from the left to the right. **Read** to your dog, stuffed teddy, or cat. **Read** about this, and **read** about that. **Read** from a newspaper, magazine, or book. Download to your Kindle, or laptop, or Nook. **Read** with your brother, or sister, or friend. **Read, read** some more, let the learning never end.

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Shannon Conard
Kaley Cooley
Thomas Dunkin
Brianna Etjeld
Nicholas Fejedelem
John Franks
Stephen Green
Cara Grove
William Gyongyos
Jon Hannan
Gretchen Hilty
Samantha Hunt
Allison Hurd
Aaron Jackson
Dannise Johnson
Jarupat Kannula
Karlise Lieberth
Courtney McGee
Devin Milam
Cody Miller
Ashley Nielsen
Nicholas Onuska
Joshua Parr
Jocelyn Pearce
Molly Pochedly
Thomas Pochedly
Giovanni Schieda
Jessica Schmies
Matt Schwesinger
Robert Seneff
Leah Sheaffer
Zachary Sluka
Andrew Soltisz
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Niklaus Thut
Rachel Vaught
Castalia Woodrum
Tyler Zigman

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Dylan Briscar
Jenna Chism
Talia Cobb
Derek Coontz
Nicholas danforth
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Michael Long
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Evan Miner
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Joshua Prokay
Antonio Sargiovanni
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Stephanie Tyler

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Adam Zambataro

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Nichole Bencie
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Steven Bokesch
Katie Bretland
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Cody Campbell
Andrew Carney
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Dillon Leventry
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Holly Tramont
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Daniel Vaughn
John Vechery
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Corrine Zoligus

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Charles Blankenship
Sarah Bridgman
Erin Calvey
Olivia Cobb
Carolyn Diczhazy
Morgan Engelhart
Jessica Felker
Michael Fletcher
Amanda Fosnight
Cheyenna Frederick
Meaghan Green
Nathan Green
Carley Gross
Matthew Gualtieri
Amber Harrison
Cody Imars
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Taylor Jenkins
Kristen Jones
John Kilbourne
Elizabeth LaMarca
Randi Lyle
Taylor Michael
Jenna Morgenstern
Alaina Nuti
Rebecca Pochedly
Chad Randall
Daryl Riley
Challis Roberts
Tyler Roth
Melissa Skocdopole
Abigail Soltisz
Jacquelyn Wagner

3.0 - 3.49 SOPHOMORES

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George Baran
BreAnna Benner
Carrigan Benoit
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Travis Burkett
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Nathan Silcox
Makenzie Snodgrass
Hanna Spencer
Emily St Hilaire
Zachary Strenk
Reanna Szarka
Amber Vargo
Justin Vaughan
Logan Zuponic

3.5 + FRESHMEN

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Lena Baldwin
Reba Ball
Miranda Beatty
Hannah Bennett
Alexandra Bigler
Terance Brunty
Sarah Caddell
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Lauren Crislip
Makenna Delgado
Nicole Derthick
Scott Durham
Chelsea Evans
Jeremiah Fitzgerald
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Leannah Frances
Adriana French
Morgan Giaimo
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Holly Hoffman
Landon Klem
Alyssa Lamb
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Keith Medvetz
Chase Miller
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Nicole Nero
Rosalie Novotny
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Maia Pancost
Chance Richard
Christian Rosenfeldt
John Scotton
Autumn Sike
Jordan Smith
Madeline Sorrick
Morgan Strenk
Anthony Stuber
Allanah Swan
Tucker Urban
Laney Velek
Samantha Vojtush
Hayley Zigman

3.0 - 3.49 FRESHMEN

Jared Bailey
Kaitlyn Benjamin
Lauren Bernotas
Mckenzie Bollinger
Savannah Burkett
Cheyenne Carter
Natalie Cline
Benjamin Cooley
Craig Davis
Danica Davis
Dane Etto
Breanna Farrow
Torre Filippi
Savannah Geib
Miranda Head
Kira Judd
Danielle Kess
Emily Kotriik
Ashley La Manna
Lindsey Marshall
Megan McDivitt
Kelseyann Mertes
Drew Miner
Nathan Nielsen
Ross Nielsen
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Morgan Ramsell
Tyler Reese
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Madison Sara
Jared Sayre
Megan Scaletta
Christopher Schmies
Madison Schwartz
Noah Shannon
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Evan Svab
Samantha Urban
Austin Usher
Joel Van Auken
Christopher Wheeler
Jessica Wright
Jaclyn Young

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3.5+ SENIORS

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Barbara Lyons
Kaitlyn Phillips
Grace Waickman

3.0 - 3.49 SENIORS

Ian Bokesch
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Aaron Dallner
Justin Demattia
Tonya Hartwig
Rachael Jones
Tyler Jones
Marissa Lewandowski
Angel Long
Nicole Mack
Dylan Morgenstern
Grace Pender
John Scala
Carmen Tratnik
Nathan Wagler

3.5 + JUNIORS

Francis Hosey
Nicholas Ruggeri
Jordan Zizzini

3.0 - 3.49 JUNIORS

Noland Fortin
Kathleen Bailey
Travis Hamlin
Patrick Myers

High School . . .

Emergency School Closing: Procedures and Notification

With winter weather approaching, the possibility of school closings is upon us. Closings due to inclement weather or other emergencies are broadcast on all local radio and television stations. When possible, we also use the Alert Now system to notify parents by telephone. We ask that parents avoid calling the schools or stations since incoming calls tie up phones and delay notification.

Decisions on whether or not to close schools due to snow or extreme cold are often difficult since forecasts about if and when bad weather will arrive are often inaccurate. Periodically, forecasts are definitive enough that school can be called off in time for the nightly news. Most of the time, however, the decision is based on reports from district supervisors who are assigned the task of driving our roads between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on the days that bad weather is forecast. We attempt to contact all TV stations as early as we can so that parents can get the information they need in a timely manner. We will also use the Alert Now system to contact parents directly when possible.

In addition to snow, wind chill factors can also be a determining factor. A wind chill of more than 15 degrees below zero brings consideration for closing school due to the large number of students that wait outdoors for buses in our district. Safety is our greatest concern! The most difficult situation is when bad weather arrives immediately after the decision is made to keep schools open. In such cases, we respect the right of parents to make their own decisions based on neighborhood road and weather conditions. If it becomes necessary to make up school days, the school calendar may be amended using days at the end of the school year. If you did not sign-up for the Alert Now system please contact your child's principal for details.

Two-Hour Delay Procedures

Historically, Crestwood has either decided to keep schools open or to close schools for the entire day. Changes to state law have forced more districts to consider two-hour delays as an additional option during bad weather days. 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. Students can not be dropped off at the regular time.

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 school day unless communicated otherwise by individual building principals. The school day will end at the usual time.

If a 2-Hour delay is called, transportation changes will be made as follows:

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 CLP, ALS, or Maplewood programs(s) this will also apply. Afternoon transportation home will be at the regular time. 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. Please see the district web site for more information on two-hour delays.

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Matt Schwesinger (12th), Emily Youngblood (11th),
Madeleine Sorrick (9th),
Jocelyn Pearce (Soccer/Powder Puff),
Ashley Nielsen (12th), Alyssa Jaeyn (10th)

December Breakfast & Lunch Menu

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 Reduced \$.30
 Free- Free
 Extra Milk \$.50
 Menu subject to change.

Make breakfast YOUR EVERY DAY!
 Students may substitute the following for their main breakfast entrée:
 *Peanut Butter & Jelly Pocket
 *Cutie Pie Fruit Turnover

Nutrition Tidbit:

Instead of sugar based hot chocolate, use a protein based mix such as caffeine-free Ovaltine. This is a filling, protein-rich snack that provides a child with 40 percent of the RDA for calcium, 80 percent daily vitamin D, and more than 50 percent daily B vitamins.

December 1st

Pop tarts
 Trail Mix
 Assorted Fruit/Juice
 Milk

December 2nd

Crestwood's Funky Chicken Bowl (layers of Mashed Potatoes, Chicken, Corn & Cheese then topped with gravy)
 Jelilo Fruit Cup

December 7th

Breakfast Burrito
 Assorted fruit/juice
 Milk
 Gionino's Pizza
 Garden Salad
 Mixed Fruit
 Holiday Treat & Gift Special
Guest Server for CIS & CPS
Hint: He wears a Bright Red Suit!

December 6th

Muffins
 Cheese Wedge
 Assorted fruit/juice
 Milk
 Corn Dog Bites
 Fries
 Various Veggies
 Assorted Fruit
 Brownie

December 5th

Assorted Cereals
 Assorted Yogurt
 Assorted Fruits/Juice
 Milk
 BBQ Riblet Sandwich
 Fries
 Various Veggies
 Assorted Fruit
 Ice Cream Treat

December 12th

Assorted Cereals
 Assorted Yogurt
 Assorted Fruits/Juice
 Milk
 Cheese Quesadilla w/ Salsa
 Various Veggies
 Assorted Fruit
 Ice Juices
Meatless Monday!

December 13th

Apple Nut G-Force Bar or Cocoa Bar
 Cheese Stick
 Milk
 Slow-Roasted Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 Herb Seasoned Stuffing
 Corn
 Cranberry Sauce
 Holiday Treat

December 14th

Waffles w/ Syrup
 Sausage
 Assorted Fruits/Juice
 Milk
 Dominos' Pizza
 Garden Salad
 Mixed Fruit
 Fresh Baked Cookie

December 15th

Granola Bars
 Assorted fruit/juice
 Milk
 Cook's Choice

December 16th

Cook's Choice

December 19th

Cook's Choice

December 20th

Cook's Choice

December 21st

Cook's Choice

December 22nd

Winter Break:
 December 22nd - January 2nd

December 27th

High-Barb-330-274-2214 ext. 118
 Middle-Connie-330-274-2249

December 28th

Food Service Director:
 Jennifer Bujak-Hirsch, 330-274-2294 ext. 2108

December 29th

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December 30th

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H.S. EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, December 01

4:30PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Independence Away

Friday, December 02

5:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Aurora Tourn Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Rootstown Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Rootstown Away

Saturday, December 03

11:00AM Boys Varsity Wrestling Aurora Tourn Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Woodridge Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Woodridge Home

Monday, December 05

7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Streetsboro Home

Tuesday, December 06

4:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling East Canton East Canton @ College Bowl Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Garfield Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Garfield Home

Wednesday, December 07

6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Coventry Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Coventry Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Coventry Home

Thursday, December 08

5:30PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Coventry and Norton @ Field Away

Friday, December 09

Interim Reports (School)
2:00PM Winter Sports Pep Assembly Home
4:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Garfield @ Sky Lanes Home
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Coventry Home
6:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Fairview Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Coventry Home

Saturday, December 10

12:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Lake Blue Streak Invitational @ Eastgate Lanes Away
1:00PM Girls JV Basketball Field Away
2:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Field Away

Monday, December 12

6:30PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Hoban Home
7:00PM Sports Boosters in Cafeteria Home
7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Garfield Away

Tuesday, December 13

6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Field Away
7:00PM Band Concert Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Field Away

Wednesday, December 14

5:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Alliance Away
6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Ravenna Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Ravenna Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Ravenna Home

Thursday, December 15

TBA Choir Concert Home
4:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Rootstown @ Sky Lanes Home
5:30PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Kent and Ravenna @ Kent Away

Friday, December 16

4:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Woodridge @ Sky Lanes Home
5:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Hudson Tourn. Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Ravenna Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Ravenna Home

Saturday, December 17

10:00AM Boys Varsity Wrestling Hudson Tourn. Away
1:00PM Girls JV Basketball Springfield Away
2:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Springfield Away

Monday, December 19

7:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Windham Home
Tuesday, December 20
No events scheduled

Wednesday, December 21

4:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Kent Roosevelt Kent @ Kent Lanes Away
5:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Barberton High School Away
6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Norton Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Norton Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Norton Home

Thursday, December 22

Winter Break
9:00AM Boys JV Wrestling Waterloo JV Tournament Away
4:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Lexington, University Sch. and Cuy Hts. Home

Friday, December 23

Winter Break
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Springfield Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Springfield Away
Monday, December 26
Winter Break
4:30PM Boys Freshman Basketball Field Tournament Away

Tuesday, December 27

Winter Break
1:00PM Boys/Girls Varsity Swimming Cloverleaf @ Wooster Away
4:00PM Girls Varsity Bowling Southeast Girls @ Twin Star Away
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Waterloo Home
6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Field Tournament Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Waterloo Home

Wednesday, December 28

Winter Break
12:00PM Boys Varsity Wrestling Kenston Tournament Away
6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball Field Tournament Away
6:00PM Girls JV Basketball Waterloo Away
7:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Waterloo Away

Thursday, December 29

Winter Break
9:00AM Boys/Girls Varsity Bowling Holiday Tournament @ Camelot Lanes Away
9:30AM Boys Varsity Wrestling Kenston Tournament Away

Friday, December 30

Winter Break
1:00PM Girls JV Basketball Berkshire (Burton) Home
2:30PM Girls Varsity Basketball Berkshire (Burton) Home
6:00PM Boys JV Basketball Mogadore Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity Basketball Mogadore Away

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Middle School . . .

CRESTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Sixth Grade: Mackenzie Tayerle, Olivia Fowler, Frank Fugman, Giorgio Miceli, Mikayla Campbell, Zachary Haas

Seventh Grade: Gabrielle Campana, Ashley Prater, James Vaughan, Jakeb Tekavec, Autumn Henwood, Jacob Whitman

Eighth Grade: Alexis Mazey, Jacob Parr, Rebecca Rowe, Robert Mitchell, Alison LaManna, Benjamin Campfield

Mantua KOC Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship

Crestwood area boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. This is a fun, free activity for area youth to compete in a Free Throw (foul shot) competition for best of fifteen consecutive shots. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually where winners have the chance to progress through Local, District, Regional, State and possibly International competition levels. Our 2011 event was a huge success with more than 344,000 sharpshooters participating in over 4,700 local competitions.

The competition will be held at Crestwood Middle School at 6:30 pm on January 18, 2012. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old (as of January 1, 2012) are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Entry forms are available at Crestwood Middle & Intermediate Schools, St. Joseph PSR Office or by contacting Anthony Marinelli at 330.296.3097 or 216.789.8495.

Performance Poet Shares Writing with Middle School Students

Sara Holbrook, Ohio author and performance poet, writes about two things: what she knows and what she wonders about. She vividly shared and demonstrated to our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students how reading and writing poetry help her understand her life, the world, and the people she cares about. Whether writing funny or serious poems, writing poetry helps her see what's true.

Through a generous grant from The Hiram Community Trust, CMS invited Sara Holbrook to present and perform her poems in three separate grade level assemblies and to work with the Power of the Pen students in a writing workshop. In addition, a grant from Kent State University's National Writing Project provided all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classrooms with many of Sara's books, including Wham! It's a Poetry Jam, The Dog Ate My Homework, and Outspoken! How to Improve Writing and Reading Skills Through Poetry Performance. Teachers and students read, performed, and explored Sara's poems to enhance their experience. Sara believes that "Writing is fun! Acquainting students with poetry will engage them in learning, help with word knowledge and reading fluency, encourage visual and descriptive language, sharpen writing skills, help students organize their thoughts, and give them a voice."

Sara surprised us by inviting her husband, poet and author Michael Salinger, to join her as she captivated and engaged the students with their poems. They modeled the importance and worth of poetry. The students' recognition of several of the poems added to their enjoyment and their ability to connect while visualizing. Michael enlisted some help from student volunteers to interpret and showcase a few of his poems that masqueraded as vocabulary lesson!

Power of the Pen students learned concrete skills to show "the what" of an abstract concept in their writing instead of telling "the how." Through some acting and group writing, for example, the students practiced showing what a feeling would look like, instead of telling how a character feels by incorporating specific actions and figurative language as well.

Due to the continued support of the CMS PTO and the support of Principal Julie Schmidt, we are able to provide these types of quality programs for our students.

Author Dr. Anthony Mann Visits CMS

Tuesday, November 8, Dr. Anthony Manna, Emeritus Professor from Kent State University met with Mrs. Kulesza and Mrs. Mattmuller's sixth grade Language Arts classes. Dr. Manna's latest book, *The Orphan – A Cinderella Story from Greece* was part of the class discussion about fairy tales. Currently, the students have been examining common fairy tale elements and writing their own fractured fairy tales. (A fractured fairy tale is based on a classic fairy tale, but has a twist – a change in character, setting, problem, etc.)

In the morning, Dr. Manna worked with the students on the revision process in the context of their own fairy tales. The students were inspired by Dr. Manna's feedback on their writing. Two important ideas that Dr. Manna shared with the students were to "Show – Don't Tell" and "Writing is Rewriting." Both of these ideas emphasize the idea of revising to improve writing. In the afternoon, Dr. Manna read his book, *The Orphan*, and signed copies of his book. He also met with the seventh and eighth graders. His presentation brought the writing process full circle for the students at CMS.

Intermediate School . . .

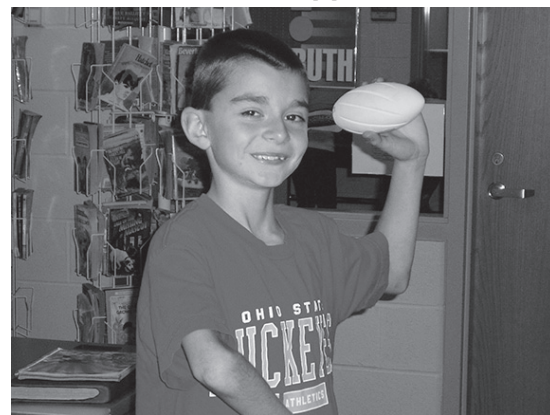
Antarctica Connection Connects Animal Study, Reading and Walking at the Intermediate School

CIS third graders enjoyed a recent trip to the Akron Zoo to compare and contrast animal traits. Students will continue to investigate animal adaptations as they explore different habitats and ecosystems on our cyber journey to Antarctica. Students have also accepted Miss Harr's Read and Walk to Antarctica challenge which began December 1.



This unique opportunity to learn via technology will increase student participation, knowledge, and inquiry regarding this extreme environment. Students will complete a snowshoe at home for each hour they read, which will represent 100 miles on our virtual trip to Antarctica. The steps, along with walking at recess club, will be posted in the cafeteria. Mrs. Krupar's third graders will use Google Earth images to track progress as we visit Washington DC; Santiago, Chili Puntas Arenas, Chili; and finally Palmer Station, Antarctica.

"Doppler Football" Helps Students Understand the Doppler Effect



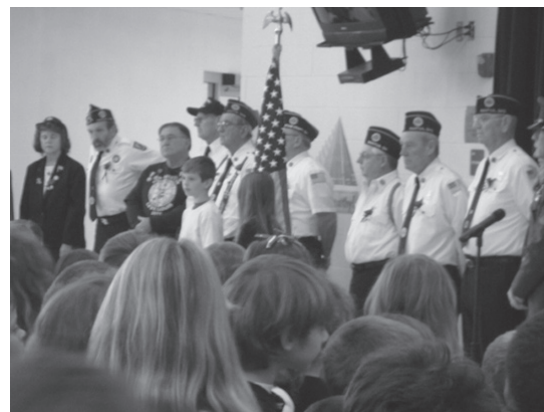
Students in Mrs. Shahan's Science classes are exploring sound energy. They learned about The Doppler Effect which states that "the pitch of a sound changes as it approaches and leaves."

Jason Green throws a "Doppler Football" to a classmate across the room. The football emits a high-pitched sound so students can experience the changing pitch as it approaches and leaves.

Intermediate Students Celebrate Veteran's Day Third Graders use Skype to Interview Sergeant

Students at Crestwood Intermediate School celebrated the historic Veteran's Day on November 11, 2011. A school wide assembly honoring our Veterans concluded with songs and pledge to the flag. Local Veterans stopped by to assist students in this special tribute. Many classes viewed President Obama placing a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at 11:11 in Arlington Cemetery.

Mrs. Krupar's class was given an additional honor by placing a Skype call to Staff Sergeant Mike Lang stationed in Afghanistan, father of third grader Michael Lang. Students were able to see SSG. Lang and interview him about his job in the service and his daily routines. Since November 10 was SSG. Lang's birthday, students sang him Happy Birthday and thanked him for his role in protecting our freedom. The third graders were challenged to write to SSG. Lang's men and wish them Happy Holidays. The class then brought in small items like candy, magazines, and puzzles to send in a CARE package for Mr. Lang to distribute to his men. We can't wait until he returns to tell us about his experiences in the Army.



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Primary School . . .

Students Created Recycling Box to Recycle Glue Sticks and Bottles



Mrs. Griffith's class has been working on citizenship. Xander and Kami are working together as partners to build a tower.

Yummm Warm Apple Sauce



Pictured are Donna Hejl and Ryan Hejl using the apple corer peeler

Mrs. Brugmann's class made their very own special kindergarten applesauce after a field trip to Monroe's Apple Orchard. The students completed graphs graphing the apples by color and made their own recipes for how to make applesauce into a book.

The first grade classes of Miss Benton, Mrs. Brode and Mrs. Picone worked together to create a recycling box based on the story, *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* by Simms Taback. The students listened to stories about recycling and discussed what they can do to help the earth when in school. Then students created an "old lady" out of recycled materials-cardboard boxes, paper and streamers. Art Teacher, Mrs. Skully, painted the lady's face. Once glue sticks and glue bottles are empty, students can drop them into the box to be recycled. The glue containers will then be taken to Wal-Mart for recycling. This project is through the company, Elmer's Glue.



Grace Lesnak, James Bove and Jacob Macchi



Charlie Snyder



Olivia Sayre, Tatum Zausniewski, Luke Wilcox and Emily Vanas

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Primary Student Celebrate American Veterans

Crestwood Primary School held a Veterans Day celebration event in collaboration with The Mantua American Legion and Auxiliary Friday, November 11. The second-grade choir sang songs with a patriotic theme and the first-grade classes read a poem. The veterans in attendance gave a speech, and the entire school sang the *Star Spangled Banner*. A veteran gave a special American flag that flew over Bagdad to one of our students. Crestwood Primary School would like to thank the community for the great support with this event.



NOTE FROM the NURSES

Children look forward to calamity days to enjoy the winter weather. Whether winter brings severe storms, light dustings or just cold temperatures, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has some valuable tips on how to keep your children safe.

What to Wear

Dress warmly for outdoor activities. Several thin layers will keep children dry and warm. The rule of thumb for older babies and young children is to dress them in one more layer of clothing than an adult would wear in the same conditions. Don't forget warm boots, gloves or mittens, and a hat.

Set reasonable time limits on outdoor activities to prevent hypothermia and frostbite. Children and adults should come inside periodically to warm up.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia develops when a child's temperature falls below normal due to exposure to colder temperatures. It often happens when a child or teen is playing outdoors in extremely cold weather without wearing proper clothing or when clothes get wet. It can occur more quickly in children than in adults.

As hypothermia sets in, the child may shiver and become lethargic and clumsy. Speech may become slurred and body temperature will decline in more severe cases.

If you suspect your child is hypothermic, call 911 at once. Until help arrives, take the child indoors, remove any wet clothing, and wrap them in blankets or warm clothes.

Frostbite

Frostbite happens when the skin and outer tissues become frozen. This condition tends to happen on fingers, toes, ears and nose. They may become pale, gray and blistered. At the same time, the child or teen may complain that his/her skin burns or has become numb.

- If frostbite occurs, bring the youngster indoors and place the frostbitten parts of his/her body in warm (not hot) water. 104° Fahrenheit (about the temperature of most hot tubs) is recommended
- Warm washcloths may be applied to frostbitten nose, ears and lips.
- Do not rub the frozen areas.
- After a few minutes, dry and cover the child with clothing or blankets. Give him/her something warm to drink.
- If the numbness continues for more than a few minutes, call your doctor.

Winter Colds

Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school and are in closer contact with each other. Frequent hand washing and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow may help reduce the spread of colds and flu.

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