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CCSC celebrates fall and Halloween



Transportation crew offers first Trunk or Treat

The Crawfordsville Transportation Department wanted to add a little extra fun during Halloween weekend this year so they created a plan to host Trunk or Treat.

Transportation employees offered a two hour time period for students to come in costume to the Hoover field parking lot near the bus barn and visit their decorated vehicle trunks.

Trunks were decorated with themes or games and employees even dressed in their costumes.

The Trunk or Treat event was a great success with more than 800 children stopping by to show off their costumes, see the decorated vehicle trunks, and of course receive many candy treats from the bus drivers.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and thank you to the transportation department for hosting a fun event for the Crawfordsville students and community!



Nicholson parades by Lane House

For the past few years, Nicholson students have held a costume parade for their neighbors at the Lane House. The residents love to see students, and students love to see them! Smiles all around! It's a wonderful way to teach our students how a simple act of kindness can make a difference.

Willson Preschool explores pumpkins



Willson Preschool students have had fun exploring the inside of pumpkins and creating pumpkin volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar.

School safety is top-notch at CCSC



Nicholson contest winners ride the fire truck

Nicholson Elementary spent time recently learning about fire safety and fire prevention. This year's theme was "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape."

After understanding the need for an evacuation plan, students were challenged to a poster contest that illustrated their fire escape plan and what to do in case of a fire.

Entries were hung in the hallways and both Nicholson staff and a few firefighters voted for their favorite posters.

The winners were very excited for the grand prize of riding a fire truck to school. This year's winners were (top photo, left to right) Avery Sarver, Bronson Ferguson, Aimee Kimbro, and Emma Bishop. Also joining them in the picture are firemen Chief Busenbark and Jason Starcher.

Thank you to the Crawfordsville Fire Department for your participation and for the winners' ride to school.

CMS practices reunification drill to CHS

Most everyone remembers their younger school years involving an occasional tornado or fire safety drill and now, unfortunately, also added to the list is a drill for an active shooter or intruder.

Performed on a regular basis, these drills allow for students and staff to practice a real-life emergency scenario with the ultimate hope they will never be needed.

Most recently, Crawfordsville Middle School performed a reunification drill where the entire building was evacuated and relocated to Crawfordsville High School for reunification.

Reunification would potentially be used in a variety of scenarios, for example, an active shooter, gas leak, earthquake, or other man-made or natural disasters. These scenarios would remove everyone and relocate them to safety.

For this drill, CMS Principal Brent Bokhart said there were a total of 606 staff and students evacuated from the school. The team planned the drill to use only five buses to simulate having minimal bus driver availability. In addition, Mark Melton, CCSC Safety Coordinator, said there were 25 parent volunteers, more than 20 CHS staff, about 15 CCSC safety team members and several first responders that were also present helping the drill run smoothly.

This is a fairly unique drill, but CCSC is at the forefront of providing top-notch safety preparedness alongside local organizations and law enforcement. This is the seventh time within the corporation that the reunification drill has been done.

Melton said "CCSC is most decidedly one of the leading schools in the area as it relates to reunification drills."

Bokhart and Melton agreed that the drill ran very smoothly and following the drill there is always a debriefing meeting to evaluate, give feedback and use the experience to perform the drill better the next time.

A drill of this magnitude certainly requires a lot of planning, preparation, and manpower to coordinate. Bokhart also commended local community crisis teams, the Crawfordsville Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's Department for their assistance with the reunification drill.



CMS Wizard of Oz puts on a great show

Congratulations to the students of Crawfordsville Middle School who performed The Wizard of Oz, Young Performers' Edition over the weekend of November 4-6. Your hard work and dedication to practice made the show a great success!

Schools support food pantry during Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a national initiative to encourage students to live a drug free life. Hose Elementary School celebrated the week with different spirit days, including a canned food drive on Monday, Oct. 24, following fall break. Students were encouraged to participate by bringing one or more non-perishable food item to contribute to the local FISH Food Pantry. The day, titled "We CAN say no to drugs," was one activity of the week-long celebration of healthy living. Hose wanted to give students an opportunity to feel the joy of giving and helping in the community.

Other events of the week included spirit dress days, an art contest representing the national red ribbon theme, and a classroom visit from the school counselor to teach students about keeping their bodies and brains healthy by staying drug free and making good choices.

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated CCSC in grades K-5 to give students a strong foundation to encourage them to make healthy choices.

From the one-day food drive, Hose Elemen-



Above: Congratulations to the Hose art contest winners during Red Ribbon Week. Abram Watt, left, Stephanny Alberdi Jarquin, and Bailey Houston. Right: Ms. Carrell's class displays their donation items.



tary School families donated 566 pounds of food to the food pantry. Hoover Elementary also had a Red Ribbon drive and totaled more than 250 pounds.

Instead of Red Ribbon Week, Crawfords-

ville Middle School's ATeam sponsored a Halloween food drive and brought in 480 pounds. CMS students could wear their Halloween costume to school in exchange for donations made to the FISH Pantry Food Drive.

Family movie night fundraiser brings in \$1,000

The Hoover Elementary Student Council once again offered a fun family movie night as a fundraiser and once again it was a great success!

“The idea for the movie night is to provide a fun and safe activity for families to enjoy, while raising money to support various causes,” said Sharon Danforth, fourth grade and student council sponsor.

Families could bring blankets and pillows to gather in the gym to watch this year’s movie, *Hocus Pocus*. Pizza, popcorn, candy, and drinks were all for sale for \$1 or less. Raffle tickets were sold for just a quarter and gave the buyer a chance to win various prizes like activity kits, markers, games, plush toys, LED lights, and more. The raffle drawings were done at the end of the evening.

The fun night totaled \$1,000 profit for Hoover Elementary. Of that profit, Hoover will donate \$500 to Riley Hospital for Children. The remaining money will be used for an additional project or cause that will be voted upon by the student council.

Danforth said specific plans have not been set yet. She said previous fundraisers have gone toward the Buddy Bench on the playground, new P.E. and recess equipment and contributions to the Gaga pit, service projects of visiting nursing homes and honoring local heroes during the pandemic.

Hoover Elementary donates annually to Riley Hospital for Children as part of the “Kids Caring and Sharing” program. This initiative gives children in schools the opportunity to help other children through fundraising for pediatric research at Riley. Danforth said Hoover strives to send at least \$1 per student each year.

Hoover Student Council has 34 members, which is two per class. In addition to Danforth, Steve Spencer is also a council sponsor.



Saturday Night Swing features newly formed jazz band



The Crawfordsville band department recently kicked off a new tradition called Saturday Night Swing and there are plans to make it an annual event with new features.

Saturday Night Swing showcased the music from the CHS Jazz Band and the CMS Combo Group. Guests were invited to pick up dinner and bring it along to the commons area at Crawfordsville High School and listen to both groups. Director Jon Tebbe said space in front of the band was available for dancing for anyone who desired.

Tebbe said this evening was to highlight the newly formed jazz group, which was just developed over the last year. He planned to use CHS commons area as the performance space to simulate jazz music’s roots being performed in settings other than auditoriums and concert halls throughout the cities of New Orleans, Kansas City, and Harlem.

He would like to grow the event and add more high school jazz bands. Guests could then listen to a variety of school jazz bands with the possibility of a main performance headliner. He hopes even to offer a dinner option to round it out as a whole unique evening of music.

This year, Tebbe invited jazz bands from North Montgomery, Western Boone, Tipton, and Marian University, but they were unable to attend.

Now in its second year, the CHS jazz band has grown to 18 students.

“We have essentially a full big band, which is uncommon for schools our size and really speaks to the excitement that the students are bringing into the program,” Tebbe said.

The CMS combo group is in its first year and is offered through the After-The-Bell program for advanced and intermediate band students. It currently has four 7th graders.

Easy access to Athenian athletic history, champions

The Crawfordsville High School Athletic Hall of Fame got a recent facelift to continue celebrating our past successful athletes and athletic teams.

The most impressive feature is an interactive digital touch screen where fans can search by sport, a specific year, or by athletic accomplishment, for example, conference, sectional, regional, semi-state or state champions. Also added to the interactive digital model are all of the Hall of Fame pictures. Visitors or viewers can take a visit down memory lane and recall great athletes, memorable games or matches and exciting times cheering on our Athenians.

With the digital system, it also links easily to our athletic page on the Crawfordsville High School website. The next time you and your friends are reminiscing about the Athenian greats, you can easily pull up the records, historic teams and compare them to athletes today.

CHS Athletic Director, Bryce Barton, said Morgan's Glass and Paint spruced up the area

with frames around the seven state championship team pictures and rehung the individual state championship pictures.

"CHS is proud to have had 33 individual or relay state champions in our long athletic history," Barton said.

Barton said the athletic department plans to continue adding athletes and teams to the CHS Hall of Fame since it has been a few years since a new class was inducted.

When the new CHS facility was built, dedicated long-time employees, Bill Boone and Bruce Whitehead inducted a new class of Hall of Fame members each year to bring the history up to date making sure to include well-deserving individuals dating all



the way back to the 1890's.

Stop by the new-looking hallway during an upcoming basketball halftime or visit the Hall of Fame now on our website, <https://crawfordsville.touchpros.com/Home9.aspx>

Girls basketball season begins



Photo by Journal Review/Greg Flint

The Crawfordsville girls basketball team has begun competition and had its first game on Friday, Nov. 4 against Seeger. They were back in action Tuesday, Nov. 8 with a close match up against North Putnam, but fell short, 41-44. The Athenians have another home game on Friday, Nov. 11 against Tri-West.



CMS loaded with school spirit, pep rallies!

Crawfordsville Middle School students filled the gym for a fall pep rally to celebrate fall teams and build Athenian school spirit. Activities included the 8th grade volleyball team challenging a staff team, a dance team performance, and lucky winners were drawn to give volunteer staff beautiful makeovers while blindfolded!