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CCSC schools receive IAN Quality Badge

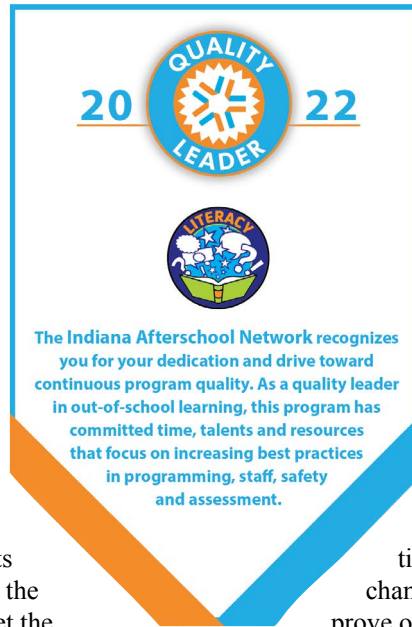
The Crawfordsville Community School Corporation always has a lot to be proud of and most recently, it is because of the excellent after school programs that all elementaries and middle school offer to our students.

Hose Elementary and Crawfordsville Middle School both received the Quality Digital Badge while Hoover and Nicholson Elementaries earned the Quality and Literacy Badge. These badges are honorary awards from the Indiana Afterschool Network (IAN) which is partially funded by the Indiana Department of Education.

To receive these awards, CCSC staff members work with Indiana Afterschool Network to establish standards for the programs and perform a thorough evaluation and questionnaire process of the

strengths and weaknesses of each site. The evaluation provides an honest look at ways to improve the program at each school. This process and submission of reports demonstrates the efforts to meet the program standards and why all the programs received the Quality Badge.

“The badge shows that we have turned in all reports in a timely manner and that we



continue to strive to meet quality standards,’ said Hoover Student Support Coordinator Deneen Bartlett, ‘The evaluation process helps us see where we can continue to make changes to improve our after school programming.’”

The attention to detail and evaluations has clearly led to great success. In addition to the Quality Badges, both Hoover and Nicholson have earned the

Literacy badge. The literacy focus demonstrates additional requirements to reading, writing, language, and vocabulary. The activities are not replicated activities from the school-day, but additional exercises to complement what is taught in the classroom.

It is certainly a team effort with Bartlett overseeing the program and each school building has site coordinators. At the middle school, they are Cindy Pierce and Chastity French.

Hoover Site Coordinators are Anita Harris and Ann Stanley with Trisha Whicker as the Discovery Club Coordinator. The Nicholson Site Coordinator is Kristi Jones with Laura Newman as Discovery Club Coordinator and Hose Site Coordinator is Diamond Deacon with Andrew Swank as the Discovery Club Coordinator.

State champion coach named Academic Coach Finalist

After coaching her students to a Fine Arts Team State Championship title, Emily Race is now a finalist herself as she was chosen as an Academic Coach of the Year finalist. Finalists were chosen by a selection committee and based their decision on a nomination form submitted by either a principal, another coach, coordinator or volunteer. In Race’s case, her coworkers wanted to nominate their academic coworker.

Race said the credit goes to her Athenians whom she coaches on both the English and Fine Arts

teams. The English team of Elizabeth Bowling (emeritus), Lorelei Schmitzer-Torbert, and Claire Edwards placed 2nd and was Race’s highest English team placing since her time at CHS. The championship Fine Arts team of Declan Maurer, Claire Edwards, and Mia Freeman were the first CHS championship team since 1991.

One Academic Coach from each level of competition (Elementary, Junior, and Senior) will then be recognized as the 2022 Academic Coach of the Year.



Bike and Hike event tops attendance with 400 people

Nicholson Elementary had a beautiful fall evening for the 11th Annual Bike and Hike family fun event to kickoff another year of Fuel Up to Play 60.

Principal Jennifer Coyle said, "We were so excited to bring the Bike and Hike back again this year. It is a wonderful night and a great opportunity for families to enjoy time together!"

Leading up to the Bike and Hike, the Indiana Department of Transportation came to Nicholson to share some bicycle safety tips, before giving every student a brand new helmet! Students were eager to put them to good use during the ride.

Families met at the Crawfordsville Public Library where they followed a police-led route down Main Street to the end of the ride at Nicholson Elementary. The fun didn't end there though. Once families biked, rode scooters or hiked back to the school

they could then enjoy games and activities and have a snack.

Activities included a nutrition game, which involved tossing food bean bags into the correct food group bucket, a milk mustache booth, and workout stations in the gym doing exercises like tricep push-ups, lunges, and the hula hoop. Wabash athletes were also present for a football toss game, and the CHS dance team led dances and a game of freeze dance. A special treat was a small petting zoo and a visit from the friendly cow, Buttercup.

Students were encouraged to get their families active and try different activities. Nicholson worked closely with the Crawfordsville Street Department and the Crawfordsville Police Department to make the route safe for families. Around 400 people joined the Bike and Hike and was the most attended since the event began!



Physical Education teacher Laura Newman said, "This is my favorite event at Nicholson because I get to see so many smiles from our students because they are enjoying themselves with their family and being active at the same time."

A special thanks is given to the Fuel Up Advisors Mrs. New-

man, Ms. Pardue, Mrs Scheidler and Mrs. McCutchan for planning the evening and also to CPD, Wabash College, Blue Illusions Dance Team, National Honor Society, Chartwells, Indiana Dairy Council, the Nicholson Staff, and all of our parent volunteers to help make this night possible!

Surber's advisory wins Comfort Coin Collection Cart Challenge



Crawfordsville Middle School recently completed its annual Comfort Coin Collection Cart Challenge sponsored by the CMS ATEAM, a service learning and community service group. All students were challenged to bring coins and dollar bills to their advisory classes for a week and see which class could raise the most money. The winning advisory class then receives the traveling

trophy to remain in their classroom and of course earns some bragging rights too.

This year, Jason Surber's advisory won with a total of \$229.70. Second and third place classes were Mr. Nunan and Mrs. Hudson. Overall, more than \$1,200 was raised for the Comfort Cart. The ATEAM will work with Sandy Hedrick, Patient Advocate at Franciscan Alliance,

to create a list of needed items. ATEAM will take that list and go shopping for travel-size shampoo containers, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, stick deodorant, combs, cell phone chargers, hairbrushes, game-books for small children, crayons, mechanical pencils, and lip balm. In the past, ATEAM has received very generous donations from Crawfordsville's Dr. Steven Rasmussen and Dr. Dane Mishler, and Greencastle's Dr. John Hinnette.

This challenge got its start during the 2018-19 school year, when the CMS ATEAM brought concerns about people taking loved ones to the hospital for emergency care and staying for extended periods with no simple necessities to make them feel better, like soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste, and a comb. After a few weeks of brainstorming and planning, students hit upon the idea of creating a cart of products

similar to the ones found at Riley Hospital, sponsored by the Kiwanis. To fund the project, students voted to host an annual Comfort Coin Collection Cart Challenge to be held during the first semester. The service project encourages students to bring coins and dollar bills and also have fun competing with other advisory classes for a good cause.

The CMS ATEAM service group was created in 2013 at the suggestion of then principal Jay Strickland by blending the National Junior Honor Society and Junior Ambassadors. Made up of 7th and 8th graders that must apply in the spring, the team is co-sponsored by science teacher Shannon Hudson and art teacher Laurie Vellner. ATEAM members bring concerns and suggestions for projects to weekly Friday meetings, vote upon the ideas, and determine how to best accomplish and fund the projects.

Lakeside Inclusion Council donates school supplies

When the local community organization, Lakeside Inclusion Council, looked for ideas of how to support the community following the global pandemic, teachers were on their hearts.

“Teachers are the next line of defense (after health-care and first responders),” said Lakeside’s Press Room Supervisor, Wayne Black, “A lot of times they are doing things out of their own pockets.”

The council came up with the idea of a school supply drive and collected supplies which they donated to Hose Elementary. Items included like-new crayons, cleaning wipes, facial tissue, folders, markers, and paperclips.

The Lakeside Inclusion Council looks for ways to support diversity and inclusion in the plant itself as well as performing community service in the Crawfordsville community. Wayne Black and fellow Lakeside Inclusion Council member Mary Scott from the Human Resources Department delivered supplies to Hose in early October.



Students from Mrs. Voliva's first grade class helped accept school supply donations from Lakeside Inclusion Council. Front row, left to right: October Hill, Violet Clements, Jesus Baca, Leo Campos, Aubrey Johnson. Back row: Hose School Counselor Mallory Tucker, Lakeside employees, Wayne Black and Mary Scott, Hose Principal, Jen Hall.



CHS players, left to right, Ashton Wilson, Kaiden Underwood, Ethan McLemore, Kaden Patton, Zach Bowman, Cole Smith, Isaac Rogers, and Ryan Miller show off their books for Hose students outside the elementary.

Touchdown to Reading! *CHS football players make impact on Hose Elementary students*

While our student athletes are working hard on the field, they are also making an impact off the field with students in our own schools. In a partnership set up by Coach Brad Clark with Hose Elementary, local football players are spending time each week reading to a kindergarten or first grade partner classroom.

“In today’s world,” said first grade teacher Heather Chaney, “having older kids to look up to, an accessible role model, helps the younger students know that they can work hard in school and one day play sports and give back to their community.” Chaney hosts one of eight Crawfordsville High School students each week.

Clark sees the positive impact on his players also. “I am excited about this program and seeing our young men give back to their community by taking time to read to students at Hose. We talk all the time about being positive role models and positive members of their community, so I am eager to see this grow even more in the future,” Clark said.



Zach Bowman, top, reads to Erin Gilland's kindergarten class. Below: Kaiden Underwood, left, and Ashton Wilson read to attentive Hose students.



Coach Kelly Johnson retires after 39 years at CHS

It was a celebratory night last week on the Athenian volleyball court. Six seniors were recognized for the final season of their high school career before the final home match against Covington.

Also being honored and celebrated was Head Coach Kelly Johnson who will retire after this season completing 39 years of leading the CHS Athenians.

Johnson tallied 632 wins over her career with sectional titles in 1992, 1995, 1996, and 2007. The Athenians only two Sagamore Conference titles were also under her leadership in 1990 and 2011.

The crowd was filled with former players, coaches, friends, community members and of course her family. They heard Coach Johnson described as a positive leader and fierce competitor and well-respected among coaches and officials who have worked her matches.

The night was topped off by a varsity three-set win bringing the count to 624. Afterwards a picture was taken of Johnson with all former players and coaches in attendance. Congratulations on your coaching career! Enjoy retirement!



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CHS Athletic Director Bryce Barton, gives Head Coach Kelly Johnson a photo collage and plaque in honor of her final home match after coaching 39 of her total 40 at Crawfordsville.



Nicholson students have fun visitors

Nicholson Elementary students had some special visitors recently.

Members of the Wabash College football team came to play games and activities and also enjoy lunch outside with the students.

Bus Trunk or Treat set for Oct. 29

The transportation department is offering a Bus Trunk or Treat on October 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the bus barn parking lot near Hoover Field.

Children are welcome to stop by in their costumes and greet the bus drivers and bus monitors for Trunk or Treating fun!

Camping trip doesn't disappoint for 5th graders

In September, Hoover 5th graders went to Camp Tecumseh for the annual camping trip. The students were full of smiles and curiosity through activities like canoing, archery, hiking, meeting new animals, hunting for wildlife, and enjoying the big slide!



Soccer team is Sectional Champs

The boys soccer team won the Sectional title in a 4-3 victory over Cascade. The sectional title is the first since 2016. The team also sealed the county championship and most recently the team broke the school record for goals in a season. Additionally, Junior Patrick Corado now holds the goals in a single season record.



Cross Country teams advance to Regionals

Both the girls and boys cross country teams will be running again as they both finished in 4th and advanced to Regionals following the Sectional race at Brownsburg.

Junior Ryan Miller broke the school record of 16:28.3 and finished 9th. Senior Roman Contreas was next for the Athenians at 17:11.9 finishing 24th. Sophomore Sophia Melevage finished 8th overall with a time of 19:52 while freshman Katherine Novak was next at 30th.



Girls' golf season comes to a close

The girls golf season ended in September. Sadie Walker shot a career low 93 and missed going to Regionals by 1 stroke. Christen Saunders shot a career low 48 on her last 8. The team shot a season low 423. We salute our 5 seniors: Olivia Fichter, Brody Hill, McKenzie Wilson, Christen Saunders and Sadie Walker. This class won 50 matches in 4 seasons, the 3rd most in CHS history



Tennis team claims three titles

Congratulations to the boys' tennis team who can add Sectional Champions, Conference Champions, and County Champions to their list of accomplishments.

The team defeated Southmont 4-1 to claim the sectional title before losing to Terre Haute South in the Regional round. The team sealed the conference title after defeating the Frankfort Hotdogs, 5-0, in their final conference match and finishing 6-0 in the conference. They claimed the conference title for the first time since 2015.

Their undefeated conference play also made them the county champions after victories over Southmont and North Montgomery.



Athenian volleyball team receives Exemplary Behavior Report

Congratulations to the CHS volleyball team and team captain, Jessica Tribble on receiving an Exemplary Behavior Report during its match against Lafayette Central Catholic.

Reporting individual George Knezevich, said of the team, "Coach Kelly Johnson, her assistant coaches and team are to be commended for their exemplary behavior in their Volleyball contest vs. L.C.C. These coaches and captains led by example the entire contest as this carries over to the spectators as well. Crawfordsville Captain #11 Jessica Tribble was pleasant and respectful when addressing the officials during the contest as well at Central Catholic."