

BUSY MARCH READY TO ROCK FOR CROCKETT SCHOOLS

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What's the only date on the calendar that's also a command?

"March forth!"

Okay, now that we have the Dad jokes out of the way, the Crockett County School District is readying for a very busy March that began in grand style Saturday when the Middle School volleyball team swept four straight matches to claim the championship of their own invitational tournament.

But the first full week of March leads us into a variety of other things as well, including the start of several high school varsity sports seasons. Track and Field kicks off at Dyersburg on Wednesday afternoon at 4:00; the boys soccer team debuts at Lexington Thursday evening at 6:00; the baseball team plays at Jackson State Friday against Bolivar at 4:00; and the softball team opens up Friday at Ripley at 5:00. The tennis teams debut on Tuesday, March 12, hosting Lexington.

In middle school sports, the volleyball team hosts matches both today and Tuesday at 5:00; the soccer boys go to Martin on Tuesday for a 5:30 match; and the baseball team has games on Tuesday and Wednesday at 5:30.

But there are a number of other things scheduled for this month that aren't sports-related.



Above: The Crockett County Middle School Lady Cavaliers sailed through their own invitational tournament with a 4-0 record to win the championship.

This week, all the elementary schools are celebrating "Read Across America Week" with dress-up days and reading emphases. Friendship Elementary School celebrated a special accomplishment when its 69 Accelerated Reader students went from reading five million words for the year to over six million in just 20 days. Now they're pushing for eight million before the school season ends.

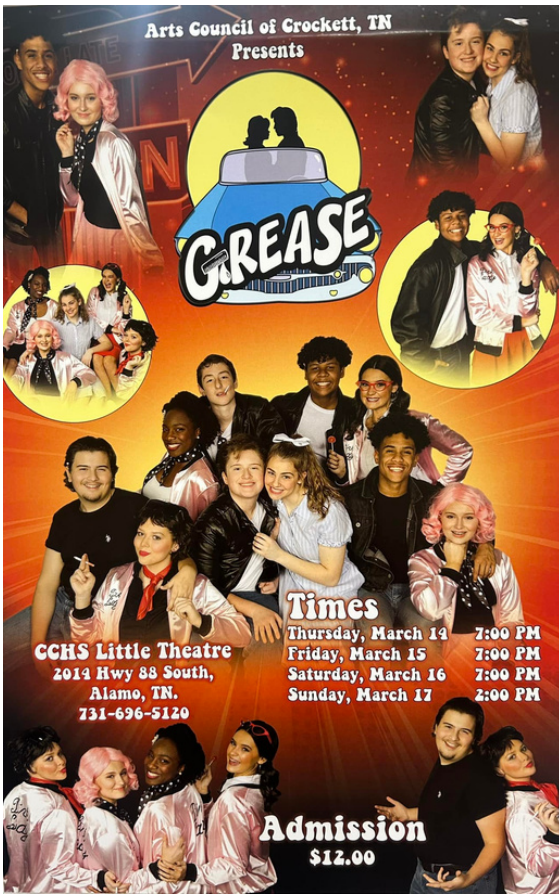
Gadsden Elementary is celebrating Dr. Seuss this week by reading designated books for each day. Maury City Elementary is having a special Mr. or Mrs. Potato Head Book Character contest, with entries displayed at the Math & Literacy Night on Thursday evening at the school. Friendship is also having a Math & Literacy Night that evening.

If musical theater is your bag, then the Arts Council of Crockett TN will be presenting "Grease" from March 14-17, with 7:00 performances the first three nights and then a Sunday matinee at 2:00. Several Crockett students are involved in the production, which is sure to be a highlight of the spring calendar. Admission is \$12 at the CCHS Little Theater and tickets are available from cast members.

It's not too early for you gardeners to start planning to attend the annual plant sale scheduled for the FFA Greenhouse on April 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students have been filling pots and transplanting varieties of growing things for a few weeks now in preparation to get your home décor off to a great start.



Above: Gadsden Elementary School finished ACCESS testing and threw a party featuring sundaes.



Above: The Pink Ladies of "Grease" - watch out especially for bad girl Rizzo (Brennan Morris) on the left - will be a featured attraction of the Arts Council of Crockett TN's production March 14-17 at the CCHS Little Theatre.

Left: All the particulars of the "Grease" production.

Below: Students in the FFA Greenhouse are busily preparing for the annual plant sale April 20



Above: Maury City Elementary will be displaying its Potato Head Book Characters at its Math & Literacy Night Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 at the school.

Right: Friendship Elementary School students recently celebrated DEAR Day - Drop Everything and Read - by going out in the halls with a book. FES Accelerated Reader students covered more than a million words in just 20 days in February.

