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Thank you, Veterans!

Hoover walks in community parade & hosts Veteran program



Hoover Elementary began Veterans Day by walking in the Montgomery County Veterans Day Parade through downtown Crawfordsville and were awarded 1st place complete with a trophy for the school to display.

Later in the day, Hoover hosted their annual Veterans Day program where students invited family members who served to be celebrated and thanked for their service.



Nicholson Elementary presents 4th Annual Veterans program



Nicholson Elementary presented its 4th Annual Veterans Day Program celebrating and honoring the brave men and women who have served our great country.

Twenty-two veterans attended the program, which included songs performed by the Nicholson Music Club and each Nicholson

class. Students also presented information about what it means to be a Veteran, what a hero is, and why a hand is placed over our hearts during the Pledge of Allegiance. The program also recognized each of the different branches of the Armed Forces that serve our country.



Elementaries celebrate Red Ribbon Week

The three CCSC elementary schools and Willson Preschool Academy all celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a national week-long campaign focusing on the prevention of drug, alcohol, tobacco, and violence prevention. Red Ribbon Week is the largest and longest-running drug prevention awareness program in the USA.

During the week, students had a food drive with the theme, "I CAN say no to drugs and alcohol," and students were encouraged to bring in canned goods or other non-perishable items.

Pictured above are some of Hoover Elementary student council members with their collection of items. Hoover collected a total of 421 items.

In addition, Nicholson



collected 331 various canned goods, Willson collected 68 items, and Hose

totaled their donation by pounds of food and collected 340 pounds of non-perishable items.

All items were taken to the local FISH Food Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to support our community!



Hoover Elementary Student Council elected member positions recently. Top photo: The council meets in a classroom to discuss topics and elect positions. Middle photo: Adelaide Lindsay presents to the council. Above, from left to right: Ella Gosman is the incoming treasurer, Zaylie McFarland is the incoming president, and Adelaide Lindsay is the incoming secretary.

Hoover Student Council elects member positions

Hoover Elementary Student Council has been very busy! Student Council members from Mollie B Hoover held elections for the positions of president, treasurer and secretary. Interested applicants were asked to write a short speech and give their speech in front of the rest of the student council body. Student council members voted and the results were announced at the student council meeting on October 29. Zaylie McFarland is the incoming president, Adelaide Lindsay is the incoming secretary and Ella Gosman is the incoming treasurer.

CHS student initiates band club at CMS

The After School Program is excited to announce a new club, the Band Mentoring Club, that began during the second round of clubs at Crawfordsville Middle School. What's even more unique is that the idea for the club came from Crawfordsville High School band student, Emerie Venis.

Venis, a junior at CHS and member of National Honor Society, had the idea to start the club at the middle school to help bridge the gap between middle and high school band and to help younger band students improve as musicians.

"Since I'm a member of the NHS and one of its values is to promote service, I wanted to use my skills to help others. I am very passionate about music and band, and I wanted to share that passion with others, and what better way to do that than

by helping the Crawfordsville band," she said.

Other CHS band members including Taylor Bray, Ian Hurt, and Gibson Morrison, have joined Venis to mentor the younger students. Middle school students receive group and individual instruction from those who play the same instrument.

"We give them extra help with the band music, as well as help them with other music, in order to better prepare them for the transition to high school," she said.

This club began meeting Oct. 27 and will run through the end of the round on Dec. 12. Currently the club meets on Tuesdays and has seven members participating.

CMS teacher and after-school club coordinator Cindy Pierce said the club is helping younger musicians grow



CMS band students benefit from the new Band Mentoring Club with the leadership of high school band students.

in skills and confidence.

"It has been wonderful so far! It gives our students the opportunity to know what to expect in high school band. The hope is that over time the band program will continue to grow," Pierce said.

This club joins a list of sev-

eral options at CMS. Students are offered the following to participate in: Tutoring, Homework Help, Art Photography, Jewelry Making, Anime, Vex Robotics, Art Club, Blue Krew, and Bring Change 2 Mind. Currently 131 middle school students are enrolled in an After-School Club.



CHS students selected for annual Youth Summit

The following CHS students were selected to participate in the 4th annual Montgomery County Youth Summit on October 10th along with students from North Montgomery and Southmont. The Youth Summit provides a space for students to share their thoughts, concerns, and solutions on various topics related to mental health and their overall wellbeing. Members of the Wabash College's WDPD led and recorded the discussions, which will then be created into a formal report and shared with school administrators and community stakeholders to help improve and expand mental health programming within the schools and community.



CMS exchanges Halloween costumes for canned goods

The CMS A Team and student body collected over 500 lbs of food for the FISH food pantry. Students could wear a Halloween costume to school in exchange for bringing in a canned food item. Way to go, CMS Athenians!





Hose teachers learn from each other

Teachers at Hose Elementary are being intentional about learning from one another. Recently teachers got to choose a professional development session at Hose in the area of writing or math during the monthly staff professional development time. Sessions were created and led by Hose teachers Shelle Wheeler, Kyla Cooper, and Amber Rohr. They used teacher feedback to create targeted professional development based on the needs and wants of the building. Mrs.

Wheeler and Mrs. Cooper focused on effective implementation of Everyday Math curriculum and shared strategies of how to differentiate for a variety of student skill levels. Mrs. Rohr focused on writing by modeling a mini-lesson and writer's workshop. She shared strategies for classroom implementation and how to encourage brave writers.

"Teachers learning from teachers is important because we have so much to share with and gain from one another,"

said Brittany Reef, Hose literacy coach. "Teachers got to choose a topic that was meaningful to them while learning from peers who were willing to share their knowledge and passion for the subject area," she said.

Each session agenda was guided by specific questions or interests of the teachers attending that session.

"It's a great way to gather new ideas and sharpen our skills," said Andrew Swank, Hose kindergarten teacher.

"We get to collaborate and share ideas in a very open space. We leave ready to try new ideas to meet the different needs for our own Hose students and provide opportunities for students to learn in new ways. You learn more from fellow teachers than you ever could in an outside opportunity," he said.

Hose Elementary works with some of the youngest learners and these learning opportunities focus on helping students build a strong academic foundation.



Students gain from Wabash and Hose collaboration

A new collaboration between students at Wabash College and Hose Elementary is giving students young (K-1) and old (college age) the chance to spend time together. Wabash student Hugh Ford reached out to Hose Principal Adam Welcher in the fall of 2024 about creating this new collaboration. The college mentors play learning games and do learning-based activities with the kindergarten and first grade students to support what they are learning in

the classroom curriculum.

"Hose finds the Wabash mentor program very valuable as it allows for teacher chosen extension activities in a small group setting. Students also benefit from time spent with a young adult who they begin to look forward to seeing each week," Welcher said.

The small group of college students volunteer each Tuesday morning to spend time with various students at Hose.



CMS presents Elf, The Musical

Crawfordsville Middle School students presented an excellent production of “Elf, The Musical” the weekend of November 7-9.

The cast list of talented CMS students includes the following:

Buddy -- Walter Samuels, Walter Hobbs -- Austin Rogers, Emily Hobbs -- Vera Gobel, Michael Hobbs -- Isaac Simmons, Jovie -- Sofia Ingalsbe, Deb -- Brooklyn Wilkins, Chadwick -- Anna Lindsay, Matthews -- Ella Seward, Mrs. Greenway -- Zoe Zacarias, Policemen -- Gibson Denman & Zeke Plunkett, Manager -- Makinzey Morrow, Saleswoman -- Olivia Calvert, Fake santa -- Conner Truax, Macy’s Child -- Lily Baldwin, Charlotte Dennon -- Aria Seward, Darlene Lambert -- Emma Hill, Emma Van Brockin -- Abby



Hill, Santa Claus -- Zachary Eads, Charlie -- Callan White, Shawanda -- Lily Baldwin, Elf #1 -- Aria Seard, Elf #2 -- Abby Hill, Elf #3 -- Emma Hill, Elf #4 -- Carli Bokhart.

North Pole Elves: Lily Baldwin, Carli Bokhart, Aynslee Campbell, Jaimeel Gil Herrera, Harper Hauk, Abby Hill, Emma Hill, Aimee Kimbro, Aria Seward, Connor Truax, Callan White.

Macy’s Elves: Carli Bokhart, Olivia Clavert, Aynslee Campbell, Zachary Eads, Jaimeel Gil Herrera, Abby Hill, Emma Hill, Alex Huesca, Aria Seward, Ella Seward, Callan White, Zoey Zacarias.

New Yorkers: Trinity Cooper, Raeleigh Cox, Kyran Craft, Rebecca Crouch, Annie Dennison, Abygail Dowden,



amelia George, Georgia Gianakis, Trinity Gray, Laura Hodge, Kathryn Ledman, Myla Samuels, Justyce Selig, Namoi Sermersheim, Jocelyn Shelton, Aubri Stephenson, Rosie Walls, Adalynn Wear, Noelle Wilson, Emery Wolf.

Safety drill practice prevents panic

Parents, staff, students, the district safety team, transportation, and local safety agencies such as the Crawfordsville Police Department worked together to practice a reunification drill in October.

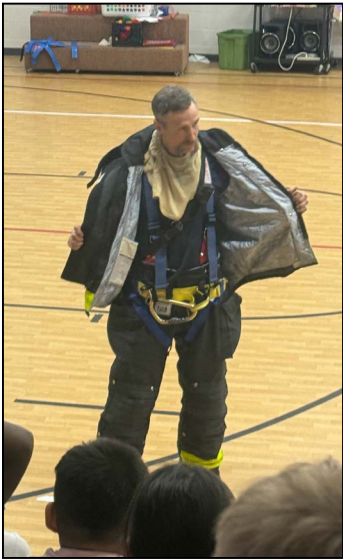
During the drill, the entire population of Hose Elementary traveled on buses to the reunification site at Crawfordsville High School

Around 30 parents volunteered to practice procedures for picking up their student(s) should the need to evacuate Hose ever arise. Following the drill, parents had a chance to provide helpful feedback on the process.

“We practice so that in the event of an emergency we are not panicked,” said Amber Reed, CCSC Director of Food Services and Student Wellness. “Those practices are just as important for our staff as they are for our students. This gives a chance to walk through the steps so staff, parents, and students feel more confident in the whole process. Case in point, our practices from previous years allowed us to have a successful reunification in a real non-emergency evacuation in May 2024, when Hose was evacuated due to a gas leak,” she said.

Staff work hard to make sure students receive age-appropriate information on the practice drill just as they would for a fire drill or other type of practice.

Crawfordsville Fire Department visits schools



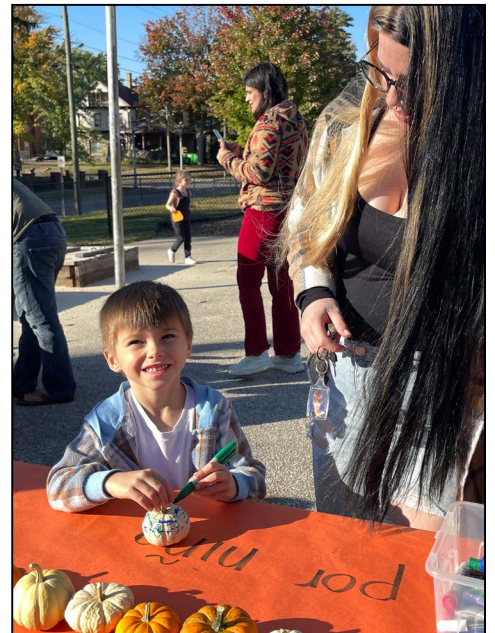
Nicholson third graders learn duties of firefighter

Third graders enjoyed a visit from the Crawfordsville Fire Department (CFD) on October 28th. CFD taught the students about fire safety, the many duties of a firefighter, and answered questions from students. In addition, they presented and explained the importance of their gear. They even demonstrated how to wear the various pieces. A big thank you to the Crawfordsville Fire Department for sharing their time with the Nicholson students.



Preschoolers explore inside of fire truck

The Crawfordsville Fire Department visited Willson Preschool Academy. The firefighters discussed how to stay safe in the event of a fire. The fireman put his clothes on slowly so students could see the change of uniform as he was fully dressed. Students were able to dress Sparky the fire dog with their own sticker sheet as they learned about the articles of clothing that keep a firefighter safe. After the presentation, the preschool students were able to walk through the fire truck.



Willson fall festival enjoyed by families

Willson Preschool Academy hosted a Family Fall Festival in October. Students and their siblings were able to join staff members on the playground for pumpkin decorating and contest, a pumpkin craft, popcorn and apple cider, and much more. This year, we had students and families paint a canvas with different painting tools. The canvas is hanging in the hallway at Willson Preschool Academy.



Left: Volleyball player Alayna Hall and soccer player, Colten Custer, were awarded the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Character Award, which is a new award for our sports banquet. The award is presented to student athletes demonstrating the four core values of FCA - Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence. Winners are eligible to win a \$1,000 scholarship at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Right: Student athletes selected to the Monon Athletic Conference All Conference team line up with their awards.

CHS athletes recognized at fall banquet

Families of Crawfordsville High School student athletes gathered Wednesday, Nov. 12 for the Fall Sports Banquet to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the CHS fall athletes.

Athletic Director Bryce Barton began the evening by welcoming those in attendance and thanking the coaches, teams, athletes, and their families.

The first award given was a new award. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Character Award was added to the Fall Sports Banquet and will continue each sports season and in the years to come.

This award is presented to a student athlete demonstrating the four core values of FCA- Integrity, Serving, Teamwork, and Excellence. Winners are then eligible to win a \$1,000 scholarship at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

This award was presented by long-time FCA sponsor at North Montgomery, Tom Lutz. Lutz is a chemistry teacher and football and basketball coach. Lutz was representing the FCA of West Central Indiana to present the

award.

This year's FCA Character Awards were given to Colten Custer- Boys Soccer and Alayna Hall- Volleyball

First Time Letter-Winners

Girls Golf- Karleigh Brown, Claire Dennison, Shaeleigh Hreskowsky, Elizabeth Nunan

Boys Tennis- Carter McDorman

Girls Cross Country- Isabel Gerdes

Boys Cross Country- Jackson Hill

Boys Soccer- Dylan Figueroa, Kaito Koyanagi, Julio Mancilla, Oscar Martinez Castellanos, Jared Moreno, Adrian Munoz, Yamir Sanchez, Joseph Padron

Girls Soccer- Gabriella Saidian, Inga Freeze, Lexi Cox

Volleyball- Aliyah Brost, Makayla Whitecotton, Jade Brattain

Football- Graham Gerold, Adrian Ingalsbe, Karter Nolan, Adyn Sempstrott, Bentley Thayer, Eli Lolla-Martinez, Victor Leyva, Tyler Hinton, MacKenzie Scudder

Conference/Sectional Championship Patches

Girls Soccer- Madison Martin, Maesa Horton, Aime Macegoza, Alea Seward, Caroline Novak, Scarlet Martinez, Molly Pierce, Laila Torres, Aubrey Lowe, Bea Swick, Yuli Torres, Ally Johnson, Gabriella Saidian, Dayanara Fernandez, Inga Freeze, and Lexi Cox

Boys Tennis- Rowan Gambrel, Henry Bannon, Jayden Jimenez, Ian Hurt, Nolan Watt, Carter McDorman, & Andrew McCoy

Recaps & Mental Attitude Award Winners presented by Head Coaches of each sport

Girls Golf- Shaeleigh Hreskowsky

Boys Tennis- Andrew McCoy

Girls Cross Country- Paige Johnson

Boys Cross Country- Andrew Turner

Boys Soccer- Dio Freeze

Girls Soccer- Yuli Torres

Volleyball- Ally Strickland (JV - Caroline Bowling)

Football - Diego Velasco

Monon Athletic Conference All-Conference

Girls Golf- Claire Dennison

Boys Tennis- Rowan Gambrel & Henry Bannon

Girls Cross Country- Katharine Novak

Boys Cross Country- Josh Inskeep

Boys Soccer- Dario Huesca, Matt Miller, Noe Torres

Girls Soccer- Inga Freeze, Caroline Novak, Aime Macegoza, Alea Seward, Bea Swick

Volleyball- Claire Peacock, Reese Price, & Ally Strickland

Football- Daniel Surface and Dylan Wolcott

Academic All-State & Honorable Mentions-

Volleyball- Aliyah Brost, Ally Strickland (Silver), Olivia Hedrick, Alayna Hall (Gold)

Cross Country- Chang Yeung, Li Li Yeung, Andrew Turner, Paige Turner, Katherine Novak (1st Team All-State) Campbell Murray & Caroline Novak (HM)

School Record Certificate
Josh Inskeep Boys CC 5K record of 16:18.



Each school of Crawfordsville Community School Corporation has art work that is now on display at the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County. Families and the community is welcome to come see the hard work from our talented students of all ages. Pictured above are a variety of art projects and also our wonderful art teacher team. From left to right: Hoover's Mrs. Lafever, CHS's Mrs. Ellenberger, Nicholson's Mrs. Garvin, CMS's Ms. Vellner, and Hose's Ms. Nickle.



Corporation-wide art show now open

The Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County is hosting the K-12 Art Extravaganza showcasing the talented students of Crawfordsville Community School Corporation.

A community-wide open house was held on Nov. 13 to kick off the art show. Everyone is welcome to stop by the museum to see the beautiful, creative, and hard work that each student has done to make the show possible.

The art will be on display until December 13. The Carnegie Museum is located at 222 S. Washington St. downtown Crawfordsville. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Mrs. Peterson's class from Nicholson Elementary visited Oak Hill Tree Farm this fall. Above they are learning that all pumpkins float, no matter the size, because they have air inside.

What is fall without a pumpkin patch?

Nicholson 2nd graders visit Oak Hill

All second graders visited Oak Hill Tree Farm during the month of October. Students walked through the woods where a story was set up for them to read along the way. They rode along by tractor and hayride to the field where Christmas trees are planted.

Students also enjoyed some free time to go down the large slide, pet the goats, and get their face painted.

Classes learned about pumpkins and how every pumpkin floats, no matter the size, because they have air inside!

Each student received a small pumpkin to take home.



Staff take off running at Purdue for fall break

Several CCSC staff members kicked off fall break by participating in the Purdue 5K & Half Marathon. Sheila Sowers (not pictured) and Sharon Danforth, second from right, both placed in the top 3 for their age groups and received a special recognition prize. Extra kudos to Chase McMurry, far right, elementary cross country coach and 4th grade teacher, for completing the 5K just a few days before welcoming a baby and one of our newest Athenians to her family!



Students parade at Lane House

Nicholson Knights held their annual costume parade on Friday, October 31. Students and teachers parade to the Lane House to wave to residents. The residents of the Lane House enjoy cheering for the students and the students enjoy bringing a smile to the school neighbors' faces!

CCSC staff get creative for Halloween!

