Crestwood Community News

Updates from the Crestwood Association of Parents and Teachers: Crestwood Community Circles

January meeting
Thank you to everyone who attended the CCC meeting on Tuesday evening. It was part 2 in our series on restorative justice. Tuesday’s meeting focused specifically on the implementation of restorative justice at Crestwood. A big shout out to everyone who participated in the panel discussion. Thank you to everyone who asked questions both in advance and during the meeting and to the wonderful members of the panel who gave honest, insightful answers to our questions.

To continue this important discussion, we will be hosting a restorative circle for parents and staff the week of the January 22. If you are interested in experiencing a restorative circle and did not sign up at one of the CCC meetings, please contact Fern Knepp, fern.knepp@gmail.com, for more information.

February meeting
Our next CCC meeting is on Tuesday, February 6, from 6:30-8:00. The first part of the February CCC will be a brainstorming session about the mission and structure of CAPT. We need your input to ensure that CAPT is responsive to our community and a sustainable volunteer organization. The second part of the meeting will focus on our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Crestwood Caper. In addition to being a great fundraiser, the Caper is a wonderful way to get involved with CAPT. There are many ways to volunteer both before and during the event. As always, childcare and Spanish translation will be provided. We look forward to seeing you at the February CCC meeting.

Follow up about the Bridges math curriculum
The topic of the October CCC meeting was the implementation of the Bridges math curriculum at Crestwood. Debbie Kennedy, Crestwood’s instructional resource coach, has put together a document to address questions posed on the exit slips from the October meeting. The document can be found at: https://goo.gl/amko2A.
Crestwood Students Learn Computer Programming with Scratch
Fifteen Crestwood fourth and fifth graders had the chance to learn the basics of computer programming last fall as part of an after-school program taught by University of Wisconsin Computer Science majors. The Crestwood kids met every Wednesday in the school computer lab to learn how to build solutions using logical steps and how to program computers using Scratch. Scratch is a highly-visual programming language developed for beginning programmers and children. Each week students learned a new concept and then had time to work on a suggested Scratch project. Scratch makes it easy to create interactive games, stories, and art. By creating these projects, kids have fun while learning important mathematical and computational ideas.

For additional information about future Scratch classes at Crestwood, please feel free to contact Parent Coordinator Dana Dobbins at danadobbins@hotmail.com. More information about Scratch can be found at scratch.mit.edu

5th Grade Recognition Yearbook needs you!
We are looking for pictures of the Crestwood 5th grade class. Old pictures, new ones, group pictures, or photos from school events are greatly appreciated. Baby pictures are also accepted. We want to make a yearbook the kids will love and the parents can cherish. There have been so many memories made at Crestwood over the years and we look forward to taking a step back in time with everyone. Please send items via email or contact Jaime Harkrader with any questions at kaidanmama@live.com or (972)800-6415. Pictures can also be dropped off in the office. Thank you for your help to make this great!

Boy Scout Troop 420 Accepting New Members
Parents and guardians, please share this invitation with your 5th grade sons interested in joining a Boy Scout troop:

Do you like going camping, hiking, canoeing, and climbing? Would you like to make new friends? Please join BSA Troop 420 at 7:15pm on Monday nights in the lunchroom of Velma Hamilton Middle School (4801 Waukesha Street, Madison, WI 53705). We work together to learn life skills, play games, and go on outings once a month!

Troop 420 boy scouts (Crestwood, Muir, Stevens, and Thoreau elementary school alumni) planned and directed other scouts to build picnic tables, Little Libraries, and/or benches now used at our elementary and high schools. These were Eagle Scout projects. You, too, can be an Eagle Scout!

Questions? Contact Laurie at Laurie.Scouts420@gmail.com or call 233-1389. All are welcome! Bring a friend and try us out. (No previous experience necessary.) We hope to see you there! Learn more: Troop420.org
Opportunities to Get Involved

Upcoming Events:

**Winter and Spring Dates at a Glance**

*January 15* – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No school

*January 19* – Early dismissal @ 11:35am (No school for 4K)

*January 19* – Crestwood Caper planning meeting, 5:30pm, 6502 Olympic Dr.

*January 30* – Jefferson Middle School 6th Grade Orientation and Open House for 5th graders and their families, 6:00-7:00pm

*February 6* – Crestwood Community Circle (CCC) meeting, LMC, 6:30-7:30pm

*February 9* – No school

*March 3* – Crestwood Caper, 10:00am-3:00pm

*March 6* – Crestwood Community Circle (CCC) meeting, LMC, 6:30-7:30pm

*March 16* – No school

*March 26-30* – Spring break – No school

*April 6* – Early dismissal @ 11:35am (No school for 4K)

Volunteer Opportunity – Bridges Materials

Our regular volunteer opportunity to help support teachers and staff with the tasks associated with implementing Bridges, as well as any other general support, is starting again on January 22. The main tasks include copying, laminating, and preparing other classroom materials and shelving books in the book room. No math or art skills required. Kids are welcome.

These work sessions are held every other Monday from 2:00-4:00 pm. The tasks vary from session to session based on teacher requests. You can sign up for work sessions at [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054fa5ae29a7f85-bridges1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054fa5ae29a7f85-bridges1)

If you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact Fern Knepp, fern.knepp@gmail.com, or Debbie Kennedy, dgoodfriendk@madison.k12.wi.us or 204-1128.
MONSTER BASH 2018
Save the Date!
Crestwood Caper
Saturday, March 3
10 am-3 pm

Kracken, Frankenstein, Godzilla, Werewolves, Swamp Thing, Mummies, The Loch Ness Monster . . . We’re letting loose monsters of all kinds for Crestwood’s biggest fundraiser of the year -- but we need your help!

The Caper’s success depends on the efforts of our dedicated families, friends, students, and staff. Here are some ways to join:

-- Run the carnival booth for your kid’s class (it’s easy and fun -- we’ll help!)
-- Help run the Caper Diner (4th grade parents needed)
-- Donate cereal/cake for the Cake Walk, or small soda bottles for the Ring Toss
-- Donate to the Silent Auction

Please contact Stevie Marvin at sjmarvin1113@gmail.com if you can donate to the silent auction or raffle (tickets, gift certificates, items, or your time) or if you’re able to help solicit local businesses for donations.

We need volunteers for the following committees: Diner (4th grade), Silent Auction, Raffle, and Class Booths. Your kids can help, too!

Please email snjwis@gmail.com to get involved!

News from the Office

Crossing Guard Recognition Week is January 22 - 26!

We appreciate and would like to thank our crossing guards

Chris and Andria

for keeping our children safe every day!
Celebrate Smiles is coming to Crestwood
The Celebrate Smiles dental program will be at Crestwood Elementary School April 5-10, 2018. This program provides dental check-ups as well as preventive sealants, fluoride varnish and other needed treatment to kids in grades 4K-5 who might otherwise go without dental care.

Dental staff from Access Community Health Centers will screen children right at school using portable equipment. All participants get a screening as well as sealants and fluoride varnish. Children who need it can also receive a dental cleaning, fillings, pulpotomy, stainless steel crowns, and extractions. Although there is no cost for these services, the program bills BadgerCare (Wisconsin's Medicaid program) and private dental insurance for any treatment if families have coverage. Kids with private dental insurance will only be eligible for sealants and fluoride varnish.

To sign up, fill out the consent sent home in January with your child. A printable consent may also be found online at accesscommunityhealthcenters.org/services/dental/celebrate-smiles/. Please complete both sides of the form, sign and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you need another form, please contact Gretchen Forbes, school nurse, at 204-1122. For questions about the program, call (608) 852-2781.

When is School Closed for Weather?
Winter weather is here! MMSD’s top priority is the safety of students so guidelines are followed to make decisions about whether school will be open or closed.

MMSD tries to keep schools open
When schools close, many families have issues with child care. As a result, MMSD tries to keep schools open if it's safe to do so. However, parents can always make the decision to keep their child(ren) at home in bad weather.

Review these frequently asked questions about district policies so you'll know what to expect and how to find out when schools are closed.
Wish List is a list from Crestwood staff of items they would like to make our children's school days better. If you'd like to donate any of the following to our Crestwood community, it will be greatly appreciated!!

If you have items to donate, please either take them to the blue bin marked Wish List in the workroom, or send them to school with a note that they are for the Wish List.

Please check back in future Crickets to see if there's anything you can donate towards Crestwood's Wish List. Thank you!!

**General List:**
- Snacks – especially microwaveable popcorn, and Flavor Blasted Goldfish
- Gum - mint and bubblegum flavored
- Socks - boys all sizes, gently used or new (nursing staff have plenty of girls socks)
- Gently used girls’ pants, sizes 4-16
- Flexible seating

**Class Specific:**
- Ms. Ari - Disinfecting wipes
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- Ms. Bergenthal - 2-3 bottles of Yellow Tempra Paint (can be purchased at Michael's or The Learning Shop)
- Mrs. Fuhrman – ipad chargers, used or new
- Ms. Miller – coffee filters, paper towels, napkins
- Mr. Moyer – old keys
- Ms. Rodriguez – paint brushes, round plastic white paint pallets, plastic cups, disinfecting wipes