Crestwood Community News

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

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
Just a reminder that answers to questions posed on the exit slips from the October CCC meeting about Bridges are available at: https://goo.gl/amko2A.

February is “Love your school” month on the CAPT Facebook page

Show Crestwood some love during the month of February. Teachers and staff are generally so busy doing the work of teaching and caring for our kids that they rarely, if ever, have time to toot their own horn. Let’s do it for them. Did a teacher go out of his or her way to make your kiddo feel special today? Is your child’s class working on a creative project? Did you witness a small act of kindness at drop off or pick up? Tell us what you love about Crestwood! If you are not a member of the CAPT Facebook group, please join at https://www.facebook.com/groups/CAoPaT/
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 school office.
All pictures should be submitted by March 31. Thank you for your help to make this great!

Playground update: Thank you!!
We are over halfway to our playground fundraising goal! Many thanks to all the families who have
contributed to the new playground project. Donation acknowledgment letters with tax
deduction information went out via email in early January. If you did not get one or have questions
about your tax deductible contribution, please contact the Playground Committee -
Playground@crestwoodcapt.us. Thank you for your support!

You can continue to make donations at our GoFundMe page. Please share this link with family and
friends and anyone who values outdoor play for our Crestwood

Opportunities to Get Involved

We’re seeking donations for this year’s Crestwood Caper Silent Auction

Do you have a special skill or craft, or do
you run a business? Can you help
coordinate a class art project, or can you
put together a basket?

We need your support. Your donation can
make a big difference to the Caper’s
success. Please email snjwis@gmail.com
by February 15 to offer your donation.

Volunteer Opportunity – Bridges Materials
Join our regular volunteer opportunity to help support teachers and staff with the tasks associated
with implementing Bridges, as well as any other general support. 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

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.
Winter and Spring Dates at a Glance

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

February 14 – Staff Appreciation Lunch

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

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

March 9 – 4/5 Music Program, 9:30-10:15am, Old Gym

March 16 – No school

March 19 – Crestwood Community Night at Chipotle, 4:00-8:00pm, 4000 University Avenue

March 22 - Explore Art Night at the Allied Drive Learning Center, 5:30-7:00pm

March 26-30 – Spring break – No school

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

April 12 – Early dismissal @ 11:35am (No school for 4K) - Parent/teacher conferences and Spring Book Fair

April 17 – Explore Science Night, 6:00pm

April 24 – 2/3 Music Program, 9:30-10:15am, Old Gym

April 24 – Crestwood Community Circle (CCC) meeting, LMC, 6:30-7:30pm

April 27 – No school

May 3 – Multicultural Night, 6:00pm

Valentine’s Day Staff Appreciation Lunch – Wednesday, February 14
Let’s send our love to our Crestwood staff with a Valentine’s Day Staff Appreciation Lunch! Want to help us say thank you to our wonderful teachers? If you like to bake/cook or just want to help out, please contact Jaime Harkrader at kaidanmama@live.com or (972) 800-6415. You can also sign up on the Crestwood signup genius: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054fa5ae29a7f85-valentines.

Crestwood Caper: Monster Bash! Saturday, March 3

This year’s Crestwood Caper will be on Saturday, March 3, from 10am-3pm. Save the date, stay tuned for more details, and email snjwis@gmail.com if you’d like to get involved.

Spring Music Program Schedule
The 4th and 5th grade music program will be on March 9th, 9:30-10:15am in the old gym.

The 2nd and 3rd grade music program will be on April 24th, 9:30-10:15am in the old gym.

The kindergarten and 1st grade programs will be in May and will be in the music room. Please watch for the specific dates and times for your child’s class performance.

Chipotle Community Night – Monday, March 19
Visit the Chipotle at 4000 University Avenue between 4:00-8:00pm and mention Crestwood. Throughout the evening, anyone who mentions that they are dining to support our Crickets helps us earn 50% of our supporters’ sales. That's right, 50%!!! Tell your family, neighbors, friends, sports teams, drama clubs, and everyone you pass throughout the day to head to Chipotle to support Crestwood!
Explore Art Night (EAN) at the Allied Drive Learning Center - Thursday, March 22

Did you know that March is National Youth Art Month? To celebrate Youth Art Month, Crestwood is having a reprise of Explore Art Night (EAN) at the Allied Drive Learning Center on Thursday, March 22 from 5:30-7:00pm. Much like the fall event at the school, student art will be displayed and there will be hands-on demonstrations by local artists.

Want to exhibit your artwork? Talk to Mr. Bassuener! He will be talking about Youth Art Month and EAN during art classes over the next few weeks. Students are welcome and encouraged to choose pieces they have made during art class and outside of school for display at the Learning Center.

Want to help with the event? We could use volunteers to help set up, hang art in the space provided at the Learning Center, help with artists, and clean up after the event. If you would like to help out, contact Mr. Basseuner (lbassuener@madison.k12.wi.us) or Rachel Rubenstein (rrubenstein@madison.k12.wi.us or 608.204.1165) for more information.

And, celebrate Crestwood's young artists with these events around town and beyond!

Animation Screenings and Workshops:
Madison Public Libraries will be screening Crestwood’s animated Mythology films for the public, and they would like to invite 4th and 5th grade students to come help Mr. B run stop motion workshops at the events.

- Saturday Feb 10. Alicia Ashman, 3:00-4:30pm
- Saturday March 17. Pinney, 2:00-3:30pm

Youth Art Month:

- Sunday, Feb 18. Southwest Regional Show. Commonwealth Gallery. 100 S. Baldwin. 12:00-3:00pm

5th Grade Printmaking Exhibition:
MMSD District Office. Opening Late February - on display through March.

Green Bay Film Festival

- Isis & Osiris Screening. Sunday March 4. Walter Theater, Green Bay. 12:00pm. More information: https://www.gbfilmfestival.org/content/wisconsin%E2%80%99s-own-documentary
Celebrate Smiles is coming to Crestwood

The Celebrate Smiles dental program will be at Crestwood Elementary School April 5-10, 2018. Permission slips came home on January 19. Please make sure to mark yes or no and return your child's permission slip to school. Getting the NO slips is as important as the YES as it will help Nurse Gretchen to know who she needs to contact. We want to make sure every single parent knows about this terrific opportunity for dental care through Access Dental Clinic.

For more information, see a video about the program: [http://accesscommunityhealthcenters.org/services/dental/celebrate-smiles/](http://accesscommunityhealthcenters.org/services/dental/celebrate-smiles/) or refer to these Frequently Asked Questions.

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**Wish List**

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