Crestwood Community News

Crestwood Community Circle: December and January meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the CCC on Tuesday evening. Members of our community came together to listen to our special guest, Rudy Bankston, tell his personal story and share his perspective on restorative justice. He shared the impact of feeling like an “other” in your own school and the power of belonging. He emphasized the importance of building relationships and keeping our precious students at the center of everything we do. There was also a good amount of laughter. A huge thank you to Rudy and Megan, our PBS coach, who both worked tirelessly on this event.

The second part of our series on restorative practice is on January 9, 2018. Part two will focus on how restorative practices are implemented at Crestwood specifically. In order to make the January meeting as responsive as possible to our community, we are soliciting questions and comments in advance. If there is something you would like to learn more about or see addressed at the January meeting, please submit your question or comment to Fern Knepp, fern.knepp@gmail.com, or fill out this form.

Because there will not be another issue of the Cricket before the January CCC, please mark your calendar now and keep an eye out for updates in your child’s backpack, via email, and on social media. Looking forward to continuing this important conversation in January.
**Staff Lunch: Thank you!**
A big thank you goes out to all the wonderful parents who helped to make the Thanksgiving Staff Lunch such a success. Your contributions were well accepted and appreciated! All the teachers and staff were very happy with the luncheon. Thank you again!

Keep in mind that the next staff lunch will be in February for Valentine’s Day. More information will come out closer to the date.

**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. 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. If you have photos to share, you can bring them to the office or send them by email to Jaime Harkader, kaidanmama@live.com.

**Student Leaders at Crestwood**
The student leaders at Crestwood have been very busy this school year. 4th and 5th graders have the opportunity to sign up to help out as leaders around the school in many ways. Students have weekly jobs that range from sharing Monday announcements to being classroom helpers and hallway helpers. We also have a student leadership team made up of students from all the 3rd-5th grade classrooms. The leadership team has been in charge of choosing the celebrations for filling the cricket ticket tower. Students at Crestwood really take their leadership roles seriously and are proud to be part of decision making and helping around the school.

This fall, the student leadership team came up with the idea to have a spare change drive to fundraise for the new playground. They sent home fliers and spread the word at school. The team collected more than $200, the original goal on the entire project, on the first day of the drive. As of December 13, more than $630 has been collected. Thank you to the student leadership team and thank you to everyone who has sent in spare change. It is amazing how it all adds up! The spare change drive continues through December 21.

Another leadership opportunity that the 4th graders have implemented is the Save the World Club. This club meets weekly and discusses what they can do to make the world a better place. They began this fall with a school supplies drive and pen pal program with a 4th grade classroom in Houston, TX. They are currently working on more focused implementation of the buddy bench. Their big spring project is to add composting to the lunch room, which will be a big endeavor. It is exciting to see the big dreams of the students at Crestwood and their desire to make positive changes to the world they live in!

**Box Tops for Crestwood**
Many thanks to all the families who sent in box tops and to Ms. Sandra, Ms. Cindy, Mrs. Farrel, Ms. Denise and Nurse Gretchen who trimmed and sorted them. We have earned $404 towards the playground. Please keep sending in those Box Tops! There is also a new Box Tops Bonus App you can use to earn box tops for Crestwood – learn more in English [here](#) or in Spanish [here](#).
Silent Auction: Thank you!
Thank you to all of the superheroes who participated online and/or attended our Silent Auction and Gala! Through your support we raised just over $6,000 for our Crestwood community.

A special thank you to everyone who worked diligently on organizing this event for Crestwood. Your creative efforts made this night possible.

And, finally, thank you to our amazing donors who made this auction a reality:

Aldo Leopold Nature Center * Ale Asylum * American Girl * AJ’s Salon
Beercap Maps * Black Belt America * Bliss Flow Yoga and Wellness * Brasserie V
Children’s Theater of Madison * Chipotle Mexican Grill
Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Company * Dragonfly Yoga * Elevation Spa
Fit Body Boot Camp * Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar * Fontana Sports
Forward Theater Company * Gigi’s Cupcakes * Glass Nickel Pizza
Gymfinity * Harbor Athletic Club * Heartland Farm Sanctuary * Henry Villas Zoo
Hitters Sportplex * HyCite Corporation * Inner Fire Yoga * Keva Sports Center
Kollath and Associates CPA * Legacy Academy * Madison Children’s Museum
Madison Writer’s Studio * Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt * Mid Town Pub * Moka Coffee
Neff Cycle Service * Nitty Gritty * Orange Tree Imports * Play N Wisconsin * Playthings
Pump It Up * Rejuvenation Spa * Rutabaga Paddlesports * Schwoegler’s Bowling
Seafood Center * Simply Swimming * Sky Zone * The Learning Shop
The Lismore Hotel by Double Tree * The Sheepish Ewe
Transformation Center * True Roasters
Ultrazone Laser Tag * VomFASS * Wild Birds Unlimited
Wisconsin Brewing Company

Kimberly Mueller * Angelica Contreras * Andrea Leikip
Jesse Darley and Eliza Waters * Emily Graf * Javier Barquin * Cara Streekstra
Andrea Schmick * Katrina Ladopoulos * Susanna Daniel * Janessa Anderson
Connie Allen * Danielle Burdick * Shawn McMahon * Ben Kaker * Erin and Jesse Vogel
Patricia Montero * Tim Mueller * Barb Kirby * Lorimer Cushman
Principal Britta Hanson * Nikki Tupesis * George Martin * Shannon Farley
Amy Fusek * Mara Tupesis * Alison Craig
Opportunities to Get Involved

Upcoming Events:

Winter and Spring Dates at a Glance

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 – Winter break - No school

January 3 – School resumes

January 9 – Crestwood Community Circle (CCC) meeting, LMC, 6:30-7:30pm

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

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

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

February 9 – No school

March 3 – Crestwood Caper

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)

Playground Fundraising: Nearly Halfway There!
After many years of climbing, zip lining and sliding our lower playground has been worn through. Due to safety concerns, the equipment has been removed, and we can’t wait to get our Crickets climbing, jumping and swinging again!

We are committed to having a new playground before the 2018-19 school year. We have secured nearly 50% of our $50,000 goal, and we need your help for the rest!

Please consider making an end of the year gift as a family, extended family, company or neighborhood collaboration. Every donation is tax-deductible and is truly a gift to every student at Crestwood. Donors of $100 or more will be formally recognized on the playground space.

Check our playground progress; make an online donation or share information with friends, families and colleagues at: [https://www.gofundme.com/CrestwoodPlayground](https://www.gofundme.com/CrestwoodPlayground). Learn more [here](https://www.gofundme.com/CrestwoodPlayground).

Volunteer Opportunity – Bridges Materials
We now have a regular volunteer opportunity to help support teachers and staff with the tasks associated with implementing Bridges at our school. The main tasks include copying, laminating, and preparing other classroom materials. 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. We will start back up with these sessions after winter break. Thank you to everyone who volunteered this fall.

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.
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