

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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Crestview Calendar

Monday, November 16

Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-3), 3:45-8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17

Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-6), 3:45-8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18

Collaboration Day - School Dismisses at 2:25 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-6), 2:35-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

Parent-Teacher Conferences (4-6), 3:45-8 p.m.

Friday, November 20

"Few minds wear out, most rust out."

Tuesday, November 24

Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.

6th Grade-Steve France Volleyball Tournament, VHS
Gym, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For additional dates and events, see the calendar
on our website www.wdmcs.org/crestview/

Student Drop-off Procedures for Before School Activities

For student activities held before school, students may be dropped off from 7:15-7:45 a.m. at the curb.



Congratulations to November's Kids of Character: Respect

1st grade: Eleanor Horak and Eliza Sheffield

2nd grade: Yajaira Triana and Aaliyah Cao

3rd grade: Alexa Nelson and Lindsey Loper

4th grade: Tristen Ruggles and Jillian Mack

5th grade: Luke Patzner and Sam Garton

6th grade: Sydney Sheffield and Courtney Loper

Student Council Bake Sale

The Student Council Bake continues tomorrow, Tues., Nov. 17. Snacks will be sold during lunch and conferences. Proceeds will help purchase additional food for the food baskets.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The final K-3 grade conferences will be held today (Nov. 16) and grades 4-6 are Nov. 17-19. Please call the office at 633-5700 if you have any questions about your scheduled time.

And while you're here for conferences...

1. Check out the display of **spirit wear** in the lobby and get a jump on your holiday shopping. PTC has a variety of Crestview and Valley gear available to order.
2. Visit our collection of **LOST AND FOUND** items in the lobby. You never know what you might be missing...
3. Take a stroll down the halls and enjoy the beautiful student artwork!

Annual Food Drive - Nov. 30- Dec. 11

Crestview Student Council, the City of Clive and the Clive Lions Club are sponsoring a food drive. We will be collecting food and donating baskets to show support for our community and to help others in need. We are collecting food items as noted below.



Kindergarten and 1st Grade

- Boxed mixes (pancake, Jell-o, Jiffy, biscuits, potatoes, muffins)
- Canned meals (ravioli, Spaghetti O's, tuna, chicken, etc.)
- Pasta, noodles, mac n' cheese

2nd and 3rd Grade

- Cereal (hot and cold)
- Breakfast/granola bars
- Crackers (graham, oyster, etc.)
- Canned soup, stew, chili, soup mixes

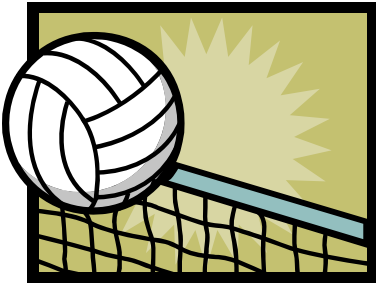
4th, 5th and 6th Grade

- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Spaghetti/tomato sauces*
- Peanut butter, jelly*
- Nuts, beef jerky, popcorn

**Please no glass jars.*

Thank you for your support!

Steve France 6th Grade Volleyball Tournament - Tuesday, Nov. 24



The West Des Moines Physical Education staff would like to invite you to the **34th Annual Steve France Sixth Grade Volleyball Tournament**. The

tournament will be held at the **Valley High School Fieldhouse Tues., Nov. 24** beginning at **11:30 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m.** It is a fun, loud and memorable afternoon at Valley for all. We ask that all parents sit in their designated area, which is assigned in the east bleachers (and bring your ear plugs).

All sixth grade students in the West Des Moines Community School District will have the opportunity to participate. Each elementary school in the district will combine all sixth grade homerooms and have one boy's team and one girl's team. There will be seven games for each division allowing each school to compete against every elementary school in the district. **Girls will play all seven of their games first beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by the boys who will start play around 12:40 p.m.**

We will be awarding a sportsmanship trophy to the boy's and girl's team who demonstrates the highest overall sportsmanship throughout the tournament. A traveling trophy is awarded to the first place team in the boy's and girl's division and ribbons are also awarded to the top four teams for both divisions.

The WDMCS elementary physical education staff is proud to sponsor this event. Hope to see you there!

A Note from the Nurse re: Head Lice



The incidents of head lice have been increasing over the last few years. The Iowa Department of Public Health has identified this as a community based problem. The resistance of lice to many of the current over-the-counter medications has added to this problem. Individual class notification of head lice is no longer necessary because parents should assume there are head lice in the school at all times. Weekly checking for head lice

as part of your child's routine hygiene care must become the parent's responsibility. Due to the large ratio of students per school nurse, parents are able to do a much more thorough and effective job of examining their child's head. Our school nurse or her assistant will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding identification and treatment of head lice. **While head lice are an extreme nuisance, it is very important for parents to understand that head lice do not pose any health hazards.**

Coming to Crestview in December – Partners in Print Family Event

The next Partners in Print family event will be held at Crestview on Thurs., Dec, 3 from 6:15 – 8 p.m. The event includes a free family meal as well as math and literature activities for the entire family. All WDM families are invited to attend. Look for the flyer in an upcoming Monday folder. Questions?? Please contact Mrs. Reynolds.

Mark Your Calendar Now for Crestview Night with Valley Basketball

Valley High School and the Valley Athletic Department would like to invite all Crestview students to attend a special elementary school night at a Valley girl/boy basketball game Fri., Jan. 15. The sophomore/JV games start at 4:45 p.m., the girls' game is at 6:15 p.m., and the boys' game is at 7:45 p.m. Students and staff will be admitted free if you are wearing a shirt or sweat shirt with your school name **or** present a school ID or bus pass.



Winter is Coming



Winter weather is quickly approaching. The health and safety of your child(ren) is very important to us. Please make sure your child comes to school each day prepared to go outside for recess.

Students will go outside for recess when the wind chill is above 0 degrees. We want to try to get the children out daily when appropriate. They will need all of the basic winter items (coat, hat gloves and when snowy, snow pants and boots) to be comfortable and enjoy themselves. Please be sure to label all coats and hats with your child's name in order to keep track of your winter items.

SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-to-the-minute recordings about cancellations, dismissals and closings are available at **633-5555**. The WDMCS hotline is provided as a service for students, parents, staff and community members to call if school must be cancelled or dismissed early due to weather conditions or other emergencies.

ParentLink, the district's emergency notification system, will be used to notify families of cancellations, early dismissals or other emergencies. Calls are made to home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and/or work numbers as provided to the school and entered into the Infinite Campus data system.

This information is also shared with the local media on **television stations** KCCI-TV 8, WHO-TV 13 and WOI-TV 5; **FM radio stations** KJJY (92.5), KIOA (93.3), KGGO (94.9), KHKI (97.3), KWQW (98.3), KZZQ (99.5), KSTZ (102.5), KAZR (103.3), KLTJ (104.1), KPTL (106.3) and KISS (107.5); and **AM radio stations** KPSZ (940), WHO (1040), KWKY (1150), KRNT (1350) and KXNO (1460).

Student days missed due to school closing will be made up beginning June 3, 2010.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair a Success

The first Crestview/Barnes & Noble Book Fair, which was held Sat. Nov. 7, was a great success. More than 100 staff, students and parents came out to support this event. Performances by the Crestview Orchestra and Tiger Choir were outstanding! Thank you to Mrs. Dorr and Dr. Caldwell for preparing students for the event. Thanks also to Sarah Peterson for selecting an assortment of fabulous student art work to display at Barnes & Noble. We expect to find out what our book profit is later this week. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the library.



Members of the Crestview Orchestra perform at the Crestview/B&N Book Fair.



Friends sharing a good time at the Book Fair.



Crestview's Tiger Choir entertained the audience at the Crestview/Barnes & Noble Book Fair!



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the workshop Nov. 9 at Indian Hills Junior High, the Board of Education:

- took a gallery walk and learned about technology, interdisciplinary activities, collaboration, benefits of teaming, middle school characteristics, ESL and explorative coursework at the school
- learned about Positive Behavior Support at Indian Hills and the expectation for students to be responsible, be respectful and be ready
- learned about the pyramid of interventions for students who are identified as at-risk
- learned about the school's reading and math resource programs
- learned about the After the Bell program for students who want extra homework time at school
- learned about the many before and after school activities for Indian Hills students.

At the regular meeting Nov. 9, the Board of Education:

- approved a change order for Indian Hills construction
- approved the contract with Drake University Head Start to provide space at Phenix Elementary
- approved a contract with Iowa Network Services to provide additional bandwidth to the District
- reviewed open enrollement applications

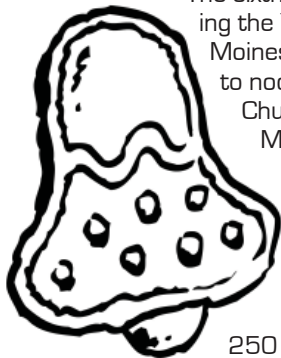
Next meeting: Mon., Nov. 23

7 p.m.

Learning Resource Center

THE GREAT COOKIE WALK

The sixth annual Great Cookie Walk benefiting the Youth Justice Initiative of West Des Moines will be held Sat., Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at the West Des Moines Christian Church fellowship hall located at 4501 Mills Civic Parkway.



Hosted by the Young Energetic Seniors group of the WDM Christian Church, the Great Cookie Walk is known for fresh, homemade, gourmet holiday cookies. Last year, more than 250 cookie varieties and 1,200 cookies

were sold, awarding YJI more than \$4,500. In the past five years, the event has donated more than \$18,000 to YJI, which is a publicly funded, restorative justice program that positively and effectively redevelops young offenders.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

This week is American Education Week, designed to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The weeklong celebration spotlights the different people who are critical in building great public schools for the nation's 50 million K-12 students. American Education Week's celebration days include:

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The district will send a test message via ParentLink in the next week or two. By implementing a test message, we are able to assess the system and make any modifications prior to the onset of severe weather conditions.

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