

# CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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## Crestview Calendar

### **Tuesday, December 15**

Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.  
6th Grade Northside Band Concerts, 9:15 a.m. and  
6:30 p.m., Hillside

### **Wednesday, December 16**

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

### **Thursday, December 17**

6th Grade to JA Biz Town

### **Friday, December 18 – Full day of school**

Winter Parties, 2:30 p.m. in classrooms

**Winter Break NO SCHOOL Dec. 21-Jan. 1**  
**Classes resume Monday, January 4**

\* For additional dates and events, see the calendar  
on our website [www.wdmcs.org/crestview/](http://www.wdmcs.org/crestview/) \*

## Northside 6th Grade Band News

The Northside Sixth Grade Band will be performing two more concerts. The concerts will be at **Hillside Elementary (713 8<sup>th</sup> Street) Tues., Dec. 15 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** All band students will need to **arrive by 8 a.m. at Hillside Tues., Dec. 15** in preparation for our performances. A bus will return the students Crestview following the performance. **Students should plan to be at Hillside by 6:10 p.m. for our evening performance.**

*No rehearsal on Thursday, December 17!*

*Have a nice winter vacation!*

Rehearsals will resume Tues., Jan. 5, 2010 at 7:35 a.m. at **Crestview.**

## Coming Fall of 2010:

### PRESCHOOL AT CRESTVIEW

Beginning the fall of 2010, West Des Moines Community Schools will offer a half-day, preschool program at Crestview. The preschool will have 10-15 openings. Participants will be chosen by lottery. To register, call the Crestview office at 633-5700. Parents will be notified by Jan. 4 if their child is selected.

## 2010-11 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

**Kindergarten pre-registration is now open for the 2010-11 school year.** If your child will be five years old on or before Sept. 15, 2010, he/she is eligible to start kindergarten. To pre-register, please call the Crestview office at 633-5700 or log onto the district website at [www.wdmcs.org](http://www.wdmcs.org) to complete a form on line. If you know of families who do not have children in school now but who have a child who will be eligible next year, please share this information with them and have them call the office. Thanks.

## Hearing Screening

Hearing is very important to our ability to listen, learn and progress. An audiologist from Heartland Area Education Agency will be at Crestview Jan. 6, 7 and 8 to provide hearing screenings to all students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Parents will be notified only if their child does **not** pass the test. This is a screening only and does not identify all hearing or ear problems. If your child has had hearing or ear problems recently, feel free to send this information to the school nurse for the audiologist. If you do not want your child to participate in the screening program please notify the office. If you have any questions regarding hearing screening, please contact Mrs. Miller the school nurse or Principal Villotti.

## Congratulations to December's Kids of Character: Responsibility

**1st grade:** Drew Peterson and Jasna Dolic

**2nd grade:** Jacky Martinez and Anna Lindstrom

**3rd grade:** Alison Whitaker and Max Stoaks

**4th grade:** Enisa Imsirovic and Laxmi Annapureddy

**5th grade:** Madison Stoaks and Trey Lukehart

**6th grade:** Rylee Davenport and Kathryn Catellier

## Last Call for Lost and Found

Missing something??? If so, now would be a good time to stop by the lost and found to claim lost items. The lost and found is located in the main entry of the building. All items that remain after this Friday will be donated to charity. Thanks!

**Learning Kindness**  
***“Because nice matters...”***

**Children don't learn kindness by accident. They learn it by the teaching they receive, the way they see others interact and by practicing gentle treatment of others.**

Teaching children to think of others takes very little effort. There are plenty of opportunities in an average day to instruct youngsters how to be nice. For example, while waiting in line at the supermarket, you can explain that you wait your turn because others are in front of you.

You can teach children how to answer politely when someone asks them a question. You can even pose quizzes for them when situations arise: What would be helpful for that man on crutches?

The first and often most challenging place to teach children to be kind is at home. Daily interactions with siblings can be used as learning situations.

Encourage little ones to express anger in ways that don't hurt anyone and to find solutions to problems that are fair to everyone. Although family members will always have times of disagreement, they can begin to think of how other people feel. Kids who are raised in an anything goes atmosphere cannot be expected to know how to play nicely with other children.

**Even more powerful than teaching is modeling.** If you are rude to others, your children will quickly learn to be discourteous also. If you are rude to sales people because you aren't waited on promptly or mutter obscenities at fellow drivers, your children will learn to treat others with contempt.

**Young people treat others the way they are treated.** Children need to be listened to and taken seriously, even if their ideas seem a bit trivial to us. By respecting children's points of view and really listening to what they have to say, we help them learn how to react to others.

**When children are treated with love and respect at home, they will be much more likely to be kind to friends away from home.**

**Iowa Children's Choice Event in January**

Students reading Iowa Children's Choice books will enjoy a special event just after Christmas break and are encouraged to make good use of their vacation reading ICCA books. To participate, students are required to have an official Crestview ICCA booklet *and* to read and report on books read in the booklet. Students must meet the following minimums to participate in the event:

- 3rd grade: five books by Jan. 4
- 4th grade: eight books by Jan. 4
- 5th-6th grade: 15 books by Jan. 4

Details about this event will be released Jan. 5. Students who have met their goal by the end of the school day Jan. 4 will be invited to participate. Contact Mrs. Reynolds at 633-5746 or [reynoldsa@wdmcs.org](mailto:reynoldsa@wdmcs.org) with any questions.

**Parent Volunteers Needed for Lego League**

Are you interested in helping with the first Lego League – building Lego robots with a small team of Crestview students? Parental support and sponsorship is needed. Contact Ann Reynolds if you are interested in helping. To see the Iowa website on this opportunity, go to: <http://www.isek.iastate.edu/fil/>

**Congratulations Miss Stevens!**

Congratulations to Sarah Stevens, fourth grade teacher and coach of the Iowa State University dance team. Her team took first place in last Friday's Iowa Dance Team competition at Wells Fargo Arena!

**WINTER BREAK!!!**

**Have a happy and safe break and we will see you back at school on January 4, 2010!**

