

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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Crestview Calendar

Monday, January 11

"Our biggest problem is not knowing what we don't know."

Tuesday, January 12

Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.

PTC Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Media Center

Wednesday, January 13

5th grade band rehearsal, 7:45 a.m., Crossroads gym
Collaboration Day – School dismisses at 2:25 p.m.

Thursday, January 14

6th grade band rehearsal, 7:45 a.m., Crossroads gym

Friday, January 15

Second Semester book fees due today!

Monday, January 18

NO SCHOOL-PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

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

All District Band Rehearsal and Concert Information

The All District Band Spectacular will be held Tues., Jan. 19 at Vet's Auditorium. If your student is in band, please note the following rehearsal and performance information.

5th Grade Rehearsal - Wed., Jan. 13 at 7:45 a.m. at Crossroads Park gym (1050 50th Street)

6th Grade Rehearsal - Thurs., Jan. 14 at 7:45 a.m. at Crossroads Park gym (1050 50th Street)

Students should bring music, instrument, and labeled folding stand (if you own one). Students may be dropped off as early as 7:15 a.m. Crestview students will be bused back to school following rehearsal.

Performance

Our performance is Tues., Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium (833 5th Ave. in downtown Des Moines)

Students should arrive by 6:15 p.m. There is minimal parking so please plan accordingly. Although there is some free parking, the ramps will be charging \$6 to park for the night. Students need to bring instruments, music, and labeled folding stand. Please have your student dress up for this performance. It will be a very impressive performance concluding with all the bands playing the Valley Song.

Thank you for your support of your band student's activities. This could not be done without you!
Sincerely,
Mrs. Kobberdahl

Outdoor Recess

Students will go outside for recess when the temperature with wind chill is **above zero degrees**. When the temperature dips below zero, students stay in for recess. We will try to get the children outside for recess when appropriate so please send them with the gear they need to be comfortable and enjoy themselves. Students **MUST** have snow pants and boots to play in the snow. If they do not, they will have to stay on the black top and out of the snow during recess.

REMINDER: 2nd Semester Book Fees Due Now

Second semester book fees are due Jan. 15 for those who did not pay the full year's fees at the beginning of the school year. Statements are in today's Monday folder. If you have questions regarding your book fees, please call Terri Howard in the school office at 633-5702.

FREE PROGRAM FOR PARENTS WHEN GIRLS HURT GIRLS™:

Five Effective Ways to Guide Your Daughter Through Hurtful Friendships

The WDMCS district will present a free program which provides parents with simple tips, powerful tools, and practical advice on coaching your daughter (grades K-8) through hurtful friendships, or female bullying.

DATE: Sun., Jan. 17, 2009

TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.

PLACE: Stilwell Junior High Auditorium
1601 Vine Street, West Des Moines
RSVP: email rsvp@wdmcs.org or
call 633-6736 (voicemail only)

Elementary School Night at Valley Basketball

Valley High School and the Valley Athletic Department would like to invite Crestview families 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 at 6:15 p.m. and the boys' game at 7:45 p.m.

Students and staff will be admitted free if they are wearing a Crestview shirt or sweat shirt or present a school ID. **Parents must pay.** The cost for adults is \$5 and for students \$3.

We ask that Crestview students sit in the North bleachers, display good sportsmanship, be respectful of other spectators, watch the game and enjoy! Your school will be asked to stand up and be recognized sometime during the game. We will be selecting a few students to participate in contests at halftimes.

A Note from the Nurse re: Head Lice

The incidence of head lice has 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.**

H1N1 Vaccinations

H1N1 vaccinations are now available to anyone in Polk County who wishes to be vaccinated. Free vaccinations are available at Moore Elementary School (52nd and Douglas in Des Moines) Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a walk-in basis. In addition to hand washing and staying home when you are sick, vaccination is the best way to reduce the spread of H1N1 in our community.

Correction: 6th Grade Code 411 Graduation Date

The date of the sixth grade Code 411 Graduation was printed incorrectly on the district calendar and the Crestview activities calendar distributed at the beginning of the year. **Code 411 Graduation will be Fri., Jan. 29 at 1:30 p.m.**

ITBS Results

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills results will be coming home later this month. The ITBS are one measure for looking at achievement of students individually, as a school and as a district. The ITBS results can:

- help teachers to determine if successful acquisition of the skills taught within the WDMCSD instructional program are evident.
- help teachers estimate the general development level of the students. A child should make about one year's worth of growth in one year.
- help identify each student's areas of greatest and least development, which can help in planning individual developmental goals.
- help provide academic programming decisions.
- identify areas of relative strength and weakness in the performance of groups, which may have implications for curriculum or instruction.
- provide a manner of reporting to parents that enables a home-school communication connection.

Review the results of your child's ITBS. Look for your child's Grade Equivalent; this decimal number describes your child's performance in terms of grade level and months. If a fourth grade child has a Grade Equivalent of 8.6 that means he/she scored similarly to a student in the eighth grade, sixth month would have scored taking the fourth grade test. This does not mean they would be prepared to take eighth grade classes. ITBS is useful for measuring if one year's growth has occurred. The Percentile Rank (PR) shows a student's relative position in a group of students who took the same test at the same time of year. The PR is useful in showing the relative strengths and weaknesses of students, classes, and entire grades. Grade level performance is the 50th %tile.

The ITBS reflect a small sample of the many questions that could be asked in each subject and on its own is not appropriate in evaluating effectiveness of a school program. It is a piece of information to help in a comprehensive approach to student and program assessment, and doesn't determine what the WDMCSD sets as instructional goals.