

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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August/September Activities

Aug. 24	PTC Entertainment Book sale begins
Aug. 24	5 th Grade Band Parent Night - 7 pm Media Center
Aug. 25	6 th Grade Meet the Teacher Night – 6 pm Media Center
Aug. 26	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Aug. 31	Kindergarten begins full day schedule (8:20 am – 3:10 pm)
Sept. 1	5 th Grade Meet the Teacher Night, 6 pm, Media Center
Sept. 2	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Sept. 2	4 th Grade Orchestra Parent Information Night, 5:30 pm, Indian Hills Auditorium
Sept. 4	School Picture Day!
Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Sept. 8	Chess Club begins, 7:30 am, Mrs. Kellogg's Room
Sept. 9	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Sept. 15	Chess Club
Sept. 15	PTC Meeting, 12:30 pm, Media Center
Sept. 16	Collaboration Day – Early Out School dismisses at 2:25 pm
Sept. 18	All-District Band Spectacular (6-12 grades), 5:30 pm, Valley Stadium

A Note from Mr. Villotti:

Every new school year brings change and adjustments - perhaps this year more than usual at Crestview. As your child settles in to our new surroundings and routines, we anticipate he or she will experience a smooth transition and business as usual. However, if you happen to hit a bump or experience a glitch, please know that you are welcome to call or stop in the office at any time to discuss your concern. We want to ensure that every child feels safe and comfortable in our temporary quarters and will do what we can to make that happen. We're looking forward to a great year!

BOOK FEES ARE NOW PAST DUE!

Please contact the office to arrange payment. Thanks!

Student Arrival

Upon arrival, **all students** should enter the school building through the main doors – even if your classroom is in “The Suites”. (The Suites is our fancy name for the classrooms to the south of the main building.) All late arrivals **MUST** check-in at the office.

Before and After School Pick-ups

REMINDER: CARS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY DURING BUS DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP!!

All students have been issued bus passes and should plan to ride the bus to and from school every day. Due to the high number of busses there will not be a parent pick-up lane. However, we realize there will be times when you need to drop-off or pick-up your child. Please use the following guidelines when driving to school.

Before School: Please plan to drop your child off by 7:55 a.m. if you need to bring them to school. (Breakfast is available to students for \$1.45 beginning at 7:45 a.m.)

After School: Busses will have parking lot priority at dismissal. You will be admitted to the parking lot after all the busses have been cleared. (Approximately 3:25 p.m.)

*Your patience and consideration
are GREATLY appreciated.*

2009-10 Lunch and Recess Schedule

	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Recess</u>
Kindergarten	11:05 – 11:25	11:25 – 11:50
1 st Grade	11:15 – 11:35	11:35 – 12:00
2 nd Grade	11:30 – 11:50	11:50 – 12:15
3 rd Grade	11:40 – 12:00	12:00 – 12:25
4 th Grade	11:55 – 12:15	12:15 – 12:40
5 th Grade	12:05 – 12:25	12:25 – 12:50
6 th Grade	12:15 – 12:35	12:35 – 1:00

Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their children. To order a hot lunch, please call the school office at 633-5700 before 9 a.m.

School Lunch Prices

Breakfast:	\$1.45
Reduced Breakfast:.....	\$0.30
Hot Lunch, Yogurt or Salad:.....	\$2.35
Reduced Lunch:	\$0.40
Adult (Parent) Lunch:	\$3.10
Extra milk:	\$0.50
Water 8 oz:.....	\$1.00
2nd Entrée:.....	\$1.50

Lunch Payments

The district offers two convenient ways to make payments to your child's lunch account. PaySchools offers parents the ease of being able to make secure payments online 24 hours a day/7 days a week. For more information about Payschools, visit the district website at www.wdmcs.org and click on the PaySchools icon. You will need your child's student ID number to set up your account. If you are unsure of that number, please call the Crestview Office at 633-5700 and we will be happy to assist you.

In addition, lunch money can still be dropped off in the office or given to your child's teacher to send to the office. **Please make sure the money is in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the teacher's name on the outside of the envelope.**

When your child has a balance below \$5 or a negative balance, a purple notice will be sent home with your child in the Monday folder. Please do your best to maintain an adequate balance in your child's account.

Free/Reduced Lunch and Fee Applications were sent home with the Family Handbook.

Chess Club

Chess Club begins Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 7:30 a.m. in Mrs. Kellogg's room (that's on the lower level, room 103). Whether you are an experienced player or brand new to the game, students and their families are welcome to come and play. Chess Club will meet every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:05 am.

Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group – CHADD

Do you struggle raising a child with Attention Deficit Disorder? CHADD offers an area support group for families and adults who are affected. Meetings are the first Monday of every month at the West Des Moines Library from 7-9 p.m. CHADD is also offering a six-week class for parents to help manage the issues related to the disorder. Classes begin Tuesday, October 6th from 6:30-8:45 p.m. Registration closes September 15th. Please call Julie at 223-6730 for more information or to sign up!

Emergency Communication Plan and Student Ethnicity Card

Both of these forms have been sent home. Please fill them out completely and return them to school by Friday, August 28.

Welcome from the PTC Co-Chairs

On behalf of the Crestview Parent-Teacher Council (PTC), welcome to a new school year at Crestview Elementary!

The Crestview PTC is an organization of moms, dads and teachers that make great things happen at Crestview. The PTC organizes social events like the Ice Cream Social and Fun Night, and fundraisers like the gift wrap sale and the Spelling Challenge to give families an opportunity to meet people and enrich the lives of our children. PTC funds are used to enhance our children's educational experience in many ways including providing financial assistance with field trips, purchasing new equipment for classrooms, helping to fill our library's shelves with new books and, most recently, providing a new playground.

We encourage you to consider volunteering and become a part of this important organization. Everyone is welcome. No matter how much time and talent you have, we have a role for you! This is a wonderful community of parents and children. You should get to know as many as you can and volunteering is the best way to do that.

We also hope you will attend the PTC meetings. It's a great way to meet other parents and be "in the know" on school happenings! Mark your calendars now with the following dates:

September 15 at 12:30 pm
November 10 at 6:30 pm
January 12 at 12:30 pm
March 9 at 6:30 pm
May 11 at 12:30 pm

Meetings will be held in the Media Center.

Again, welcome (back) and best wishes for a rewarding school year!

Diane Crawford and Rhonda Ward
2009-10 Crestview Elementary School PTC Co-chairs

Volunteer Opportunity -- Crestview Work Crew

The Crestview Work Crew (CWC) is a GREAT way for parents to get involved at school.

Flexible scheduling. Come every week or just once a month. You can spend the entire time helping or just a quick 15 - 20 minutes if that's all you have. Every little and big bit helps and is greatly appreciated.

Variety. Projects might include copying and collating, cutting, hanging student work in the hallway, etc. Check out the job list and see what looks good to you.

Community building. The CWC is a great way to meet new people or connect with old friends.

The group meets every Friday morning from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in the workroom. **Our first gathering is this Friday, August 28th.** We hope to see you there!