

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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August/September Activities

- Sept. 8 Chess Club begins, 7:30 am,
Mrs. Kellogg's Room (Rm. 103)
- Sept. 8 3rd Grade Meet the Teacher Night, 6 pm
- Sept. 9 **Collaboration Day – Early Out**
School dismisses at 2:25 pm
- Sept. 10 ***“All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.”***
- Sept. 11 ***“The best medicine in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new.”***
- Sept. 15 Chess Club, 7:30 am
- Sept. 15 PTC Meeting, 12:30 pm, Media Center
- Sept. 15 Orchestra Parent Lesson Night, 7 pm,
Indian Hills
- 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
- Sept. 22 Chess Club, 7:30 am
- Sept. 22 The NED Show
- Sept. 23 **Collaboration Day – Early Out**
School dismisses at 2:25 pm
- Sept. 25 School Bus Safety Drills
- Sept. 25 Native Spanish Speaker Quiz Bowl
- Sept. 28 5th Grade Band Rehearsals begin
- Sept. 29 Chess Club, 7:30 am
- Sept. 30 **Collaboration Day – Early Out**
School dismisses at 2:25 pm

Media Center News

Welcome to Crestview Park! Our Media Center is up and running and we are looking forward to serving students and their families. Students have begun checking out library books. Classes visit the Media Center every week. Teachers decide how many books their students may check out. If you are ever in question about books checked out to your student, please contact Mrs. Reynolds or Mrs. Bauder at 633-5744. Thank you, we look forward to serving you this year!

-- Crestview Park Media Center Staff

All students should have a bus pass by now. If your child has not received one, please call the Transportation Department at 633-4901.



Before and After School Pick-ups
REMINDER: CARS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY DURING BUS DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP!!

Even one car in the lanes during drop-off or pickup times can complicate the process and cause bus delays and other issues. All students have been issued bus passes and should plan to ride the bus to and from school every day. In the event you need to drop-off or pick-up, you are strongly urged use the following guidelines:

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

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 pm.)

Principals' Roles in Education

Ask a person on the street what a principal does, and they're going to respond with what they witnessed when they were in school. Iowa Public Television will air two shows this month focusing on the changing role of school principals. On September 10 at 8 p.m., "The Iowa Journal" will feature interviews with Iowa principals redefining their role to one of instructional leadership. ***The Principal Story***, debuting nationally on September 15 at 9:30 p.m., reveals the struggles school leaders face as they keep their focus on improving teaching and learning amid the competing demands of managing staff, and engaging students and communities. You can learn more about the documentary and view clips at www.wallacefoundation.org/principal story.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books were due back Friday, September 4th! If you have not yet sent a check or sent back your book, please do so as soon as possible.

Parent-Student Learning Compact

A **Parent-School Learning Compact** went home with your student last Monday. Thank you to all the families who returned these to school already. The Learning Compact is a component of the Title I program. Since Crestview Park Elementary School is a Title I school, this compact involves all parents, students, and teachers in our learning community.

A learning compact is an agreement between the home and school. The learning compact defines the goals, expectations, and responsibilities of children, parents, and schools as equal partners for student learning. We recognize that you greatly influence your child's education. Your involvement can greatly influence your child's achievement as well. As a team, we will work together to make your child's school experience successful.

Please review, sign and return the form to school by **Friday, September 11th**. If you need another form, please notify your teacher. Thank you for your attention to this important learning compact and cooperation as we work together to provide the best learning experience for the children and families of Crestview Park Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Janelle M. Green
Title I Coordinator – West Des Moines
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Assistant Principal– Hillside Elementary School

Hy-Vee “Smiles for Education”

Hy-Vee wants to bring a smile to your face with “Smiles for Education”. Visit your local Hy-Vee store and register your child for a drawing to win a laptop computer. Each week for eight weeks, Hy-Vee will hold a drawing to select ten winning students. In addition, if your child wins, our school will receive a donation of \$5,000 from Hy-Vee! Stop by Hy-Vee and register today!

It's About Time...

How long is a second? A minute? An hour? Here are ways to help your child understand time:



1. Ask him how many times he can clap his hands in a second or how many somersaults he can do in a minute. Then, time him. He'll get a better idea of how long a second or a minute really is. Have him think of other things he can do in a second (give you a hug) or a minute (sing a song).
2. Teach your child about “elapsed time” by making a schedule. On poster board, list times (8:00, 8:30, 9:00), and help him write in daily events (breakfast, soccer practice). Use the poster to ask questions. Example: “You get home at 5:00, and dinner is at 6:00. How much time do you have to play?”

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