

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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September Activities

- Sept. 14 ***"The secret of success is consistency in purpose."***
- Sept. 15 6th grade band rehearsals begin, 7:35 a.m., Crestview Gym
- Sept. 15 Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.
- Sept. 15 PTC Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Media Center
- Sept. 15 Orchestra Parent Lesson Night, 7 p.m., Indian Hills
- Sept. 16 **Collaboration Day – Early Out**
School dismisses at 2:25 p.m.
- Sept. 17 ***"To be 70 years young is far more cheerful than to be 30 years old."***
- Sept. 18 All-District Band Spectacular (6-12 grades), 5:30 p.m., Valley Stadium
- Sept. 22 Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.
- Sept. 22 The NED Show
- Sept. 23 **Collaboration Day – Early Out**
School dismisses at 2:25 p.m.
- 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 a.m.
- Sept. 30 **Collaboration Day – Early Out**
School dismisses at 2:25 p.m.

Bus Passes

If your child loses a bus pass, please contact the Crestview office at 633-5700 as soon as possible. We can check our lost and found or order a replacement pass. The cost is \$10.

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 10 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!

Chess Club

Do you enjoy playing chess or always wanted to learn? Here's your chance. The Crestview Chess Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in Mrs. Kellogg's classroom (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!



Absences

Please call the office at 633-5700 if your child will be absent or late for school. Also, please let the office know if you are planning a trip so we can note the dates in our files.

This is really a HUGE help!



Reminder for Parents of Kindergartners:

Kindergartners must have a parent or responsible adult meet them when they get off the bus at the end of the school day. This includes Wednesdays, which are early dismissal days. You should plan ahead to be at your child's bus stop approximately 45 minutes earlier than your regular bus drop-off time. Thanks!



Reading Fluency

When Eric reads, he instantly recognizes most words. He reads sentences smoothly, understands what's happening in the story and has good expression.

Eric is a *fluent* reader – his reading sounds like speech. Here are some ways to help your child read fluently.

Be a role model. When you read to your child, have them read along with you. Don't be surprised if they try to match their voice to yours. You can also alternate paragraphs/pages or take turns reading for different characters.

Choose the right book. Your youngster should recognize most of the words (one to two unfamiliar words per page are okay – that will keep them challenged). If they're having trouble reading smoothly, try picking an easier book.

Use expression. Punctuation marks are clues that tell us how to read something. Encourage your child to sound excited when they see an exclamation point, and make their voice go up for a question mark. Teach them to pause briefly at a comma and slightly longer at a period.

Check for understanding. If your youngster doesn't understand the book, they will sound choppy. And if they are reading one word at a time, they will have a tough time following the plot. As they read, ask them questions to make sure they understand the story.



Northside Sixth Grade Band

The Northside Sixth Grade Band consists of students from Clive, Crestview, Crossroads and Hillside. The first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:35 a.m. at Crestview Park (1020 8th St.) in the gym. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Students will need transportation to the rehearsals. Car-pooling is encouraged. Buses will return students to their home school.

All- District Marching Band Spectacular

All band students in grades 6-12 will be participating in the All-District Marching Band Spectacular on Friday, September 18. We will have a rehearsal at Valley Stadium on Friday, September 18 at 7:45 a.m.

Students will need transportation to the rehearsals. Buses will return students to their home school. Students should report to Valley stadium by 6 p.m. on Friday night. Our performance will take place **during the pre-game no earlier than 6:15 p.m.** Depending on the length of the JV game, our performance could be as late as 7 p.m. Go Valley!

