

# CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



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## October Activities

- Oct. 19-23 Make a Difference Week  
 Oct. 20 Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.  
 Oct. 20 Partners in Print, Phenix Elementary  
 6:15-8:15 p.m.  
**Oct. 21 Collaboration Day – Early Out**  
 School Dismisses at 2:25 p.m.  
 Oct. 21 PTC Gift Wrap Sale Ends  
 Oct. 22 *“You can easily judge the character of  
 a man by how he treats those who can  
 do nothing for him.”*  
 Oct. 23 Picture Re-Take Day! (Really!)  
 Oct. 23 Monster Mash, Indian Hills Gym  
 6-8 p.m.  
 Oct. 26-29 Red Ribbon Week  
 Oct. 27 Chess Club, 7:30 a.m.  
**Oct. 28 Collaboration Day – Early Out**  
 School Dismisses at 2:25 p.m.  
 Oct. 29 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, Gym, 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 30 Classroom Fall Parties, 2:30 p.m.

## Sally Foster Gift-Wrap Sale



Gift-wrap sales end tomorrow! Please make sure that your orders are turned in. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept any late orders.

## MONSTER MASH

Treats, costumes and fun galore! Let's see what this Halloween has in store! Bring your entire family to the Monster Mash for dancing, food and games! Fri., Oct. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at Indian Hills Junior High. You can also **BYOP!** – Bring Your Own Pumpkin – decorated or carved, for a chance to win a great prize. One pumpkin per student please!



## Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 26-29

Student Council has planned a week of theme days to help us all remember to SAY NO TO DRUGS!

- Mon. 10/26 Sock-it to Drugs!**  
 Crazy sock day  
**Tues. 10/27 Use your Head – Don't do Drugs!**  
 Crazy hair day  
**Wed. 10/28 Don't Sweat It! Be Drug Free!**  
 Wear your sweats to school  
**Thurs. 10/29 Put a Cap on Drugs!**  
 Hat day

## Fifth Grade Band

The fifth grade band students have been working hard in their full band rehearsals. They are doing a great job and have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. We will have our first Crestview “informance” Tues., Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. **Students should report to the gym with their instruments and music at 6:45 p.m.** Students should wear nicer school clothes, preferably no jeans. We look forward to performing for you.



## School Picture Retakes

School picture retakes are **Fri., Oct. 23.** If your child missed school picture day in September this is your chance to have his or her picture taken. If your child did have a picture taken but they are not

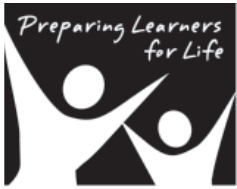
quite what you hoped they would be, please send the picture packet with your student Oct. 23 for the retakes. Questions?? Call the office at 633-5700. Thanks.



## Make a Difference Week, Oct. 19 - 23

It's **Make a Difference Week** and Crestview students and staff can bring deodorant and toothpaste for WDM Human Services programs. Donations can be brought to your child's classroom or dropped off in the school office. In addition, we are collecting coins for Koins For Kids, a youth scholarship fund for educational or recreational after school activities. Change will be collected in the classrooms.





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For the Parents of the West Des Moines Community Schools  
Office of School/Community Relations

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## Board Highlights

At the meeting Oct. 12, the Board of Education:

- Heard a report from Valley students who serve on the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council
- Approved a trip request for the Valley Thespian Troupe to travel to New York City in June 2010
- Heard a report on 2008-09 activities and accomplishments from Community Education Director Shahna Janssen
- Approved the 2009-10 Community Education Advisory Council roster
- Conducted a hearing and awarded bids on the Crestview Elementary north addition project
- Reviewed the June 2009 year-end financial reports
- Authorized the district to request modified allowable growth and a supplemental aid payment for the negative special education balance for the 2008-09 school year
- Approved change orders on the Crestview and Indian Hills projects
- Appointed System Works LLC to perform commissioning services for the Crossroads Park project
- Approved the agreement with RDG for design services for the Crossroads Park remodel
- Approved the agreement with Polk County Empowerment for the Project Shine program
- Authorized the renewal of the agreement with Four Oaks to provide a program to serve suspended and expelled students in the district
- Approved the agreement with the Iowa Department of Public Health to provide federal funding to expand nutrition and physical activity education programs that serve food assistance-eligible students in the district
- Approved the contract with the Renaissance Chicago Hotel for lodging for the Valley High School debate team
- Authorized the agreement with Marzano Research Laboratory to provide a speaker to present the Art and Science of Teaching to district junior high and high school staff

**Next meeting: Mon, Oct. 26, 2009**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Learning Resource Center**



## Online Survey about the Calendar

You have the opportunity to offer your opinion on options for the 2010-11 school year schedule. A survey will be posted on the district web site ([www.wdmcs.org](http://www.wdmcs.org)) Mon., Oct. 26. Three choices will be offered, reflecting differing start dates, winter break dates and the last day of school (without weather cancellations). The survey will close Fri., Nov. 6 at 4 p.m.

The district Calendar Committee – staff members and parents – has been meeting for several months to develop the calendar options. The survey of district staff and parents will be used by the committee to develop a recommendation to the Board of Education. The 2010-11 school year calendar will be presented to the Board for approval in early 2010, along with a tentative schedule for 2011-12.

## Make a Difference Week



**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE DAY**  
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

Make a Difference Day, the nation's largest single day of volunteering, is Oct. 24. More than three million people turn out to perform thousands of charitable acts for others. In honor of this event, West Des Moines Community School District's students and staff will be collecting personal hygiene items this week for West Des Moines

Human Services, which currently serves over 325 families a month. The district is also collecting donations for Koins for Kids, a scholarship fund to help low-income families participate in local programs.

Last year WDM Human Services provided 3,777 orders of personal care products to households in need. Over the last few months WDM Human Services has seen an increase in households in need and, unfortunately, they have not been able to keep up.

This week, each building throughout the district will be collecting personal hygiene items. Each building has been assigned a specific item to collect, so contact your school to find out what they are collecting. You can also contact your school to find out where to drop off donations to Koins for Kids. The WDM Community Education staff will pick up the items from each school Oct. 23, deliver them to the WDM Human Services center and stock the personal care product shelves. Thank you for your support of this great cause!