

August, 2009

Welcome to Crestview Elementary!!

August is an exciting time for students as the new school year begins and the anticipation of new teachers, new friends, and new learning heightens.

This past school year was exciting; we welcomed many new families and staff. This year we will be at a temporary location, but we will have the same Crestview commitment to excellence. We are calling our temporary digs "Crestview Park". This name was selected by our students and staff.

The hallways of Crestview Park reflect the world we live in every day. We are fortunate to serve a racially and ethnically diverse student population. The teachers at Crestview are motivated to provide a high quality education for all students and to help each student achieve at his or her highest level. You can be assured the staff will do their best to provide a quality educational experience for your child.

Our goals for this year are to increase achievement levels in Reading and Math. To help us achieve these goals, we are excited to introduce a new Math curriculum – Every Day Math. We will also continue to improve our students' writing skills with Being A Writer, a program which was introduced last year.

There are many things that make Crestview an outstanding school community. One of those is the support and involvement of our parents. There are many ways for parents to get involved. We invite you to lend your support by volunteering with one student, one classroom, or serve on a committee. If everyone contributes a little, we will accomplish a lot. I challenge you to get involved and make a difference in the education of Crestview students.

Sincerely,

John Villotti, Principal
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Crestview Elementary School is to provide a developmental and safe learning environment that is supportive of lifelong learning. The needs of students will be met in partnership with students, staff, parents and community.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

The philosophy of Crestview Elementary School is to collaboratively promote the emotional, intellectual, social and physical growth of the whole child. All those involved in the Crestview School Community are committed to the following **BELIEFS**. We will:

- ✓ Foster self-esteem by providing opportunities for student success.
- ✓ Encourage and develop independent and responsible learners.
- ✓ Create an environment that promotes a child's desire for life-long learning.
- ✓ Provide a caring, safe and secure educational environment.
- ✓ Provide and maintain communication with students, parents, staff and community.
- ✓ Utilize relevant assessments to monitor the growth of student achievement.
- ✓ Develop and modify the curriculum to meet the changing needs of students.
- ✓ Prepare students to utilize technology in the learning process.

We embrace this philosophy which recognizes and appreciates the richness of our diversity as a learning community.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council at Crestview is a group of students in grades 3-6 facilitated by Mrs. Garland, Mrs. Cross and Ms. Johnson. This group meets once a month and classroom representatives are elected by their classmates. Different students serve on the Student Council during the fall and spring semester.

Student Council is a place to allow students to share ideas and bring suggestions from the student body of ways to improve the school and the community. They are involved in some projects that are traditions at Crestview. They coordinate the food drive in December and make food baskets for Crestview families. This is a joint venture with the City of Clive. Student Council also raises money to fund a “Dollars for Scholar” scholarship for a senior in high school who attended Crestview. Student Council will meet on the following dates at 7:30 a.m.:

- October 5th
- November 2nd
- December 7th
- February 1st
- March 1st
- April 5th

PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL (PTC)

The Parent Teacher Council is a vital part of Crestview. They work to support the education of students in many ways. Last year they raised money for our new playground.

The objectives of the PTC are:

- To assist teachers and students in furthering the educational and developmental goals of the school.
- To foster a spirit of interdependence by encouraging communication and involvement among parents, teachers and students.
- To provide additional resources and support for student and teacher activities which assist in the student’s education.
- To support projects that will benefit students in the home and community as well as in the school.

PTC meets every other month September through May. The meetings are held at 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. on a rotating basis. Please check the school calendar for specific dates and times. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTC, please contact one of our PTC Officers:

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| • President: | Diane Crawford | dcquilts@mchsi.com |
| • Vice President: | Rhonda Ward | rhondaward@hotmail.com |
| • Treasure: | Tara Wirta | twirta@msn.com |
| • Secretary: | Janet Mack | mackjk@mchsi.com |
| • Volunteer Coordinator: | Rachel Garton | rgarton1@msn.com |

COMMUNICATION

The District and Crestview staff will communicate with you in many ways. If you ever have questions or concerns, please contact us at school so we can work with you to answer your questions or resolve any problems.

School Calendar

Enclosed in this packet is a copy of the Crestview calendar for the 2009-10 school year. This calendar is also posted on our website.

Newsletters

The Crestview newsletter will be sent home every Monday in your child's Monday folder. This will contain information about upcoming events at Crestview and other important information. Many of the teachers also send home a newsletter on a weekly or monthly basis.

Internet

Visit our website at www.wdmcs.org/crestview/. Our website contains information about weekly activities, the monthly lunch menu, district policies and PTC happenings.

Meet the Teacher Night

Teachers of students in third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will hold a "Meet the Teacher Night" at the beginning of the school year to talk to parents about the expectations for the coming school year. This will include the schedule for the year, grading, student organization, homework, classroom expectations, and the curriculum. I - I Conferences will be scheduled at parent's request.

Information-Input Conferences

Just before the start of the school year, kindergarten, first and second grade teachers will schedule brief "I-I" (Information-Input) Conferences with parents. These conferences are for the purpose of parents sharing with teachers their knowledge, desires and any concerns about their child. This will provide teachers with an opportunity to know your child better and to initiate a more effective learning plan earlier in the year. Teachers of students in third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade hold a Meet the Teacher Night at the beginning of the school year.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The parent-teacher conference dates are listed on the District and Crestview calendars. Parents will be notified in the school newsletter when the sign-up sheets are posted for November and February conferences. The purpose of each conference is for the teacher and parent to share information about the child and for the teacher to report the student's progress. West Des Moines is on a trimester reporting system.

CRESTVIEW INFORMATION

Office: (515) 633-5700

Fax: (515) 633-5799

(The answering machine is on during non-school hours to take messages.)

School Hours:

Every day but Wednesday 8:20 am - 3:10 pm
Wednesdays 8:20 am – 2:25 pm

Kindergarten -

August 20-August 28 8:20 am – 12:45 pm
August 31 – end of year 8:20 am – 3:10 pm
Wednesdays: 8:20 am – 2:25 pm

Breakfast Hours: 7:45-8:15 am

Crestview Staff Members:

Office Staff

Principal	John Villotti	villottij@wdmcs.org
Guidance Counselor	Terri Fritz	fritzt@wdmcs.org
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Custodial/Kitchen

Head Custodian	Dana Obrecht
Night Custodian	Steve Swinehart, Zelma Dilworth
Kitchen	Michelle Cory

Kindergarten Teachers/Assistants

KA-TBA	KB- Hilary Cuthbertson cuthbertsonh@wdmcs.org	KC-Robin Nelson nelsonr@wdmcs.org
Assistant: Patsy Maxwell	Assistant: Alisa Mehmedovic	Assistants: Courtney Fett/Sally Fort

First Grade Teachers/Assistants

1A-Stephanie McNamara mcnamaras@wdmcs.org	1B-Michelle Dodd doddm@wdmcs.org	1C-Melissa Harlan harlanm@wdmcs.org
Assistant: Stephanie Butel	Assistant: Julie Warren	Assistant: Nina Welling

Second Grade Teachers

2A-Liz Swanson swansone@wdmcs.org	2B-Deb Kellogg kelloggd@wdmcs.org	2C-Sherrie Harper harpers@wdmcs.org
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Third Grade Teachers

3A-Kirsten Garland garlandk@wdmcs.org	3B-Adam Nidey nideya@wdmcs.org	3C-Stephanie Cross crosss@wdmcs.org
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Fourth Grade Teachers

4A-Sarah Stevens
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4B-Sara Costello
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4C-Sally Fort/Jill Grossklaus
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Fifth Grade Teachers

5A-Beau Barrett
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5B-Ryan Ohlson
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5C-Tara Amundson
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Sixth Grade Teachers

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6C-Amy Johnson
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