



Crossroads Park Elementary School
COMMUNIQUE

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Britt Cameron, Principal

November 9, 2009



November

- 9** School Board Workshop, 5:15 p.m.
Meeting, 7 p.m. at Indian Hills
- 9-13** Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up
- 11** Veterans Day
- 12** 6th Grade Book Club, Noon
- 13** PTA Meeting, 9:15 a.m.
- 16** Sally Foster Delivery
- 16-2^h** American Education Week
- 17** Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:15-7:15 p.m.
- 17-20** Fall Book Fair
- 19** Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:15-7:15 PM
- 23** School Board Workshop, 5:15 p.m.
Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25** No School
- 26** Thanksgiving Day, No School, Kids West Closed
- 27** No School, Kids West Closed

Unscheduled Early

Dismissals/Emergency Situations

Please note the following 2009-10 information for unscheduled early/emergency situations.

Homeroom teachers should have a Crossroads Park Emergency Communication Plan for each student. Parents should have completed this form the first week of school. If you have not completed the Emergency Communication Plan form, please stop by the office to do so.

Teachers will follow the procedures submitted by parents on the Emergency Communication Plans. Students will remain at school until parent contact is made if parents have indicated a call from school is necessary.

Thank you,
Mr. Cameron

Bus Transportation For
Second Quarter

Bus transportation for those who have already registered is now available to purchase for the second period. **Fees are due for the second quarter by Tues., Oct. 20.** If your child will not be riding the school bus the second quarter, please inform transportation at 633-4900.

Please send your payment and your child's bus pass in an envelope marked with your child's name and bus number or pay online at www.wdmcs.org by clicking on the PaySchools graphic.

SECOND QUARTER:

OCTOBER 26, 2009 - JANUARY 13, 2010

K-6: Round Trip \$115

K-6: One Way \$60

For those who are registering for bus transportation the first time this school year, a transportation registration form must be filled out. These forms are available in the school office. You should allow one week for our transportation department to process your request.

Fall Book Fair Notes

"Read Around the World" is the theme for our Fall Book Fair.

Come join us on:

- November 17 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- November 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- November 19 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is an opportunity to add to your home library, make a donation to your child's classroom or do some early holiday shopping! The book fair will be open during the evenings when parent teacher conferences are held, so we will look forward to seeing you. This is a wonderful opportunity to support your child's reading habit and enrich their reading experience.

Thank you,
Robin Prier Ross and Jenny Schulze
PTA Book Fair Chairpersons,

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found box is filling up! Please check to see if anything belongs to you. Small items, such as jewelry, keys, etc. are kept in the office.

Target Take Charge of Education

Fund Raising Opportunity

We've discovered a terrific way to raise funds for our school. It's easy, and all you have to do is use your Target® Visa® or Target® card. We will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation from Target through the Take Charge of Education® program. It's easy. Just visit target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school. So if you're going to Target anyway, please consider using your Target® Visa® or Target® card. Big thanks to those who are already doing their part to make a great school even better.

Find out how much money our school has already received at target.com/tcoe.

Thanks for your support!

Get your pictures in the yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username 400004765 and password crp2010
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click Save Details.

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is March 1, 2010. Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,

Yearbook Adviser and the 2010 Yearbook Staff.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Sally Foster Wrapping Paper Reminder:



Sally Foster gift wrap orders were due Thurs., Oct. 15. Orders received after this date may not be delivered by the product delivery date of Nov. 16. Orders will be sent home with the students Nov. 16. If you have large orders, you may want to make arrangements to help your child get the order home.

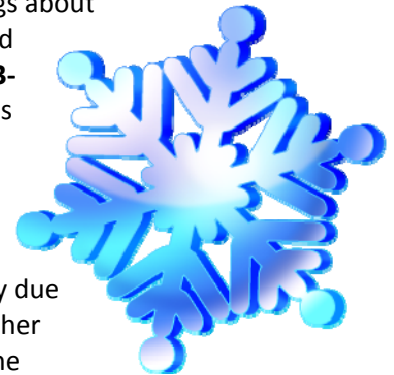
Please contact Cathy Roe with questions or concerns at 226-8582. Thank you for helping our school!!!

Conference Information

Parent teacher conferences will be held Tues., Nov. 17 from 4:15-7:15 p.m. and Thurs., Nov. 19 from 4:15-7:15 p.m. for students in grades K-6. We hope to see you.

School Closing Announcements

Up-to-the-minute recordings about cancellations, dismissals and closings are available at **633-5555**. The WDMCS hotline is provided as a service for students, parents, staff and community members to call if school must be cancelled or dismissed early due to weather conditions or other emergencies. ParentLink, the district's emergency notification system, will be used to notify families of cancellations, early dismissals or other emergencies. Call are made to home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and/or work numbers as provided to the school and entered into the Infinite Campus data system.



This information is also shared with the local media on **television stations** KCCI (Channel 8), WHO (Channel 13) and WOI (Channel 5); **FM radio stations** KJJY (92.5), KIOA (93.3), KGGO (94.9), KHKI (97.3), KWQW (98.3), KZZQ (99.5), KSTZ (102.5), KAZR (103.3), KLTI (104.1), KPTL (106.3) and KISS (107.5); and **AM radio stations** KPSZ (940), WHO (1040), KWKY (1150), KRNT (1350), KXNO (1460) and KBGG (1700 – Spanish Language).

Student days missed due to school closing will be made up beginning June 3, 2010.

Dear Sixth Grade Parent/Guardians

It is time to start planning for the annual Memory Book for our sixth graders this year. The memory book is a collection of our children's memories at Crossroads Park from kindergarten through sixth grade. The book is made of individual pages for each student, group pictures of different events over the years and an assortment of information collected from the student's answers to some surveys. On the individual page there will be a kindergarten picture, student information and pictures from Crossroads Park activities. We would like one of these pictures to be a family photo of your household.

If your child has not been a Crossroads student since kindergarten, we will need a kindergarten aged photo of them for their page in the memory book.

If you have digital pictures or scanning capability, please copy the pictures onto a disk in JPEG format. All pictures and disks will be returned. While the deadline for submitting pictures is Feb. 1, 2010, we would greatly appreciate receiving them as soon as possible so we can begin putting the pages of the book together.

Each year the Memory Book reflects the personality of that year's class. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping to fill our children's Memory Book with special memories of their years here at Crossroads.

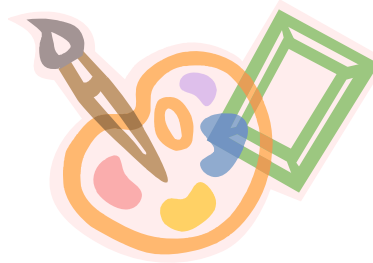
Please contact any committee member with questions or ideas or the chairperson, Casey Plecas at caseyathome@mchsi.com or 440-0880 or 720-7115 (cell).

Please Help

Please be sure to keep information about your child(ren) and family up to date in the Crossroads office. When your address changes or your home/work/cell phone numbers change, please put the updated information in writing and send it to the office. We need to be able to contact parents at any time if there is a concern or question regarding your child. Thank you for helping to keep the school updated with current information.

Mrs. Barb Domek and Mrs. Lisa Newman

Student Art Work On Display



Students have been creating some wonderful pieces of art that are currently on display at Crossroads. Be sure to check out the art work next time you

come to school. Crossroads also has art work hanging at Farm Bureau and the Learning Resource Center. Several fourth graders had art on display during the Day of the Dead celebration at the Des Moines Art Center.

Congratulations to these students.

Farm Bureau:

Second Grade Fall Watercolor: Anna Rader, Summer DeCamp, Emily Collins, Mary Thomas, Noah Deutmeyer, Caitlin Kelley, Ryan Stewart, Alexandra Douglas, Jailyn Brewer, Emily Spears, and Rachel Hendel.

3rd grade Clown Art: Emily Anders, Hannah Ross, Gavin Beaumont, Maddie Pautvein, Deaven Nguyen, Liz Dunagon, Riley Heil, Kate Anderson, Paula Palacios and Julia Tighe.

Learning Resource Center:

Fifth Grade O'Keeffe Art: Jordan Aquirre, Jack House, Emma Hayes, Michael Hieb, Grace Erickson, Tate Smith, Brooke Roe, Taylor Young, and Haiden Johnson.

6th grade Digital Photography: Angie Mullican, Rylie Combs, Madison Stegman, Malorie Caldwell, Olivia McDermott, Hailey McKinney, Alec Irlmeier, Jake Dollinar, Devonte Veasley, Maty Doll, Katie Czepowski, Luke Rustin, Joey Gilbert, Jacob Heeren, Livie Brock, Ellie Cohrs, Bree Barker, Annie Utter, Lexie Pautvein, Connor Robey, Marc Little, Gabe McGuire, Caroline Stump, Jenna Hanson, Shianne Ray, Diana Park, Ally Tasler, Briana Andrew, Sophia Farrell, Olympia Manning, Sidney Shafer-Allen, Claudia Stewart, Matthew Ewald, Sean Parris, Brandon Luong, Brady Wulf and Brendan Miller.

Des Moines Art Center:

Marcos Villanueva, Bree Cole, Dylan O'Hollearn, Britney Nguyen, David McCabe, Emily Johnson, Samantha Auer, Mitchell O'Meara, Ally Spencer, Marisa Sullivan and Luke Sueppel.

Kindergarten News

Kindergartners have just finished our first science unit on the moon. We have also been working on our reading and writing skills.

During our moon unit, we learned about the moon, sun and Earth. We discussed the Earth's surface, the moon's surface and the phases of the moon. We read many non-fiction books about the moon and looked at the moon phases.

Along with our units, we have been busy reading and writing. We have been writing in our journals and learning many of our sight words. We have written stories about pumpkins, fall, numbers and the moon. It is so exciting to see how many things the kids can read and write already. Encourage your child to practice reading every day and keep practicing their numbers up to 20.

Kindergarten Teachers,
Lisa Tasler
Laura Nailor
Jennifer Waring

Running Club Update

The Running Club has been going strong with 108 members. You can still join if you are interested, but we are nearing the end of the season. We will continue to run in November as long as the weather is tolerable. **We will not meet through the winter months.** Runners can work on accruing miles at home using the home tracking sheet. Tracking sheets are in the office or see me.



We have had great attendance at all the running sessions and everyone has done a fantastic job of running. I am thrilled to have so many Crossroads students participating and working so hard. Keep on running.

Robin Prier-Ross



Book Club for All Interested Fourth and Fifth Graders Will Be Starting Soon!

The first Book Club meeting will be held:

When? Tues., Dec. 1 at 8 a.m.

Where? Crossroads Park Media Center

What? December's selection is The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

*Parents: Please note that this year we will not be serving bagels at Book Club. Students should plan on breakfast at home prior to arriving at school. You may check out the title from the library or order your book in advance (order forms will be sent home in advance) and come ready for a great discussion!

**Adult volunteers are needed each month to help lead discussion; all materials will be provided.

Questions? Call or email Julie Novak at 223-9373 or 5gypsies@gmail.com

Please note future book club dates (all dates are Tuesday at 8 a.m.):

- December 1
- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 6
- May 11