

CRAFTON CORNER



WELCOME BACK 2023-2024!!

Dear Crafton Elementary Parents,
Welcome back! We are ready for another exciting year of learning, growth, and fun.

As we kick off this new school year, we want you to know that our dedicated team of educators is committed to providing your child with the best possible education and support.

This year, we have some exciting plans in store, including engaging activities, enriching lessons, and opportunities for your child to explore their interests and talents.

We believe in the power of collaboration between school and home, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share. Together, we can ensure a successful and rewarding year for your child.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education.

Let's make this school year one filled with memorable moments and achievements.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead at Crafton Elementary!

Warm regards,

Ms. Burleson
Crafton Elementary
Principal

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WELCOME BACK!

Cougar Coupons

September kicks off our Character Education months. We begin with **Respect**. Students were asked to wear green on the first Friday in September to celebrate Respect in Crafton Elementary. When students are seen showing this character trait, they could be given a Cougar Coupon. Students place these coupons in a basket for a raffle. They have a chance of picking from many incentives.

Special thanks to the PTA for supplying some of our treasure chest rewards.



PTA

Welcome back to all of the families and parents. If you want to get involved, please contact craftonelementarypta@gmail.com or on Facebook at **Crafton Elementary PTA**.

Please do not forget to download the Box Tops App and sign up for Apples for Students at Giant Eagle.



2023-2024 PTA Officers

President—Megan Thomas

Vice President—Brian O'Malley-Gamrat

Secretary—Amy Jenkins

Treasurer—Tami Coppler



Reading Connection

-Time for a Story-

Want to spend time with your youngster, build his/her reading skills, and help him/her learn to love books? You can do all three when you read aloud. Here are suggestions:

Read regularly

Try to read to your child every day. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Bring along a book, and read to him/her during a sibling's sports practice. Or curl up together with a book when you get home from work.

Take turns choosing books

Your youngster may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety, such as nonfiction or poetry.

Let her/him participate

Ask your child to turn the pages while you read. Also, he/she can finish sentences that rhyme or fill in the words he/she knows. Go slowly so he/she has time to understand the story and look at the illustrations. He/She will enjoy read-aloud time more if he/she plays an active role.

Be playful

You can use different voices for different characters (a high, squeaky voice for a mouse or a deep, booming voice for a horse). Or substitute your youngster's name for the main character's name, and use family members' names for other characters.

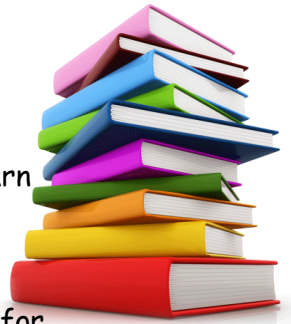
Note: You don't have to be an expert reader—your child will love it when you read aloud because it's you.



Our PBIS kick-off assembly is on Friday, September 1st. The Josh and Gab Show provides a positive and fun experience for the students. They focus on positive thinking and bullying prevention. It is an interactive program where students can sing and dance along. For more information, please see their website at <http://www.joshandgab.com/>.

The Josh and Gab Show has visited our school in the past. The students love the excitement that they bring and being able to relate to their songs and stories. Students are encouraged to sing and dance along.

If your child reports bullying to you, please contact the school and encourage your child to report it to his/her teacher. If we do not see the bullying, it is difficult for us to intervene or follow through with either parties. Our goal is to intervene and allow both the bully and victim to understand that the teachers and staff at Crafton Elementary have zero tolerance for bullying.





Arrival and Dismissal

We will continue to follow the same arrival and dismissal procedures as last year, 2022-2023.

Arrival—All bus riders and walkers will enter through the front doors. Car drop offs will go through Cougar Way behind the school.

Dismissal—All bus riders will exit through the front doors. Grades 3-6 will exit through the doors facing the big playground (black top side).

Ms. Rynn—Door 2

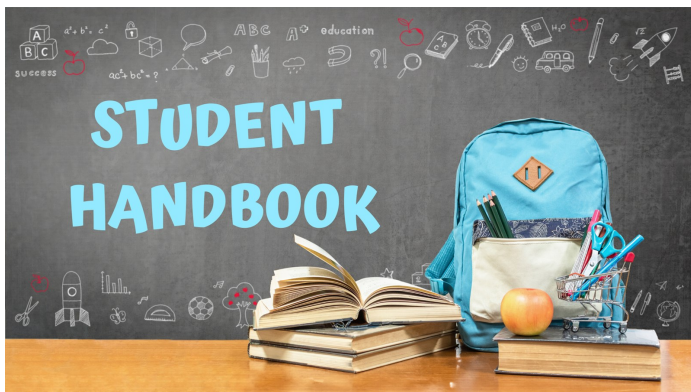
Ms. Alex—Door 7

Ms. Dzurko—Door 3

Ms. Helfrick—Door 6

Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Rishell—Big Playground (black top side) doors

Mr. Bassano and Mr. DeRoss—Small Playground doors



Please remember to read over the Crafton Student Handbook.. It is important to start the year knowing the expectations for our school. Being proactive will help the students feel prepared and ready for each and everyday. You can access the handbook at this website:

https://cdns5-ss8.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_715103/File/Crafton%20Elementary/2023-2024%20SY/Crafton%20Student%20Handbook%202023-2024.pdf

Please remember to review the student handbook with your child. **Use the QR code below to access the signature page after review.**

Here's to a year of curiosity, growth and success at Crafton Elementary!

