PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Another new year begins—welcome 2019! I hope everyone has had a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with family and friends over the holiday season. The start of school, after a significant break, always provides a good opportunity to re-establish a focus on learning. The new year has brought a renewed sense of energy and dedication. The staff and students have come back from their holiday break excited and rejuvenated. We continue to be dedicated to meeting the needs of each and every student at Crafton.

Remember to check out our Pictures in Practice on the Crafton Website. It is a great way to get a snapshot of our students’ day.

Remind your friends that our newsletter and calendar are now on the website.
Welcome back to 2019. With long breaks, students need reminders for procedures and protocols. Please take the time at home to review these cafeteria expectations:

- Raise your hand before getting out of your seat.
- Talk at voice level 1—a whisper to your neighbor.
- Use good manners—saying please and thank you can go a long way.
- Remember to eat your own food and do not share. With allergies, this could be unsafe.
- Remember to wash your hands after recess or use the hand sanitizer that is supplied in the lunch room.

Throughout December, students in Crafton were learning how to code. Students wrote coding to Dance and Angry Birds. Students enjoyed the experience, and we will continue to offer these activities in our STEAM classes as well as in the classroom. The coding does not have to stop at school. All resources can be found at code.org.

- Doors open at 8 am. Due to the cold weather, it is important that you do not drop off your child prior to 8 am because there is no adult supervision.
- On the days when the district calls a 2 hour delay, students should not arrive to school before 10 am. For the safety of the students, it is important to remember this because there is no adult supervision before 10 am. Also, remember that there is no breakfast on delay days.
- There are no dismissal changes after 2:30 pm.
PTA NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

January 8th—PTA meeting in the Crafton School Library

January 21st—No School

January 25th—Crazy Hair Day

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Alex - Landon O’Malley-Gamrat
Helfrick - Ben Colbert

Roussos- Gabe Aldridge
Meyers - Danica DeCecco
Wenrich - Bella Adams
Kelly - Connor Boyer

Rynn-Xavier Evans
Price - Sophia Aldridge

Wisser: Olivia Thompson
Ward - Jamison Greiner

DeRoss - Ayden Olexa
Bassano - Lexi Kelton

Bigler-Gabriella Medici
Dzurko - Kaleb Kuttler
Kuhn—April Kanai
Grades K-3 will participate in the DIBELS math and reading assessments. DIBELS will take place in January. The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of early literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade. They are designed to be short (one minute) fluency measures used to regularly monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. DIBELS are comprised of seven measures to function as indicators of phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy and fluency with connected text, reading comprehension, and vocabulary. DIBELS were designed for use in identifying children experiencing difficulty in acquisition of basic early literacy skills in order to provide support early and prevent the occurrences of later reading difficulties. Math Dibels is a set of measures used to assess mathematics skills for students. It can be used to identify students who may be at risk for mathematics difficulties.

The MAP assessment (Measures of Academic Progress) is a norm-referenced measure of student growth over time. MAP assessments joined with other data points, provide detailed, actionable data about where each child is on his or her unique learning path. Please visit the following link for the top 6 questions parents ask about MAP test:

https://www.nwea.org/blog/2016/answers-to-the-top-6-questions-parents-ask-about-the-map-test/

THANK YOU

Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

- Elizabeth Andrew

Thank you to all of the parents and families who came to help with different holiday activities and parties. From crafts to Jingle Bell Junction, it was wonderful to see how we could all come together to create memories for our students. A special thank you to all of the parents that helped make the cookie tins for the Crafton staff. They were delicious and thoughtful. I hope everyone had a great holiday and a wonderful new year.
WINTER CHORUS AND BAND CONCERT

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Priore, and Ms. Ferro for their commitment to making this year’s holiday performances something that the students were extremely proud of. It was great to see such talent come together from both elementary buildings to perform in the holiday concerts for a proud and excited audience.

KIDS OF STEEL PROGRAM

Marathon “Kids of STEEL” program for the 5th year in a row. Kids of STEEL is an exercise and nutrition program designed to motivate children to pursue both quality nutrition and an active lifestyle by incorporating exercise and healthy eating habits into their daily routine. During a three-month training period, children will earn miles to run the equivalent of a full marathon (26.2 miles). Physical activity that results in 20 minutes of heavy breathing is equal to one mile. The students are to track the number of miles they earn each day. The chart is on the Pittsburgh Marathon website, see link below.

Kids of STEEL culminates in The Toyota of Pittsburgh Kids Marathon; a one mile fun run (not timed) for children to run with family and friends on May 4, 2019. Registration is now open. ALL REGISTRATION IS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE. To register log on to www.thepittsburghmarathon.com/KidsOfSteel. Registration closes March 31, 2019. There are two program choices for the Kids of STEEL. To register for the Kids of STEEL program and run the Pittsburgh Kids Marathon, the cost is $20, which includes one parent registration. To register for just the Kids of STEEL program there is no cost, but you will not be able to participate in the Kids Marathon race. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Hope at stephen.hope@carlynton.k12.pa.us or Mr. Ficorilli at joshua.ficorilli@carlynton.k12.pa.us.
### Birthdays of the Month

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