CRAFTON CORNER

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Happy winter to everyone. I think the cold weather finally came with a vengeance. As we are snuggled in our homes and school, I want to share how hard our third-sixth grade students are working and preparing for The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The teachers have analyzed data so it could drive all of their instruction. With this, students are receiving personalized instruction, project-based learning, student organized learning environments, centers, and much more. Everyone is working hard to ensure that all students are feeling success and that they are ready to continue their learning journey.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Carlynton School District has scheduled Thursday, March 21, 2019, as the date to enroll your future Crafton Elementary kindergarten student into the district. Registration, which will include making an appointment for the screening in April. During registration, students do not need to attend. Parents will use this time to register the students.

Additional information is listed on the district website. Please contact Sandy Eaton, District Registrar, with any questions, at 412-429-2500 ext 1125. We are looking forward to meeting the next generation of Little Cougars!

We will also have our Annual Pre-K Night coming up. The date will be made available soon. Any incoming kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year are encouraged to attend with their families.
RECESS AND LUNCH

A special thank you to the PTA who work with us to organize toys and games for our indoor recess. It helps the students to have “new” games and enjoy their time when it is too cold to go outside.

It is always helpful when parents reinforce the expectations that are set for our students during recess. Here is some common language that might be beneficial when starting discussions.

◊ Remember when recess is indoors, a voice level of 1 or 2 is expected. Voice level 1 = a whisper to your neighbor. Voice level 2 = normal talking voice.
◊ Be respectful and remember to use good manners with the recess monitors and other peers.
◊ Invite everyone to play. If you see someone sitting out, ask them to play with you. You never know—you could make a friend today.

CONGRATULATIONS

Exciting news from the PTA
February Events:
◊ 6th—PTA Meeting
◊ 8th—STEAM Night
◊ 14th—Valentine class parties
◊ 18th—No School
◊ 22nd—Sarris Sale starts
◊ 22nd—Favorite Sports Team Day
◊ February 25–March 1—Read Across America Week

The following students from Crafton Elementary will be performing in the 2018-2019 PMEA Singfest held at Quaker Valley Middle School on March 26:

Olivia Thompson
Gracie Prepelka

We also have students from Crafton that will be performing in the 2018-19 PMEA District Band on May 18 hosted by Chartiers Valley Intermediate School.

Mateo Carassco
Uzochi Orji
Olivia Thompson
HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME?

Are there some reasons why your child does not get to school on time?

◊ Your child won’t go to bed at night or get out of bed in the morning
◊ Your child can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag. . .
◊ The school lunches are not ready
◊ Homework is not done
◊ Your child is slow to eat breakfast
◊ Your child is watching TV at night when they should be getting ready for school
◊ It’s your child’s or someone else’s birthday
◊ There is a test or presentation at school today
◊ Your child is screaming or not letting go of you

Things to Try

* Have a set time to go to bed
* Have a set time to be out of bed
* Have clothes and school bag ready the night before
* Make lunches the night before
* Have set time for starting and ending breakfast
* Set a time each day for homework. Try straight after school with the TV off so your child can relax for the rest of the night and have a reward when finished
* Turn the TV on for set times and only if appropriate
* Be firm that children must go to school
* Give your children lots of positive encouragement and acknowledge that they are organized and get to school on time
* Be firm: a birthday does not equal a holiday
* On arrival, look for for some of your child’s friends and encourage your child to go and talk with them
* Once settled leave quickly

Regular Routines Are Important
Derek Werderitch is a new face this year at Crafton Elementary; however, he may look familiar. Derek began with Crafton several years ago helping in the STEAM room through their partnership with the Children’s Museum. With the help of our Pittsburgh Foundation Grant, Derek is able to come back this year and take on a helpful role in our Creation Station.

He will assist in ensuring a safe and appropriate environment while students utilize tools and materials. In addition to working with students, Derek will be available to our staff to discuss and brainstorm projects, provide ideas, and debrief on completed activities.

The Creation Station will be his base. He will steward this space, improve organization and storage. Derek is able to research and prototype for upcoming class projects and be a resource for our teachers. His knowledge and background is unlimited.

The Crafton family is so excited to have him here and look forward to our continuous work with him now and in the future.

REMINDERS

◊ Remember that school does not open until 8:00 am. If a child is dropped off earlier, there is no adult supervision.

◊ Be respectful of the bus zones during arrival and pick-up times. For the safety of the students, do not park in these areas.

◊ Please check the lost and found for any items. All left items will be donated.
# Students of the Month

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Noah Jefferson |
| 1     | Charlotte Johnson  
Eli Abbott |
| 2     | Magnolia Valcheff  
Zionna Moorer |
| 3     | Rebecca Bernhardt  
Gabriela Champion  
Issac Anker |
| 4     | Dimitri Valcheff  
Sophia O'Brien |
| 5     | Noah Stifler  
Augie Bernhardt  
Kendel McClure  
Wyatt McHugh |
| 6     | Daishunn Farquharson  
Stephanie Waugh |

**Congratulations to our Students of the Month!**
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