PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

With the change of the weather and cooling temperatures, the year is in full swing now. I know that everyone is anxiously awaiting the arrival of report cards since the end of the first quarter is near. Report cards will be distributed on November 2nd. Please review the report card carefully with your son/daughter. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher to make arrangements for a conference. Students are always more successful through a strong partnership between home and school. Connecting home and school makes us a great community of learners.

Thank you for your continued support each and every day.

VOCABULARY BOOSTERS

An extensive vocabulary can turn your child into a better reader and writer. Try these everyday ways to help him/her learn new words.

**Keep you ears open**—When you and your youngster go places, point out words that people use. Maybe a waiter describes an entrée or the dentist talks about molars. Encourage your child to figure out what the words mean by the way they’re used.

**Go beyond nouns**—Help you youngster add adjectives and verbs to his/her vocabulary. Sports and games offer opportunities to use action words. Let your child hear you comment on the softball that soars or the runner who sprints. When she sends thank-you notes or greeting cards, suggest descriptive words (a polka-dotted shirt, a fantastic birthday).
## Birthdays of the Month

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## Lost and Found

Encourage your child to check our lost and found. We have many jackets, coats, and sweaters, and it is only November. Anything left after the new year will be donated.
6th Grade Rocket Launch

On Thursday, September 27th, the 6th grade participated in the annual Rocket Launch at Crafton Park. This science-filled day is a Crafton tradition that has been held in the fall for over 20 years. With the help of the Lab Ratz and Steven Reinstadtler from Covestro, the students are engaged in numerous activities while rotating through three stations. At the first station, students launched their Estes Wizard model rockets. They started building these at the beginning of the year, focusing on Newton’s Third Law of Motion and rocket terminology. At the Lab Ratz station, students participate in activities concentrating in aerodynamics and Bernoulli’s Principle. With the Covestro presenter, Steven Reinstadtler, students were thrilled to observe exothermic and endothermic processes using common household products and watch the chemical reaction of their homemade “rocket fuel”.

This day would not be possible without the help and support of the 6th grade parents! They organized the volunteers, provided lunch, and were there to lend assistance with all of the activities. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a huge success once again. It is always such a wonderful way to start the year.
Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

MTSS is a formalized statewide effort to promote school-wide practices that ensure the highest possible success for all children. In the past you may have heard this referred to as Response to Intervention and Instruction (RTII). The MTSS framework helps schools take a positive and proactive approach to educating each and every child. It also encourages schools to provide early intervention services to help prevent academic, social-emotional, and/or behavioral difficulties early.

The problem solving process is structured to identify students who struggle with learning or behavior as well as students who excel beyond their current grade level. It looks at how students respond to changes in how they are taught in their classroom or school.

Our team’s goal is to implement a plan for the student, and progress is monitored using progress monitoring instruments.
Reminders

Please remember that students should not arrive before 8:00 a.m. There is no adult supervision if a student should arrive before that. Keeping this in mind will help with the safety of all of our students.

Please remember that the parking lot in the alley is for our staff. With the limited amount of space, it is difficult to find a spot or maneuver in that area. Please do not park in that area at dismissal if you plan to stay and use the playground.

As the weather gets colder, students will be going outside for recess if temperatures are above 32 degrees. Students also wait outside prior to school starting at 8:30, and are outside at dismissal. Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

We cannot accept any dismissal changes after 2:30 p.m. unless it is an emergency. Thank your for your cooperation.

Lego Drive

Thank you to all of the families that donated Legos. We are still looking for more. Our goal is to create a Lego Maker Space so we can utilize all that Legos has to offer. Legos deliver playful learning experiences that bring subjects to life in the classroom and make learning fun and impactful. They have a wide range of physical and digital educational resources that encourage students to think creatively, reason systematically and release their potential to shape their own future.

Lego Education believes that expanding knowledge and building academic and 21st century skills will create active, collaborative, lifelong learners. Together with educators, we aim to enable every student to succeed in education and be prepared for future life challenges.

Please consider donating new and gently used Legos to our school.

Plastic Bottle Caps Needed

We are looking for plastic bottle caps to use in our Creation Station. The larger bottle caps (Gatorade, Vitamin Water, etc) are preferred. Thank you in advance.
National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

Our PTA Officers worked diligently to guide us through the 8 steps where we can finally call ourselves a National PTA School of Excellence.

Thank you to everyone who helped and was part of this process.

Learn more at their website: https://www.pta.org/home/programs/National-PTA-School-of-Excellence

Check out the banner on the fence.

PTA Officers:
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Vice-President—Lucy Valcheff
Secretary—Michele Anker
Treasurer—Jen Blevins

PTA NEWS

Happy November Crafton Elementary Family and Friends -

Here is your monthly update from the PTA!

November 2018:

November 1st—Deadline to order Square One Art

November 2nd—Report Cards go home

November 6th—No School

November 12th—No School

November 14th—PTA meeting at 7 p.m. in the library

November 22-26—No School

November 27th—Square One Art complete orders sent home

November 30th—Inside Out Day ($1 Donation to the PTA)
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten
Dean Glidden
William Taylor

First
Giada Huber-Matteo
Jenna Hussain

Second
Mary Alice Crawford
Jameson Lageman

Third
Ava Tegge-Lewis
Jon Larson
Esther Frank

Fourth
Maddisyn Ulakovic
Akachi Orji

Fifth
Aida Varghese
Vivian Ciechanowski
McKenzi Tomaszewski
Caroline Choate

Sixth
Maggie Egenlauf
Jimmy Kerns