PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all of our Crafton families! January is always about fresh beginnings and positive change. I love the promise of the New Year and all of the possibilities that exist for children here at Crafton and their future. 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 stu-

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.
THE GIVING TREE

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Giving Tree program this year. With your generosity and support, we were able to collect over a hundred gifts and provide presents for 5 families in the Crafton Elementary School. This was the first year for our Giving Tree, and we received a lot of positive feedback. The support and generosity was overwhelming.

With the support of this program, I know that we will be able to continue this next year and provide support to more families in need. We were able to make a difference in our community.

I hope all of you had a great break where you found quality time with friends and family.

HOUR OF CODE

Crafton Elementary celebrated Hour of Code with other schools around the country. We began with a Kick-Off Assembly on Monday, December 9th. We partnered with Amazon who spent the entire day with us, from leading the assembly to facilitating coding activities with all of our students. All of the students were engaged and motivated to participate in this relevant day. A special thank you to all of the Amazon employees that

REMINDERS

- 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.
NEWS TO REMEMBER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

January 2nd—1st Day Back

January 2nd—Wear Green to support our Character Trait of Respect

January 7th - PTA meeting at 7 pm in the Crafton Elementary Library

January 20th—No School for students

January 28th—School Board Meeting at 7 pm at the High School

January 29th—Report Cards go home

January 31st—PTA sponsored Crazy Hair Day

KIDS OF STEEL PROGRAM

We are excited to be participating with the Pittsburgh Marathon “Kids of STEEL” program for the 6th 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 2, 2020. Registration is now open. ALL REGISTRATION IS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE. To register log onto www.thepittsburghmarathon.com/KidsOfSteel. Registration closes March 31, 2020. 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.
MAP AND DIBELS

Grades K-3 will participate in the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (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 starting in kindergarten. 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. This assessment will be given to all students, K-6. 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/

Kindergarten
Elliette Hough
Kallie Berkhouse
Jayce Golphin
First
Zoe Coughenour
Olive Bannon
Second
Jade Burnett
Jenna Hussain
Third
Ayden Olexa
Leona Leidig
Fourth
Aaron Heffner
Fifth
Jayme Roling
Naomi Taylor
Sixth
Gabe Aldridge
Wyatt McHugh
Owen Thompson
## Birthdays of the Month

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