

CRAFTON CORNER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to welcome all of you back for another wonderful school year. I hope the summer recess afforded you opportunities to think critically, engage in creative activities, relax and rejuvenate.

With the new year, it is important to always set goals. Let's work together to become life-long learners, friends, public servants, and leaders. Remember it takes a village to succeed. Help make Crafton Elementary the best place for our growing minds of the future.

Although many goals were created, the entire faculty and staff remain committed to increasing student achievement. Along with student achievement, we work each day to make a positive learning environment for our students. Our goal is always to help our students become happy and well-rounded individuals. We do this through our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports model and our Push-In model where the school counselor visits each classroom on a 6 day cycle.

You will also see some wonderful new features as you walk around the school. One of our exciting new rooms will be our Lego Lab. Right now it is under construction, but it will be ready for students soon. Stay tuned to hear about our 11 foot Lego Table, Lego Architecture, and more.

To all of our Little Cougars and family, have a great year.



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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. Crafton Elementary is also part of the Amazon Smile program.

2022-2023 PTA Officers

President—Courtney Bonnet

Vice President—Brian O'Malley-Gamrat

Secretary—Courtney Lawton

Treasurer—Marie Bittner



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

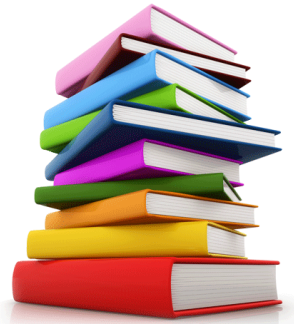
You can use different voices for different characters (a high, squeaky voice for a mouse or a deep, booming voice for a horse). Or substitute your youngster's name for the main character's name, and use family members' names for other characters.



Our PBIS kick-off assembly is on Thursday, September 15th. 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. This year, they will perform live and in-person. To make sure our students are socially distant, we will have 3 performances of the Josh and Gab Show. 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, 2021-2022.

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



The Week of September 13th

Monday(19th) - Fire Drill

Tuesday(20th) - Lockdown

Wednesday(21st) - Weather Drill/Reverse lockdown

Thursday(22nd) - Evacuation Drill (weather permitting)

****Students will complete these drills under the supervision of the staff, faculty, and local law enforcement and reported to various designated locations. These preventative drills are necessary in order to familiarize our students with procedures necessary to keep them safe in the event that a real crisis occurs.**