

Crestview Local School District

# Informagram

September, 2014

## *Message from the Superintendent*

The Crestview Local School District was part of a county wide consortium that was awarded a \$975,000.00 Straight A Grant to expand the services of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics (S.T.E.M.) in Columbiana County. **Project Inspire** is a S.T.E.M. based program that will introduce real world, problem based curriculum for students enrolled in grades K-8. The grant was awarded to the Columbiana County Educational Service Center, and the ESC will provide leadership and professional development to Crestview Staff as they implement this new grant.



**Project Inspire** will emphasize 21<sup>st</sup> century skills including critical thinking, analysis and problem-solving while enhancing the student's knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math. **Project Inspire** will utilize the INVENTORcloud curriculum developed by Applied Systems and Technology Transfer (AST2) as the foundation for implementing the objectives of the grant. The INVENTORcloud curriculum challenges students to collaborate in problem-based activities to solve challenges in a technology rich environment. Students will utilize computer design and visualization tools to create a virtual prototype which are then processed into 3D printers and other rapid prototyping equipment to turn their virtual design into a reality.

As a result of Crestview's participation in the **Project Inspire** grant, Crestview will receive \$85,250.00 in equipment and professional development. The funding will provide two additional computer carts for the elementary school and a 3D printer in addition to the curriculum and professional development. Crestview will be implementing **Project Inspire** at both the elementary and middle school as a transition to the high school S.T.E.M. program.

A special thank you to Carol Straub and Steve Stewart of the Columbiana County Educational Service Center who were co-authors of the grant. Other participating districts include Columbiana; East Palestine; Leetonia; Lisbon; Southern; Wellsville and the Columbiana County Career Center.

*John Dilling, Superintendent*

# High School News



## Educate-Empower-Impact

Welcome back to school to all students as we begin another exciting year. Parents, please encourage your student to check Moodle, keep track of assignment due dates, and to be organized. Parents may sign up with Parent Assist to check the progress of your student with classroom assignments, tests and projects.

This is a reminder of OHSAA requirements for athletic eligibility. In order to participate in sports, a student must be passing five (5) credits in the preceding grading period. Students must monitor their grades to ensure that they meet the credit requirements. If you have any questions regarding your child's education or extracurricular activities please call (330) 482-4744.



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Questions: contact Mrs. Hall, advisor, 330-482-4744.



## ACT TEST DATES

It is important that students who are planning to continue their education, take a national college entrance exam. The ACT test is one such exam and for a fee, can be taken an unlimited number of times with schools accepting the highest score. Students may register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
10/25/14	9/19/14
12/13/14	11/7/14
2/7/15	1/19/15
4/18/15	3/13/15
6/13/15	5/8/15

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**Alexis Jayne**– Lexi demonstrates a positive work ethic in the classroom and in athletics. Her pleasant attitude is appreciated by all.

**Tobin Goss**– Tobin puts forth a dedicated effort in the classroom and in athletic activities. He is a positive role model for others.

## CR CRAFT SHOW-ATTENTION CRAFTERS AND VENDORS

Crestview Student Council will be sponsoring a craft show to be held **November 8, 2014** at Crestview High School/Middle School. Crafters and vendors are needed to participate. Spaces are available for \$20.00 provide your own table, up to 8ft. or \$30.00 with table provided at the school. Please contact Mrs. Laura Nappi at 330-482-4744. Reservation forms are available on the Crestview web site and in the high school office. More details about the craft show will be in next month's Informagram.

## OHIO GRADUATION TEST—OGT

Passing all 5 areas of the OGT test (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science) is a requirement for students who wish to receive a diploma from a public high school in Ohio by graduating in 2015, 2016 and 2017. An intervention tutor is available to assist students as they prepare for the OGT test. 11th and 12th graders who have not passed the test will be scheduled first for tutoring. 10th graders who have been identified as at risk will then be scheduled. Please contact Mr. Miller if you have questions 330-482-4744.

## 2014-2015 OGT Test Dates

**October 27 - 31, 2014 (11th/12th graders)**

**March 16 - 20, 2015 (10th graders)**

## Reminders

- Student Pictures-September 25, 2014
- Homecoming Dance– October 4, 2014
- Seniors-Continually check the guidance web site for information concerning scholarships, college applications and testing dates.

# Middle School News

**WE ARE CRESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL!**

*Dedicated to educating and motivating all students to become life-long learners and responsible citizens.*



## PICK-UP/DROP-OFF REMINDER

This is a reminder that all transport students are to be picked-up / dropped-off at the west end of the building by the Performing Arts Center entrance. Students are not to be picked-up / dropped off in the front of the high school because that lot will be closed for the buses.

## CMS LIBRARY

This year the middle school library will be receiving a new computer lab. Once again this year, the CMS library will be selling school supplies. Below is a list of items and prices. Seasonal items and new things will be added throughout the year. All proceeds from the store are used to purchase additional books for the library. Thanks again for all your support of our school library!

### Crestview Middle School Library Supply Store



#### Price List:

Pens .....	50 cents each
Regular pencils .....	2 for 25 cents
Pencil sharpeners .....	50 cents each
Mechanical pencils .....	50 cents each
Lead refills (7 mm).....	50 cents each
Mini Notepads.....	50 cents each
Erasers .....	50 cents each
Cap erasers .....	2 for 25 cents
Mini Notebooks .....	50 cents each
One subject notebook .....	\$1.00 each
Cap Erasers .....	5 for 50 cents
White poster board .....	\$1.00 each

## CMS OFFICE REMINDERS

Please update the middle school office if you move to a new job, change your phone number or address, or if there has been a custody change in the family. Please call the school at 330-482-4648 to relay the information to Mrs. Gates and fill out a new emergency medical form. Thank you.



This is just a short reminder for all parents and guardians. In addition to calling your child off school by telephone (when he/she is ill), we would like to remind everyone that we need a written excuse turned in as well. The excuse must be turned into the office no later than two days after the absence or it will count as an unexcused absence.

Also, please make sure that all papers sent home are signed and returned to the office as soon as possible. (Emergency medical, internet use, photo consent, agenda contracts...etc.)



## MIDDLE SCHOOL FUND RAISER

The middle school fund raiser was from August 26 to September 8, 2014. The items will be delivered on Wednesday, October 14. Pick-up is between 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM.

## WELCOME!

Please welcome Kathy Zurbrugg to Crestview Middle School. She will be the EXCEL teacher this year.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WEBPAGE

Please check the middle school webpage for our morning announcements. Also, current school informational items are listed under "Newsletters."

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18	Individual Student Pictures
September 26	Interim Progress Reports
October 17	No School for Students
October 24	End of the First Nine Weeks
October 31	Report Cards

# Elementary School News

## Welcome Back to School!



Our school year is off to a great start! The students have begun to settle into their daily routines. Our teachers are working hard to learn about each of their students' abilities, learning styles and special needs. They would like parents to work in partnership with them to ensure that each child receives the best possible education. Parents should feel free to contact their child's teacher with any questions or concerns. Teachers can be reached via phone (330-482-5370), email, or a written note in the student's folder or agenda book. Additionally, teachers ask that parents go over the papers that come home daily. In these ways we can keep the lines of communication open and help our students to become successful.

## We Want Our Students Reading Every Day



This year, we are asking all students to read at home for at least 20 minutes each day. As we prepare our students for the 21st century, reading is even more important than ever before. Reading is the core of future learning, even in Science, Math and Technology. Research shows that students who read or are read to each day become more successful students. Parents can help by encouraging their child to read. Take your son/daughter to the library regularly. Help them find books and magazines on topics that interest them. Talk to your child about what they are reading to help them begin to comprehend. Remember, the more they read, the easier it is for them to learn.

## Volunteers Are Needed & Welcome



Volunteers are always needed at our school. They help our students in many capacities. We are in need of volunteers to help with our HOSTS program, in the library, in the cafeteria, at recess and in some classrooms. If you are able to help, please call the school and speak to Ben Corll at 330-482-1912 or Lisa Hughes at 330-482-5370.

## Accelerated Reader



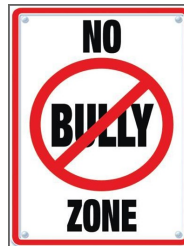
This year, our students will be using the Accelerated Reader program to help them build reading skills and to increase their reading fluency. Accelerated Reader is a computer database with thousands of books. Students will read books, take comprehension quizzes online and earn points as they read. Each month our super readers will be recognized for their efforts.

## Early Dismissals/Late Arrivals



All parents should try to limit early dismissals and late arrivals to school for their child. School is in session each day from 8:45-3:10 and we want all of our students at school for the entire school day. We want our students to receive their full instructional time each day. If an early dismissal can't be avoided, however, please send a note with your child in the morning.

## Bully Prevention



As always, we ask our students to be kind to one another. We tell students that the biggest rule at Crestview Elementary is to "Be nice." We tell them that if everyone follows this rule, we will not have bullies at school. Parents are asked to help reinforce this idea at home. Talk to your children about being kind, and tell them to tell an adult at school if someone is being a bully.

## New State Testing This Year

This year, third and fourth grade students in Ohio will be taking new online achievement tests. Grade 3 will be tested on Reading and Math. Grade 4 will be tested on Reading, Math and Social Studies. The tests will measure student progress toward Ohio's New Learning Standards. The tests will have two parts. The first is called performance based and the second is called end of year. The student's scores on the two will be combined to create a final score for each subject. Students must provide an answer and explain how and why they chose it on the performance based test. The end of year test requires students to select correct responses. Our teachers will be preparing the students for the new tests all year.

We Love Our Students!!





# District News

## Civil Rights Project

This past June Mrs. Mercer received a grant to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop for Teachers titled "The Most Southern Place on Earth: History, Culture, and Music of the Mississippi Delta. This week-long workshop was hosted by Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, and forty teachers from twenty different states participated. Speakers across the Delta and the country discussed immigration, the cotton trade, slavery, the blues, the Civil Rights Movement, and the diaspora from the Delta. The workshop included a "traveling classroom", a bus, which allowed the participants to visit several famous and important sites such as the Mississippi River, Stax Recording Studio, and The National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel. Mrs. Mercer felt that one of the most incredible and memorable portions of the workshop were the two days spent learning about the Civil Rights Movement. Each year in her American literature course students read *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* by Chris Crowe. This non-fiction book tells about Emmett Till, the fourteen-year-old black boy from Chicago who was kidnapped and murdered for supposedly whistling at a white woman. Till's murder in 1955 and the trial of his accused killers, who were found not-guilty by an all-white jury, is considered the event that set the Civil Rights Movement into motion. The most significant part of the entire experience was meeting Mr. Wheeler Parker, Emmett Till's cousin who was present when Till was kidnapped. After meeting Mr. Parker in the Delta, Mrs. Mercer invited him to come to Crestview to speak to the high school students. He agreed to come, along with another of Till's cousins who was present that night, Mr. Simeon Wright, author of the book *Simeon Speaks*. On Thursday, March 26, 2015, these two men will speak to high school students during an assembly. They will then speak at an evening event that is open to the community. Mrs. Mercer has also arranged to have the Traveling Emmett Till Exhibit from Delta State University on display at that time. In order to bring this living history to our district, Mrs. Mercer has been working diligently to secure grant funding from several sources. She has been awarded a Martha Holden Jennings grant which will cover part of the expenses. Mrs. Mercer continues to seek funding opportunities for the remainder of the project expenses. This project will provide an opportunity for students to experience first person accounts of the history that they learn of in the classroom.

## Important Update

This summer, the Board of Education resurfaced the access road between the elementary and the high school/middle school. Since the road has been resurfaced, there has been a significant increase in the amount of traffic traveling on the road during the after school hours. This increase in traffic is a concern for the Board due to the many after school activities. The Board has been concerned for the safety of students walking across the parking lot from soccer, volleyball and other sports as well as children playing at the playground at the elementary school. Since this is an access road for the school and not a public highway, the Board has decided that the road will be closed to traffic each morning after high school students enter (8:00 a.m.) and will remain closed each day until 7:00 a.m. the following morning. The road will be opened on Friday evenings for home football games.

The Board of Education appreciates your cooperation in this matter.



## Courtney Hephner Appointed Student Representative to Board of Education

At the September Board of Education Meeting senior Courtney Hephner was sworn in as student representative to the Crestview Board of Education. Courtney is the daughter of Tim and Debbie Hephner of Leetonia.

Courtney is an active member of 4H, Spanish club, math club, student council, chemistry club, FCC, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, One Act Plays, spring musical, and flag line. As student representative to the Board of Education, Courtney will serve as a liaison between the students and the Board. Courtney hopes to use her term on the Board to implement a program similar to the Big Brother/Big Sister program currently implemented with elementary students, only implementation of her program will focus on interaction with middle school students in grades 5-8. Courtney's term will run from September 2014 through July 2015.



### **Crestview Local Board of Education**

**David Vollnogle, Brayden Tucker,  
Student Liaison, Courtney Hephner  
John Garwood, Edward Miller, James Weikart.**  
*School Board Meetings are held in the  
Performing Arts Center at 7:00 PM on the second  
Wednesday of each month.*

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#### ***Crestview Elementary School***

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#### ***Crestview Bus Garage***

***(330) 482-5608***

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### **Mission Statement**

We are Crestview Local Schools, *the heart of our community*, dedicated to educating and empowering every student with the knowledge and skills for success in an ever changing world.

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