



CRESTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kellie Bizer, CRP teacher, dressed up as a "Who" for Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Message from the Principal

A big thanks to the PTA for hosting another terrific auction on March 5. A positive atmosphere filled the room for the evening. We are looking forward to the funds raised from this event to support our Creston programs.

This year Creston achieved its goal of revising our vision statement. A vision statement represents our fondest aspirations for the school. By creating a collective vision as a staff, we now can align all of our school-based decisions to these important words. If we have ideas that do not connect to our vision, then we must really question if these thoughts represent who we say we are. As a community, our new vision statement can help us market our school to prospective parents and other stakeholders. Overall, with this accomplishment we have a common vision that describes who we are. I am thankful to the staff and parents who gave input into this process during the fall and winter. Next, we will begin working on our mission statement which is the second phase of this process. In the meantime, here is Creston's new vision statement:

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PTA Talent Show



Liam performs in Creston's Talent Show

On February 25th, our PTA hosted our annual Talent Showcase. The student performances were truly amazing.



Happy St. Patrick's Day !



Our student writer for March:
Jue Jie Chen
5th Grader

Star Wars

Once upon a time, I hacked Star Wars. I made everyone talk in sheep language after I tested the sound. I told my dad and mom to play and I said I changed the language to Chinese. Lies.

My dad said, Okay. When he played, then I started laughing...

Important Dates

- March 16-** Late Opening-School starts at 10:35AM
- March 16-** Peace Assembly at 2PM
- March 16-** SUN Registration Night 5:30PM
- March 17-** Burgerville Night
- March 18-** PTA Parent Coffee 9AM
- March 21-25** Spring Break
- March 29** Awards Assembly
 - 3rd-5th grade 12:50PM
 - K-2nd grade 1:45PM



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...because it was speaking sheep language. My dad hired a sheep to play the game so that the sheep could speak back to them. I didn't know that my dad hired a sheep so I kicked him out and far away from my house. Also, I made a joke. I bought a Toyota.

Before/After School

Reminder!! There is no student supervision before 8:20 AM. Students should not arrive at Creston before 8:15 AM. Please make sure your child attends school on time. Also, ensure you have arrangements for your child to be picked up at 3:00PM or have other plans for your child to reach their destination safely immediately after the 3:00PM bell.

SUN News by Abby Mulvihill

Although SUN is primarily known for its extended day programming, it is also important to note that they offer service coordination as well! Meaning, the staff can connect you to any resource you might need. This includes, but is not limited to, rental and energy assistance. If you are experiencing a hardship and could use some extra resources, SUN is here to help. Please feel free to contact Abby Mulvihill, SUN Site Manager, anytime at 503-278-0074 or amulvihill@impactnw.org.

Important SUN dates

- Wednesday, March 16th- SUN Registration Night- 5:30-6:30 pm. Remember, the SUN extended day program is filled on a first come first serve basis! Applications will not be released before this day and time.
- Abby and Elena will also be distributing and collecting applications the mornings and

afternoons of Thursday, 3/17 & Friday, 3/18.

- Friday, March 18th- All SUN applications due by 3:30 pm
- Final Week of Chess for Success- Tuesday, 3/15 & Thursday, 3/17
- Wednesday, March 30th- SUN Extended Day Confirmations Go Home
- Monday, April 4th- First day of SUN Spring Term. Extended Day Programming runs Monday thru Thursday 3:00-5:30 pm for eight weeks. Last day of spring programming is Thursday, May 26th. Details about SUN Summer programming will be released at the end of May.
- The SUN extended day program needs teaching volunteers! If you would like to teach an enrichment class of your choice, please contact Abby Mulvihill by Friday, 3/11 at 3:30 pm.

Creston Office News

Did you know that the Creston School office has a blog?

The Creston School Office Blog is where you will find pertinent information that the office wishes to share and make available to our families and staff members in a convenient and easy to reach space. With the vast amount of information on the school website, the blog was created in the hope to make the key features and points of the website along with news and notes easily available to our school community.

Creston's Office Blog...

<http://crestonschooloffice.blogspot.com/>



Talented and Gifted News by Ms. Greene

All our contestants are "Super Spellers" in my book! The word lists were extremely challenging and everyone deserves congratulations!!

Division I (K-5) winner is Emily Staley

Division II (6-8) winner is Max Cheskin

Honorable Mention goes to:

Jaden Zeng	Jacky Zeng
Lena Bradd	Max Bruin
Graham Clements	

Emily and Max will both advance to the PPS District level contest and represent Creston.

Every Kid in a Park News

As part of President Obama's commitment to protect our nation's unique outdoor spaces and ensure that every American has the opportunity to visit and enjoy them, the Every Kid in a Park initiative allows fourth graders nationwide to go to www.everykidinapark.gov and obtain a pass for free entry for them and their families to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters nationwide for an entire year starting September 1, 2015.

By introducing fourth graders to public lands in their backyards and beyond at an early age, the innovative Every Kid in a Park initiative delivers a nationwide call to action to build the next generation of outdoor stewards of our country's spectacular and diverse federal lands and waters. Connecting our nation's youth to the great outdoors is even more important at a time when 80 percent of American families live in cities and most children spend more time on computers and smartphones than exploring nature. The initiative is slated to continue with each year's group of fourth graders to inspire successive generations to become responsible stewards of our nation's natural and cultural heritage.

Eagle Ticket for 6th-8th Graders

Cut out this ticket to enter a drawing to win a prize.

How to win: Share this newsletter with your parent and have them sign below.

(parent signature)

(student signature)

Remaining Late Opening Days

School starts at 10:35AM on the following dates:

- March 16
- April 20
- May 18

PTA News

**Please Mark Your Calendars For The
Following PTA Meetings Dates:**

- April 12, 2016
- May 10, 2016

All meetings are held in the Library from 6:00
pm – 7:30 pm



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