

Cougar News

A Note From the Principal

Thank you to all parents and students of Creekview Elementary School. I especially want to thank the PTO executive committee. They have been a part of assisting us with a variety of needs and programs. Ruthanne Hartman and Julie McHugh will be moving on to other buildings as their children leave Creekview onto the middle school. Gretchan Senft, Dora Bronston, and Missy Slamka will continue to assist with the school, but we are in need of additional members to our PTO. Please think about joining the group. I believe you will find it very rewarding.

Lastly, thank you to all students, parents, and staff that have made my time here such a great experience. It was an honor to serve such a great community. Best wishes to Creekview in the future.
Jon Graft

Jump Rope For Heart

The Jump Rope For Heart program is sponsored by the American Heart Association and was created to achieve basically two goals. One was to raise money for the AHA and the other was to help develop cardio-pulmonary fitness in elementary children. At Creekview we are having 3rd, 4th and 5th graders participate although all children in grades 1-5 are working in developing rope jumping skills.

Since this is the first time we have done it at Creekview, I have chosen to do it as part of the physical education classes and not interfere with the school day. We are taking three weeks to work on rope jumping activities. By the end of the three weeks, the students will have jumped a total of 2.5 hours. All students at Creekview in will participate in the fitness part of the JRFH program. But only students in grades 3-5 whose parents sign the permission forms will be allowed to participate in the fund raising part. All money is to be turned in on Thursday, May 3. During the three week unit students will be learning to jump rope with individual speed ropes and also working with one long jump rope and some introductory double dutch skills.
Don Gilgrist-Creekview Physical Ed.

I nominate the following persons
For the 2007-08 PTO Officers.
President

Happy Retirement Wanda Hedges We'll Miss You!

Skeeter Payne Elementary Boy's Basketball

Congratulations 3rd/4th Grades
Creekview Blue who took 2nd place in
the end-of-season tournament
Sidique Bailey Kody Gustin
Jacob Hall Josh Senft Micah Senft
Bobby Rall Larry Crawford
Congratulations 3rd/4th Grades
Creekview Green who took 3rd place in
the end-of-season tournament
Jaylon Hill Josh Woodward
Zach Green Sam Michael Chris Holmes
Saige Richards Jaton Clemons
Jerome Humes Kelcey Jackson

Annual Spring Picnic

An annual end-of-year event for Creekview Elementary is the spring picnic. This year's picnic is May 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The PTO provides fried chicken and each grade level is asked to bring a covered dish such as desserts - 1st grade or vegetable 4th grade. The entire family is invited and asked to bring lawn chairs and outdoor games. This year's event is chaired by Julie McHugh and Amy Woodward. Look for reservation and covered dish information coming home soon.

Scholastic One Day Book Fair
On May 15, Scholastic Book Fair returns for one day. All books are buy one-get one free or ½ the price of one.
Sue Sant-Creekview Librarian

**WE wish to thank Wal-Mart
for their \$25 donation to
the Creekview Jump for
Heart Campaign.**

Vice President

Secretary

Calendar Dates

05/04 Interims Home Grades 4,5
05/08 Election Day
05/09 Early Dismissal
05/10 PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m.
05/10 Vail Open House 7:00 p.m.
05/15 Scholastic Book Fair
05/17 NO PRESCHOOL
05/17 Spring Picnic
05/23 Early Dismissal
05/25 MEGAFRIDAY
05/28 NO SCHOOL
06/08 5th Grade Recognition 9:15 am
06/08 Last Day

08/09 Office opens
08/27 Open House 3:00-5:00 p.m.
08/28 First Day School Grades 1-5
08/30 First Day School Kindergarten

**Don't forget your
General Mills Boxtops**

**PTO Meeting
May 10
4:00 p.m.**

**Thank you Mr. Graft for
serving as our Principal.
We wish you the best of
luck in your new
position!**

**Fifth Grade Recognition Ceremony
June 8 9:15 a.m.
Followed by Reception hosted by
the Creekview PTO**

PTO Nominations Needed
PTO Officer nominations are needed for the 2007-08 school year. Nominations are taken for each PTO office and then voted on at the spring picnic. See nomination form attached. Please turn in names by May 16.

Treasurer

Volunteer Coordinator

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Memories From Our Graduating Class Fifth Grade Mrs. Handorf

About Creekview

It's weird to think about how far you have come when you're getting ready to go to middle school. It seems like yesterday when I started kindergarten at Creekview. It's sad when you're getting ready to leave elementary school and you know you're never going to see some of your old friends and you have realized you've grown up too fast.

Brady Baker

Kindergarten-5th Grade

Creekview

Creekview is one of the nicest schools I have ever been to. I like the food and kids here. I like my friends and activities that we do. Moving to a new school was like moving to a new place. I have 3 friends and their names are Adam, Freda, and Quade from Mayfield. I have known Tyler Wenzel since 2nd grade at Mayfield. I like Creekview and will miss it next year at Verity. I recommend Creekview.

Ryan Cassidy

First year at Creekview

Ms. Kash

I have many memories of Creekview and one is all of my teachers. They were all nice to me and I will miss them all. They helped me learn about things I didn't get. They all were the best teachers ever.

Garrett Jones

Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

Creekview has meant a lot to me. I have just moved from North Carolina, and there was some things that I needed to know, that I haven't learned yet. The great fifth grade teachers are very helpful and nice. Every teacher means a lot to me, but the fifth grade teachers at Creekview Elementary School, I will definitely not forget!

They will help in any way.

Chelsea Adams

First year at Creekview

Mrs. Senften

Fifth Grade Happening

Now that the pressure and stress of the Ohio Achievement test better known as the OAT, is over, we can breathe a sigh of relief. The students really worked hard this year preparing for the test. I am very proud of my class.

How excited were the students when they got their checkbooks. The students earned mega bucks, but I deposited them into their checking account. They worked hard to keep their balance correct. When they wanted the monthly treats, buy raffle tickets, or the quarterly activity they had to write a check to me.

The class made ghost crystals and wanted to take them home as soon as possible to see if their parents could see the ghost crystal in their jar. They wanted to know where I got the crystals. However, when I told them they thought that was disgusting. I told them from a diaper!

Everybody had to learn the states and capitals for some it was easy and others had a hard time. Everyone made OK. We still play Around the World with the States and Capitals.

This was a Great year!!

A Message from the Superintendent Steve Price

We've been through a lot in Middletown lately. That makes our decision on May 8th more important than ever. Now more than ever, Middletown needs strong schools. Middletown's teachers and children have been working hard to raise the overall level of achievement of Middletown Schools, and their hard work is paying off. Test scores are rising and significant academic progress is being made throughout the District. **Please don't give up on our schools now,** just when we are seeing so much progress.

Issue 2 is an essential piece of the financial plan to **KEEP** the academic progress that Middletown kids have made. *Without Issue 2, \$7 million will have to be cut from the budget,* including many of the teachers and programs that have made that progress possible.

Issue 2 is not for new programs - it is for keeping enough teachers, tutors, books, educational supplies, transportation and student activities to keep it working for Middletown children. Please educate yourself about Issue 2 and what it means to the future of Middletown.

The Cougar News is a volunteer effort of the Creekview PTO.

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I have been privileged to have my 3 children attend Creekview from Kindergarten through "graduation." After 14 consecutive years at Creekview, 9 years serving as a PTO Officer, and 5 years serving as Cougar News Editor, I say good-bye and wish many successes to future students. Ruthanne Hartman