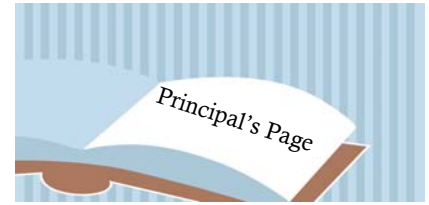


January '09 Newsletter

Crawfordville Elementary School
Angie Walker, Principal



SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Students return for the **Second Semester, Tuesday, January 6.**
- **Spirit Day, Friday, January 9.**
- **Report Cards for the second grading period go home on Monday, January 12.**
- **Awards Assemblies will be held on Wednesday, January 14 to recognize students achieving "A" and "A/B" Honor Roll as well as students with perfect attendance. Call the school office for grade level assembly times.**
- **School will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Thank you for a very successful first semester! Our faculty and staff enjoyed an opportunity to renew and refocus during the break and have returned with enthusiasm. We will be working hard during the next few weeks to review skills covered during the first semester while introducing new lessons. Daily attendance is important!

Thank you for the outstanding participation in the Jump Rope for Heart program. With your participation, our Cougars contributed over \$2500 to the American Heart Association, demonstrating

our commitment to community.

Congratulations to second grade teacher Ann Loyed. Mrs. Loyed was selected by her peers as Crawfordville School's Teacher of the Year. We are happy to welcome back Amber Stallings from maternity leave and extend the same welcome to Tiffany Hall. Mrs. Hall is our new data entry clerk.

At this time of the year, many of us are making our New Year's resolutions. I encourage you to use one of your resolutions to establish strong

bonds with your children and help set the stage for them to love learning. Get involved with your child's school and help him or her discover that getting an education is not only necessary, but exciting and fun.

Once again, thank you for your participation and your overwhelming commitment to Crawfordville Elementary School.



Happy New Year!

TIME FOR ANNUAL SURVEY

As a part of Wakulla County School System's commitment to continuous improvement, you will be asked to complete an online climate survey regarding your child's school. Instructions for completing the online survey as well as

login information will be sent home with your child's report card. The online survey will be active through February 28. If online access is not convenient for you, you may request a paper copy from your child's teacher or from the school

office. Your opinions, insights and perspectives are important to us and helps determine areas of need in our school. When you receive your login information, please take a few minutes to give us your input!

January's Words of the Week

- January 6: Adversary
- January 12: Ornate
- January 19: Famished
- January 26: Immaculate



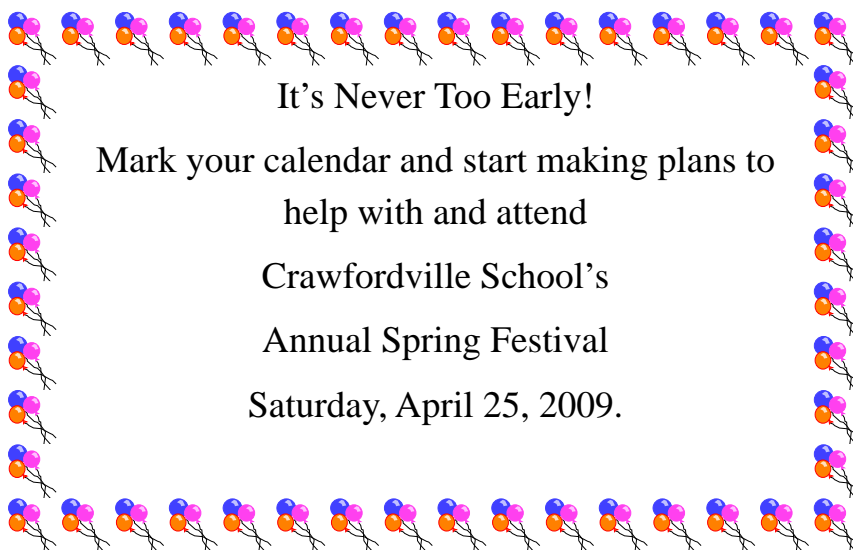
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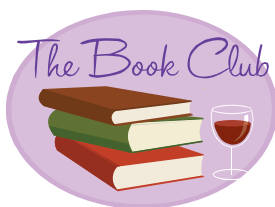
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It's Never Too Early!

Mark your calendar and start making plans to
help with and attend
Crawfordville School's
Annual Spring Festival
Saturday, April 25, 2009.

QUICKTIPS: THE IMPORTANCE OF READING



Help your child to learn to love reading!



School will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Of all the things parents can do to reinforce learning, helping children learn to love reading may be the most important. Get your children "hooked on books" and you'll help them succeed in school—and in life! Reading is the foundation of a successful education. Children improve this all-important ability by reading, reading and reading some more. Yet, in a recent survey, more than half of all students surveyed said they spent just *four minutes* a day reading at home.) They also reported spending *two hours* a day watching television.) Research shows that kids who spend as little as 30 minutes a day reading books, magazines and newspapers are more likely to become good readers and do better in school.

- Reading aloud to children of all ages is one of the best ways to help them develop a love of books. It can also be a special time to spend with your kids.
- Do you know how much time you and your children read each week? Keep track of your activities for a week, then talk about what you've charted. Are you watching more television than you'd like? Does reading seem to be a lower priority than other activities? Many families have reading time every day.
- Children who see their parents reading usually grow up to be readers themselves. This is one of those times when actions really do speak louder than words. Talk with your children about why you're reading—for information, to check out something you think you know, or reading just for fun!
- Make reading easy and fun. If the TV is easy to reach but books are on a high shelf, you can guess how your kids will spend their time. Make sure books, magazines and newspapers are easy to get.
- Check out our local library!



INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful to your readers.

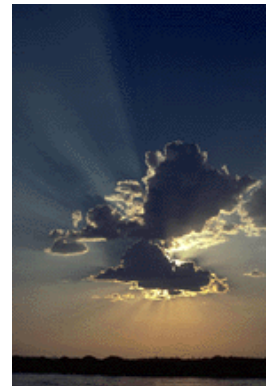
A great way to add useful con-

tent to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple

way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your cus-

tomers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice

column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to

be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an im-

age, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.



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