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Angie Walker, Principal



CRAWFORDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November '08 Newsletter

Principal's Page



Wow! It has been a fast and furious start to a new school year! We are already well into the second nine-week grading period and everyone continues to "Kick It Up A Notch!" Report cards for the first grading period were sent home on Friday, October 24. Report card time provides an excellent opportunity to talk with your child about setting goals and reviewing weekly progress as well as stressing the importance of attendance. Please remember that Edline will give you weekly updates regarding academic progress and all of our teachers upload grades on Tuesday afternoons. If you do not know how to access Edline and your child's account, please call the school office for technical help and a password.

We make every effort to maintain clean data in our computer system. It is very important that you provide current address, phone number(s) and emergency contact information to the school. If changes should occur during the school year, please contact our data entry clerk so she can enter

the correct and current data in our system.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sue Griffin, Wakulla County Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Griffin is our media specialist and has been at Crawfordville Elementary since 1984. Although this year is Mrs. Griffin's last as an educator (she will retire at the end of the 2008-2009 school year) she continues to strive to keep Crawfordville School's media center one of the best! Mrs. Griffin was selected for this honor by her peers and will be recognized at the School Board Meeting on November 17 at 5:30 PM.

Our Positive Behavior System (PBS) continues to be a great success. As a part of PBS, each morning students recite our Cougar Pledge to remind them of who they are and their responsibilities as a Crawfordville Cougar. Each teacher and staff member begins

the week with fifteen PawPats to recognize students who are making positive choices in the classroom, lunchroom, bus, playground, hall, restrooms, and every facet of school. At the end of the week, five PawPats for each grade level are drawn and those students make a trip to my office for a Treasure Chest visit. Students are also introduced on the Cougar News and sit at decorated tables in the cafeteria. If you have items you would like to donate (novelties, gift certificates, etc.) we can use items to replenish the treasure chest. Please contact me if you would like to make a donation or if you have any questions.

You're the best!



*Our school family wishes your family
Happy Thanksgiving!*

Cougar Pledge

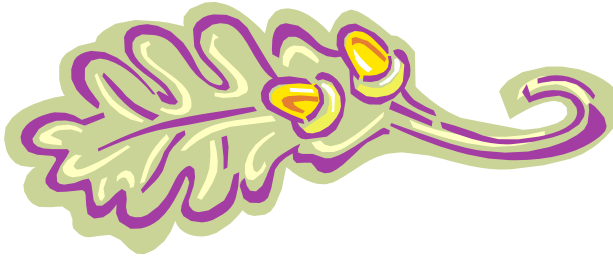
**I am an important person and part of the caring community of
Crawfordville Elementary School.**

**I pledge to show respect for all students regardless of difference,
make responsible choices, and be someone others can trust.**

I am proud to be a Crawfordville Cougar.

You're Invited to a Thanksgiving Feast!

Our cafeteria ladies are preparing a Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday, November 25 and you are invited to come and join your child during his/her lunch time for a delicious buffet. *Your child will enjoy the same menu but will go through the regular lunch line.* The menu includes Sliced Turkey, Whipped Potatoes, Green Peas, Biscuit, Cake with Frosting and iced tea or



You're Invited to Join Us for Lunch!

milk. The cost will be \$3.00 per adult. Just think—great company, good food and all that for only \$3.00! You do not need to prepay (you will

be able to pay the cashier as you go through the buffet) but we do need a count so we will have plenty of food prepared. ***Please RSVP using the form at the bottom of the page and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, November 19.***

We look forward to having you join our Pilgrims and American Indians on November 25th!

GIVING THANKS

Throughout history people have set aside special days for giving thanks. The Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Chinese, Egyptians and American Indians all held thanksgiving celebrations. The date and customs vary from place to place, but the desire to reflect on life's blessings remains the same. However, being thankful is always in season—it's not just for Thanksgiving. Remembering to say thanks is a part of good training. More than just

courtesy, expressing gratitude is critical to the development of a child's character as they learn to appreciate the world and people around them. Take a look around you. Blessings abound—the laughter of children, the beauty of a glorious sunset, the comfort of a warm bed at night. At this tumultuous time in our nation's history, there are many things that cause us concern. Nevertheless, at the same time we still have much to be thankful for.

This Thanksgiving, it is our hope you and your family will pause to count blessings and to be thankful for this great country in which we live. Don't forget to include in your prayers all those men and women who are stationed around the world and their families. They will be spending the holiday away from home—many in places that are hostile to an American presence—in order to defend the freedoms that we so often take for granted!

Please clip and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, November 19!

\$3.00 Per Adult

I will be joining my child for Thanksgiving Lunch on Nov. 25.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Teacher: _____

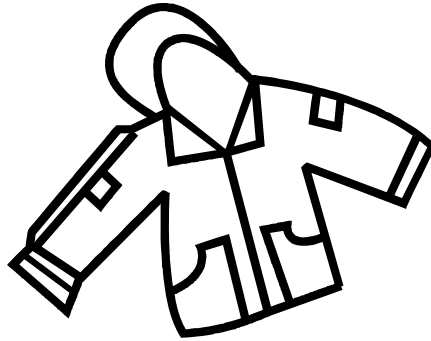
No. of Adults Attending: _____



Happy Thanksgiving!

Label Your Child's Coats and Sweaters!

We have already had a few mornings of cool weather and as surely as the seasons change, more is on the way! Some of our children have started wearing light jackets and sweaters during the cool mornings, and already we have started collecting these items in Lost and Found. Each year we have dozens of unclaimed coats, sweaters, gloves,



Don't forget to include your child's name on his/her coat, sweater, etc.

etc. that we donate to local charities because we do not know the owner. We offer students many opportuni-

ties to look in Lost and Found (located in the cafeteria) but very few items are reclaimed. Please remember to write your child's name on items of clothing worn to school before that favorite (and expensive!) coat or sweater gets left on the playground or bus. When names are on articles of clothing, the lost is found again!

Important Dates!

- **Crawfordville Spelling Bee—Tuesday, November 18 at 9:15 AM**
- **Progress Reports for the second nine-weeks grading period go home, Nov. 19**
- **RSVP for Thanksgiving Lunch due—Wednesday, November 19**
Early Release Day—Wednesday, November 26.
Elementary students will be dismissed at approximately 1:15.
Thanksgiving Holidays—Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28.



Spelling Bee on Tuesday, November 18.

Spelling Bee

The spelling skills of our fourth and fifth graders will be on display at Crawfordville's annual Spelling Bee on Tuesday, November 18. Fourth graders will kick off the event at 9:15 in the cafetorium and the 5th grade competition will begin as soon as fourth graders have completed their event.

Congratulations to our fourth grade candidates: Nicholas Armstrong, Frances Deitz, Kaysha Harper,

Dezz Howard, Juliana Prestia, Hunter Quick, Jalecia Reed, Harley Rigdon, Daniel Rohe, Noah Sanders, Macey Smith, Kymberli Sullivan and Tyler Tucker.

Congratulations also go out to our fifth grade candidates: Rebecca Berson, Devin Brayman, Jacob Corniels, Jourdyn Daniels, Jaiden Foss, Mattias Gunnarsson, Kennedy Hall, Erin Hammon, Abigail Kowalczyk, Jackson Montgomery,

Taylor Register, Carly Rudd, Katherine Sullivan and Allen Swift.

At the end of our Spelling Bee, a champion, a 1st runner up and an alternate will be selected from 4th and 5th grade. The champion and runner up will represent Crawfordville School at the district spelling bee held in December.





Organization

BUSINESS NAME

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

We're on the Web!
example.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

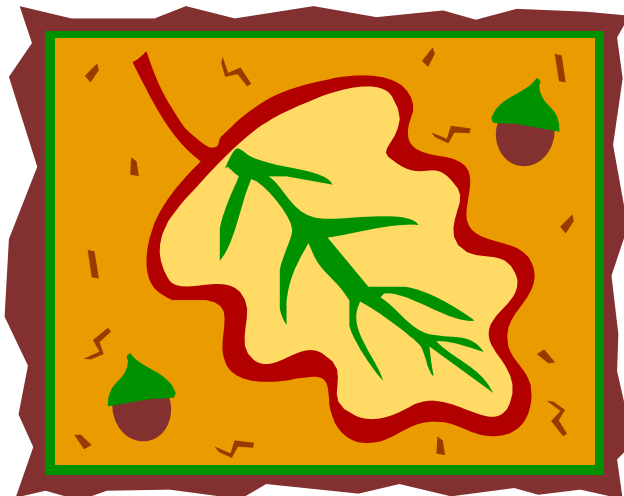
If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to

any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the

month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



Caption describing picture or graphic.