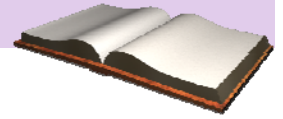




# March '09 Newsletter



## The Principal's Page

Crawfordville Elementary School

March 1, 2009

Angie Walker, Principal

All of us have been affected in one way or another by budget concerns, whether it's fear about losing a job, not having enough money to pay the bills or an evaporating retirement account. I'm sure if your family is like mine, we constantly watch the news for some inkling of just how much more we need to plan and conserve and just where this down-turn in our economy will take us. As an educator I am doubly concerned about the cuts in funding from the state for our school districts. Florida's commissioner of education has informed school districts statewide of a further reduction in funding for the 2009-2010 school year, and to top it off, it remains unclear how much money—if any—Florida schools will get in the way of the Reinvestment Act's stabilization funds. Florida's Legislative Delegation will meet for their first session on March 3 to consider funding for school districts and I would like to ask your help. On page three of this newsletter, contact information is listed for Wakulla County's Legislative Delegation along with Leon County's Delegation, our Senators and Congressman. Please take a moment to respectfully contact these individuals and voice your concerns about the deep cuts in education. Ours is an era of stunted public discourse and we often feel disenfranchised by our elected officials, but this is a perfect time and a worthy cause to join together and voice our opinions!

Crawfordville Cougars are wearing their "green" glasses and looking for ways to save the environment AND save money. Our Ecology Club, the Eco-Ambassadors, have recycling bins placed around the school to collect papers, newspapers, magazines, etc. and are busily educating the rest of us on ways we can conserve, recycle and reuse. School-wide projects include recycling used ink cartridges and Capri Sun© juice bags. The school receives a donation for all ink cartridges mailed in and 2¢ for each juice bag recycled. All stakeholders at CES are researching ideas to assist in this endeavor without impacting our mission, that "all students will achieve their highest potential as a result of their experiences that are provided by a team of highly qualified professionals in a positive, caring, healthy and safe learning environment." One of the ideas under consideration is cutting back on paper usage, therefore helping to save the environment and funds! Through the use of technology we can effectively communicate through email, Edline, school and district websites, our local newspaper and television stations, and for immediate information, ConnectEd. Our school newsletters are posted on the school's website; lunch and breakfast menus are posted on the district website and are published in the Wakulla News and advertised on most of the early news shows. We will certainly continue to examine ways to weather the downturn in our economy, but Crawfordville School has provided a tradition-rich, quality education in a caring atmosphere to the children of Wakulla County for over seventy years and we will continue that commitment.

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**Cougars Are Ready for FCAT!**

It's testing time again and our CES cats are ready to take on the FCAT!

- Second graders will take the Stanford 10 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 through March 5..
- Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades will test on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 through March 5.
- Fifth Grade will take the science portion of FCAT on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 10 and March 11.
- Make-up tests will be given on Friday, March 6 and again on Thursday, March 12 for students missing any portion of the tests because of absences.

Although our children take the tests, there are some things you can do to help your child perform at his/her best.

- ⇒ It is important that your child be in attendance and arrive at school on time. Your child will be much more relaxed if you do not have to hurry around on testing days.
- ⇒ Get a good night's rest.
- ⇒ If your child is on a daily prescribed medication, please be sure and administer the dosage as usual.
- ⇒ Wear comfortable clothing.
- ⇒ Provide your child with a nutritious breakfast.
- ⇒ Be positive and encourage your child to do his/her best!



*“Try your best,  
be your best,  
because you are  
the best!”*

**“Band-Aide”**


Our middle schools would like to have extra instruments to lend children who have a love for music and want to explore their interests. Also, many children want to join the band once they are in middle school, but some are unable to afford an adequate instrument. And, since Crawfordville Elementary students make up over half of the middle school band program at Wakulla Middle School, our Cougars would like to lend a helping hand! Please look in your closets, attics, garages for any band instruments that you may no longer use or need and would be willing to donate. We will collect instruments here at Crawfordville Elementary and give them to the middle school in your name. Your old, used band instrument may become a loving treasure for some student to use throughout their music career!!

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Next month, if a decision is made not to print a newsletter or menu for April and you do not have the resources available to access this information, please contact the school office and we will provide you with a copy of the menu.

Thank you for your continued support and for the opportunity to serve you and your children! As long as we work together, even more so through difficult times, we will achieve our goal of providing the best education possible for our youth.

# Elementary Breakfast Menu—March 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cereal Graham Crackers Orange Juice, Milk	3 Pancakes w/ Syrup Applesauce Milk	4 Sausage Link Sliced Bread Apricots, Milk	5 Egg Patty w/ Biscuit Peaches Milk	6 Waffles w/ Syrup Fruit Cup Milk
9 Cereal Graham Crackers Orange Juice, Milk	10 Pancakes w/ Syrup Apricots Milk	11 Ham Combo Sliced Bread Pineapple Cup, Milk	12 Waffles w/ Syrup Applesauce Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Cup Milk
16 Cereal Graham Crackers Orange Juice, Milk	17 Pancakes w/ Syrup Applesauce Milk	18 Mozzarella Cheese Stick w/ Sauce Peaches, Milk	19 Sausage Link Sliced Bread w/ Jelly Fruit Cup, Milk	20 TEACHER PLANNING DAY No School!
23 Cereal Animal Crackers Orange Juice, Milk	24 Waffles w/ Syrup Applesauce Milk	25 Egg Patty w/ Biscuit Apple Milk	26 Breakfast Pizza Apricots Milk	27 Sausage Link Sliced Bread Mixed Fruit, Milk
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### Spring Festival News!

Each spring, Crawfordville Elementary is the home of a Spring Festival—an afternoon of games, entertainment, great food, BINGO for prizes, a sweetshop, drawings for prizes AND a silent auction. Whew! Just by reading the list you can see that a tremendous amount of planning and hard work goes into this annual event. The Festival is a day when parents, teachers, students, family and friends come together to benefit our children.

Money raised from the Spring Festival, the only major fund-raising project at CES, goes directly back to our students and is a major component of supplementary funding for our classrooms. How can you help? Keep reading! This newsletter will give you a better understanding of this important event and hopefully, you will be excited and ready to join the Spring Festival team!



Mark your calendar—Crawfordville Spring Festival, April 25, 2009!

**It's Coming!**  
**GET READY FOR**  
**CRAWFORDVILLE**  
**SCHOOL'S SPRING**  
**FESTIVAL.**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**APRIL 25, 2009**  
**2:00—6:00 PM**

### Spring Festival Timeline

- January—April 4, 2009 Collect items for classroom baskets
- March 4, 2009 4:00 PM PTA Meeting in Media Center
- March 30, 2009 FESTIVAL TICKETS GO ON SALE
- April 2, 2009 4:00 PM PTA Meeting in Media Center
- April 3, 2009 Deadline to sell tickets to be class rep
- April 6—April 10, Spring Break Spring Break—SELL, SELL, SELL!
- April 24, 1:00-4:00 Deliver baked goods to teachers' lounge
- April 24, 4:00 PM Deadline for ticket money
- April 25, 8:00-11:00 Deliver baked goods to teachers' lounge
- April 25 **Spring Festival.** Festival begins at 2:00

### Visit The Book Nook While at the Festival

We are collecting gently used books, DVDs and VHS movies (content appropriate, please!) to sell at the Book Nook. If you have any books or movies that you would like to donate, please let us know. We will be accepting donations until April 17, 2009. Please call Vickie Heydenreich at 926-2513 or Stacy Harvey at 926-9386 if you have any questions. We need your donations to make this new Activity Booth a success!

### What Are Activity Booths?

During the Festival, each class sponsors an activity booth. Activity booths such as Gone Fishin', Plinko, Moonwalk, Ring Toss, Duck Pond, Basketball Toss (just to name a few) are fun activities that

last throughout the evening. Your child's teacher will be contacting you soon to ask you to sign up for a time on Festival day to collect tickets and help run the booth or serve food items. Sign up to

work in a booth! For the short time you will be working, you'll find that you have as much fun as the smiling faces you help!

Working in a booth is just ONE of the ways you can help!





Are you interested in becoming a Festival Sponsor?

### YOU Can Be A Festival Sponsor!

Be a Festival Sponsor! For a \$125 donation, your business will become an important part of our Festival.

A Festival Contribution Form is available to aid in your donation (you will receive a copy to keep in your tax files). Please call the school office at 926-3641 or contact any

member of our faculty and staff or a PTA Council Representative. Your sponsorship helps defray the cost of purchasing prizes for each activity booth so that more profit from the Festival goes directly to the children!

### Contribute a Prize or Service

We need items and gift certificates that can be given away in BINGO and during ticket drawings. Tickets are sold by students and their family members throughout the area, traditionally covering a range of three counties and some are even sold out-of-state., giving donors a wide range of advertise-

ment. For ticket items, the name of the person/business making the donation is listed on festival tickets. Before each bingo game begins, donated items are displayed and the name of the person/business making the donation is advertised before a large audience. Since BINGO is always one

of the top drawing activities, donors receive a tremendous amount of advertising as well as goodwill from those winning prizes. A Festival Contribution Form is available from the school office to help you designate your donation. Call the office at 926-3641.

All Festival donations are welcome. Donations can be received up until the date of the festival and your donation is tax deductible. Please contact Tara Craig at 926-9511 or Vickie Heydenreich at 926-2513 if you have any questions regarding your donation.

**“Iron rusts from disuse;  
water loses its purity  
from stagnation....**

**Even so does inaction  
sap the vigors of the  
mind.**

**- Leonardo da Vinci**

### FOOD, FOOD, FOOD!

Nothing smells or tastes quite so good as a hamburger or hot dog cooked over an open grill. Add nachos or chips, a cold soda with a big slice of chocolate cake and you have a gourmet meal! You can find all this and more at The Sidewalk Cafe during our Spring Festival.

Other “sweet attractions” include the Cake Walk and Sweet Shop and we will need a donation of your baked goods to make these activities successful. An allowance of \$6 is given to the child’s class for which the donation is being made. Donation examples include two

dozen cupcakes, two dozen home baked cookies, standard pound cake, two dozen brownies, two dozen Rice Krispie squares, etc. So ladies and gentlemen, “walk on in” and help us make these activities popular attractions !

*There’s no waiting  
at  
The Sidewalk Cafe  
Opening on  
April 25, 2009  
At  
Crawfordville  
School’s  
Spring Festival!*



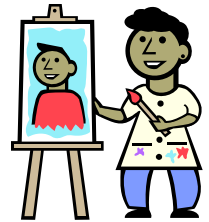
**Silent Auction**

A Silent Auction will once again be featured during our Spring Festival and with your help, will spotlight some beautiful and creative pieces as well as theme baskets. We would



love to add your creation to our collection! Paintings, needlework, photography, wood carvings, beaded jewelry, ceramics, pottery and original prints attract a large crowd and helps us generate money that goes directly back to our children. It also allows the community to view and purchase the work of local artisans. Art comes in many forms

and our surrounding area is an inspiration to many talented artists. We look forward to having some of these inspirations displayed at the Festival. Please call Stacy Harvey at 926-9386 or the school office at 926-3641 and we will make arrangements to pick up or receive your work of art.



Donate your "work of art" for our Silent Art Auction

Our Spring Festival is the **ONLY** fund-raising campaign where dollars raised go directly back into our school to benefit the students of Crawfordville Elementary!

**What Are Festival Tickets?**

Ticket sales are a large part of our Festival success. Tickets are sold for a \$1 donation and ticket stubs are placed in a large drum at school. A drawing will be held during the Festival for valuable prizes.

For each book of ten tickets sold, a child receives a popsicle. Tickets will be sold from March 30 through April 24. After April 3, the boy and girl from each class with the most ticket sales will represent their class during the program held in the school cafeteria, an opening event for the

Festival where representatives perform on stage. This year, we will have a "thermometer" out front with dollar increments of approximately \$3000. The thermometer goes up each time ticket sales are totaled and when each goal is met, a special activity will take place. Some of the activities planned are listed on Page 7. At this time, students and teachers are "ranking" activities and some may even have more *interesting* suggestions! Top ticket

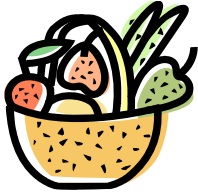
sellers will also participate in special activities. When your children bring home tickets to sell, please keep safety in mind. Children should never go out alone and should only sell tickets in familiar neighborhoods. ***Also, please note that dates have already been established with Wal-Mart, Ace Hardware and Winn-Dixie for ticket sales. Please do not make plans to sell tickets at these businesses.***

**Help Us Entertain Our Guests!**

**DURING THE FESTIVAL, STAGES ARE PROVIDED FOR DANCE ROUTINES, PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL BANDS, VOCALISTS, MUSICIANS, ETC. ARE YOU OR YOUR GROUP INTERESTED? CONTACT VICKIE HEYDENREICH AND SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP SCHEDULE A TIME FOR YOU TO DISPLAY YOUR TALENT ON ONE OF OUR STAGES.**

Performers Welcome!





Send in your donation to help us defray cost of preparing baskets.

### **Have Your Heard About Our Baskets?**

Just in case you're wondering—each classroom has chosen a basket theme and your child's teacher has probably already sent this information home. We are asking for each student to donate an item for their classroom basket. These baskets will be part of the Silent Auction as well as part of the ticket prizes. If you prefer to make a monetary donation for your classroom basket, that is fine too. If you do not know your child's classroom basket theme or if you have any question, be sure to check with him/her. You can also get in touch with Vickie Heydenreich at 926-2513 or Stacy Harvey at 926-9386. Remember, ALL festival proceeds stay here at CES!!

### **“Thermometer” Activities Being Considered and Ranked—Motivating Students to Sell Festival Tickets!**

#### “Thermometer” Activities

- \* No homework school-wide for one week.
- \* Two of our talented faculty members sing on stage during lunch.
- \* Three members of our faculty and staff have a scooter race around the bus ramp.
- \* Our male members of the faculty and staff dress like girls.
- \* Mrs. Walker, and one or two of her best friends, sit on the roof for 24 hours.
- \* Mrs. Walker and Ms. Kelley get slimed.
- \* Mrs. Walker and Ms. Kelley get kissed by a pig.
- \* A representative from all areas of school (each grade level, office staff, administration, maintenance, para-pros, lunchroom) compete in a hula hoop contest.
- \* Mrs. Walker and Ms. Kelley serve lunch to students through the serving line.
- \* Mrs. Walker gets into the Dunking Booth.
- \* Extra ten minutes at recess for three days.
- \* Students can sit with another class at lunch (in the same grade level) for three days.

#### Top Ticket Seller Prizes

- \* Weekly top sellers from each class chooses an item from the Treasure Chest—new and different prizes from our PBS Treasure Chest.
- \* Weekly grade level top sellers get lunch from McDonalds
- \* All children selling a book of ten tickets receive the traditional frozen “goodie” during lunch.
- \* After ticket sales, the top seller from each class gets to be teacher-for-a-day and gets to eat in the Teachers' Lounge that day.
- \* After ticket sales, the top class for each grade level gets a pizza party.
- \* Top three sellers for the whole school can be whoever they want for a day (principal, assistant principal, Mr. Van, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Willis, Coach Camp, a teacher, etc .) and gets to go to Beef O'Brady's for lunch.



Daylight Savings Begins, Sunday, March 8!

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### March Words of the Week:

March 2—Defy  
March 9—Etiquette  
March 16—Eloquent  
March 23—Malady  
March 30—Rotund

### Special Dates of Interest

- \* FCAT and Stanford 10 Testing. Refer to page two article for information and dates.
- \* Spring Photograph date scheduled for March 5 has been rescheduled for April 2.
- \* Spirit Day, Friday, March 6.
- \* “Family Night on Tuesday, March 17. “Families That Read Together Succeed Together” theme will be highlighted along with Bingo and prizes. Events will be held in the school cafetorium and will begin at 7:00 PM.
- \* End of the third nine-week grading period, March 19.
- \* Teacher Planning Day, Friday, March 20. No school for students.
- \* Report Cards go home on Friday, March 27. Only one more grading period left in the school year!
- \* Awards Assemblies will be held on Monday March 30 to recognize A Honor Roll, A/B Honor Roll, Super Citizens and Perfect Attendance. Awards Assembly Times:
  - 9:15 Fifth Grade
  - 9:40 Fourth Grade
  - 10:05 Third Grade
  - 10:30 First Grade
  - 2:25 Second Grade

### Elementary Lunch Menu—March 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pizza Green Peas Carrot Sticks Sherbet, Milk	3 Turkey & Noodles Broccoli Cornbread Orange Wedges, Milk	4 Taco Salad Whole Kernel Corn Juice Bar Milk	5 Macaroni, Ham & Cheese Casserole Green Beans, Yeast Roll Banana, Milk	6 Fish Square Tater Tots Cornbread Applesauce, Milk
9 Corndog Green Beans Carrot Sticks Pineapple Cup, Milk	10 Beans & Franks Tossed Salad Yeast Roll Apple, Milk	11 Hamburger Potato Wedge Peach Cup Milk	12 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Broccoli Yeast Roll Strawberries, Milk	13 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Yeast Roll Fruit Cup, Milk
16 Shepherd's Pie Mixed Vegetables Biscuit Sherbet, Milk	17 Macaroni, Ham & Cheese Casserole Broccoli, Yeast Roll Peach Cup, Milk	18 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Yeast Roll Strawberries, Milk	19 Deli Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/ Dip Tossed Salad Fruit Cup, Milk	20 TEACHER PLANNING DAY No School!
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