



Important Dates to Remember...

December

15 Birthday cake
19-30 No School

January

3 Zaxby's Night
9 PTA Meeting 6:30(childcare
provided by PTA)
16 No School - MLK holiday
17 Blood Drive
23 No School - Teacher workday
26 Moe's Northlake Night
28 Bingo Family Night
31 Birthday Cake

February

2 Class & Club pictures
3 Souper Bowl Staff Luncheon
6 *PTA Meeting 6:30(childcare
provided by PTA)
7 Zaxby's Night
8 Donuts with Dad 7:30 am
9 Chick-fil-a Night
20-21 Teacher Workdays
23 Moe's Northlake Night
25 Me and My Guy Dance 6 - 8 pm
29 Birthday Cake

Star Volunteers:

Brandi and Dan Colby—Book Fair Chairs
and all their volunteers

Star Staff:

Girls on the Run Coaches for
this Fall:
Ms. Bateman, Ms. Gibson and
Ms. Straub



THANK YOU ALL!



PTA Update

As we celebrate the holidays, I would like to thank our PTA community for their generosity of time and donations. We gathered scarves, hats and gloves to donate to David Cox Road elementary children in need, baked dozens of homemade cookies for our Staff Cookie Rodeo & gave precious time to staff the Book Fair.

Dan & Brandy Colby chaired Book Fair and it was a big success – thanks to their creative new ideas of the grandparent event, shopping before movie night and offering free wrapping for holiday book gifts! Thank you for your time – you are a perfect example for how both moms and dads have so much to give to our school community.

I want to welcome our new secretary, Channon Wright and thank all those who were interested in the position as well – in the 7 years I have been in PTA, we have never had a run-off – very exciting to see the interest! We are starting our search for a new President and Treasurer – please contact me at Bcalhoun9130@bellsouth.net for more information. It is a very manageable time commitment for both – I have always worked while serving as Treasurer, and now President. I am proof that you don't have to be a stay at home mom or dad to serve on Exec Board!

Enjoy the time from school and holidays and we hope to see you back in January at our first PTA meeting on January 9th in the Media Center!

~Beth Ann Calhoun
PTA President

Dear Croft Families,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the halfway point of the second quarter. The students in grades 2-5 just completed the CMS Formative Assessments and the classroom teachers are continuing to collaborate to provide quality instruction each day.

As you already know, the Winter Break is approaching quickly. The following are suggestions to do at home to help the students keep their skills sharp during the break:

- Create a "Winter Break" reading log and have your child read each night.
 - Ask your child questions about the story.
 - Have your child write a summary after reading the book.
- Review math facts during the break. (Addition and subtraction for the younger students and multiplication facts for the older students)
- Encourage your child to keep a "Winter Break" journal.

Along with keeping their skills sharp, it is important that your child enjoy his time with family and friends.

I hope that everyone has a restful break and thank you for your continued support of Croft Community School where we are "Changing Possibilities to Realities through Collaboration, Imagination and Innovation."

—Susan D. Wilson
Principal



Help support your school while shopping at your favorite stores this time of year!

Re-link your Harris Teeter VIC card to CCS – you must re-link every school year. If you have a Target Red Card or VISA, please link it to CCS and Target will donate 1% of your purchases to the school. Invite family members to link their accounts to CCS too! Our schools numbers are:

Harris Teeter - 7109

Target – 148518

SPIRIT ROCK RESERVATIONS:

Want to reserve the school rock to paint for your child's birthday or other special day? For details, cost, and reservations, please contact Julie Moore at 704-975-1163 or julietrev@gmail.com.

Announcements:

Congrats to our CCS Girls on the Run Team! They ran the New Balance/Girls on the Run 5k on December 3rd. Way to go girls, coaches and volunteers!

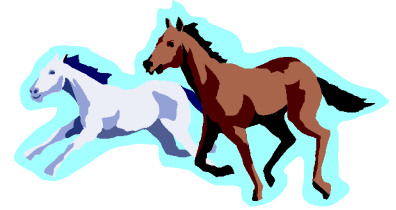
Our Annual Blood Drive at CCS will be January 19th. Look for more details soon. Contact Barbara Bell with questions. barbara.bell@cms.k12.nc.us

Clip and Earn Free Stuff for Your School with Campbell's Labels for Education

Clip and save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products. Give the UPCs and beverage caps to your school's PE teacher. When the whole school participates, the points really add up!!



The Box Top Derby is Off and Running!



The new derby board is up in the main hallway, and the horses will soon be added showing all the class totals. We have decided to award prizes a little differently this year so more classes have a chance at winning. There will still be a grand prize winner... the class that collects the most box tops school-wide will receive a Rita's Ice party at the end of the contest. In addition, there will be \$10.00 Target gift cards awarded to the classes with the highest number of box tops PER GRADE (excluding the grade that has the grand prize winner). The gift cards will be presented to the teachers to purchase something for the class.

Just as a reminder, the funds raised from all box tops are used for the purchase of SMART boards, but the placement of any new SMART boards are at the discretion of Mrs. Wilson. So, keep collecting,...especially over the holidays when you are baking!! And don't forget to raid the Grandparents/Aunts/Uncles/Cousins pantries when you visit...for box tops, of course! As always, make sure your teacher's name in on your envelope or baggie before turning in so your class gets credit.

Happy Holidays, and Happy collecting!!!



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Upcoming Events:

Bingo Night is Saturday, January 28th. If you are interested in helping with this fun event, contact Lisa Lemos at caseylemos@yahoo.com.

Run too Overcome will be Saturday, March 17th— the 5k/10k run will be from Hough High School to the Davidson Greenway.

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