



Important Dates to Remember

January

- 23 No school (teacher workday)
- 26 Moe's at Northlake night
- 28 Bingo Family Night
- 31 Birthday cake

February

- 2 Class and Club pictures
- 3 "Souperbowl" teacher luncheon
- 6 *PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
(childcare provided by PTA)
- 7 Zaxby's night
- 8 Donuts with Dad 7:15 a.m.
- 9 Chick-Fil-A Night
- 20-21 Teacher workdays
- 23 Moe's Northlake Night
- 25 Me and My Guy Dance 6-8 p.m.
- 29 Birthday Cake

March

- 5 PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
(childcare provided by PTA)
- 6 Zaxby's Night
- 9 SHOUT! Talent Show and PTA
General Meeting
- 9-16 Book Fair Week
- 12 Spring Pictures
- 17 Run Too Overcome
- 22 Chick-Fil-A Night
- 29 Moe's Northlake Night
- 29 Birthday Cake

Spring Break: March 30-April 6

Star Volunteer

Ruth Lewis-Pitt: Box Top Derby coordinator

Star Staff

Ms. Revak: We will miss you!



PTA Update

Another exciting year begins, and the PTA is offering tons of activities for families! You can play bingo; attend the variety of "Dad's Month" activities in February; join us for SHOUT!, our annual talent show; check out the spring Book Fair; run a 5K; participate in the "May Mother's Month" activities; and most importantly, be an active part of your child's school experience! Some of these activities are right around the corner, while others are in the coming months. You can find out the dates at the Croft PTA website at <http://www.croftpta.com/>.

Bingo Family Night is the first fun family event in January. Join us at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 28 in the gym for our annual BINGO Family Night. This is not a fundraiser – just a minimal cost for the cards to cover costs and we have great raffle prizes as well as BINGO winning treats! Please consider helping. We have to bring in a lot of tables and chairs to accommodate our families, and help is always needed. To help out, contact Lisa Lemos at caseylemos@yahoo.com.

Want to get your family on a New Year's get healthy plan? We have a fun event on Saturday, March 17 for the whole family! In an effort create a sense of community and raise awareness regarding children with special needs in the North Learning Community, we are proud to announce the fourth annual Run TOO Overcome (Together Overcoming Obstacles) at Hough High School, located at 12420 Bailey Road in Cornelius. This fun event will feature a 5-kilometer run, a 10K run, and a kid's fun run/walk. The proceeds will be split equally among the 12 participating area elementary, middle, and high schools. The proceeds will go to those schools' exceptional children's departments, for much-needed educational supplies. An exceptional child is any child with a disability; disorder; delay; behavior, sensory, or attention problem; or any other issue hindering his or her learning. This is a fundraiser that will directly impact the children and families in this community! Jennifer Horning is leading this effort, and is looking for sponsors. For as little as \$50, you get your logo on the runners' t-shirts, and the RTO Facebook page and website. Please contact her at Jenniferhorning@att.net.

Finally, there are only a few more months before my youngest daughter, Sadie, finishes fifth grade, and we leave the Croft Community family. Therefore, the Croft PTA needs a new president, and I would love to have someone to work with the last few months so that he or she can learn the ropes and hit the ground running for next year. Please contact me for more information or if you are interested at Bcalhoun9130@bellsouth.net.

~ Beth Ann Calhoun
PTA President

Principal's Corner

Dear Croft Families,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that we have almost completed half of the 2011-2012 school year. As my first semester at Croft Community School comes to an end, I want to thank the parents for your constant support and commitment to our staff and students. As I look ahead to second semester, there are many exciting opportunities for parent involvement, such as volunteering, leadership positions within the PTA, and helping as reading buddies with students, to mention a few. Continued support in school and at home will assure academic success for your children and our students.

As a reminder, the district requires that all parents/visitors sign in the front office when visiting the school. This includes when you are walking your child to class each morning. When you sign in, you should adhere your visitor pass on your clothing, so that it is visible to staff while you are moving throughout the school. This will assure a safe environment for all students and staff at Croft Community School. In addition, please remember that students should be signed out for early dismissal prior to 2:45 p.m. Otherwise, children should be picked up in the car pool line. Your attention to the above is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for all your support as we continue to "Change Possibilities to Realities through Collaboration, Imagination and Innovation."

~ Susan D. Wilson
Principal

Book Fair Bonanza

Thank you to everyone who supported another successful Croft Book Fair in December. It was a huge success. Everyone had a blast, including Cody the Colt, who got to hang out with some of his buddies.





BINGO FAMILY NIGHT Saturday, Jan. 28

Croft Community School PTA is proud to announce that Bingo Night is planned for Saturday, January 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.



Come fed, and ready for FUN!! Bingo Night is chocked full of family fun, with chances to win games and raffle prizes. It is a good-time social event, and is not a fundraiser for the school. Bingo cards will be \$1 each, and if spend \$5, you'll get five cards AND a raffle ticket. Look for more details on raffle prizes soon.

You are wanted!!! Help is needed to make this event as fun as possible. If you are able and willing to assist with set up, taking a shift at one of the card or prize tables, and/or cleaning up, please e-mail Lisa Lemos at caseylemos@yahoo.com, and include "Bingo" in the subject line. Moms and Dads, this is your call to do some behind-the-scenes work. At this and any school event, **volunteers are vital to your student's experience – BE ONE!**

Donuts with Dad Wednesday, Feb. 8

Calling all special guys! Join your little ones at Croft for a donut bonanza on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. This is just one of the many activities for February's "Dad's Month" at Croft, and will be held in Croft's multipurpose room.

Box Top Derby Update

The horses are up and running on our derby board, so if you've been holding onto your box tops, now is the time to send them in! Please make sure your teacher's name is on your baggie or envelope before you send them in. The derby board is updated at least every other week, so everyone can see their progress. The box-top derby prizes will be awarded as follows:



- The class that collects the most box tops school-wide will receive the grand prize, which is a Rita's Ice Party at the end of the contest.
- The class in each grade that collects the most box tops will receive a \$10 Target gift (excluding the grade that has the grand prize winner).

Croft Staff Souperbowl Party Friday, Feb. 3

We are gearing up for our 4th Annual Croft Staff Souperbowl Party on Friday, Feb. 3. The Souperbowl Party is a great opportunity to show team spirit and provide our wonderful staff at Croft with a nice lunch that includes a variety of homemade soups, desserts, and breads. It's sure to result in a TOUCHDOWN!

Please sign up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAB2BA13-croft. We need approximately 10 to 12 crock-pots of soup, 12 to 14 desserts, and five or six breads.

Drop off items to Room E110, between 8 and 10 a.m. Mark all returnable items with your name and phone number, and please include a recipe or a list of ingredients, so people with food allergies can be aware.

Croft Community's Me & My Guy Dance Saturday, Feb. 25

Join us in a Winter Wonderland, and show her how special she really is! Fathers, uncles, and grandfathers are invited to spend an evening with their special gal at the 2012 Me & My Guy Dance on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Croft gym. There'll be music, dancing, refreshments, photos and more.

A professional photographer will be on site. Pictures are \$10 each, and must be paid for at the dance.

Order your tickets by January 27, and your daughter's name goes into a drawing for a \$25 Olive Garden gift card. Ticket order forms were sent home mid-January. Orders are due by Jan. 27. For more information, contact Cindy at CLS@andersonexcsearch.com.

Sponsors Needed for the Run TOO Overcome Saturday, March 17

To create a sense of community and raise awareness regarding children with special needs, we are proud to announce the fourth annual Run TOO Overcome (Together Overcoming Obstacles) on Saturday, March 17 at Hough High School, 12420 Bailey Road in Cornelius. There'll be a 5K and 10K run, and a kid's fun run/walk. Proceeds will be split equally among the 12 participating area schools, including Croft, and the proceeds will go directly to the exceptional children's departments for much-needed educational supplies.

All sponsors will be recognized through advertising and networking. For \$50, you get your logo on the runners' t-shirts, and the RTO Facebook page and website. For more information, contact Jennifer Horning at Jenniferhorning@att.net.

Just A Reminder

- Help support your school while shopping at Harris Teeter and Target! Relink your Harris Teeter VIC card to CCS. You must relink 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 CCS. Invite family members to link their accounts to CCS, too! Our schools numbers are: Harris Teeter (7109) and Target (148518).
- Want to reserve the Croft Spirit Rock to paint for your child's birthday or other special day? For details, cost, and reservations, contact Julie Moore at 704-975-1163 or julietrev@gmail.com.

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