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## From the desk of the Principal...

Crossroads Academy-Central Street Families,

Welcome back from winter break! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable break. We are so excited for the start of second semester. Scholars have learned and grown so much throughout first semester and we are confident with your continued partnership that each and every scholar will continue to do so this semester. As the new semester begins, teachers are working with scholars to set goals for the new semester based on their most recent assessments. Take some time to talk with your scholar about the goals they set. Encourage them to identify tangible steps they can take to meet their goals--both at school and at home. We are so excited to see how much each scholar grows this semester!

Mrs. LaCroix and Ms. Parker



## JANUARY AT A GLANCE

- 11/5: 95% Attendance Dress Down & December Birthday Celebrations
- 1/8-12: NWEA Testing
- 1/9: Middle School & Elementary PAC Meetings, 5:30pm
- 1/10: Welcome Wednesday, 8:30am & Early Dismissal, 2:45pm
- 1/12: 100th Day of School!
- 1/15: No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/19: Spirit Day (wear Crossroads t-shirt w/ uniform bottoms)
- 1/22: Board Meeting, 4:15pm
- 1/24: Early Dismissal, 2:45pm



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**  
**Whitney Ritchie**  
1st Grade Teacher

### WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I was born and raised in Amarillo, Texas, but moved to Missouri this past summer and I love Kansas City!

### HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

I enjoy traveling around the world and getting to experience new cultures. If I am not traveling, I enjoy spending time outdoors, reading books, and going to sports events with my friends and family.

### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT CCS?

The part that I have enjoyed most of all about Crossroads is meeting and working with the amazing staff and students. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind, and I feel such joy getting to work with them everyday!

### WHAT IS A FAVORITE MEMORY FROM YOUR SCHOOL DAYS?

When I was in high school I was on the Dance Team and I loved being a part of a team with everyone working together for a common goal. I had so many great memories with the friends that I made, the competitions we went to, the fun times and the hard times. It was something that I will never forget.

### WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM A BOOK & WHY?

One of my favorite characters is Charlotte from *Charlotte's Web*. I had always loved the way she shows compassion, strength, love, patience, and courage throughout the book. She is a character I strive to be everyday.

**“My favorite part of Crossroads is that it is a community school. There are all types of people in our school! I get to meet people who are different than me.”**

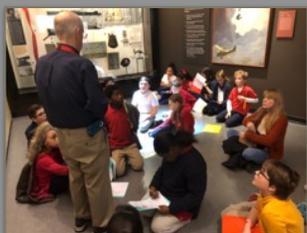
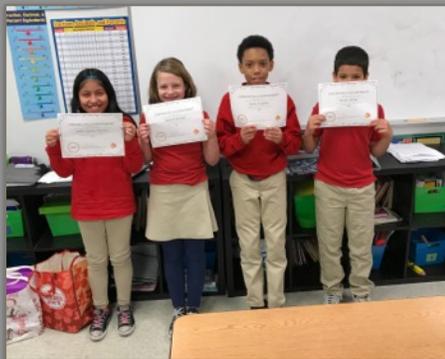
- Mya Handy, 3rd



## HIGHLIGHTS

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5th grade has been diving deep into Social Studies and celebrating our growth and achievement on the ANet Test. This quarter in 5th grade our students have been learning about the different wars America was involved in during the 1800s and 1900s. We have studied the impact war has on our country as a whole and what values America stands for and against. Students researched and wrote informational papers on the war of their choice. We took a deeper dive into the Korean War and studied how it plays into the unrest we are seeing in North and South Korea to this day. To conclude our war unit 5th grade went to the World War I Museum. There we learned about what life was like in the trenches, on the homefront, and how relationships between countries affect world events. Students in 5th grade have also been working hard to improve their ANet scores! They showed grit and zeal as they took the A2. Students were celebrated for their high scores and their growth from the A1 to the A2.



6th grade scholars have had lots of amazing opportunities this year! We recently had the chance to visit Union Station to see a movie about engineering to expand on what scholars are learning about in STEM, 6th grade girls had the chance to work with ladies from DST for an hour of coding and to learn more about career opportunities in tech, and we also had visitors helping us out in classes from UCM's soccer team. In advisory, scholars have been working as a team to address issues and to problem solve to continue to improve and strengthen their learning community. It has been amazing to see scholars really emerge as leaders amongst their peers. In 6A, we have also spent time interviewing classmates to build empathy and strengthen relationships through finding what we have in common but also learning to value and respect each other's differences.

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### Superheroes of the Month

**Albert Ray, Petrina Parker, Amy Medina, Santesa Gentry, Roxana Shaffe, Ghadeer Garcia**

Understanding the unique needs of Middle School, this crew of parents have teamed up to start a Middle School PAC to serve the Middle School students, families, and teachers. We appreciate their willingness to step in to address a need and their enthusiasm in doing so. Thank you!