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From the desk of the Principal...

Crossroads Academy-Central Street Families,
We are wrapping up 3rd quarter! Scholars have continued to work hard and shown lots of incredible growth. We are excited to meet with you at Parent - Teacher - Student Conferences March 21 & 22 to share your scholar's progress!

March is also Women's History Month. Scholars will be learning about the many important contributions of women within our community, country, and world. We look forward to highlighting these important individuals. Be sure to ask your scholar about all of the significant women they are learning about as we recognize Women's History Month!

Mrs. LaCroix and Ms. Parker



MARCH AT A GLANCE

- 3/2: 95% Attendance Dress Down & March Birthday Celebrations
- 3/7: Early Dismissal, 2:45pm
- 3/13: PAC Meetings: Elementary, 5:30pm & Middle School, 6:00pm
- 3/14: Welcome Wednesday, 8:30am
- 3/16: Spirit Day (Crossroads t-shirt w/ uniform bottoms)
- 3/19: Board Meeting, 4:15pm
- 3/21: Early Dismissal, 2:45pm
- 3/21 & 3/22: Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
- 3/23 - 3/30: No School - SPRING BREAK!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Rebecca Sommerhauser
1st Grade Teacher

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

Besides my years at college, I lived in the same house and in the same room in Waldo. That was until I moved out of my childhood home and into a house a mere 7 blocks away. I have never ventured too far from my KC community, and have enjoyed growing up and living here!

HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

My hobbies align to that of an elderly grandmother. During the winter months you may find me knitting. Square-shaped items are my specialty, but on occasion I will knit a hat if I feel like I am up to the challenge! I recently have gotten a sewing machine and have tried to add that skill to my repertoire. Again, I prefer items that are rectangular.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT CCS?

The teachers here are incredibly smart, driven, and just plain fun. Every day I am at school I will be pushed to be a better educator because of the teachers that surround me; all while knowing I will be laughing and smiling.

WHAT IS A FAVORITE MEMORY FROM YOUR SCHOOL DAYS?

In Kindergarten, someone would bring in a jar of objects and every student would guess how many were in there. Whoever guessed closest would not only get to fill the jar for next week, but get to take care of a stuffed Clifford. The week I guessed the closest was an absolute joy! I took Clifford everywhere and forced my parents to take pictures of me and my new friend. I will never forget my sense of pride while I toted Clifford around that week.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM A BOOK & WHY?

One of my favorite books I have read with kids is the Percy Jackson series. Characters and events are based around Greek mythology and the children of the Greek Gods. One of my favorite characters in the series is Annabeth Chase. Being the daughter of Athena, she is strong-willed, resourceful, opinionated. She is not only fun to read about, she is a great character for young female readers.

“For black history month, we studied African American poets. One was a slave who taught himself to read and then became a poet. It inspires me because it goes to show that even if you aren’t in the best predicament, you can still do good things!”

- Rashad Hopkins, 3rd grade

HIGHLIGHTS

PERFORMING ARTS

Students are having a blast in Performing Arts this year!

Fourth and Fifth grade gave a wonderful performance of the musical “The Big Chill – Hoping for a Snow Day” at the Folly Theater in December. The Middle School choir students sang at the Kansas City Planning Department’s employee appreciation breakfast in December at the Little Theater. PACE, First and Second grades attended “The Science of Sound” at the Kauffman Center Performing Arts in February and explored the many ways that sound is created. Ms. Bates guided Second graders in instrument-making, and discussed the science of sound in STEM classes.

Third, Fourth and Fifth grades will begin practicing recorders in March to prepare for “The Orchestra Swings”, a multi-school event at the Kauffman Center for Performing Arts, in May. Parents, stay tuned for an evening concert event that the Kauffman produces for parents!

PACE and Kindergarten - Third grades will perform at the Folly Theater in May. Stay tuned for more information about this event soon!

In Performing Arts, we have also been using a new music curriculum called Quaver Music. Students may access this at home to work on note reading, composition, and other music skills through quavermusic.com.



PAC UPDATE

THANK YOU for a fun, successful Book Fair! We sold \$7,300 worth of books, which means our school will get \$4,380 in Scholastic dollars! Mrs. LaCroix will work with staff to decide the best use of this money (classroom libraries, large purchases, etc) and we'll let you know when we hear more. Huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and shopped for helping us grow our kids' love of reading and support our school! It was a great week!

Also, our Ladies' Breakfast, *Muffins & Magic*, is coming up on April 13 at 7:30am! RSVP [here](#) if you are planning to attend!

The March PAC meetings will take place on March 13. Elementary PAC at 5:30pm and Middle School PAC at 6:00pm.

Superhero of the Month Coach RJ



RJ Lawson has been coaching the 5th & 6th grade basketball teams this winter! We had so many kids sign up that he is coaching two teams, which means he is coaching FOUR games every Saturday. Luckily, his dad, Coach Lawson, is willing to help out as well! We are grateful that a community member was willing to step in and fill this significant role! Thanks Coach!

