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From the desk of the Principal...

Crossroads Academy-Central Street Families,

It's hard to believe that May has already arrived! Scholars have continued to work hard this year and are ready to demonstrate their learning on the state assessment during the beginning of May. We look forward to scholars continuing to show their mastery of standards throughout this last full month of school. As this final quarter wraps up, we are also excited to celebrate the growth and achievement of each scholar!

May is also Asian History Month. We are looking forward to highlighting and celebrating the many incredible accomplishments and achievements of Asian Americans in our community, city, and country! Be sure to ask your scholar what new information they are learning as they recognize Asian History Month with their class.

Mrs. LaCroix and Ms. Parker



National School Walkout - April 20

MAY AT A GLANCE

- 5/4: Crossroads on The Vine, 4:30pm / 95% Attendance Dress Down & May Birthday Celebrations
- 5/8: PAC Meetings: Elementary, 5:30pm & Middle School, 6:00pm
- 5/9: Early Dismissal, 2:45pm
- 5/10: Blood Drive, 2:30pm & STEM Night, 4:30pm
- 5/18: Spirit Day (Crossroads t-shirt w/ uniform bottoms)
- 5/21: Board Meeting, 4:15pm
- 5/23: Early Dismissal, 2:45pm
- 5/28: No School, Memorial Day



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Moriarty
8th Grade Math Teacher

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I grew up near Fort Worth, Texas.

HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

I enjoy cooking, yoga, home decorating, and exploring KC with my husband and my dog.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT CCS?

I love how diverse our student population is and how we have a primary focus on the social/emotional well-being of our kids.

WHAT IS A FAVORITE MEMORY FROM YOUR SCHOOL DAYS?

Favorite memory from school... there are so many, but I loved being a student athlete on the softball team!

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER FROM A BOOK & WHY?

Favorite character from a book is Matilda by Roald Dah! She uses her powers for good, punishes those who are evil, and she loves to read!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Talent Show - June 6

Field Day - June 8



“The most important thing I learned is that school is fun. I didn’t like it before, but I kept working and it got easier. I learned if I keep working hard, I get smarter and smarter!”

- Khalief Harris, 4th grade

HIGHLIGHTS

ART

You may have noticed a bit of a change in the PACE - 4th Art Studio the past 2 years. Ms. Gann has implemented an approach to teaching art called, Teaching for Artistic Behavior(TAB). The difference from previous years is that the students have much more control generating ideas – making the ideas meaningful and original to the child. In the past, students have worked on the same project, without a lot of choice in media or images. The central belief of a TAB educator is:



1. What do artist’s do?
2. The child is the artist.
3. The art room is the child’s studio.

Through mini-lessons, presented in a workshop format, students are presented with techniques and ideas based on the National Visual Arts Standards and the Studio Habits of Mind. Students choose the media and center to work in each day.



The majority of artwork made in a TAB

classroom studio is not necessarily meant for exhibition. Play and experimentation are essential to creative development and confidence in risk-taking. Process is valued over product to cultivate an environment that supports creativity.

Come visit the Crossroads on The Vine student art show on May 4th at the American Jazz Museum. The majority of artwork presented from Ms. Gann’s K - 4th was curated by the students themselves. You will see a range of what the students see as their most valued artwork. **THE CHILD IS THE ARTIST!**

PAC UPDATE

NEXT MEETINGS: May 8 (K-5th 5:30pm, 6th-8th 6:00pm)

These will be our final meetings of the year. Please join us!



Superheroes of the Month

Erin & Jose Martinez

Our 5th grade classrooms benefit greatly from the generosity and kindness of Erin and Jose. This year they have donated lots of supplies as the class has needed them. They are present at every party and Jose has also come to recess and played football with the boys. Thanks for supporting your son’s classroom in such tangible ways. We are grateful for your dedication to Crossroads!!

2nd annual **CROSSROADS on THE VINE**

a student art exhibition



American Jazz Museum | 1616 E. 18th St.

Friday, May 4 | 4:30 - 7:30pm

Join us for this free event featuring artwork from all 690 Crossroads’ scholars! The event will coincide with First Fridays at 18th & Vine, which features local vendors, food trucks, live music, and free admission to the American Jazz Museum and Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.