

Cradlerock Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dates and times are subject to change

11/16 Scheduling conferences closes for parents
5th Grade - 1st quarter Awards - 1:45 pm - cafeteria

11/16 - 11/20
American Education Week - Great Public Schools For Every Student
Book Fair open 8-3

11/18 Turkey Trot
During Related Arts
3rd Grade 1st quarter Awards - 8:30 am - cafeteria
4th grade 1st quarter Awards -2:00 pm - cafeteria

11/19 BSAP Dessert & Tea 6-7:30 pm
Owen Brown Community Center

11/23 Parent/Teacher Conferences
SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HOURS EARLY
Book Fair

11/24 Parent/Teacher Conferences
SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HOURS EARLY

11/25 Parent/Teacher Conferences
SCHOOLS CLOSED

11/26 - 11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday

SCHOOLS CLOSED

12/1, 12/2, 12/3 CogAt Test - Gr. 3 and 5

12/8 Math Manipulative Night K and 1st grade
5:30 pm

12/9 Winter Concert 7 pm
PTA meeting 7 pm

12/10 Interim progress reports issued

12/14 MAP Reading Test - grades 3 and 4

12/15 MAP Reading - grade 5
MAP Math - grade 3

12/16 Flu Mist Clinic
MAP Math -grade 5

12/17 MAP Math -grade 4

12/24 - 1/1/2016 - WINTER BREAK
SCHOOLS AND OFFICES CLOSED

BOOK FAIR

The Fall Book Fair is almost here! The Scholastic book fair will be at Cradlerock Elementary School next week. We'll have the new Wimpy Kid book, lots of great picture books, and a fun selection of nonfiction books. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards (including Discover and Amex).

We will be open:

- Every day next week! November 16th - 20th from 8 am - 3 pm. We will also be open before, during, and after the Turkey Trot

on Wednesday, November 18th.

- Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th from 8 am - 5 pm so you can visit on conference days.

You can also purchase books through our [online book fair](#). The online book fair is available from November 11th - November 30th. Scholastic guarantees that books will arrive by December 18th.

Book Fair sales support 2 important parts of the library media program:

- Purchasing books! We use book fair money to purchase additional items for the library media center, especially popular titles such as *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Fly Guy*.
- Author Visits! Kate Klise will be visiting our school in April, 2016. Book fair profits will be used to pay for additional author materials and her visit fee.

CALLING ALL YOUNG AUTHORS

Students in grades 2-5 are invited to send in an entry for the Young Author's Contest 2015- 2016. Entries are due by January 8, 2016. [For entry guidelines and more information click here.](#)

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR EVERY STUDENT

American Education Week is being celebrated from November 16 - 20. We welcome parents to come visit us during this week and see the great instruction and activities going on here at Cradlerock. You can also come and have lunch with your child. To help you plan your visit, please see the class schedules here.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

November Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled using your HCPSS Connect account. You must have a HCPSS account in order to schedule your conference. If you have not set up your HCPSS Connect account, please go to hcpss.org/connect.

Conference scheduling will be open to parents beginning November 9 at 9 am and will close on November 16 at 3 pm. When conference scheduling is open please login to your account and [follow these directions to schedule your parent/teacher conference.](#)

CRADLEROCK ELEMENTARY TURKEY TROT

All family members are encouraged to come out and support our students on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 as they participate in Cradlerock Elementary School's annual Turkey Trot Run. This is a fun school wide event to promote healthy activity and to get everyone in the holiday spirit. You may even run the course with your child if you wish to. If you are able to help with the race, as a judge, please email Mr. DelPo @ scott_delpo@hcpss.org. Continental Society sponsors prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place girl and boy in each grade level K-5.

* **Please note** - Students in 4th grade who are participating in Stringapalooza will run the Turkey Trot with 5th grade before they leave. Their times will be recorded and included with 4th grade. These students will return to school in time for their

Below are the scheduled times for each run.

Grade 5 – 8:20 – 9:20

Grade 4 – 9:20 – 10:20

Pre K Morning – 9:30 – 10:15

Grade 3 – 10:20 – 11:20

Kindergarten – 11:35 – 12:35

Grade 1 - 12:35 – 1:35

Pre K Afternoon – 12:45 – 1:25

Grade 2 – 1:35 – 2:35

CRES BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK ANNUAL THANKSGIVING HAND UP

Please support our Thanksgiving Drive to assist families in our Cradlerock community during the upcoming holiday season. The items collected will help families in need. The items listed below are the least donated and most expensive. Families will be able to pick up these items during the parent/teacher conference days. Here is the list of items we are asking for.

DESSERT & TEA WITH BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM(BSAP)

The Black Student Achievement Programs at Cradlerock Elementary and Lake Elkhorn Middle Schools Present Dessert & Tea with BSAP on Thursday, November 19 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Owen Brown Community Center. Find out how BSAP can help you and your student. More information and RSVP here.

GIANT A+ BONUS BUCKS AND BOXTOPS

The Giant A+ Bonus Bucks program began **October 9, 2015**. We have already begun to collect BoxTops for the BoxTop program. We were awarded \$6100.00 between these 2 programs last year and look forward to even greater success this year. We used this money for student incentives and classroom materials.

NEW FOR A+ BONUS BUCKS: If you registered your card last year, you do not need to re-register this year. Please encourage your friends and

relatives to sign up for A+ Bonus Bucks and designate Cradlerock Elementary. Thank you for your continued support!

Cradlerock Elementary School is off to a great start with collecting Box Tops this year. Keep up the good work!

You can also register as a parent online at www.boxtops4education.com/. About every month they have contests that parents are able to enter on a daily basis to try to win their school even more box tops. To do this login to your account, click on bonus box tops and click on the current contest. The first time you enter you will enter your name and address. After that all you have to do is put a check mark in the box that you accept the terms and conditions. And you can usually enter once a day until the end of the contest. The website also has printable and electronic coupons as well as recipes. Check it out!

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard

County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools.

According to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Please complete this course before registering to volunteer at your child's school. The course takes about 5 minutes to complete.

To complete your training course and register with your child's school, please go here : <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

FROM YOUR PTA...

"Every child, one voice..."

Trunk or Treat!

Thank you to all the families that volunteered their trunks (and treats) for our Trunk or Treat event. "The Shipwreck" took the prize but honorable mentions included: KFC, Minecraft, Australian Down Under, Paper Bag Princess and many others! Also, thank you to DJ Sebastian Warren! It was a great night and nice to see so many of our families!

PTA sponsored Staff Luncheon – 11/23/15

As you know, parent/teacher conferences are approaching. This is a great time to speak to your child's teacher and make that school/home connection. During this time we always thank the staff with a Staff Luncheon on the Monday of conferences! If you'd like to make a specific donation to the luncheon, please look for a detailed e-mail soon. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to Cradlerock PTA marked, "hospitality", and send it to school. Let's show the teachers how much we appreciate all that they do for our students!!

Winter Wonderland Social

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, December 17th from 6:30 – 8:00. The PTA is inviting you and your family to a Winter Wonderland Social. We will have winter crafts, stories, hot chocolate & cookies and a silent auction. This will be a great time to relax with family and friends.

October Volunteers: Trunks for Trunk or Treat!, Many Rodriguez, Robyn Jackson, Sebastian Warren and our PTA Board!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE JUDY CENTER

DO YOU KNOW?

Babies are born with over 100 billion neurons in their brains

The first three years are a sensitive period when experience highly influences brain development.

Early parent-child interaction and developmentally appropriate stimulation during these years help the child's brain make connections

By eight months babies in a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment will make 500 trillion connections between neurons; at two years they have doubled

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

Sing, play, talk, read and explore with your infant and young child

Come to play with your baby at the Judy Center on Wednesdays at 9:30am

Share this information with your child care provider

Sign up for ReadyRosie and see great parent child activities you can do together

Bring your two/three year olds to Terrific Tots at the Judy Center on Tuesdays/ Thursdays at 9:30am or 11:00am

'Early childhood brain development sets the state for learning throughout life, experts say', Gus Chan, The Plain Dealer

TITLE 1 CORNER

We are having a Math Manipulative Night for kindergarten and first grade families on December 8, 2105 at 5:30pm. The kindergarten and first grade teachers are excited to share with you the various ways they use manipulatives for instruction.

Teachers and students are excited about American Education Week on November 16th-20th. Please feel free to visit your child's class during that week. Below is a link to an article on tips to use when visiting your child's classroom.

<http://www.thelearningcommunity.us/resources-by-format/tips-for-parents/visiting-the-classroom.aspx>

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EMERGENCY/WEATHER CLOSING INFORMATION

You can find information about emergency/weather closing at
<http://www.hcpss.org/schools/emergency-closings/>