News from the Ridge...

2012—Bring It On!

2012 is here and the next six months promise to bring much growth and learning. The biggest change that we will experience in 2012 is the statewide change from the CATS testing system. Kentucky NO LONGER gives the CATS test. In 2009 the KY Legislature passed a bill that eliminated CATS testing and brought in a whole new system for measuring student growth and for school accountability. For the past 2 years, we have been transitioning to this new testing system; 2012 will be the first year for the new tests. The new test is called the K-PREP (Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress).

The new assessment for grades 3-8 is a blended model built with norm-referenced test (NRT) and criterion-referenced test (CRT) items which consist of multiple-choice (mc), open-response (or) and short answer items (sa). The NRT is a purchased test with national norms and the CRT portion is customized for Kentucky.

This chart shows which tests are given in which grades:

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More information will be sent home in the next few months. Highlights for now include:
- CATS testing is gone and has been replaced with K-PREP
- K-PREP is taken by students in grades 3, 4, and 5
- The chart above tells which tests are given in which grades
- Each subject area includes a test that compares students to other students in the nation and a test that compares students to other students in Kentucky.

On behalf of the staff at Campbell Ridge:
Happy New Year! We hope this year is one of health, wealth, and prosperity for your family. Please let us know if there is anyway that we can be of help or assistance to you and your students in 2012.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Avoid Homework Hassles

◊ Establish a routine, and STICK TO IT!
◊ Make an announcement—give advance notice that homework time is coming up and that what your child is currently doing is about to end
◊ Do not negotiate—ignore bargaining for more time, less work, etc.
◊ Give choices when you can—let your child make some decisions, but know your “non-negotiables”
◊ Let your child do their own work, homework is meant to be practice, if your child needs help with every activity, let their teacher know

Reminder Time
Please keep these things in mind, with over 700 students, we have more than one “Johnny” or “Sue,” when you send a note to school, please include your child’s first and last name and their teacher’s name. If you are sending in a note to change the bus your child should ride, please include the address they are going to, not just the name of the person with whom they are riding.

New Clubs
We have 3 new clubs starting this January! Watch for permission slips to come home for the Drama, Speedstacking, and Health & Wellness clubs. Each of these clubs will work toward a Spring event. The Drama Club will have a play, the SpeedStickers will take part in the District Championship, and the Health & Wellness club will run the Flying Pig Kid’s Run!

Parent-Teacher Communication
January 10th will mark the midpoint of the 2nd Trimester—truly the halfway point in the school year. At this point in the year, after 1st Trimester report cards, parent-teacher conferences, and 2nd Trimester midterms on Jan. 13th, you should have a very good idea of the progress that your child is making this year. If you DO NOT have a good idea of how your child is doing, NOW is the time to find out. Contact your child’s teacher, or Mr. Mazzei to schedule a time to talk. Here are some tips for meeting with your child’s teacher:
• Meet before or after school, don’t just drop in expecting to meet.
  Teachers have responsibility for an entire class of students, they cannot stop supervising their class to have an impromptu conference.
• Ask questions—try to find out what your child should be learning, what they are currently able to do, and what they need to do to get caught up.
• When you make a date to meet with your child’s teacher—let her know the topic ahead of time so she can prepare.
• Get involved at school. Volunteering and spending time in classrooms can give a great picture of how your child fares as compared to other students.
• Tell your child’s teacher about the things that your child does very well, what they enjoy, what they choose to do during free time, etc.
PTO News... 

Next Meeting—January 10th 5:00pm

PTO Officers:
President - Chris Couch
Vice President - Christy Eby
Secretary - Donna Cox
Treasure - Laura Brown
Events/Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Raney
Teacher - Dena Gosney

PTO News— Scrips orders will continue after the holidays! You can place Scrips orders each month, just watch for the order form that will be sent home this month.

PTO Family Movie Night
→ Jan 13th—6:30, bring your pillow and blankie! Snacks will be available

Don’t forget that you can send in County Market receipts and Campbell’s labels at anytime. Our next BoxTop’s collection will be March 5-9th.

Campbell Ridge SpiritWear makes for a great gift, even after the holidays. Did you know that we have CRES Polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and pajama pants?

Email Christy Eby at Christy_Eby@yahoo.com for an order form or if you have any questions.

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Nurse’s Notes

Happy New Year! As we enter 2012, the winter months are always a time for lots of sick students. Please remember these important details concerning sending a child to school who is complaining of feeling ill.

- Take a temperature….The District uses the Health Department criteria concerning fevers. Anything over 100 degrees, orally, is considered a fever and the child must be sent home. If your child is ill, please don’t give them Ibuprofen or Tylenol before sending them to school unless you take the temp first. Students need to be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.
- Vomiting…We see lots of stomach problems throughout the year, but in the winter months we see an increase. If your child vomits in the morning, they probably are starting with a stomach bug and need to stay home to recoup. Stomach viruses usually run their course in 24 hours, after this the student can come back.
- If you have a Kindergarten or Preschool student, remember that their medical paperwork should be complete and in their file at school. If you have not completed a physical exam, vision exam or dental exam, these are overdue and must be turned in as soon as possible. If you are having problems obtaining these forms, please call me.
- Head lice and bed bugs are an ongoing problem. If your student is having a problem with either of these things, please call me so I can help. There are over 700 students here and we are trying to keep everyone safe and free of both lice and bedbugs.
- Our WOW WEE WEDNESDAY breakfast taste tests are going great. We are starting to change some menu items and your student was instrumental in these changes. We have added breakfast bars, blueberry muffins, and Berry Burst Parfaits. Ask your child about the taste tests and our special activities.
- Lunch time menus have also been revised. This month we will be trying a program that the Health Department started last year, MEATLESS MONDAYS. The students will have fish, a baked potato bar and spaghetti with red sauce.
- Remember: if need be, you can fill out forms for free and reduced meals anytime throughout the year.
- If your student is on the free and /or reduced plan they should definitely take advantage of these meals.
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**Did You Know?**

- Public schools are a bargain: at $8800 per student, per year, that’s about $49/day, or $8/hr to educate your children.
- Our public schools are better than ever: since 1992 KY has moved from 43rd in the nation to 35th.
- Academic performance is improving: KY children are doing better on a national test when compared to other US students than they have ever done.
- IN KY: the number of dropouts has dropped from more than 5% to less than 3%, the graduation rate has grown from 79% to 84%, and more than 63% of Seniors go on to postsecondary education.
- KY is in the top 10 of all states in the number of National Board Certified teachers, KY has the 7th highest percentage of teachers with Master’s degrees.
- Did you know all that?

**Work Ethic**

Students in grades 3-5 have the opportunity to earn the Work Ethic Certificate when they demonstrate each of the 10 Standards of the Work Ethic Program.

**Standard 1: Discipline**
Students meeting the Discipline standard consistently follow classroom behavior guidelines, quickly respond to behavior corrections when needed, and take responsibility for their own actions.

**Standard 2: Attendance**
Students meeting the Attendance Standard miss very few days of school.

**Standard 3: Absence**
Students meeting the Absence standard only miss school when they have a very important reason.

**Standard 4: Tardiness**
Students meeting the Tardiness standard come to school on time.

**Standard 5: Community Service**
Students meeting the Community Service standard find ways to help others in their community.

**Standard 6: Academic Performance**
Students meeting the Academic Performance standard get good grades and learn the things they are supposed to learn in school.

**Standard 7: Work Habits**
Students meeting the Work Habits standard get along well with others and stick with a job until it is complete.

**Standard 8: Punctuality and Preparedness**
Students meeting the Punctuality and Preparedness standard get to class on time and have all of the materials they need for class.

**Standard 9: Respect**
Student meeting the Respect standard are polite and respectful of other people and property.

**Standard 10: Cooperation**
Students meeting the Cooperation standard work well with others and do what they can to help get things done.

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**Infinite Campus**

Do you have access to your child’s account on Infinite Campus? Access to Infinite Campus allows you to:

- See your child’s attendance
- See your child’s grades and assignments for grades 4 and 5
- See your child’s daily schedule

If you do not have a password for your child’s Infinite Campus account, you MUST come to school to get one (we have to see a driver’s license or other identification).

You can also access the Infinite Campus mobile app on iTunes and at infinitecampus.com/mobile
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FRC Information:
Coordinator: Ms. Evans, LSW/MSW
Phone: (private line) 859-448-4789
Location: Main Office far right corner
Services provided:
Child Care- Refer families to adequate care for their children
Basic needs: Refer families in need of food, clothing, shelter, school supplies Eye Exams, health care, dental care, educational support, referrals for adult education and parenting classes, Prevention programs such as Red Ribbon Week, Girls on the Run, & Family Literacy night.

Quotes of the month:
We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.
Mother Teresa

It is not length of life, but depth of life.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Resources of the month:
Website: http://www.pbs.org/parents/

PBS has it all for parents! They cover child development, nutrition, fitness, fun and games, planning parties, education, parenting tips, and much more! Check it out!

A Big Thank You!
CRES FRC would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Holiday Assistance Program! The generosity was overwhelming this year! We had many families that had a great holiday thanks to you!

ABC’s FOR PARENTS
What is ABC’s for Parents?
A parenting group geared toward parents with children in grades Pre-K- 5th grade. The ABC (Assuring Better Children) Program is a Nurturing Parenting Program developed for use in schools. It works to enhance family functioning and promote school success.

Dates for ABC’s for Parenting:
When: Tuesday Nights from February 21-March 27
Location: Crossroads Elementary
Time: 5:30-6:00 (dinner)
6:00-8:00 – Class
Parents and children have separate groups then join back together
If interested please call Amber Evans at 448-4789 to register.

COST: FREE

Girl Talk Workshop
Who: 3rd-5th grade girls and their moms!
When: January 21 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Where: CRES
What: Come with your daughters to learn about different topics affecting their lives.
Topics: Bullying, how to be healthy, self-esteem, body image, peer pressure, and values.
Look for a sign up coming home!

SAVE THE DATE!
It’s time to get active and healthy with your family!
Run for the Ridge will be held on April 14th, 2012!
The race will be held at AJ Jolly Park!
Details will be coming home soon!
SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S PAGE
GREETINGS FROM MS. OTTO

Character Education
January’s Word of the Month
ATTENTIVENESS

Attentive- Concentrating on the person or task before me
  I Will:
  • look at people when they speak to me
  • ask questions when I do not understand
    • sit or stand up straight
    • not draw attention to myself
  • keep my eyes, ears, hands, feet, and mouth from distractions

Guidance Curriculum

During the month of January:
K/1/2/3 – Students will know how to...
  Identify how personal responsibility and good work habits (e.g. attendance, work done on time, following directions) are important at home, school and work
4/5- Students will know how to...
  Describe how knowing one’s own interests and abilities are helpful when selecting and preparing for a career path.
  Ask your 4/5 grader about Career Cruising Website-
  www.careercruising.com

Student Bank
Thanks to Justin Wachter, Nicole Franzen and Alex Harrison for being our 53 Student Tellers for December’s Student Bank!
January Bank Date-
January 25th 8:00-8:30
Student Tellers - Amanda Honaker, and Luke Williams
Hope to see you at the bank!!

Career Day

Our 6th Annual Spelling Bee is
scheduled for January 13th at 2:00
for 4th/5th Grade Students - Good luck to all the participants!

Work Ethic
Community Service Forms due – Feb. 10th

4th/5th - Save the date for Friday, March 2nd from 12:30-3:00.
Ms. Otto is looking for Career Day presenters for the following Career Clusters:
Agriculture * Arts & Humanities * Business Education * Marketing Education* Communications *Construction *Education *Health Science *Human Services *
Information Technology* Manufacturing *Public Services
Science & Mathematics *Social Sciences *Transportation
If you are interested in presenting for Career Day - please email Ms. Otto Jessie.otto@campbell.kyschools.us