

# Crystal Lawns Elementary School

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## November 2021



### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

We will once again use PTCFast.com to make signups for our upcoming Parent Teacher conferences as convenient as possible. Conferences will be on Monday, November 1st from 3-8pm and Tuesday, November 2nd from 8am-1pm. Once you are on the site, look for the teacher's name to schedule an appointment. Click on the link [here](#) to access the PTCFast homepage for Crystal Lawns or you can enter the following web address into your browser window:

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Crystal\\_Lawns\\_1](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Crystal_Lawns_1)

### **REPORT CARDS**

Reports cards were sent home electronically on Friday, October 29th. They could take a couple days to complete delivery. Please let Carol Betzold, [cbetzold@psd202.org](mailto:cbetzold@psd202.org), know if you do not receive the electronic report card by Tuesday, November 2nd. The report card is best viewed on a computer rather than a smartphone.

### **PICTURE RETAKES**

Picture retakes will be held on Friday, November 5. If you wish to have your child(ren)'s picture retaken, you must have them bring in their original pictures on the day of retakes that were mailed to you by HR Imaging. An order form will be sent home for students that were absent from picture day in September. If you do not receive an order form, one can be requested through your child's teacher or by calling the main office. You may also place an order for school pictures on [shop.hrimaging.com](http://shop.hrimaging.com)



### **MEDIA CENTER NEWS**

**Book Care:** All students were given a book bag to keep their library books in. This protects books from accidental damage from water or food. Please remind your child to keep their books in the bag. Replacement bags are available in the media center.

The Arctic Adventure Book Fair is coming to school November 12 – 22. Setting up an e-Wallet is the easiest way to pay for books. E-Wallets can be set up between Oct. 22-Nov. 22. Use this link: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/crystallawns>

**Internet safety tip for October:** Keep your personal information private. I:\Internet Safety\Internet Safety Tips\October - personal information.pdf

**Battle of the Books sign up** will take place the week of Nov. 22 for 4 th and 5 th grade students.

**Battle of the Books** is a program in which students form teams, read books, and then compete against other teams to answer questions about the books. Look for more information in November.

### Upcoming Events

#### **November**

1<sup>ST</sup> – Teacher Institute  
(NO SCHOOL)

1<sup>st</sup> – Parent Teacher  
Conferences (evening  
Schedule)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Parent Teacher  
Conferences (NO SCHOOL)

24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving  
Break (NO SCHOOL)

#### **December**

17<sup>th</sup> – SIP Day Early Release  
(12:45pm)

### **CAR RIDERS AT DISMISSAL**

I want to remind parents that are picking their child up in the car line to be aware of our neighbors' driveways and yards. If you are waiting in the pick up line, please make sure that you are not blocking any driveway and that you are not on the yard of the neighborhood residents. I appreciate your continued support with this!

### **COMPUTER CARE**

Each student has a laptop that has been checked out to them. Please review the reminders below with your child.

- Charge your laptop at home each night.
- Bring your charged laptop each day to school.
- Find a location at your house to keep the charger and computer safe.
- The screen can be cleaned with a microfiber cloth and a small amount of water.
- Keep food and liquids away from your laptop.
- Report any technology issues to your teacher.
- Shut down and restart your computer at least once per week, at home. This allows updates to push through.

### **RECESS**

Students will be going outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees. As the weather turns colder please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately and prepared to be outside at recess.

### **MULTI-CULTURAL**

Plainfield School District 202 and Crystal Lawns are committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity in our education program and activities. We have a cultural competency committee at Crystal Lawns that creates lessons, activities, and events for students and families that provide opportunities for students to learn about and value all cultures. A parent survey will be coming from the committee with the purpose of gaining feedback on the different cultures that are represented at Crystal Lawns as well as events and activities that parents would like to see implemented.

### **JOIN THE PTA**

The Crystal Lawns PTA raises money each year for the students and staff at Crystal Lawns! There are many great events and opportunities that the PTA can provide the students each year. Memberships can be purchased for \$8. Scan the QR code or send cash/check in to your classroom teacher with your name, student's name, email address and phone number. Please make checks out to **Crystal Lawns PTA**.

<https://crystallawnspta.memberhub.com/store>



### **WATER BOTTLES**

Please make sure that your child comes to school each day with a water bottle. Students can use the bottle filler at the drinking fountain to fill it up each day!

### **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH**

Each day, students are able to receive a free breakfast and lunch. Menus are posted on the school website as well as in the classrooms. Aramark is experiencing delays in shipping as well as food shortages, which at times, may cause menu changes.

### **FOOD FROM OUTSIDE RESTAURANTS**

At this time, the district has said that no outside food from restaurants can be brought into students during their lunch periods. This is across the district. I appreciate your support with this new protocol.

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