


October

CROSSING CONNECTION



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Principal's Message	Calendar Events
<p>Spencer Crossing Families, Fabulous Fall has begun, which has me reflecting that the school year is off to a great start. Our students have leaped into this school year with enthusiasm, and it is a pleasure to already witness so many outstanding accomplishments thus far by our students. From seeing them engaged in the classroom and participating in after-school clubs, to the hard work being done in the gym with girls basketball, I am always amazed by the dedication, talent, and creativity of our students.</p> <p>Our Principal 200 board is filling up. It has been a delight being able to share in our students' joy as they receive this award. In addition, it has been a pleasure to learn about what makes our students of the month proud of themselves as they represent good character. Our Crossing students are the best in town!</p> <p>In lieu of asking our families to sell items for this year's fundraiser, we would like to raise funds while helping others by collecting your gently worn shoe donations. More information will be coming soon.</p> <p>Finally, we wanted to make you all aware Lincoln-Way's Transportation Department may continue experiencing bus driver shortages. We thank you for your continued patience waiting at bus stops.</p> <p>I find this quote quite fitting for the start of the school year. It perfectly expresses our understanding that students need time to flourish.</p> <p><i>"Everything that made that giant tree is already contained inside this tiny little seed. All it needs is some time, a little bit of sunshine and rain, and voilà! Now, you might not feel like you can do much now, but that's just because, well, you're not a tree yet. You just have to give yourself some time. You're still a seed."</i> – Flik, <i>A Bug's Life</i>.</p> <p>Megan Calleros Principal</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>4: Candor Health - 4th Grade 5: Picture Retakes 7: Girls BB Game @ Hickory Creek 11- No School 12: Girls BB Game @ Bentley 14: Girls BB Game @ Troy 19: Girls BB Game - Home 28: Girls BB Game - Home 29: ½ Day of School</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>1: Girls BB Game @ Mokena 2: 5th Gr. Candor Health</p> <div data-bbox="1112 1522 1461 1774">  <p>If you can DREAM it, you can do it. <i>© Walt Disney</i></p> </div>

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ELA-We are starting a new biography based on the life of Mary Anning. For the Unit 1 PBA (**Performance-Based Assessment**), students will learn about the features of a biography and write a biographical spotlight on a scientist who has made a difference. October is the perfect time of year for creative

writing, and our young authors will soon write a spooky, or not-so-spooky story about Halloween. Thank you for encouraging your children to read at home for the 40-Book Challenge!

Math- We have entered the world of Multiplication. Please continue to have your child work on Reflex when they have a chance. The week of October 11th looks like we will be having our Unit 2 test.

Science/Social Studies-Our Spencer Crossing 4th grade science classes have learned a lot of really interesting things about plants, including their parts, how they protect themselves, how they reproduce, and how they respond to stimuli in the environment. We are very excited to begin learning about animals next week! The next vocabulary quiz is Thursday, October 7.



ELA - We are getting into our daily routines in ELA. In reading we are still working on the novel Night of the Spadefoot Toads. For writing we will continue to work on building our own Narrative piece.

Spelling- please keep practicing those spelling lists that come home.

We will be testing every other week. **In grammar**, we are still at the beginning of diagramming and focusing on subjects, predicates, and helping verbs. At home please keep reading every night and working on IXL skills for ELA.

Science / Social Studies - We will be finishing up our first Science Unit on Ecosystems with a project. There will be a Vocabulary quiz on October 15th! We will then be switching back to another Social Studies unit on the Age of Exploration.

Math - We are completing our Unit 2 with a test on October 13th! Unit 3 will focus on fraction concepts, addition and subtraction.



ELA - Seven weeks in and the foundation has been set for expectations and we are in full curriculum mode. We are diagramming, learning how to read for meaning, writing an expository and learning 15 new words every 2 weeks.

Math - Students will apply all that they've learned about fractions and decimals to compare, order and graph rational numbers on a number line and a coordinate plane. We will also explore reflections and calculating distance between points on a coordinate plane.

Science/Social Studies- We are continuing our study of ecosystems. Students will be learning about different types of ecosystems, food chains, and the water cycle in this unit. Our next Social Studies unit will be focusing on Ancient Egypt.

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ART News

*Check out our Crossing Artists' amazing work.
Students submitted over 820 works of art this trimester!*

[Spencer Pointe/Crossing Artsonia Gallery](#)

4th Grade: Line rug, crazy line sculpture, hand self portrait

5th Grade: Symmetrical bug, value scrolls

6th Grade: Negative/Positive space, one-point perspective bedroom, Hamsa hand

See you again in November!

Music News

It is so amazing to have all of my Crossing students back in the music room!! In the month of October we will be reviewing how to read, write, perform and create with known rhythms. 4th graders will be adding 16th notes into the rhythm bank and 5th and 6th graders will be learning about syncopation. We will also begin playing the ukuleles.

Chorus: Does your child like to sing, play music games, and have fun with their friends? They should join the chorus!!

We start the week of October 12th. Questions? Email Mrs. Neff cneff@nlsd122.org

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W **6th Grade Chorus 21:22.docx**

What's Happening in PE:

As the weather gets cooler, make sure you bring a sweatshirt or jacket to PE in case we go outside.

Also remember those gym shoes! We will be starting our Basketball unit in October.

BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Thanks for a great 5th grade signup! The 5th graders are all very excited to begin their music journey! We will start 5th grade after-school rehearsals on October 5th. Be sure to check the After-School rehearsal schedule for details.

6th grade students have been doing great! We're excited to be preparing for our first concern in December!

If there are any 6th graders who still want to join band or orchestra, please get in touch with us.

Kyle Rinke, Band Director: krinke@nlsd122.org

Chuck Torbett, Orchestra Director: ctorbett@nlsd122.org

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Social Work News

Spencer Crossing Celebrates...

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 25th-29th

See attached flyer for Red Ribbon week theme days!

Sincerely,
Nicolette Giblin
Social Worker
ngiblin@nlsd122.org

NURSE'S CORNER

Those Nasty Mosquitos! There have been more mosquito bites in the nurse's office this year than I can ever remember. The wet start to summer and record high temperatures set conditions up for this bumper crop of mosquitoes. To avoid mosquito bites, wear light-colored clothing, long sleeves, and pants (when possible). Also, avoid being outdoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active, and use mosquito repellent! Mosquitoes are not strong flyers, so set up a fan to blow on your patio when sitting outside. Treat those itchy bites by washing with soap and water, applying calamine lotion or anti-itch cream, and applying an ice pack for relief. Over-the-counter antihistamines can help reduce the reaction as well.

REMINDER: ALL 6th GRADE PHYSICALS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 15th.
Students without a physical after this deadline will be excluded.

Email: kbicek@nlsd122.org

Students of the Month...

4th Grade

Ryan F.
Blake J.
Rylie K.
Reed L.
Christopher M.
Mason M.
Noah S.

5th Grade

Ava B.
Marc D.
Zachary F.
Ryan G.
Deegan O.
Nick S.

6th Grade

Cooper F.
Gabe F.
Nicolette M.
Sophia R.
Alyssa R.
Aubrey T.

Technology Help

If your student is having trouble with technology, please complete a "tech ticket" by taking the following steps:

- Email tech-help@nlsd122.org
- Subject: CALL CENTER TICKET
- Body of Email: Your email address, your phone number, the issue/problem and any troubleshooting steps you may have taken.

DISTRICT 122 VIRTUAL BACKPACK

New Lenox School District is proud to support the "Going Green" initiative by communicating messages from our community partners, government agencies and select businesses with our students and their families. We will rarely be sending fliers home in backpacks with our students, but rather posting them through a virtual backpack link on our district website homepage, www.nlsd122.org

A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All students riding a bus **MUST** be wearing a mask when they get on the bus. Please make sure your student is prepared and wearing a mask when they're waiting at their bus stop.
- We are looking for custodians, substitute teachers, substitute teacher assistants, substitute crossing guards, and playground supervisors. In addition, LW210 is looking for Bus Drivers.

Preschool Screenings

New Lenox School District will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. Early childhood educators will present "game like" activities to your child which assess various development skills. All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to attend free of charge. This is a preschool screening, *not* a kindergarten readiness screening. This year the screenings will be held at Cherry Hill Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

2021-2022 Screening Dates

November 19th March 11th May 6th

Call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831 to schedule an appointment.

Please join us in our annual Cops Care Coat Drive! Donations start on October 1st and end on October 28th. Gray bins will be provided by the New Lenox Police Department at each school's vestibule area! Morning Star Treasure Chest will provide a coat for anyone presenting them with a voucher. Vouchers will be available at the schools in District 122 and at the following locations: New Lenox Police Department: 200 Veterans Pkwy. (M-F 8 to 5pm) New Lenox Village Hall: 1 Veterans Pkwy. (M-F 8:30 to 5pm) and New Lenox Township: 1100 S. Cedar Rd. (M-F 8 to 3:30pm)."



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LIBRARY NEWS FROM MS. VANDERWALL

Book Fair Information

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Book Fair. I appreciate everyone who volunteered to help and all of the families who made a purchase at the Fair this year. All orders will be delivered to the children in about 10 days. Wimpy Kid pre-orders will be delivered to the children on October 26th. All purchases help earn money for the Library to get new books. Thank you for your support of the Library!

Crazy for Graphic Novels!

Graphic Novels are a wonderful bridge between picture books and chapter books for children. It helps struggling readers enjoy more complicated stories with less text and keeps the visual images that allow them to understand the story. One of the benefits of a Graphic Novel is that children have to slow down to look at the images and connect it to the text to understand the plot of the story. The children will have to use critical thinking skills along with sequencing and imagination to connect the events of the story.

While there are benefits to the children reading Graphic Novels, I would like to make parents aware that some of the content and word choices in Graphic Novels are for older children. There has been an increase in requests for Manga in the Library. The Japanese graphic novels are tricky with content, language, and suggestive drawings. In addition they are read from back to front and right to left, which can be confusing to developing readers. The reading level may be at a 2nd-3rd grade level, but the content of the books might be for 6th graders. I talk to the children about the best choices for them, but it is your child's choice of what they check out. A good place to check the content of the media your children are seeing is to check Common Sense Media at <https://www.commonsensemedia.org>.

Did you know Anderson's Bookshop has virtual author events! Rick Riordan, a favorite with the students, is on October 10th. Go to andersonsbookshop.com/event/2021-10 for more information.



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SIGNING OUT PROCEDURES

When coming to pick up your student during the school day for any reason, please bring your photo ID and be sure to wear a mask. You will be buzzed into our office where you will sign out your student on our iPad.

ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent from school, you're required to call the office at (815) 462-7997 to report the absence. This is a 24 hour line, so you can call any time; please leave a message if calling after hours.



DROPPING OFF ITEMS

When dropping items during the school hours, (lunches, backpacks, homework, ipads, etc.,) please leave them on the table in the vestibule. Please make sure your child's name is on the item. We will continually check the table throughout the day.

LUNCH TIMES

4th Grade Lunch 9:55 - 10:30

5th Grade Lunch 11:10 - 11:45

6th Grade Lunch 10:30 - 11:05

All student lunches are free until the end of the 21-22 school year! However, lunches are still required to be pre-ordered online. Please see our school website for details. ****Milk cost is 0.30. (Student lunches include 1 milk)



SPENCER CROSSING CELEBRATES.. 

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 25-29, 2021

Show Spencer Crossing your commitment to making 100% healthy choices by participating in the following dress up days!

Monday -

Wear Red to kick off Red Ribbon Week!

Tuesday -

Fitness is Fun!

(Wear sports shirts, jerseys, or exercise clothes)

Wednesday -

The Future is Bright and Polite!!

(Wear neon or tie-dye)

Thursday -

Follow Your Dreams!

(Wear your pajamas to school)

Friday -

Say "Boo" to Unhealthy Choices!

(Wear a Halloween costume or favorite character shirt)



Shoe Drive! Shoe Drive! Shoe Drive! Shoe Drive!

The Spencer Crossing Student Council is having a SHOE DRIVE! Please send in gently used shoes (all shapes, sizes, from infant to old man shoes!).

We will be collecting shoes through November and shipping them to the poorest countries, where walking is their main mode of transportation.

It's a win-win! Shoes are being recycled for a great cause! Send shoes with your child and a raffle ticket is given for each pair of shoes. Tickets will be drawn twice a week with prizes awarded.

There's also a bin that will be placed outside of the front doors for community members to drive by and drop in shoes.

Here is a video for your viewing pleasure that explains the Shoe Drive:<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EAVwWIs87biE8kAQWeMVZwHcqV14m8T5/view>

NLSD 122 PTO CORNER

LOT'S OF FUN THINGS HAPPENING FOR THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER...

***SEPTEMBER 30TH TOM KELLY'S DINE AND DONATE**
MENTION NLSD 122 PTO***

***Mother/Son event October 3rd**

Family Fun Zone 12-3pm

2333 Theodore St. Crest Hill

***Charleston Wrap is wrapping up on October 6th**

(use code 19927 when ordering)

***Tis the season for wreaths, they will be going Live on
October 1st. There will also be a flyer being sent home with
kiddos.**

***Be on the lookout for a fun event for each campus-Project
Balance Health and Fitness LLC Annoted Hands-get
pampered or get in shape.**

***DIY wood scarecrow craft kit order
online:diysignparty.square.site deadline is October 21st
and pickup is October 29th 1230-230 Spencer Trail**

***Dine and Donate October 18th at Gatto's**

Please us for our monthly meetings, which are held every third Thursday of the month. The meetings will rotate from 9:30am to 7:30pm every month. Our next meeting is October 14th at 7:30 at the District. Check out our website for any additional information <http://www.newlenoxpto.org>

If you would like to get involved with the PTO, please visit our website.

nlcd122pto@gmail.com

***Next PTO meeting October 21st @730 District**

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment: the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommended making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, KryptoCloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



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How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

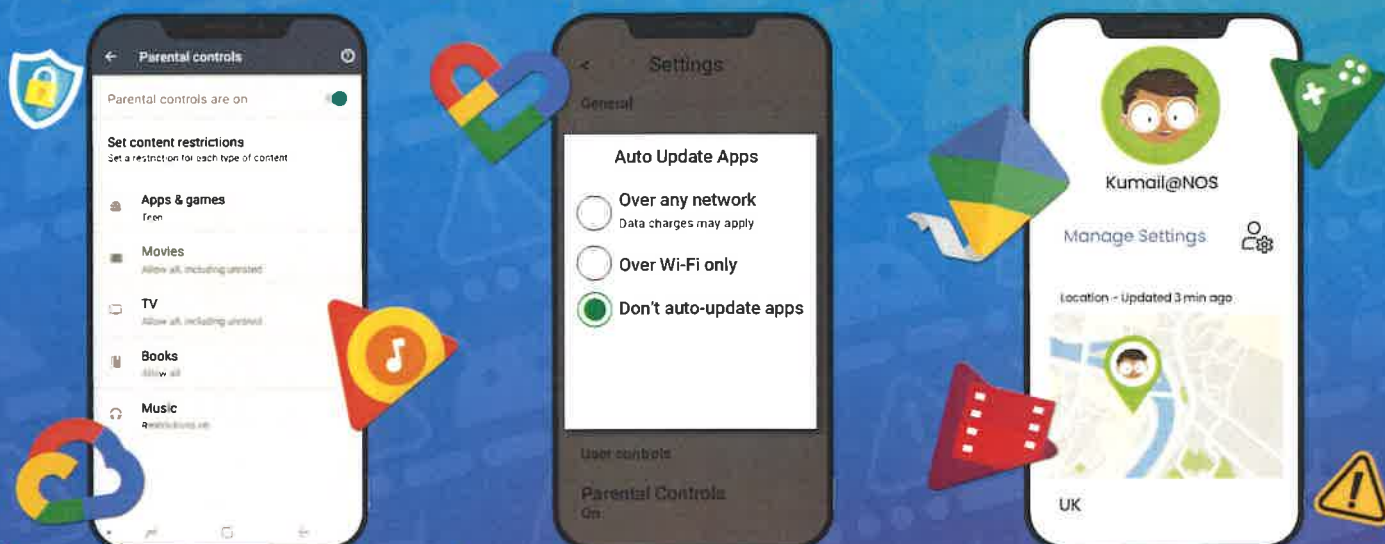
How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set

