

FAQs about CAPT

Why should I attend CAPT meetings?

CAPT meetings are filled with important information. Meeting topics this year will include information about the new math curriculum and the implementation of the behavior education plan. CAPT meetings provide an opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns. You can voice your desires for the direction of the CAPT and what we do for the school and students. Any notes from a CAPT meeting and any follow up information is posted on the CAPT website.

Are there membership dues to be part of the CAPT?

No. Every parent, guardian, teacher, and staff member is a member of the CAPT. All voices are important in guiding decisions made by the board.

Who can be part of the board?

Any participating adult at the school can be part of the board. The board is made up of co-presidents, co-vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, and staff representatives. Each role can be done by a single individual or shared by multiple individuals.

When are the board elections?

Elections are held at the last meeting of the year in May. Most board members serve two years. Multiple board positions were not filled at the May 2017 meeting. If you are interested in a board position, please contact a current board member.

Why are meetings called the Crestwood Community Circle (CCC)?

The title reflects our efforts to make meetings less formal and more interactive and engaging. These meetings are intended to be a community conversation rather than a lecture.

How can I get involved in the CAPT if I can't attend meetings?

In addition to hosting CCC meetings, the CAPT sponsors multiple events throughout the school year. Many events are held in the evening where a 1 hour time commitment makes a huge difference. There are also volunteer opportunities that can be done on the weekend or evening from home. If you are interested in being involved with the CAPT and aren't sure how to participate, please contact a board member.

What are some of the fundraisers at Crestwood?

We do a variety of fundraisers at Crestwood, but the CAPT's main focus is building and supporting our school community. We do not ask students to sell coupon books, cookie dough, or wrapping paper.

Fundraisers that we do participate in include:

- Box Tops and Amazon Smile
- Restaurant nights at which a participating restaurant donates a percentage of profit from that evening to the CAPT.
- Scholastic Book Fairs in the Fall and Spring

In the fall, we offer Cricket wear, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other items, for families to purchase to show their Crestwood pride. Look for an order form to come home during the early fall.

The biggest fundraiser of the school year is the school carnival, The Caper. Each class offers a booth where purchased tickets can be used to play games, participate in activities and to eat lunch! During this event, there is also a silent auction for the adults and raffle tickets can be purchased to win a variety of prizes.

Finally, every other year the CAPT organizes an 'adult only' silent auction. Local businesses and adults donate goods and services to be auctioned off. This serves as our second largest fundraiser. Finally, each year we send out appeal letters to every household asking for a flat donation to help serve our Crestwood students, teachers, and staff.

Why are there fundraisers at the school and where does the money go?

The money we raise through fundraisers is used to support students and staff at Crestwood. CAPT provides an annual award of money to each grade level. Teachers use the money to help support their classrooms. Money raised by the CAPT is also used to support cultural arts (visiting musicians, authors, poets, etc.), and technological updates. We are also currently raising funds for a new playground.

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Where can I park when dropping off/picking up my student?

Parking is available on Old Sauk Rd on the opposite side of the school. Observe and obey the no parking signs during school hours. Please don't park in front of the school or in the parking lots; these areas are reserved for buses and staff. Also, remember that U-turns are prohibited mid street and in a school zone. Please abide by speed limits when in a school zone.

What if my child is sick or I need to pickup my student during the school day?

When a student is sick please call the Safe Arrival line at **608-204-1120**. When picking up your student during the day you must check them out in the office and state a reason for their absence.

Are parents and visitors allowed to come to the school?

Yes! Everyone is welcome to visit the school. There are many adult volunteers at Crestwood. All visitors must be buzzed into the building (found at the front, right door of the school) and check in at the office.

How does the school know if my student is taking hot or cold lunch?

Each morning classroom teachers take a lunch count. Hot lunch participants choose between two options. If your child is late to school and they are taking hot lunch, the office takes their lunch preference.

Are all the students at lunch together?

Students attend lunch in two sections: K-2 and 3-5. Teachers remain with their classes while students are at lunch. Teachers may choose to have their students eat in their classrooms or the lunchroom.

Are all the students at recess together?

Recess is handled in the same sections as lunch. Students have 30 minutes before lunch to spend on the playground.

Do students get snacks and who provides them?

Students have snacks each day. How they are provided is up to each classroom teacher. Some teachers ask for snacks in their newsletter when supply is running low. Others teachers may create a snack schedule for families to select dates to bring in a snack. Crestwood follows the district's healthy snack policy. A list of acceptable snacks is available on the school's website.

How are birthdays celebrated at Crestwood?

We want all students to experience a wonderful day on their birthdays. We ask that birthday treats follow the healthy snack policy guidelines and that birthday treats only be shared in the celebrating student's classroom. Crestwood also has a birthday book program. On their birthday, a student is invited to the office to pick out a new book. Summer birthdays are acknowledged throughout the last month of the school year.

Crestwood Associations of Parents and Teachers

CAPT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Mission Statement:

The CAPT's purpose is to strengthen relationships between families, teachers, and school; plan events that bring the school community together, and provide resources and enrichment opportunities for students and staff.