

Crossroads Connection

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From the Principal's Desk... *by Connie Nourse*

Year Five Ends With Success

It is hard to believe we have wrapped up our FIFTH year! I am in awe of how blessed the school has been.



This spring was again busy and successful. In late April we held our annual Friends' Dinner. The theme of the event was "Building a Better Future. . . Today!" As in the past, it was a smashing success. This year we had a silent auction, live auction, and for the first time added a live dessert auction. What fun it was to inform attendees that following the delicious dinner they would only be enjoying dessert if they outbid their neighboring tables! We had 18 tables and 6 desserts to auction, so bidding was fierce! The dinner was prepared by Crossroads' own culinary arts students under the direction of Chef Jake Riley. As if preparing dinner was not enough, they also chose to prepare a small,

yummy apple tart so that everyone would have a little dessert, even if they "lost" in the dessert auction. The evening wrapped up with a moving video (which can be seen on our website at www.crossroadslongmont.org), and a lively live auction. If you missed the dinner, check out the article by Crossroads parent Rebecca Barnes and photos by Crossroads parent Ron Ballard (available at http://app.sycamoreeducation.com/public_documents.php?id=2054&docid=732659).



In addition to the Friends' Dinner, we had our usual end-of-the-year school activities. We took the entire student body to a Science and Weather Day presentation at Rockies Stadium and then stayed for the Rockies game. We had a Field Day with a Survivor theme. We also took them to Elitch Gardens Theme Park in Denver for an end-of-year student celebration.



Our culminating event was the Year End Celebration and Graduation Program. During the first half of the program we got the chance to show off some of the projects and work completed by the students throughout the school year. In addition, the drama class presented a student-written skit: a mad-lib twist on Hansel and Gretel.

The Graduation portion of our program followed. For the second year in a row, we were able to witness a Crossroads student, who once lacked the hope of a high school diploma, walk across the stage and complete her high school graduation! It is an experience that is difficult to put into words, but I am certain it is one that brings a big smile to God's face. I know it brings a big smile to the face of every staff member at Crossroads!

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Where Does the Money Come From? ... by Barb Bulthuis

Many Investors Make a Crossroads Education Possible

At Crossroads, we are determined not to turn anyone away because of cost. Therefore, we have set tuition at \$100/month, and we occasionally even reduce that if there is a need.

Obviously, this does not cover our costs; in fact, for next school year we anticipate that tuition and fees will cover only 16% of our annual budget!

So where does the other 84% come from? Unlike public schools, we do not receive any funding from the government. And unlike more traditional private schools, tuition does not cover much of the budget. So we are dependent on visionary individuals who understand that Crossroads is meeting a vital need in our community, and are willing to invest in our students' success.



Our single largest fundraising event is our annual Friends' Dinner, which this year netted over \$25,000 for the school. We also have monthly fundraising events, like the upcoming car wash and Baskin Robbins fundraiser, which bring in a few hundred dollars each, but more importantly help us connect with people who are interested in the school. That's why we call them Food & Fellowship events--the fellowship is just as important as the food! In addition, a number of businesses support Crossroads in large and small ways--such as significant grants from Longmont Ford, Faith Community Lutheran Church, WalMart, and the Longmont Community Foundation; in-kind donations of office supplies from Office Max, volunteer labor from Home Depot, enrichment classes from Alpha Martial Arts and Happy Hands Art Studio; and donations of auction items and sponsorship for the Friends' Dinner from over 80 local businesses!

All of this is wonderful, huge community support, and we're grateful. But the truth is, almost 60% of our annual budget is gifts of \$10, \$50, \$100 or more from individuals like you. Many have committed to give monthly. Others give quarterly or annually. We are so grateful for the army of individuals who invest in the lives of students, not because they gain any immediate reward, but because they know our students--and ultimately our community--will be stronger because of the work of Crossroads School. Thank you for your investment. The dividends are huge!

Annual Car Wash Fundraiser: Main Street Car Wash

2025 Main St., Sat, June 24, 8:30 am-5 pm

Get your car washed by the professional staff at Main Street Car Wash, and benefit Crossroads at the same time! Staff and students will be there to welcome you!



Food & Fellowship

815 E. 17th Ave, Sat, July 25, 11 am-5 pm

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Come enjoy some ice cream and hang out with Crossroads staff, students, and friends! Mention Crossroads at the register and the school will receive 20% of all proceeds. We hope to see you there!