

Crossroads Connection

Crossroads School

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We Did It!

Budget Complete for 2010-11 School Year

Well, actually God did, through our many supporting partners--as of December 31, 2010, Crossroads School has received enough cash, pledges, and in-kind donations to fund our entire budget for the first school year! We are grateful to God for his provision, and we are grateful to all of you who have chosen to partner with us in our inaugural year of school! We are encouraged by the financial "vote of confidence," and excited to begin planning for an additional classroom for next year, in order to impact even more students!

Easy Ways to Give--Don't Cost a Penny

Grocery Gift Cards

Do you shop for groceries or gas at any of the Vons/Safeway or Kroger/King Soopers family of stores (including Loaf and Jug gas stations)? If so, you can buy a gift card from Crossroads School in person or by mail, and the school will get 5% of your grocery and gas purchases! We are currently receiving over \$150 per month from this program, and are eager to see it expand. Check out details on our website, or contact Barb Bulthuis (303-709-9881; crossroadsinformation@yahoo.com).

Box Tops and Labels

Please collect Box Tops for Education from General Mills products, and Labels for Education from Campbell's products! If you send them to us or drop them off, we can redeem them for cash. Thanks!

Keeping Students In School Pays Off

National Study Shows Benefit of Reducing Dropout Rates

The Alliance for Excellence in Education, with support from State Farm, recently did a study on "The Economic Benefits of Reducing the Dropout Rate in the Nation's Largest Metropolitan Areas." The report projects how major US cities would be impacted financially if they were able to reduce their drop-out rate by 50%. The report, available at http://www.all4ed.org/publication_material/EconMSA, shows that a small investment in helping students succeed in school will pay off in a big way. Programs like Crossroads School make financial sense!

We Can Do It--You Can Help!

Get involved at Crossroads

Facility Support: Could you commit to one or more cleaning tasks once a week, or even just once or twice a month? These jobs may not be glamorous, but they're certainly essential! We need people to clean bathrooms, mop floors, vacuum, wash windows, and take out trash and recycling. Most of these jobs are currently being done on Friday afternoons by Miss Nourse, with occasional help, but some could be done any time during the week.

Thank you to Scott, who faithfully cleaned and mopped every week for the first semester, and to several of our students, who also helped occasionally. We'd love your help for second semester--many hands make light work!

Classroom Aides: We need one or two more aides to assist in the classroom one or two days per week--the consistency is very important for our students. Aides help individual students, supervise breaks, prepare materials, assist Miss Nourse as needed, but most of all build relationships with students.

Interested in helping? Contact Barb (303-709-9881; bjbulthuis@gmail.com).

Crossroads In Action

Pictures are worth a thousand words!



The class met their goal to pack TEN boxes for Operation Christmas Child.



Fun in the snow! This photo was taken by *Longmont Times-Call* photographer Richard Hackett and posted to the newspaper's website on our first day of snow in November.



This year, the class is working on the Presidential Fitness Challenge. All this exercise (left) is wearing them out (right)!



