

# Crossroads Connection

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## **From the Principal's Desk. . .by Connie Nourse Welcome Back!**

### **CALENDAR**

#### **Pizza Fridays:**

Every Friday  
12:30 pm

Jan 24: School Photos

Feb 1: Late Start

Feb 20: No School

President's Day

#### **Feb 22, 4-10 pm: Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser**

Mar 2: No School  
Teacher Work Day

Mar 7: Late Start

#### **Mar 20, 5-7:30 pm: Chick-fil-A Fundraiser**

Mar 26-30: No School  
Spring Break

Apr 4: Late Start

Apr 6: Noon Dismiss  
Good Friday

#### **Apr 27: Crossroads Fellowship Dinner (NO SCHOOL)**

May 2: Late Start

May 24: Noon Dismiss  
Last Day!

It's great to be back from Christmas Break. I am always so thankful for time with my family and hope you all enjoyed the same.

It is hard to believe it is already 2012; where does the time go? Ringing in the New Year also means our school year is half over. This year will be over before we know it, and therefore we have begun planning for the 2012 – 2013 school year. As the positive word about Crossroads spreads throughout our community we expect yet another increase in enrollment and expect many of our current students to return. God has great things planned for Crossroads and we look forward to watching His plan unfold.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every student who remembered us at Christmas with gifts, homemade candy, and sweet cards. Truly, we are blessed to be working at Crossroads School with such a wonderful family of students, parents, volunteers, staff, and donors.

## **Students Give Back Service Projects Part of "Friday Fun"**

Every Friday, Crossroads students participate in a "Friday Fun" activity that expands their horizons and allows time and opportunity for relationship building, career exploration, social skills development, and service. Recent examples include taking a behind-the-scenes tour at Chick-fil-A (several students decided they want to work there someday!), hiking at Rabbit Mountain, and competing in Junk Box Wars at school (similar to junkyard wars, but on a smaller scale).

One activity that was very popular was helping to sort food at our local Community Food Share. The students took on the challenge to sort out a tower of boxes of bakery items! They enjoyed using the pallet jack and learned about how food that would go to waste is instead redirected to benefit needy members of our community. We will visit Community Food Share again this month.



## Food and Fellowship Fundraisers

### Enjoy a meal and benefit Crossroads



Last fall we had a wonderfully-successful breakfast at Applebee's and a great dinner at Abbondanza's Pizza. We have two more meals planned to offer a variety of options for different tastes. Check out the following and join our staff and students for one or both of them! We'll look forward to serving you.

**Texas Roadhouse: Wednesday, February 22, 4-10**

**pm:** Enjoy a meal with your family and benefit Crossroads!

**Chick-fil-A: Tuesday, March 20, 5-7:30 pm:** Enjoy delicious chicken and put your receipt in the Crossroads bucket. The school receives a percentage of the proceeds!

### Support Crossroads: at NO COST TO YOU!

**Arbonne:** Local representative Teri Thomas has offered to donate her profits from any Arbonne sales to or parties hosted by Crossroads supporters. For more information, contact Teri directly at (303) 772-7060 or [ronandteri.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:ronandteri.thomas@gmail.com). Be sure to tell her you want to support Crossroads!

**Safeway (Vons/Dominick's, etc.):** Purchase \$100 gift cards from Crossroads and spend them for \$100 of groceries or gas. Crossroads earns \$5!

**Kroger (King Soopers, Loaf & Jug, etc.):** Purchase \$5 gift cards from Crossroads, use them to purchase groceries or gas, and reload them in any Kroger family grocery store. Crossroads earns 5% of all amounts you reload, so keep on using them. Currently, we receive almost \$300/month from this program!

**Campbell's Soup Labels & Box Tops for Education:** Clip these from products you purchase and mail them or drop them off to benefit Crossroads School.

### Memorials and Foundations: Crossroads Receives Gifts

Crossroads has received the following memorial and foundation gifts, for which we are so grateful:

**Julia Zimmer Memorial:** When Julia Zimmer died unexpectedly last fall at the age of 38, her grieving family decided to honor her with gifts to nonprofit organizations. Crossroads received two gifts; as Julia's sister Laura wrote, "This gift is in memory of Julia Ploegstra (Zimmer), my sister, who would have fit the school's mission and loved the students there. She laughed - she loved - she glorified the Lord." We are glad to be part of honoring Julia's memory and hope she will live on in a small way in our students!

**Culver Family Foundation:** Crossroads is grateful for a year-end gift from this local family foundation; one family member, a Crossroads donor, suggested a gift.

**Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund:** Some of our donors direct their giving through this fund and have chosen to invest in the work of Crossroads School.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Front Range Group:** This financial management organization has a tradition of honoring outgoing board members with a donation in their name. Last fall, one of their board members designated this gift to Crossroads.

**Alliance for Choice in Education:** This advocacy and fundraising organization supports private schools through scholarships for low-income students. This year, two Crossroads students receive scholarships from this organization.