



Crescentwood Elementary  
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Dear Crescentwood Students and Families:

It is a great honor to introduce myself as the incoming principal of Crescentwood Elementary for the 2022-2023 school year. Prior to being selected for this role, I served as the curriculum and grants coordinator for Eastpointe Community Schools. During my career in education, I have also served as an Assistant Principal, Director of Academics, and Dean of Elementary Instruction in Highland Park; as well as a first grade teacher in Detroit. I hold a bachelors degree in Spanish from Michigan State University and a masters degree from Wayne State University in education administration. I currently reside in Beverly Hills with my husband and in my spare time you can find me cooking and baking in my kitchen or visiting new restaurants in the area.

On behalf of the Crescentwood staff, I would like to welcome all of the returning and new families to our recently updated building. This year we will continue to overcome the obstacles of the last few years and strive to provide your child with the best possible education. As with any other year, I look forward to working with each of you and beginning the year on a positive note. With our outstanding staff, we will continue the Crescentwood tradition of educational excellence, but we cannot do it alone!

Parental involvement is extremely important and is a school priority for the upcoming year. We will be creating a parent committee, as well as holding monthly coffee with the principal forums to gain your input throughout the year. We cannot improve without your feedback and involvement. We will be offering a number of parent volunteer opportunities, as well as family events during and outside of the school day. **Please take the time to be a participant in your child's education at home as well.** Be sure to go through your child's blue folder EACH night. There is a lot of important information coming home in the first weeks of school.

As always, student attendance is also a priority. Please note the arrival and dismissal times listed on your child's teacher letter. Students **MUST** arrive on time and stay for the duration of the day. Every minute of the school day matters and our staff have been working hard to plan accordingly!

Lastly, we will be emphasizing school safety. We strive to keep our students safe and healthy. The building will continue to be cleaned throughout the day, masks are optional when in the school building; and we will be following all of the guidelines set forth by the CDC and the Macomb County Health Department. The only door for entrance during the school day is the front door, and all visitors must come

into the office to sign in. The office closes at 4:00 pm daily. Access to the circle drive is restricted for **buses only**.

Students will line up outside no more than 5 minutes prior to school at their assigned door. Parents should allow students to line up by themselves to give independence, and will not be permitted to follow students into the building. Teachers are unavailable to speak with parents during the school day, please schedule an appointment or write a note. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We are still required to conduct drills throughout the year (fire, lockdown, tornado). Your child may come home and tell you about our emergency drills. The drills allow students to become familiar with our procedures so that they can act appropriately in the event of an emergency.

The staff at Crescentwood is dedicated to creating a safe environment so that students have the best possible learning environment and school year. With your help, we will be successful. As always, your suggestions are welcome. We cannot do this without your support and participation. Feel free to contact me at 586-533-3200. I look forward to meeting all of you and partnering to have a successful year!

Your partner in education,

Kristen Crawford  
Principal