March 28-May 6, Crete students will participate in the testing for Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA), conducted by Nebraska Department of Education. Grades 3-8 and 11 will take the NeSA reading and the NeSA math tests. The NeSA science test, which is being piloted this year, is given at grades 5, 8, and 11. Each test is administered over a two-day period, approximately one hour each day.

Crete Middle School students will take the reading assessments on-line, while the high school and elementary school will take the paper/pencil format of the reading assessments. All math tests will be administered paper/pencil; all science pilot tests will be administered on-line. Teachers determine the testing method for each subject area, depending on the design of the test and students’ ability to work with the material in a computer format.

In preparation for all NeSA testing, students have taken a practice test in each subject area with those participating online taking part in an on-line tutorial. The practice tests were used to provide feedback and instruction to students.

The results for the NeSA reading and math assessments will be available in August, when a parent report will be sent home for each student who participated. The report will include the student’s score and a performance level of “Below Standards,” “Meets Standards” or “Exceeds Standards” in math and reading. No results will be available this year for the science pilot assessment, which serves as an opportunity for students to participate in the testing situation and experience Nebraska items, while at the same time providing feedback to Nebraska Department of Education on the test items.

By 2011-2012 Nebraska students will be assessed annually in reading and math in grades 3-8 and 11 and science in grades 5, 8, and 11 through the NeSA system and reports provided to parents of their student’s progress.

Parents can view the sample practice tests that students have taken for math and reading at http://www.education.ne.gov/assessment/NeSAPracticeTests.htm. Clicking on the grade level will open the test for that grade.

Valorie Foy
Director of Instruction

Graduation Planned

Graduation is only six weeks away. Graduation this year will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Fuhrer Field House at Doane College. The last day for all students except seniors is Wednesday, May 18.
BUS ACCOUNTS
If you are paying for monthly bus-
ing, your next payment is due be-
fore April 15.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS
Please make sure your chil-
dren have money in their lunch
accounts.

ABSENCES
If your child is going to be absent
from school, please notify the appro-
priate school office before 9:00 a.m.

Elementary 826-5822
Toll Free 877-826-1017
Middle School 826-5844
Toll Free 877-826-1018
High School 826-5811
Toll Free 877-826-1019

Senior Parent Meeting
April 27
Senior Parent ( & Seniors) Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the
high school auditorium with Mr. Conway.

Beginning at 7:00, and continuing after the
meeting, parents or students may pay any
student fees and fines, pay graduation fee
(under $30), and pick up graduation caps
& gowns. At 7:30, Mr. Conway will share
“All You Ever Wanted to Know About
Graduation.”

Junior Parent Meeting
April 20
Junior Parent ( & Juniors) Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the
high school auditorium with the counselors.

Information will be shared about pre-
paring for and surviving the senior
year -- scholarships, testing, college
application process, etc.

Upcoming Bike Rodeo at Crete Elementary
On Monday, April 4th, from 3:30 –5:00 p.m., a bike
safety event will be held on the Crete Elementary
playground. The event is a joint effort of CCLC,
Public Health Solutions District Health Department,
Crete Police Department and the Crete Area Medi-
cal Center. The rodeo will feature bike inspections,
safety course stations, basic bike repairs and infor-
mation about bike safety. Prizes, including bike
helmets will be randomly distributed throughout the rodeo. A
healthy snack will be enjoyed by all participants. Children in Kind-
dergarten through the 6th grade are invited to come with their
bikes and join the fun! For additional questions, feel free to con-
tact Ellen Miller at 826-7870.

REMINDERS
April 15  6-8:00 p.m.
Elementary cafeteria, gym and playground
Fun night for all students and families

April 20
Junior Parent Meeting

April 27
Senior Parent Meeting

April 4
Upcoming Bike Rodeo
Elementary NeSA Testing

On April 12th and 13th all students in 3rd and 4th grade will take the NeSA Math tests. NeSA stands for Nebraska State Accountability. The NeSA math test will provide teachers, students, and parents with an assessment of student progress in mastering the basic skills based on Nebraska Math Standards. These students will also participate in the NeSA reading test, which assesses students on skills based on the Nebraska Reading Standards. Fourth graders will take NeSA-Reading on April 19th and 20th, third graders on April 27th and 28th. All students are required to participate in math and reading assessments. Please plan around these test dates. If a student is unable to attend school, make up tests will be given.

It's Happening at Crete Public Schools

World Drumming at the State Capitol

Robotics win at Mt. Michael and qualify for state and national competition.

Sixth grade Science students complete a toothpick bridge competition.

Mayor Foster visits CCLC students.

Our school website continues to be an accurate and up to date source for information. Check it out for classroom events, school activities, breakfast and lunch menus, School Board meetings, as well as student achievements.