

# Latest Lancer News

June 2025



## 3rd - 5th Grade Kickball Tournament



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Each Spring Students participate in a  
Kickball tournament to finish off the year  
with a little fun



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# THROCKMORTON-RISER FOUNDATION INVESTS IN THE FUTURE OF CREST USD 479

The Crest USD 479 School District is experiencing transformation, thanks in large part to the generous support of the Throckmorton-Riser Foundation. With a steadfast commitment to empowering students and strengthening educational opportunities, the Foundation has become a vital partner in the district's mission to prepare learners for success in both college and careers.

The Throckmorton-Riser Foundation, Inc. was founded on December 18, 1990 by Alma K. (Riser) Throckmorton and her late husband, Warren E. Throckmorton, as a not-for-profit charitable organization to provide scholarships for high school graduates from the Anderson County, Kansas area to help pay for their college education. The Throckmortons moved from Hoisington to Garnett, Kansas in 1972. She taught elementary school for 16 years before she retired. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Garnett and participated in many civic organizations based in Hoisington and Garnett. Mrs. Throckmorton passed away on Tuesday, October 30, 2001 at the Garnett Nursing Home at the age of 96. Mr. Throckmorton was an active member in the United Methodist Church at Garnett, the Masonic Lodge, the local Garnett radio club, and he retired from the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Mr. Throckmorton died on Friday, June 28, 1985 at the Anderson County Hospital at the age of 80. Wayne A. Riser, Mrs. Throckmorton's brother, was a letter carrier out of Garnett, Kansas Post Office for 42 years until he retired in 1969. Through Last Will & Testament Wayne Riser, and Alma Throckmorton left bequests to multiple causes near and dear to their hearts in the regional area as well as directing the balance of the estate to create the Throckmorton-Riser Foundation.

The Foundation started with several \$1,000 scholarships for local students and the occasional donation towards school equipment. The initial Trustees were Mrs. Throckmorton, Fred Mitchelson of the Wheeler & Mitchelson Law Firm, and Kenneth L. Weide of the Garnett State Savings Bank. Today the Foundation provides over \$30,000 a semester to over twenty scholarship recipients and has expanded efforts to support the communities and schools in Anderson County. Today the Foundation is guided by John Mitchelson and Kevin Mitchelson of Wheeler & Mitchelson Law Firm as well as Dwight Nelson of Goppert State Service Bank (retired).

The Foundation's financial contributions are wide-reaching and deeply impactful to Crest USD 479. One of the most significant investments has been in the district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for our students. By covering student tuition costs for automotive, welding, HVAC, and nursing coursework, the Throckmorton-Riser Foundation ensures that Crest students have direct access to valuable hands-on training and certification opportunities—without the barrier of financial strain. This support is helping shape a skilled, workforce-ready Lancer student body. The Foundation knows that not all students want to go to a four year institution. The Throckmorton-Riser Foundation has always shown passion for the trades and kids that know how to work hard!

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In addition to academic programming, the Foundation has funded several critical infrastructure projects across the district. The Foundation funded the construction of a new softball field at Colony City Park. Inside the school, students benefit from a newly updated computer lab. Safety improvements have also been prioritized, with new controlled entry improvements and intercom upgrades designed to keep students and staff secure. The Foundation also provided the funds necessary to remodel our weight room and provide safer equipment in that space.

For Crest seniors, the Foundation provides scholarships to help pave the way toward higher education, lightening the financial burden of college and reinforcing the value of continued learning.

Looking ahead, the Throckmorton-Riser Foundation has pledged to donate \$200,000 over the next three fiscal years to support capital improvements to CTE classroom spaces that coincide with bond and other capital projects. This long-term commitment underscores the Foundation's belief in the importance of investment in education and job-readiness programs.

The impact of the Throckmorton-Riser Foundation on the Crest USD 479 as well as Garnett USD 365 is both immediate and lasting. Their dedication to educational excellence is building stronger classrooms, a safer campus, and a brighter future for every student in Anderson County. We feel it is extremely important for our patrons to understand the work the Throckmorton-Riser Foundation is doing in our school district.

Shane Walter  
Superintendent  
Crest USD 479

# Taking The Next Step



As the school year comes to an end, what has been done many times before must take place again, graduation. Graduation not only can be a sigh of relief, but also a bittersweet moment. Thank you for all the memories and we will miss you greatly here at Crest. Goodbye to the class of 2025.



## Crests' graduating class of 2025

Cursten Allen	Teagen Allen
Scarlett Ballou	Hannah Boeck
Karlee Boots	Braylee Burnett
Ruthie Dietrich	Gunner Ellington
Klaten Gates	Wyatt Henderson
Breakin Jones	Gentry McGhee
Halle Nelson	Kade Nilges
Delaney Ramsey	Denton Ramsey
Clayten Scott	Elijah Taylor
Ryan West	Jacob Zimmerman



# PLAY DAY



With school coming to an end, it was time for the annual "Play Day" for all elementary classes. Students can choose four mini-track events to perform for their friends and family during this time. Youngsters can jump, run, and even throw. Many staff members organize this event, which is run by middle and high school students.



1. Ian McKinney running 50m dash
2. Darnell Ellis running the 100m dash
3. Kindergarten running the 100m dash
4. Maddox Bain in the obstacle course
5. Rollie Boone throwing discus
6. Sadie Ramsey jumping long jump
7. 4th grade running the 200m dash
8. Kain Walter and Lainey Church running the 100m dash



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# IMPORTANT

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## BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

### ENROLLMENT

8:00 am- 3:00 pm

Monday, August 4th  
Tuesday, August 5th

### 2025-2026 School Calendar

August 4: Enrollment 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
August 5: Enrollment 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
August 15: New Teacher Half Day In-Service  
August 18, 19 and 21: Teacher Professional Days  
August 18: Fall Practices Begin  
August 20: Teacher Work Day  
August 20: Open House & Cookout  
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
August 22: FIRST DAY for Students  
September 1: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day  
October 20: PD Day - NO SCHOOL  
October 21: Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:45 PM – 7:30 PM  
October 23: Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:45 PM – 7:30 PM  
October 24: NO SCHOOL  
November 26, 27, & 28: NO SCHOOL -  
Thanksgiving Vacation  
December 22-January 5: NO SCHOOL -  
Christmas Vacation  
January 5: PD Day - NO SCHOOL  
January 19: NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Day  
February 9: Parent Teacher Conferences-  
3:45 PM - 7:30 PM  
February 12: Parent Teacher Conferences-  
3:45 PM - 7:30 PM  
February 13: NO SCHOOL  
February 16: NO SCHOOL - Snow Day  
March 13: PD Day - NO SCHOOL  
March 16-20: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break  
April 3: NO SCHOOL - Snow Day  
April 17: NO SCHOOL - Snow Day  
May 9: High School Graduation  
May 14: Last Day of School- Teacher .5 Work Day

**All students in MS and HS participating in fall sports are required to have their sport physical before they can begin practicing. Without a physical on file, they will not be allowed to practice.**

### School Supplies

**PRESCHOOL** (3 & 4-year-old): – Small pencil box with snap lid, glue sticks, 1 set of Crayola watercolor paints, Crayola crayons, 3 containers of Playdoh, 1 tissue box, & regular size backpack (holds a 9.5 X 12 folder)

**KINDERGARTEN:** Small plastic school box with a snap lid, 24 pack crayons, 6 glue sticks, 1 bottle of Elmer's school glue, 2 boxes of tissues, gym shoes, paint shirt, backpack

**FIRST GRADE:** #2 pencils, 1 box of 24 crayons, 2 boxes of tissues, gym shoes, 6 glue sticks, school scissors (Fiskars brand), 4 big pink pearl erasers, pencil box, 2 pocket folders, Clorox wipes, book bag (no wheels)

**SECOND GRADE:** Pencils, 2 pink erasers, 4 glue sticks, scissors, 2 pocket folders, ruler with inches and centimeters, 2 pack of highlighters, markers, 2 boxes of tissues, pencil box, gym shoes, clipboard, 24 crayons, 1 composition notebook, backpack (no wheels)

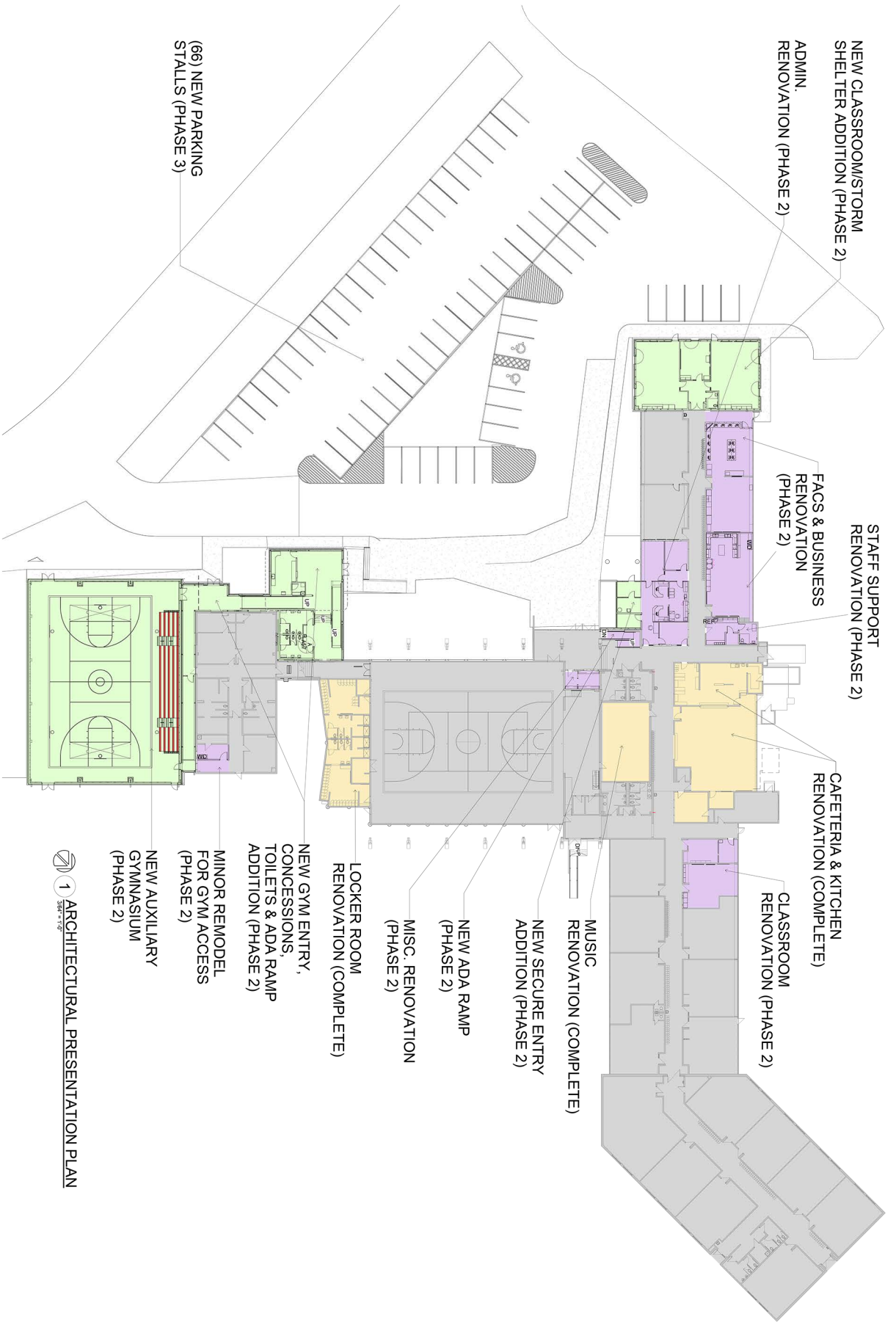
**THIRD GRADE:** 1 Composition Book, pink eraser, ruler with inches and centimeters, crayons, 4 expo markers, scissors, 2 pocket folders, pencil box, gym shoes, 2 boxes of tissues

**FOURTH GRADE:** Scissors, school box, pencils, eraser, dry erase markers, wide rule notebook paper, 2 boxes of tissue, glue sticks, 1 spiral notebook, 1 pocket folder, gym shoes, 3 ring binder (1" or 1 1/4"), (Optional: colored pencils, crayons, markers)

**FIFTH GRADE:** Pencils, large pack of glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, pointed tip scissors, pencil box, wide line notebook paper, 2 composition notebooks, 2 spiral notebooks, 2 pack of fine tip expo markers, ruler, erasers, clipboard, boxes of tissues, backpack, gym shoes

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Wide rule 3-hole paper, wide rule spiral notebook, composition books, 3 pocket folders, pencils, pens, eraser, colored pencils, markers, glue, highlighters, ruler with metric, scissors, calculator, gym shoes, trapper keeper or other 3-ring binder, 2" 3-ring binder, boxes of tissues

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Wide rule 3-hole paper, college rule 3-hole paper, composition books, index dividers, #2 pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, 3 highlighters, ruler with metric, scissors, 3x5 index cards, 3-ring binder, boxes of tissues



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