

# Cougar News

October 7, 2016 Issue

## Upcoming dates:

Oct 3	Schools and Offices Closed: Rosh Hashanah
Oct 5	Walk to School Day
Oct 12	Schools and Offices Closed: Yom Kippur
Oct 19	K Field Trip: HoCo Library
Oct 28	Halloween Parade/Fall Festival/Pumpkin Contest
Oct 31	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Learning Day
Nov 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip: Safety House Visit
Nov 16	Turkey Trot: River Hill High School
Nov 21-23	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 24-25	Schools and Offices Closed: Thanksgiving
Nov 29	Visiting Author
Nov 30	CogAT: 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 9:30am - 10:45am

## Upcoming Testing dates:

It is very important for all students to be tested. If possible, please plan appointments around testing dates/times.

Grade 5 CogAT	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> , Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> , Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> (9:30am-10:45am)
Grade 3 CogAT	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> , Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> , Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> (9:30am - 10:45am)

## Cougar Club Dates:

Each month students that meet the Cougar expectations the whole month can participate in the Cougar Club. Some activities are extra recess, making a craft, playing board games, and extra computer time.

Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 5
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4

## ***From the Principal's Den***



Dear Clarksville ES Families,

Welcome to Fall! We are half way into the first quarter of the 2016-17 school year! Can you believe it...time does really fly when you are having fun! I am very proud of all of our students and staff! September has been filled with a variety of Back-To-School events starting with our annual BTSN evenings. We would like to recognize all of our own Clarksville families who have devoted their time to our school and their children. Thank you!

As October approaches, we have many other fun-filled events for the fall. Our annual Halloween parade and fall celebration events will be held at the end of the month. Details will be coming home with your children soon. As always, we recognize and value the importance of parental support, involvement, and communication. We are constantly striving to improve our communication about what your children are learning in school. Please feel free to share your thoughts and concerns with us! Enjoy the month of October!

Warm regards,

Ms. Malcotti

## ***From the Technology Department:***

### **HCPSS Connect**

Wondering where you can learn more about your child's teachers? Wishing you could see links to their curriculum? Want resources to help your child at home? **Canvas** has all that & more! Please access Canvas through HCPSS Connect: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> . Please go here: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/guides/> to to watch a short (5 min) video on HCPSS Connect (including Synergy & Canvas) and find links to user guides. PLEASE set your [notification preferences](#), so you receive alerts when your child's teacher posts an announcement or calendar update.

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### **Team Websites:**

Each grade level team has their own website through Canvas, but that is also publically accessible. You can sign into Canvas, using HCPSS Connect & see your child's team site there (for example: "Grade 2 CES"). Each team's website is also linked on Clarksville's website under the tab for "Our Staff": <http://ces.hcpss.org/school-staff>

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### **"Hour of Code" Parent Volunteers**

Does your career involve Computer Science and writing code? Mrs. Volker is looking for parents who may be willing to come share their expertise with students during our "Hour of Code" week Dec. 5 – Dec. 9. If you are willing to talk with students about your career, please fill out this short form: <https://goo.gl/forms/vJon42yJR2lhY2BB3> Mrs. Volker will contact volunteers in November to confirm & provide more details.

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### **Doodle for Google Contest**



This year's "Doodle for Google" contest is open now through Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> for students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's theme is "*What I See for the Future*". Parents, please sign into Canvas (through HCPSS Connect) and see the announcement Mrs. Volker posted in your child's technology course for more information. Participation is completely *optional* & would be completed at home.

### ***Walk to School Day: Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>***



This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Walk to School day was a success for Clarksville Elementary School. We want to thank all the parents and students that participated.

## *From the Art Department:*



# Attention Parents!

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork and soon you will receive a personalized order form.



Travel Mug



Metal Key Chain



Night Light

- Over 40 keepsake products available, all featuring your child's artwork
- Many of the products are less than \$15
- Safe, secure online ordering is available - You can share your code with other family members and invite them to order
- Satisfaction guaranteed
- Art to Remember keepsakes are perfect for these gift giving occasions:
  - Grandparent's Day
  - Christmas
  - Father's Day
  - Birthdays
  - Hanukkah
  - Mother's Day



Pendant Necklace

Your purchase captures a moment in time and raises funds for your school.

## THANK YOU!



Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.  
[www.ArtToRemember.com](http://www.ArtToRemember.com)

## Parent Volunteer Information

We still have many parents that have not completed a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Each year all parent volunteers must complete this course and sign the volunteer forms, according to HCPSS Board Policy. **Please make sure you have completed this course before registering to volunteer for your child's field trip or even coming into the school to visit for lunch.** The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. To complete your training course and register with your child's school, please complete the test and forms at this link:

<http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

## Field Trip Planner for 2016-2017

Below is a *current* summary of planned field trips and details about those trips. Additional field trips will be added as approved throughout the year. Please note that in an attempt to minimize the financial impact, the permission slip and money may be due long before the trip occurs.

GRADE	TRIP TO	TRIP DATE	COST
K	Howard County Library	Oct 19	\$0
1	Irvine Nature Center visits CES	Nov 3	\$3.20
2	Safety House Visit	Nov 1	\$0
4	National Aquarium in Baltimore	Oct 21	\$20.25
5	MD Science Center	Oct 14	\$18.10
Multiple grades	Visiting Author at CES – Henry Cole The author visit is paid for with proceeds from our annual book fair. Our next book fair will be in March 2017. Thank you for your continued support!	Nov. 29	\$0
Multiple grades	Turkey Trot @ River Hill High School	Nov. 16	\$0

## *From the Health Room:*

### Flu Vaccine Clinic:

CES will have the Flu Vaccine Clinic on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Should your student receive their vaccine prior to this date please be sure to inform the Health Room so that we can pull their consent form.

If your child has a fear of injections please consider volunteering for this clinic. If you are willing to volunteer please email Denise Mathis at [denise\\_mathis@hcpss.org](mailto:denise_mathis@hcpss.org).

As flu and cold season is nearing, this is a reminder that good hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs with tissues and sleeves are essential steps to preventing the spread of germs. Also, remember that despite concerns about school attendance, your children's health (and the health of other children and staff) is most important of all. For this reason, we ask you to please:

- \* Keep your child home if he/she has a fever of over 100.0. A fever indicates that your child has an infection that could be passed to other students. If you give your child Motrin or Tylenol, the fever will, of course, disappear but he/she will still be contagious to others. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school!
- \* Children must be free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- \* Have your children wash their hands properly after using the restrooms and prior to eating.

Thank you very much for helping keep all our students healthy!

### ***“Community Notices”***

*The events listed below are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System. They are being provided as a community service.*

The River Hill High School PTSA would like to extend an invitation to parents at RHHS feeder schools to attend a **Parent Program forum featuring the Howard County Board of Education Candidates**. The forum will take place on **Monday, October 17th**.

Here's your chance to become better acquainted with the candidates in order to make an informed decision at the polls in November. The program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in the River Hill High School cafeteria. Following the candidate forum, there will be a short presentation from HC DrugFree about keeping your family safe.

### **STEM Shark Tank Competition-Le'Chic Academy Foundation**

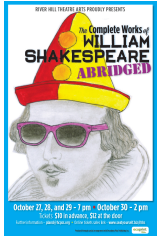
Le'Chic Academy Foundation invites boys and girls (Ages 5-18), to participate in our annual Young Entrepreneur's Shark Tank Competition (**Oct. 8**, 2016 from 12-3:00 p.m.) and “Biz Kidz” Vendor Exhibit Fair (**Nov. 5**, 2016 from 12-3 p.m. For online registration and detailed information, please call 410-530-4876 or visit [www.lechicacademy.com](http://www.lechicacademy.com)

### **Mental Health Film Festival-Horizon Foundation**

Tues., **Oct. 25**, 5:30-8 p.m. at UA Snowden Square Stadium in Columbia. Get your tickets for this free event that aims to build awareness and compassion for members of our community facing mental health challenges. Choose from one of four films, each followed by a panel discussion <http://bit.ly/HCMHFFfler>



## ***The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*** – Press Release



River Hill Theatre Arts Department

Pam Land – Director

[pland@hcpss.org](mailto:pland@hcpss.org) or 410-313-7120

### **Performance dates and ticket information:**

River Hill High School auditorium. The performance dates are October 27, 28, and 29 @ 7 p.m. and October 30 @ 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

THE ADVANCE TICKET SALE PRICE (\$10) WILL BE HONORED AT THE DOOR IF YOU BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM. All food donations go to Howard County Food Bank.

### **Advance sale of tickets:**

Online (now) via “Seat yourself” at <http://www.seatyourself.biz/rhhs><http://www.seatyourself.biz/rhhs>

### **Go online to see After School Programs offered at CES:**

[http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Clarksville-Elementary-Fall-2016-After-School-Classes.html?soid=1101410824386&aid=vQLk\\_E6yPkw](http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Clarksville-Elementary-Fall-2016-After-School-Classes.html?soid=1101410824386&aid=vQLk_E6yPkw)

Fall 2016 After-School classes and other programs held at

## Clarksville Elementary

Howard County Recreation & Parks are offering the following After-School Classes this Fall at Clarksville ES!

Register ASAP to save your spot and ensure these classes have enough children to run.

To Register: Go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/> and type in the course number of the program (ex RP3379.601), or you may register over the phone at 410-313-7275 (8am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday).