

# Cougar News



February 8, 2018 Issue

## Upcoming dates:

Feb. 6	Report cards issued to students
Feb. 9	International Night at 6:00pm
Feb. 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Baltimore Orchestra
Feb. 14	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 14	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Young Author's Tea
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Professional Day – no school for students</b>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>Presidents' Day – schools and offices closed</b>
Feb. 21	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade puberty education night at 5:30pm
Mar. 5	Kindergarten and new 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade registration
Mar. 7	Kindergarten Field Trip – HoCo Public Library
Mar. 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
Mar. 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip
Mar. 19-22	Book Fair
Mar. 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Night at 7:00pm
Mar. 23	Career Day 9:30 – 3:30
Mar. 28	Class picture day
<b>Mar. 30</b>	<b>Good Friday – schools and offices closed</b>

## Upcoming Testing dates:

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

NO DATES AT THIS TIME

## Cougar Club Dates:

Each month students that meet the Cougar ROAR expectations for the whole month earn time for Cougar Club. Some Cougar Club activities are extra recess, making a craft, playing board games, extra computer time, etc. Congratulations to all our Cougar Club classes!

Feb. 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Feb. 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Feb. 28 – Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Mar. 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mar. 27 – Kindergarten

Mar. 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mar. 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



## **\*\*NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM\*\***

The CDC says we will likely experience a high level of flu in February and is recommending that any persons not already vaccinated this year get a flu shot, even at this stage in the game. The immune response from receiving the vaccine now could be what prevents a case of flu from becoming more severe.

Parents, please remember that students should remain at home for at least 24 hours after their fevers have broken, and remain afebrile without medication. If your child has been experiencing vomiting or diarrhea, please keep them at home for at least 24 hours after those symptoms have ceased.

As always, cough hygiene and proper hand washing are the most effective way to stop the spread of germs. At home, try to disinfect frequently touched surfaces on a regular basis, particularly during flu season.

Please visit the CDC website for more information about the flu. <https://www.cdc.gov/flu>

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Welcome Second Semester!

I hope that the start of 2018 has been positive and great for all!

The second half of the school year is about to officially begin. We have many exciting events planned which include Jump Rope for Heart, Valentine's Day classroom activities, our fifth graders articulation process into middle school, to name a few. We want to give much gratitude to Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. D'Avella for their hard efforts and time in preparing two fabulous music concerts this past January...we appreciate your commitment and dedication to celebrating the talents of our students! Big thanks also must be mentioned to our Clarksville families who support our music programs and our talented students. Thanks goes out to one and all!

Winter is definitely here to stay for awhile. Just a friendly reminder to listen to local radio, television, and HCPSS website for updates on all school closings, delays, or early dismissals. Please make sure that your children are prepared for the weather elements. With weather permitting, we do try to have students go out everyday for fresh air.

A big welcome to all of our new Clarksville students and their families. We are happy to have you here with us!

Enjoy the month of February....stay warm and think warmer thoughts! Spring is around the corner!

Best,

Mrs. Malcotti

# CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AT INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

International night is a way to celebrate cultural diversity, a way to learn about different cultures and places for children (and adults, likewise). This cultural extravaganza will be taking place on February 9<sup>th</sup> (snow date: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 6:00pm in the CES cafeteria. It is an excellent avenue for our children to learn about other countries in a fun way.

At this time, we are looking for volunteers to represent a country at a table during the event. If you are interested, please contact Savita Jain at [savita@savitajain.com](mailto:savita@savitajain.com) as soon as possible.

Your goal, if you are a leader, is to create the best presentation you possibly can. Some things you could include on your table:

- A food item (with the ingredients written).
- Poster boards with facts such as population, tourist attractions, and maps.
- Fun facts.
- Pictures of the landscape.
- Wear a traditional costume. There will be a cultural fashion show available to everyone who is dressed in traditional clothing.
- Prepare a dance or performance pertaining to your country. There will be a show onstage.
- Pottery and/or art.

Other highlights of the night will include a geography bee, best costume/geography bee prizes, and a passport that will include questions about the countries that will end with a prize.

Contact Savita Jain, International Night Committee Chair if you have any questions:

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## Volunteer for our Career Day!

Clarksville Elementary School's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Day is on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> during the school day between 9:30 – 3:30. We are looking for parents and other community members to come and share their careers with the students in grades K-5. You can come for the entire day or just volunteer for half the day (morning 9:30 – 12:15 or afternoon 12:15 – 3:30). Volunteers will have approximately 15-20 minutes to give presentations to classes. We ask that your presentation be engaging and that you find a way that students can experience your career. Be creative! Once the committee gets all of the volunteers we will be creating a schedule so that each classroom sees a variety of careers. We cannot guarantee that you will be presenting for your child's class if you are a parent of a child here at CES.

If you would like to volunteer, please visit the link to sign up:

<https://tinyurl.com/CEScareers2018>



On February 1, 2018, several of our African and African-American fourth and fifth grade students were honored at the annual The Council of Elders Celebration of Academic Achievement ceremony. These amazing students had achieved A's or B's for all four quarters in ELA and math during the 2016-2017 school year. The following students from Clarksville Elementary School were honored:

*Nathaniel Abiy*  
*Karell Clement*  
*Anna Dawson*  
*Noelle Goitom*  
*Zoe Irvin*  
*Mireille Njeh*  
*Natalia Reid*  
*Ariella Schulterbrandt*  
*Ayomide Somori*  
*Matthew Sotomey*

Great job! CES is extremely proud of all of you!



# ***Pippin* - Press Release**

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This March, the River Hill High School Theatre Arts Department will proudly present the Broadway musical, *Pippin*. With a memorable score from multiple Tony, Oscar, and Grammy winner, Stephen Schwartz, *Pippin* is the story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. This multiple Tony-award winning show was originally produced on Broadway in 1972 (directed by the legendary Bob Fosse) and then successfully revived in 2015. River Hill's production promises to bring magic and joy to the hearts of audience members of all ages.

Heir to the throne, the young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield and the intrigues of political power. In the end, though, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the simple joys and ordinary moments that happen every day.

Produced, directed, and choreographed by RHHS Theatre Arts teacher Pam Land, the show is also co-choreographed by RHHS dance teacher, Jennifer Hennessie, RHHS student, Deven Ferrer and Dana Keane, artistic director of Studio Dans. Assisting as student directors are Julianne Blackman, Ashleigh Steinberg, and Sonia Goyal. Joe Blasko, a longtime friend of RHHS Theatre Arts, will direct the construction of the set with assistance from RHHS alumni parents George Stone, Bob Bost, and Steve Fulford. A crew of more than 30 dedicated students led by student stage manager Autumn Mack, will build the set and props and run the show. RHHS vocal music teacher, Katie Geiger, will direct the vocals and prepare the student orchestra. RHHS math teacher Rhonda De La Mar will design costumes with the assistance of a wonderful team of parent volunteers.

The cast of more than 40 RHHS students includes Austin Abraham (Pippin), Jasmine Tiamfook (Leading Player), Jerry Chen (Leading Player), Matt Island (Charlemagne), Brennen Young (Charlemagne), Mia Ehrlich (Fastrada), Deven Ferrer (Fastrada), Robyn Levy (Berthe), Ashleigh Steinberg (Berthe), Danielle Gover (Catherine), Caroline Lovelace (Catherine), Joey Heitzmann (Lewis), Ryan True (Lewis), and Dillan Goel (Theo).

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

All performances will be held in the River Hill High School auditorium.

The performance dates are March 1, 2, 3 @ 7 p.m. and March 4 @ 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$14 at the door.

THE ADVANCE TICKET SALE PRICE (\$13) 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>

- In Front of the RHHS Dining Hall- Monday, February 26 thru Friday, March 2 (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- Box Office (opens 90 minutes before curtain)

If you have questions or need further information, contact Pam Land at [pland@hcpss.org](mailto:pland@hcpss.org) or 410-313-7120.