

Cougar News



March 6, 2018 Issue

Upcoming dates:

Mar. 5 - 9	Kindergarten and new 1 st Grade registration
Mar. 6	Vision and hearing screening
Mar. 7	Kindergarten Field Trip - HoCo Public Library
Mar. 9	2 nd Grade Field Trip - Baltimore Museum of Industry
Mar. 16	1 st Grade Field Trip - Robinson Nature Center
Mar. 19-23	Book Fair
Mar. 21	3 rd Grade Music Night at 7:00pm in the cafeteria
Mar. 23	Career Day from 9:30am - 3:30pm
Mar. 28	Class picture day
Mar. 30	Good Friday - schools and offices closed
Mar. 30-4/3	Spring Break - schools closed
Apr. 12	4 th Grade Field Trip - Walters Art Museum
Apr. 13	3-hour early dismissal

Upcoming Testing dates:

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

Grade 5 MISA	March 6 th , 7 th , 8 th , 9 th	11:45am - 1:15pm
Grade 3 PARCC ELA	April 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	9:30am - 11:30am
PARCC MATH	May 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	9:30am - 11:30am
Grade 4 PARCC ELA	April 25 th , 26 th , 27 th	1:20pm - 3:45pm
PARCC MATH	May 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th	1:20pm - 3:45pm
Grade 5 PARCC MATH	April 30 th , May 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	9:30am - 11:30am
PARCC ELA	May 11 th , 14 th , 15 th	9:30am - 11:30am

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!

Mar. 1	4 th Grade
Mar. 27	Kindergarten
Mar. 28	4 th Grade
Mar. 29	2 nd , 3 rd and 5 th Grade
Apr. 24	4 th Grade
Apr. 27	1 st and 2 nd Grade
Apr. 30	Kindergarten



Kindergarten and NEW to CES First Grade Registration

Registration will be held at CES March 5 – 9 from 10:30am – 2:30pm.

ONLINE registration is available beginning March 2nd on the HCPSS website.

Please visit the Howard County Public School System webpage for more information: <http://www.hcpss.org/enroll/kindergarten/>



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DEN...



March has arrived! Hard to believe but spring is almost here!

We want to let our CES community know how much we appreciate their support and commitment to our school and our students. Our International Night was an amazing, wonderful, family event. We had a terrific group of parents plan and organize this evening and it was truly a memorable event for all.

Also, this past month we had our Grade 5 Young Author's Tea. Our fifth grade students have worked so hard on their books...I am truly proud of their accomplishments. Way to go!

A big thank you to all of our parents who attended the School Safety and Mental Health Community Forum last week. It was reassuring to see the support of our CES school community at this event. Please know that your children's safety is our first priority. As we transition into some of the modifications in our school system's safety plan, we will keep you posted on any and all changes.

Thank you all for your donations and support in our recent Jump-Rope-for-Heart event. Your generosity is so appreciated. We are so lucky to have such supportive families. We wish you all a wonderful, restful spring break with family and friends!

Best,

Ms. Malcotti

Coming this month... Pennies for Patients!

Once again CES will participate in the Pennies for Patients Campaign. Each year we ask students to gather up their coins for kids with cancer. Children will come home with a special collection box to fill with coins and a note explaining how you can help. Don't forget, you can also donate on line. Look for our CES web page.

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) thanks you for remembering kids with cancer. Go Cougars!



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On February 14th, our fundraiser for the American Heart Association culminated with all of our CES students joining their grade level in the gym for lots of rope jumping, a bit of music and tons of fun! The AHA is a great charity that uses the funds that our community collects to work with researchers, hospitals and doctors to improve the quality of life of heart patients of every age! We have worked with the AHA since 2010, raising over \$25,000! This year our community reached it's highest total yet at over \$6,700! It is wonderful to be a part of such an amazing and generous community. Thank you for your efforts. The AHA thank you gifts for our student fundraisers will be delivered within 2-3 weeks and distributed during PE.



VISION AND HEARING SCREENING AT CES ON MARCH 6TH

Please read the following letter regarding the Howard County Health Department Vision and Hearing Screening Program. The vision and hearing clinic at CES will take place on March 6th and will begin first thing in the morning. Please make sure your child wears his/her glasses to school that day if they have been prescribed. Thank you!

Laura Smith, BSN, RN - HCPSS Cluster Nurse
Clarksville Elementary School – 410-313-7107

Dear Parent:

During the school year, the Howard County Health Department, in collaboration with your child's school, will offer vision and hearing screenings for your child. Adequate vision and hearing are very important for your child's school performance.

Vision and hearing screenings are required by Maryland State Law for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Eighth grades. Your child will also be screened if they are new to the state of Maryland school system and a previous vision and hearing record has not been transferred with their medical records. Your child will receive these screenings unless you object in writing. Please send a letter to your child's school health room if you chose to opt out of the Health Department screenings. Vision and hearing screenings are performed by trained health department technicians.

The health department uses pure-tone audiometers for hearing screenings. For the vision screenings, a hand-held vision screener is used. The child focuses on a smiley face on the camera and within a few seconds a series of measurements are calculated to detect a possible vision problem.

If your child does not pass the vision screen, a letter will be sent from your child's school recommending that you take your child to a medical provider or clinic for a more complete vision evaluation and a detailed result of the screening test will be included.


If your child does not pass the initial hearing screen, a second hearing screening will be performed on another date at the school. If the results of the second hearing screen indicate that your child may have a hearing problem, a letter will be sent from your child's school recommending that you take your child to a medical provider or clinic for a complete hearing evaluation.

Should you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or the Vision and Hearing Screening Program Supervisor at 410-313-7210. If you need information about the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program, please contact the Howard County Health Department at 410-313-5845.

Sincerely,



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Howard County Health Department



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Howard County Public School System



Howard County's Young Author's Contest County Winners

Congratulations to Ava Rahman in Ms. Higdon's 3rd grade class for receiving an Honorable Mention in the countywide contest for her poem, What the Seasons Mean to Me. Congratulations to Siana Kabaria in Mrs. Becker's 4th grade class for receiving 1st place in the countywide contest for her short story, A Leaf of Love. Siana's short story will now go on to compete at the state level. Good luck Siana, we are rooting for you! Go Cougars!

GREEN TEAM NEWS...

Green Team Members have been out watching the number of cars that pull up to our school. Last month they started collecting data about the number of children getting out of cars. This month, the Green Team Members will be making announcements on the TV suggesting kids carpool to school. Less cars means less pollution. Have you considered grabbing a neighbor or taking another student to school? There is no time like the present. Make a change today. LET'S CARPOOL CES!



GreenFest 2018 - Explore, Connect, Act!

Howard County Recycling is hosting a GreenFest opportunity for all community members!

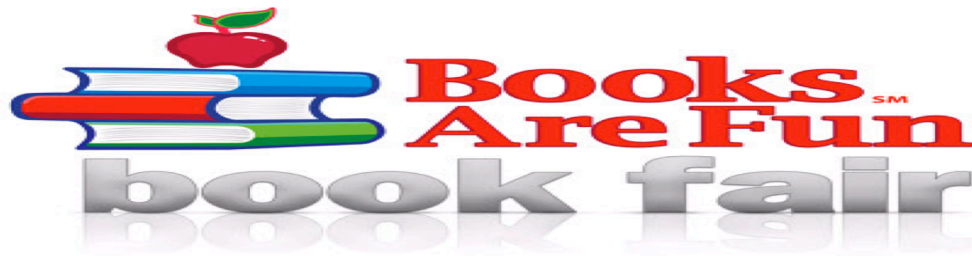
WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2018 (rain or shine)

TIME: 10am to 4pm

WHERE: Howard Community College

Explore the vendors! Connect with friends! Act on knowledge! FREE FUN!

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Community-Sustainability/GreenFest>



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming Monday, March 19 - 22! We really need your help this year. Without spring conferences we're doubtful that we will get the same amount of visitors that we've had in the past. Last year's profits are funding another great award winning author this May - Chris Barton, and we hope to continue to bring such wonderful authors to inspire and educate our students.

So please keep the dates in mind and plan a visit to the fair. The students get so excited when they see the Fair set up!

As always, our supportive PTA is holding Book Fair Bingo on March 19th and our music and strings teachers are having the 3rd grade concert on the 21st. We hope to see you at the Fair!



Volunteer for our Career Day!

Clarksville Elementary School's 4th Annual Career Day is on Friday, March 23rd 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.