

Cougar News



January 12, 2018 Issue

Upcoming dates:

Jan. 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Schools and Offices Closed
Jan. 17	Spelling Bee 2:30pm
Jan. 24	4 th Grade Winter Concert 7:00-8:00pm
Jan. 26	3-Hour Early Dismissal
Feb. 5	Reports cards issued to students
Feb. 9	3 rd Grade Field Trip - Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Feb. 14	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb. 16	Professional Day - no school for students
Feb. 19	Presidents' Day - schools and offices closed

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

Transportation

Please do not allow your child to ride a bus they have not been assigned to.

It has come to our attention there are students riding buses they are not assigned to or have not gotten permission to ride. Each year we are provided transportation information from the county based on where a student lives. This information is stored in the county computer network and is used for emergency closings, bus rosters, and accidents. It is critical for the safety of each student that they use the transportation they were assigned by the county or have gotten approval from CES administration.



Happy New Year!!!

I hope you all had a restful and relaxing winter break! The first semester is almost coming to a close...which means we have completed one half of the school year. Report cards will be issued on February 5th. Please be sure to take some to celebrate your child's growth and success.

Many thanks to all of our Clarksville families and students for their generous gifts to our office staff. We totally loved getting some goodies and sweets during this festive season! I would like to personally thank those students and families for my gifts and treats.... I loved each and every one of them! Thank you for remembering your principal! I am truly honored to be leading such a kind, generous school community at CES!

We had several events in December that showcased our CES students and their talents. Our fifth graders gave a fabulous performance during their winter concert. What a group of talented students we have at CES! I am so proud of their accomplishments and talent. Also, we had our Hot Cocoa Social. This event would not have been possible without the coordination efforts of our CES staff and students who help make this night such a fun celebration for the love of reading. We also had our annual STEM night...what a cool, exciting evening of wonder and discovery! Our CES staff gets many rounds of thanks for making this event possible. A huge thanks to all of our CES families and students for coming to support the events. We can't do this without your help!

We have several January events coming soon...our fourth grade students will be performing their winter concert as well as our annual International Night! We hope to see you all there!

Stay warm and cozy during this wintery month! Go Cougars!!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Malcotti

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!

Jan. 25th – 3rd Grade

Jan. 26th – 2nd and 5th Grade

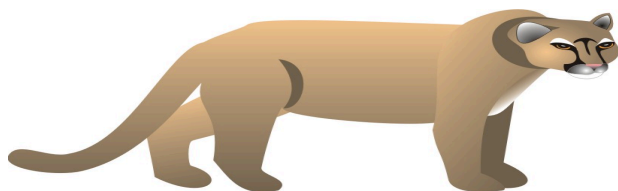
Jan. 31st – Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Feb. 2nd – 4th and 5th Grade

Feb. 23rd – 3rd and 5th Grade

Feb. 26th – 2nd Grade

Feb. 28th – Kindergarten



Recycling Ink & Toner

We can recycle your ink or toner while helping to earn money for Clarksville's technology supplies at the same time! They can be new or used, expired or in-date, from your home or your office.... We take it all! This recycling effort is on going, so you can send them anytime throughout the school year. Please label them “**for Mrs. Volker**”. Thank you for going **green**!

From,
Mrs. Volker (Technology Teacher)
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INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION

CLARKSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL



This event is intended for parents. Students from our feeder elementary schools will be visiting CMS in the spring.

Date: January 18, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Clarksville Middle
6535 South Trotter Road

As a parent of an incoming 6th grade student, you are invited to attend our Parent Orientation Night. Whether you are a veteran of a middle schooler, or a first time middle school parent, we welcome you to come hear about the 6th grade program of studies as well as a discussion about our Gifted and Talented program and performing arts classes.

Contact our Student Services staff if you have questions regarding this event. 410-313-7060

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 9th (snow date: Feb. 23rd) 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 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:
savita@savitajain.com



Volunteer for our Career Day

Clarksville's 4th Annual Career Day is on Friday March 23rd during the school day between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm. 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 whole day, or just volunteer 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 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 fill out the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/HDHqQH4OY2UaJ8iL2>

School Recess

Policy 9090 stresses the importance of recess in schools. Elementary schools are required to provide students with 30 minutes of supervised recess daily, preferably outdoors, during which moderate to vigorous activity should be encouraged. The administrator may make exceptions for circumstances such as shortened days, special events and altered schedules

Staff members will not deny participation in recess or other physical activity opportunities as a form of discipline or punishment unless the safety for wellbeing of students is in question.

Children are expected to wear warm clothing to protect them during the cold weather when participating in recess or outside activities.

The administrator will decide if recess will be outside or indoors based on the following:

- Temperature and humidity
- Wind chill
- Heat index and air quality
- Age of students
- Length of time outdoors
- Adequacy of the children's clothing
- Condition of the playground
- Falling precipitation (more than a sprinkle for mist)
- Thunder and lightning

Generally, it is assumed that students will be outside for recess when the temperature combined with the wind chill is not less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit or the heat index reading is less than 95.

Important: Children with certain health conditions may need special accommodations during extremely hot or cold weather. Parents of those children are to provide medical documentation and/or be consulted for determining if other arrangements are necessary. During hot weather, teachers should provide students a water break before and after recess. Additionally, any student who shows signs of heat exhaustion or overheating should be allowed a water break during the recess period.

