

Cougar News

November 6, 2017 Issue

Upcoming dates:

Nov. 9	Picture Retake Day
Nov. 10	Schools close 3 hours early for Students
Nov. 13-17	American Education Week, Classroom Visits Welcome
Nov. 17	Report Cards Issued
Nov. 20	Schools Close 3 hrs Early, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 21	Schools Close 3 hrs. Early, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 22	No School for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving, No School for Students, Offices Closed
Dec. 8	Hot Cocoa Social 6-7pm
Dec. 12	Club Photo Day
Dec. 12	STEM Night 6-8pm
Dec. 19	Grade 5 Winter Concert 7-8pm
Dec. 25-29	Winter Break for staff and students
Jan 1	New Year's Day, No School For Students, Offices Closed

Upcoming Testing dates:

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

Grade 3 CogAT	December 4 th , 5 th , 6 th (9:30am - 10:45am)
Grade 5 CogAT	December 4 th , 5 th , 6 th (9:30am - 10:45am)

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!

Nov. 30	Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 4
Dec. 1	Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 5
Dec. 21	K, Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5



Dear Clarksville Elementary School Families,

The fall season is upon us...the leaves are falling, the temperature is getting cooler. Our winter season is getting ready to begin. It is also the season for giving thanks and reflecting on things in our life we are truly thankful for each and everyday.

In November, report cards will be sent home with our students. Please take a moment to celebrate the growth and success that your children have made this year. We are proud of all their accomplishments and hard work.

Also, in November, we have our annual parent-teacher conferences. This school year we only have one time set aside in the school calendar for hosting parent/teacher conferences. Please be sure to sign up with your child's teacher and take advantage of this opportunity.

We want to thank all of CES parents and families who came out and supported our Annual Halloween parade and Fall celebrations. Thank you for your gift of time as well as the special treats for our CES students. Also, we are very proud of our Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 5 students who participated in the Halloween decorating contest. The pumpkins were creative and full of personality! Way to Go!

During this season of thankfulness, we would like to show our gratitude to:

- Our fabulous CES staff that provides high quality instruction every day and fosters a warm, welcoming environment for all our students to learn.
- Our awesome CES students who embrace their learning and commitment themselves to performing their best each and everyday.
- Our CES support staff that maintain a safe, clean, and pleasant learning environment for our students.
- Our fantastic CES PTA who provide our school with continuous support in all we do.
- Our CES parent community who trust in us to take care of their children each and everyday.

We wish all a happy fall season. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends during your Thanksgiving break!

Go Cougars!

Warm Regards,
Ms. Malcotti

Parent Volunteer Information

According to HCPSS Board Policy, each year all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Please complete this course before registering to volunteer at your child's school, for a 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/>

From the Media Center

A+ Student Card

Howard County Schools have a great partnership with the wonderful award-winning Howard County Library system. You may recall getting an email about the A+ Student Cards at the beginning of the year. All students have been loaded onto their system now and your child should be bringing home a 'bookmark' with the A+ card attached. Details and a link to a helpful video are on the bookmark. Basically it provides all students access to all Library privileges - eContent (Tumblebooks, Bookflix, etc) research tools

(PebbleGo, ScienceFlix, etc.) and even online homework help. Your child's library card will still be valid for check out, but they can use their new A+ cards to do that also.

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! Parents access **Canvas** through HCPSS Connect: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>.

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)
Eileen_Volker@hcpss.org



STEM Night at CES

Join us for our STEM Night Open house on Dec. 12th from 6-8pm.

Discover the fun of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics through hands-on activities for the whole family!

There will be fun short activities that focus on teamwork, cooperation, leadership, problem solving, & perseverance. You and your family will move around our school to different rooms completing various challenges. Hope to see you there!

Turkey Trot

November 15th

On **Wednesday, November 15th**, CES will hold our annual Turkey Trot, the culminating event for our endurance running unit, Get a Running Start, as well as a celebration of our Thanksgiving holiday. In this event, students will be given 10 minutes to complete as many laps as possible around the RHHS track. Your student should wear colors assigned below.

Be sure that your child dresses appropriately for the activity and the weather forecast on the day of the run. In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 8 a.m. and the *Rain-date* Turkey Trot will be held on *Friday, November 17th*.

Volunteers are needed in shifts from 9:15 am until 2:30 pm to make this event a success. Volunteers are needed to hand out wristbands to the children as they complete each of their laps, record and collect wristbands after the run, and pass out tokens, and of course offer encouragement along the way. Volunteer via the form below or [Sign up to volunteer online now!](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c45aea723abf85-frozen) (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c45aea723abf85-frozen>)

Donations of 10lb. turkeys are needed. Again, this year, with the help of Mrs. Palich, the donated turkeys will be given to needy families of Stevens Forest Elementary, Swansfield Elementary, and Talbott Springs Elementary. Let us know of your Turkey Trot donation via the form below or [Sign up for your donation online now!](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c45aea723abf85-frozen) <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c45aea723abf85-frozen>)

From the Health Room:

Parents: We strongly encourage parents to maintain a change of clothing in your child back pack or cubby. Accidents do happen and this will lessen a disruption in your day as well.

Please be sure that your contact information is up to date in the Parent Portal. Also, consider adding additional contacts like family and friends in case of an emergency.

Denise Mathis, LPN
Clarksville Elementary School

From Around the Community:

[The Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) once again is partnering with the U.S. Department of the Interior's [Every Kid in a Park](#) program, which provides fourth-grade children and their families free admission to Maryland state parks along with national parks and other federal lands across the country.

The purpose of the Every Kid in a Park effort is to increase accessibility to public lands and waters for children at an ideal age – primarily 9-10 years of age – to capture their interest, curiosity, and love for the outdoors throughout their lives. The [Maryland Park Service](#) will accept this year's Every Kid in a Park pass now through August 31, 2018 at all 72 state parks. The pass is also valid at 16 national parks, six national natural landmarks, five national wildlife refuges and two federal heritage areas in Maryland.

<http://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2017/10/17/maryland-continues-commitment-to-every-kid-in-a-park/>

Annual RHHS Music Booster Citrus Fruit Fundraiser

The Annual RHHS Music Booster Citrus Fruit Sale fundraiser is going on now through January. The fruit being sold includes Texas Pink Grapefruit, Texas Navel Oranges, California Mandarin Oranges or a mixed box of all three! Order deadlines and delivery dates are below:

- Order by: October 27th for Delivery on November 18th
- Order by: November 25th for Delivery on December 16th
- Order by: December 29th for Delivery on January 20th

These fruit boxes make great holiday gifts! For details on how to place an order and where/when to pick up your fruit, please follow the link below or email FRUITRHHS@gmail.com. All profits go directly to the music program you specify, so please note on your form whether your purchase should benefit Band, Guitar, Chorus, or Orchestra. Thanks for your support!

<https://rhhsband.wixsite.com/boosters/citrus-sales>