

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

Feb. 5	Schools closed for students
Feb. 7	Report cards issued
Feb. 11	BINGO NIGHT – 6:30pm -8:00pm
Feb. 13	Snow Date for BINGO NIGHT 6:30pm-8:00pm
Feb. 11-14	Book Fair
Feb. 13	5 th Gr. Young Author's Tea
Feb. 14-15	Schools close 3 hours early – Parent/Teacher conferences
Feb. 18	Presidents' Day – schools and offices closed
Feb. 22	CES Spirit Day

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!

2/1 - 5th Grade

2/22 - 2nd Grade

2/26 – 1st Grade

2/27 – 3rd Grade

2/28 – K & 4th Grade



From the Principal's Den.....

Happy February to all!

I hope that the start of the 2019 has been a positive one for all!

The second half of our school year has officially begun. We have many exciting events planned which include Jump Rope for Heart, Scholastic Book Fair, Valentine's Day Card Exchange, just to name a few. We want to give much gratitude to our very own Mrs. Cherry, Mrs. D'Avella, and Mr. Deitrich for their time and hard efforts in preparing our fourth graders for their awesome music concert this past month....our students are so talented and we appreciate your dedication and commitment to fostering their talent. Also, a big thanks to our CES families and friends who come out to support our music programs. Thanks to one and all!

Winter is definitely here and doesn't seem to want to leave quite yet. Just a friendly reminder to listen to local radio, television, and HCPSS websites for updates on all school closings, delays, or early dismissals. Also, please make sure your children are prepared for the weather elements...coats, hats, gloves. With weather permitting, even in cold temperatures, we will be trying to have students go out everyday for fresh air.

Before the winter break, I had shared with you about our Caring School Community Kits that have been incorporated into our elementary classrooms this year. As a component of this program, each student at CES has a buddy. The buddy program is an important aspect to the kit. Each month the students will get to complete a fun activity with their buddy. In January, the buddy pairs had the opportunities to write letters and interview each other. The students really enjoyed getting to know other students in other grade levels. Our February buddy and me activity will allow the students to continue to build a friendship as they play games with their buddy and other buddy pairs. In March, we are looking forward to Read Across America Week. The buddy pairs will have the opportunity to read and share some of their favorite books with their buddies. We look forward to all of our future buddy and me activities.

We also have had many new students join our Clarksville family. A big Cougar welcome to all! We are happy to have you here with us!

Keep warm thoughts! Spring is around the corner!

Go Cougars!

Best,

Mrs. Malcotti

Field Trip Planner for 2018-2019

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

We encourage all parents to pay online using our OSP system at <https://osp.osmsinc.howardmd>. Paying online makes it easier on both the parents and the teacher. If you pay online PLEASE be sure to select the correct teacher so that payment is directed to the correct class/account. If you are unable to pay online, you may send payment in by check or money order. We kindly ask that you do not send in cash. Checks and money orders can be made out to: Clarksville Elementary School.

GRADE	TRIP TO	TRIP DATE	COST
K	Howard County Library	3/6/19	\$0
1	Robinson Nature Center	3/29/19	\$16.00
2	Baltimore Museum of Industry	3/8/19`	\$32.00
3	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra	3/1/19	\$17.00
4	Walters Art Museum	3/15/19	\$3.00
5	Philadelphia	4/26/19	\$56.00
Multiple grades	Visiting Author at CES – Laurie Keller <i>The PTA is paying for the author visits this year so the book fair proceeds will be going toward more Books and materials for the media center.</i> <i>The book fair will be in February 2019.</i> <i>Thank you for your continued support!</i>	3/26/19	\$0
Multiple grades	Spring Cultural Arts Dr. Recess, Play Fit	3/21/19	\$0



The Book Fair is coming!!!!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming February 11th through the 14th!

The students will get to preview the Fair the week before.

There are sure to be hundreds of the newest and best books for children.

Along with award-winning titles and authors, you will find books that are available **only** at Scholastic Book Fairs – such as the new *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown* in **paperback** for only \$8.99! Also at the Fair are just released books such as the newest *I Survived* and *Wings of Fire* series books and *2019 Book of World Records*.

A flier with a small sampling of the books will be coming home soon with your child.

Also.....you can order books online to be delivered free to your child at school! (Be sure to click on 'Grade' in the drop down menu for the largest selection)

Just go to: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/clarksvillelemsch>

Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. This year the Book Fair will be open for parents and students the following hours:

Monday, February 11th 4 – 9 p.m. (Don't miss Book Fair Bingo!)

Tuesday, February 12th 4 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13th 4 – 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 14th 1 - 8 p.m.

We hope to see you there!



Congratulations Second Grade Artists!

Caroline Ouyang, Jacob Blevins, Autumn Grey, and Brady Lin will all have their cut paper lizard sculptures crawling the walls at the Howard County Department of Education Gallery. These artists are all part of the 2nd grade Showcase Art Show that will be hanging February 5th-April 11th. I am so proud of the effort they each put into the details of the lizards they created! I know they will be an excellent representation of all the hardworking artists at Clarksville Elementary.



Clarksville's 5th Annual Career Day is on Friday March 22nd 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. Bring in tools that you use for students to explore, make a game that students could play to experience your job, 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. You will get an email closer to March 22nd with your schedule. We

cannot guarantee that you will be presenting for your child's class if you are a parent of a child here at CES.

The last day to sign up is MARCH 8TH - Sign up by clicking on the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/c1ydovYSN94PckGQ2>



CES Spirit Day
Bring a Stuffed Animal!
Friday, February 22, 2019

Show your school spirit by participating in Clarksville's *Bring a Stuffed Animal Day* on February 22nd. Please make sure that all stuffed animals are school appropriate and can fit in your backpack.



Please remind your student to check the lost and found located in the café next to the stage. Thank you!

