

# COUGAR NEWS

**UPCOMING DATES:**

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| <b>Nov 6</b>     | <b>Schools closed – General Election Day</b>                    |
| <b>Nov 7</b>     | <b>Schools closed for students – Professional Work Day</b>      |
| <b>Nov 8</b>     | <b>Picture Retake Day</b>                                       |
| <b>Nov 16</b>    | <b>Turkey Trot and Crazy Hair Day</b>                           |
| <b>Nov 19</b>    | <b>Schools close 3 hours early – Parent/teacher conferences</b> |
| <b>Nov 20</b>    | <b>Schools close 3 hours early – Parent/teacher conferences</b> |
| <b>Nov 21</b>    | <b>Schools closed for students – Parent/teacher conferences</b> |
| <b>Nov 22-23</b> | <b>Schools closed – Thanksgiving Holiday</b>                    |
| <b>Nov 30</b>    | <b>Hot Cocoa Social</b>   |

**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!

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| <b>Nov 1</b>  | <b>4<sup>th</sup> grade</b>       |
| <b>Nov 22</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> grade</b>       |
| <b>Nov 27</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup> grade</b>       |
| <b>Nov 28</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> grade</b>       |
| <b>Nov 30</b> | <b>K and 5<sup>th</sup> grade</b> |

## From the Principal's Den.....



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.

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 students who participated in the Halloween decorating contest. The pumpkins were creative and full of personality!

### **We are happy to share our pumpkin carving contest winners for grades 3-5!**

Third Grade - 1<sup>st</sup> place is Grace Chen, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Mia Polyakov and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Jack Zirkle

Fourth Grade - 1<sup>st</sup> place is Gavin Recks, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Elizabeth Erskine and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Soren Dashti

Fifth Grade - 1<sup>st</sup> place is Sophia Chaudrey, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Claire Scott and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Elise Marcus

During this season of thankfulness, we would like to give thanks to:

- Our fabulous CES staff that provides high quality instruction every day and fosters a warm, welcoming environment for all our students.

- Our awesome CES students who embrace their learning and commit themselves to performing their best each and everyday.
- Our CES support staff that maintain a safe, 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 everyday.

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

Go Cougars!

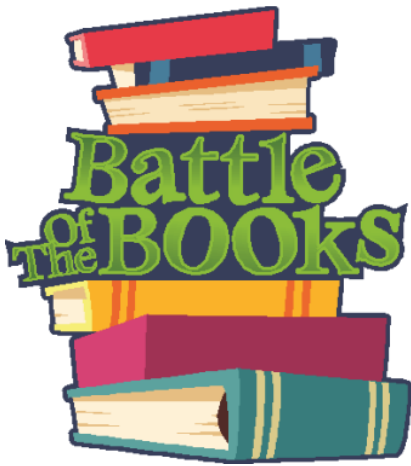
Warm Regards,  
Ms. Malcotti



## **PARENT TEACHER'S CONFERENCES BEGIN NOVEMBER 8-15.**

November we have our annual parent-teacher conferences. This school year we are back to two conference times within the school calendar in which we will be hosting conferences. The conference window to schedule your conference will open to Parents/Guardians on Thursday, November 8th at 9:00am and closes on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We have provided a link below to show parents how to schedule conferences.

Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/QcMwkkIgkls>



All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be receiving a Battle of the Books Presentation during Media class in the next week.

### **What is the Battle?**

It is a voluntary reading activity for fifth graders in Howard County Public Schools. Teams of students read a set of 13 assigned books. On April 5, 2019 teams from different elementary schools will meet to answer questions about the books. Interested fifth graders need to form into teams of 5 students. Each team needs an adult coach (a parent, relative, or community member). Teams must register online at [www.hclibrary.org](http://www.hclibrary.org) beginning 10/19/18. Registration will close on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> or until capacity is reached. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a fun reading activity! There will be more information coming home with your child in the next week. For more details and rules, visit the Howard County Public Library website at [www.hclibrary.org](http://www.hclibrary.org) and click on "A+ Students and Teachers."

Ms. Britton, Mr. Schwab, and Mr. Weiskind are also happy to answer questions at [Donna\\_britton@hcpss.org](mailto:Donna_britton@hcpss.org), [Robert\\_schwab@hcpss.org](mailto:Robert_schwab@hcpss.org), [Benjamin\\_weiskind@hcpss.org](mailto:Benjamin_weiskind@hcpss.org), or 410 313-7050.



## **Come to STEM Family Night on Wednesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6 - 7:30pm**

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEM family night is an evening where CES families can come and do hands-on activities that support all or one of these STEM areas. The night is an open house style where families can come and participate in the activities that they want. Usually the activities are ones where families can come in and read the directions for the activity and get started. A teacher will be in each classroom to help support the family as they complete the activity.

We are looking forward to you seeing all of our CES families attend this fun and interactive event!

### **October 8, 2018 –November 16, 2018**



Clarksville Elementary will be hosting our annual Kids Helping Kids food drive. We are asking that each child, over the next month to donate non-perishable items to this great cause. We look forward to helping other children in need all over the state of Maryland. Thank you for your support. Examples of Approved Items (Non-Perishable): tuna fish, applesauce, cereal, noodles, soup, rice, peanut butter, oatmeal.



## **Hot Cocoa Social Reminder**

**On Friday, November 30, 2018**

**From 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Clarksville Elementary will host its annual

### **HOT COCOA SOCIAL**

We are asking for book donations to be dropped off in the front lobby of the school from now until the social event.

All remaining books will be donated to: **Mary Ann Winterling Elementary** located in Baltimore City

## **Crazy Hair Day**

**November 16, 2018**

**Unleash your imagination and create some absolutely crazy hairstyles. Come to school prepared to show off your new hair-do.**

## 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/>.

## Tweet Tweet!



Follow Clarksville Elementary on Twitter @hcpss\_ces

Don't have a Twitter account? No problem. You can still check out some of the awesome things happening around CES by checking out: [https://twitter.com/hcpss\\_ces](https://twitter.com/hcpss_ces)

## **“Hour of Code” Parent Volunteers**



Does your career involve Computer Science and writing code? Mrs. Volker is looking for parents who are willing to come share their expertise with students in Technology class during our “Hour of Code” week Dec. 3 – Dec. 7. If you are willing to talk with students about your coding career, please fill out this short form: <https://goo.gl/forms/vpbSVwyFAN2wN1x02> Mrs. Volker will contact volunteers in November to confirm & provide more details.

## **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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