

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

- Dec. 9** Grotto Pizza Fundraiser Night
Dec. 13 2nd Grade Winter Celebration
Dec. 16 Kindergarten Winter Celebration
Dec. 17 3rd Grade Winter Celebration
Dec. 18 1st & 5th Grade Winter Celebration
Dec. 19 4th Grade Winter Celebration
Dec. 20 Spirit/Pajama Day
Dec. 23-31 Winter Break for staff and students
Jan. 1 New Year's Day, No School for Students, Offices Closed

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!



- 12/2/19 2nd grade
12/3/19 3rd, 4th & 5th grade
12/17/19 1st grade
12/19/19 Kindergarten



From the Principal's Den...

Dear Clarksville Elementary School Families,

Happy Holidays to all!

I hope this newsletter reaches you in good health and festive spirits. December has arrived and with that comes colder temperatures as well as preparation for the family traditions that each one of us looks forward to each and every year. Our winter break will start in two weeks.....wherever your plans take you I hope you take the time with family and friends to reconnect.

The hustle and bustle has begun at CES. Within this month, we have celebrated our annual Turkey Trot and our Hot Cocoa Social. We want to thank all of our CES families, staff and students who made these events such great successes. We are truly fortunate and grateful to have such a caring, supportive school community at CES. These events would not be possible without our giving CES parents, staff and students to coordinate them.

Also, this past month, we recognized the excellent academic achievement at the annual celebration that publicly acknowledges and honors students of African and African-American heritage who are currently in Grades 4 and 5 and have received a grade of "A" or "B" for mathematics and language arts in each of the four marking periods during the 2018-19 school year. We had a total of six students who were recognized this year. Please join me in congratulating Nolawi Abiy, Abiola Adejana, Amaani Aizire, Bethany Beruk, Jasmin Chillous and Noya Offurum. We are so proud of their accomplishments!

Please be sure to remind your children to dress appropriately for the colder weather, since we will continue to have recess whenever possible. We are also continuing to be vigilant with handwashing, using tissues as well as other good health habits. Please talk to your children about practicing these positive habits in school. Also discuss their early dismissal departure for HCPSS early closings. Thank you for your support in this effort.

We want to personally thank all of our parents who came to our November parent-teacher conferences. Also, a huge thanks to our very own PTA that provided a fabulous dinner spread for our CES staff.....what a fantastic treat!

In January, we will be hosting our annual Grade 4 and 5 music programs. We hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more details!

On behalf of all of our CES staff, we hope you enjoy this holiday season with family and friends. Thank you for sharing your children with us each day, they are a joy to teach and learn from! We wish you good health and wellness for 2021! Happy New Year!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Malcotti

Field Trip Planner for 2019-2020

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.com/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 Public Library	3/4/20	\$0
1			
2	Bread Make (at CES)	1/17/20	\$9
3			
4	National Aquarium Baltimore	12/6/19	\$24.00
5	National Science Center	12/11/19	\$16.00
Multiple grades			\$0

From the Health Room:

****When to keep your child home from school because of illness****

To help eliminate unnecessary absence from school the following list is a quick reference for when to keep your child home:

- FEVER – any temperature of 100 F (37.8C) or higher. Your child will be required to remain home until the fever has broken independently of medication. Should your child develop the temperature at night, they should not attend school the next day. STUDENTS MUST REMAIN HOME UNTIL THEY ARE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATIONS (TYLENOL, MOTRIN, ETC.)
- VOMITING – keep home for 24 hours after their last episode
- DIARRHEA – keep home for 24 hours after their last episode
- SORE THROAT – a severe throat especially with other symptoms (headache, fever, etc.)
- COUGH - a severe throat especially with other symptoms (runny nose, headache, fever, body aches and chills, etc.)
- EYE SYMPTOMS – discharge from one or both eyes, swelling and/or redness
- RASH – any rash with an unknown cause

We know situations arise just prior to field trips and other special events, though this is disappointing, your child's wellness is our top priority. It may be necessary to keep them home from a field trip or concert.

Please be sure to inform the Health Room if your child has been diagnosed with the flu, strep throat, pink eye, or any other communicable illness.

****Check your child's backpack****

As we enter the winter months it is a good time to ensure that your child's extra clothing is both size and weather appropriate.