# **COUGAR NEWS**

#### **UPCOMING DATES:**

November 26th - 27th - Schools and Offices Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

December 23<sup>rd</sup> - Spirit Day - Wear favorite PJ's to class

December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Break; HCPSS schools and offices closed

# **Connect with Us:**

During school shut down with offices being closed and virtual learning until April 14th, the best way to contact us is via email. For all staff emails, go to our CES website: <a href="http://ces.hcpss.org/school-staff">http://ces.hcpss.org/school-staff</a>

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Well, the end of 2020 has arrived! It is so hard to believe that we have been away from our school buildings for almost 8 months! As we move into December, we reflect upon the hard work and dedication of our awesome CES students, our amazing CES staff, our supportive CES families. All have come together this school year and focused on the same goal...the success of our CES children. We know how stressful and challenging this holiday season is for everyone. Please show compassion and care to one another and be mindful that for now we are striving for small little steps of hope. It is going to be a long wait before life will be what it once was before this virus. Be kind to yourself and to each other! I wish you a healthy holiday season! Stay well! Please know we are here for you and we are a team! Thank you for everything you are doing to help us!

# **Important Noteworthy Items:**

#### **Virtual Learning Continues Through Third Quarter**

 During its work session on Monday, November 16, 2020, the Howard County Board of Education <u>voted to continue</u> the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) in a virtual instructional model through the Third Academic Quarter, which ends April 14, 2021.

#### **Virtual Learning Reminders**

• As we get into the colder months and holiday season, it is important to keep persistent with virtual learning. Please work on maintaining a good routine schedule and structure at

home. This includes a work/study space that is conducive to learning. Our CES students are making great progress in their academic program. Let's keep this momentum going!

#### **Chromebook Care!**

Our Chromebooks are sturdy devices, but you still need to take care of those devices. Here are some important reminders to care for your Chromebook:

- 1. Make sure to hold and lift your Chromebook by the base and not by the screen. The screen is very fragile and can be easily cracked or scratched. Close your Chromebook before you carry it.
- 2. Keep food and drinks away from your Chromebook and make certain your hands are clean when using the device.
- 3. Keep your Chromebook charged so that it will be ready for use each day.
- 4. Keep your Chromebook on a flat surface like a table or desk. If you sit on the floor when you're using it, when you are finished put it on a table or desk to prevent someone from stepping on it.
- 5. Be careful when removing the power cord from your Chromebook or wall outlet. Pulling on the cable can cause damage to the charging cable, or can cause the charging cable to break off in your Chromebook.
- 6. Don't leave your Chromebook in a car. Temperature can affect its use and the chance of theft is greater when it is left in a car.
- 7. Avoid placing heavy materials, such as books, on top of your Chromebook. Chromebook screens are fragile and not meant to hold any weight.
- 8. To clean the screen or your Chromebook, use a dry, soft, lint-free cloth. Keep the keyboard clear and make certain nothing is on the keyboard when you close it. Pencils and other small items can damage the display screen if the laptop is shut on them.

# Art

ART NEWS • All the Clarksville Artists are using their imaginations and being so creative in this virtual setting! This week I want to showcase a dozen fifth grade artists who worked very hard over the past weeks to create interior spaces, furniture, and special items that look three-dimensional in a drawing. They demonstrated several drawing techniques, lines, over-lapping and changed the sizes of objects to depict depth in their "Spaces We Love" drawings! Which room do you want to visit?



# Technology



If your child is having a Technology issue, please fill out the CES Tech Support form. It is also listed on our CES website.



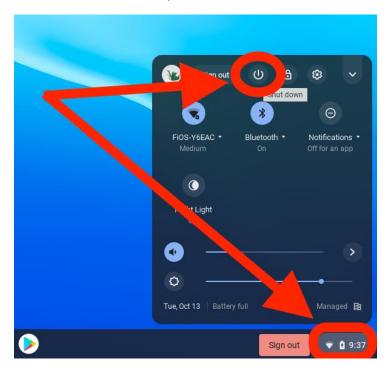
# Technology Tip #1: How to Check Grades in Canvas

Technology Tip #2: Check Your Child's Browsing History



### **Chromebook Care**

#1: Please remind your child to turn off the Chromebook at least once per week. It needs rest, just like we do!



#2: Periodically, check for & install Chrome OS updates



# **Birthday Celebrations for December**

The following students are celebrating a birthday this month. We want to wish them all a Happy Birthday!

Chan, Max X.	12/4	Chigurula, Sanjana	12/16
Farrell, Victoria N.	12/5	Joshi, Dhruv C.	12/17
Van Deusen, Camryn B.	12/6	Jang, David D.	12/17
Cortes-Cano, Timothy	12/6	Yeboah, Moriah M.	12/18
King, Frank A.	12/6	Finch, Cameron W.	12/19
Artz, Emma K.	12/6	Lang, Grant	12/21
Abiy, Nolawi A.	12/8	Al Uqdah, Tasneem K.	12/21
Saed, Meer A.	12/10	Jennings, Wilfred E.	12/22
Monger, DeMarrian T.	12/10	Sapariya, Naavya D.	12/23
Hall, Isaiah J.	12/11	Ozturk, Adil F.	12/23
Li, Yilong K.	12/12	Skaria, Nicholai S.	12/24
Salimov, Aslan	12/12	Fadlalla, Yousif H.	12/25
Kubiak, Mason L.	12/12	Pang, James B.	12/26
Dalman, Denise Francine	12/13	Kommareddy, Ethan R.	12/28
Ali, Uthman H.	12/14	Thorpe, Elisha J.	12/29
Campbell, Colin M.	12/14	Kirland, Nephaniah J.	12/30
Lampe, Oliver G.	12/16	Shu, Bosong S.	12/30
Hovey, Alexis M.	12/16		

