

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

January 3rd – Schools Re-open from Winter Break

January 11th – PTA Meeting

January 17th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Schools and Offices Closed

January 19th – Spirit Day “Decades Day”

January 19th – Schools Close 3 hrs early for Students

January 20th – CMS Parent Night Incoming 6th Graders – Info coming soon

January 24th – Professional Work Day; Schools Closed for Students

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Happy 2022!

Dear CES Family and Friends!

I hope you all had a restful, relaxing winter break. It is hard to believe but the first semester is coming to a close shortly. This means that the first half of our 2021-22 school year has ended. Report cards for Quarter 2 will be issued on January 31st. Please be sure to take the time to celebrate your child's growth and success for this school year. We are certainly proud of all their accomplishments, both small and large, this school year.

Many thanks to all of our Clarksville families and students for their generous gifts and special treats to our CES office staff. We enjoyed the special treats during the festive season! It truly brightened our spirits! I want to send a personal thank you to all of those students and families who sent gifts and treats...I loved each and every one of them! Your thoughtfulness never goes unnoticed. Thank you for always thinking of me! I am truly blessed to be leading such a kind, caring school community such as CES!

We also want to give our CES PTA a huge round of thanks for their awesome treats and snacks last month. Our staff loved the array of cookies, hot chocolate, candies, and other yummy goodies. You truly are the best! Thank you! As we start into January 2022, we are coming upon the winter months. The air is definitely colder and the temperatures are dropping. Please be sure your children are dressed appropriately for the colder weather. They will be going outside on most days and we want them to stay as warm as possible. Thank you for your help!

Also, we want to encourage all of our students to keep their masks on when they are not eating or drinking in school. We are spending many more hours indoors now with the colder weather and it is the time of the year for cold and flu season. We want to keep our school, our students, and our staff as healthy and safe as possible. Thank you for your support!

Wishing everyone a cozy January! Stay warm!

Go Cougars!

Respectfully,

Ms. Malcotti

Front Office

Howard County public schools require masks for all students, staff and visitors in school buildings during the 2021-2022 academic year regardless of their vaccine status.



Reminder: All visitors to the school must wear their mask while waiting in the school vestibule or coming into the building.



Do you need to report your child's absence? Clarksville Elementary has an email address dedicated to reporting your student's absences. If your child will miss class for any reason, please use CESAbsence@hcpss.org to inform us. This mailbox will be

monitored by front office staff so please include the following information:

1. Your child's first and last name
2. Grade
3. Homeroom teacher
4. The dates your child is absent
5. The reason for the absence (if it is an illness, please list the symptoms so we can inform the health room)

CHANGE IN DISMISSALS

If you have to change your student's dismissal, please email or send a note to the teacher. If you have to make the change during the day after your student has come to school, **please email the teacher and call the front office on or before 2pm.**

Technology



- [Chromebook Responsibilities](#)
- [Chromebook Repair Costs](#)



Some of our CES students are participating in a First Lego League (FLL) team called the Alphabots. Please consider helping them with their project by completing their short survey:

<https://forms.gle/RGeWs7oqBsQ7w3XQ7>

CES Spirit Day

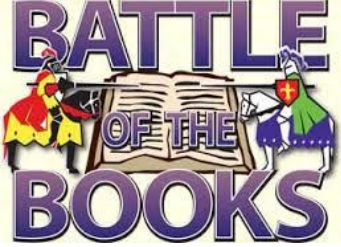
Decades Day

Decade's Day is when students wear clothes that are from any past decade. You can wear clothes that were popular in the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, or 90's.

Try tie dye for the 70's, big hair for the 80's or wild for the 90's
Wednesday, January 19, 2021

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Media



Attention 5th Graders! Battle of the Books is back for 2022!

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7, 2022 Permission forms due

Dates TBD March 2022 Mandatory Logistics Meetings via Zoom

Questions: donna_britton@hcpss.org or contact the Howard County Library

The Black-eyed Susan Reading Program Begins at CES Join Mrs. Faust for Weekly Read-Alouds

January is Reading Month in Maryland! Let's celebrate by kicking off the Black-eyed Susan Contest at Clarksville. The Black-eyed Susan Awards are Maryland's student choice book awards. Authors love receiving this award because it is given to them by children, their intended audience. Each week between now and April 16th we will highlight one of the Picture Book nominees. Don't let the phrase "Picture Book" fool you; these books are amazing and great for all ages, even adults. These fantastic titles are selected for their ability to celebrate differences and provide students with new insights into their own lives. Join Mrs. Faust, our reading specialist, for a read-aloud and discussion Thursdays at 7:00PM. A reading of each book will also be posted to be enjoyed at your convenience. The program will culminate with voting the week of April 17th. Children who have read at least 8 of the 15 nominated titles will have earned the privilege of voting.

January's Featured Titles are...

Cubs in a Tub by Candace Fleming

The Barnabus Project by Eric, Terry, and Devin Fan

The Oldest Student by Rita Lorraine Hubbard

The Starkeeper by Faith Pray

See the Black-eyed Susan link on each grade level Canvas page for more details.

Health

Dear Parents,

If your child has any of the following symptoms, they should be evaluated by a physician and must receive a negative PCR or alternate diagnosis **before** returning to school:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Severe headache

Documentation must be provided to the nurse and attendance secretary at Clarksville Elementary **prior to your child's return**. Please reach out to the Nurse, Ms. Smith, at our school if you have any questions related to your child's health or return status. Her email is Laura_Smith1@hcpss.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping all our students and staff healthy and safe!