

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

March 2nd – CES Spirit Day; Superhero/Story Book Day

March 2nd – Read Across America Day

March 8th – Ledo Pizza Fundraiser

March 8th – PTA Meeting

March 16th – Professional Work Day; School dismisses early for Students

March 21st – World Down Syndrome Day; Wear bright mixed match socks!

March 29th – Classic Photography: Spring Individuals/Class Pictures

CONTACT US:

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CES Health Room: 410-313-7107 Fax: 410-531-2705

Front Office



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:



Welcome to March!

Spring is right around the corner!

Spring is a time for change and opportunity....this year offers both. With the mask restrictions in most local areas in our region being lifted, more school events being able to be offered in-person, and the desire of our school community wanting to come together and celebrate our students' accomplishments, this spring will be one of a kind. It brings us all new excitement and growth. Looking forward to seeing everyone as we move forward into our spring months!

Also, we held our Kids Heart Challenge (otherwise known as Jump Rope for Heart) event as well this past month. What a great success! Thank you one and all who contributed to this worthy cause! Your generosity never goes unnoticed! Our students had an awesome time getting some great fitness benefits from the event! Way to go!

We also want to thank our CES students who were guest announcers throughout the month of February. Each student announcer honored a famous, well-known African-American person who has contributed his or her talent to our world. This was in honor of Black History Month. They practiced so hard to speak clearly and read loudly for all to hear each morning. We are so proud of their efforts!

We also celebrated the big Twosday, 2-22-22, as a whole CES school community! We paused what we all were doing at 2:22 PM to have a 15 minute dance party in the hallways of CES in honor of this special event. The students had a fantastic time! Boy, they have quite the dance moves to share with us! Thank you to all of our CES staff members who coordinated this event for us! What a fun time!

We also want to thank all of our families and parents for their participation in our February parent teacher conferences. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with us. This truly helps us build a stronger team for your child. Also, a big thank you to our CES PTA for their treats to our CES staff! You are the best!

As we approach the spring months, many of our after school activities and clubs have either already begun or are getting ready to start their spring sessions. Please, please be sure to write a note to your child's teacher for any changes in their dismissal plans. We do realize that children change

their activities throughout the year and it is important that our staff always has the most current information on dismissal plans. The safety of our students is our top priority.

As winter ends, we look forward to the warmer temperatures and longer days of sun....can't wait to see everyone at our upcoming spring events!

Respectfully,

Ms. Malcotti

**Please join us for a LEDO Pizza Fundraiser,
Tuesday, March 8th from 11am-9pm.**



**Join us at Ledo Pizza for a
FUNDRAISER to support**

Clarksville Elementary

Ledo Pizza: Ledo Pizza Clarksville
6030 Daybreak Circle
Clarksville, MD

When: TUESDAY, March 8th from 11 AM – 9 PM

Online Code: 306-159-855

(Please enter the code into the Promotion Code area at Checkout
for the organization to receive Credit)

CARRYOUT • DINE IN • ONLINE

**Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,
enter the code for online orders, or just mention
you are here to support this fundrasier and 20%
the proceeds will be donated to the organization.**

Ledo Pizza. **ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.COM**

Technology

Bookmark this site for helpful answers to most Technology questions:

[HCPSS Student Technology Resources](#)

Chromebooks:



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



2nd – 5th grade families: Please send in a pair of headphones or earbuds with your child, labeled with their name. These should be kept at school.



CES Spirit Day

Clarksville Elementary School

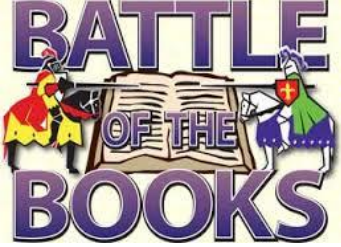
Storybook Character or Hero Day

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Tweet us
[@hcpss_ces](https://twitter.com/hcpss_ces)



Media



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

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



The Black-eyed Susan Reading Program is Off to a Fantastic Start!

Many students are participating and enjoying these amazing books.
We will continue to highlight a Picture Book nominee each week between now & April 17th.

February's Featured Titles are...

[Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard](#)

[I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes](#)

[Ten Ways to Hear Snow by Cathy Camper](#)

[Evelyn del Rey is Moving Away by Meg Medina](#)

[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.](#)

[See the Black-eyed Susan link on each grade level page for more details.](#)

Art Room

ART NEWS

Each year HCPSS Visual Arts department has a themed art show at the Howard County Arts Council and this year it is...

Discarded: What is worth saving?


Below are the solutions CES 2nd grade artists created for this art challenge!



Congratulations to all the artists in Ms. Watkin's and Mrs. Thierer's 2nd grade Classes

Students explored what a portrait is (an artwork with a person or animal or a group of people or animals and can be drawn by anyone) and what a self-portrait is (a portrait you make of yourself and only yourself). Each student created their own self-portrait that was made into a mini piece of art to be combined with all of their classmates to create a larger piece of art. I attached the picture- if you zoom in with your student on the picture they will spot their piece.

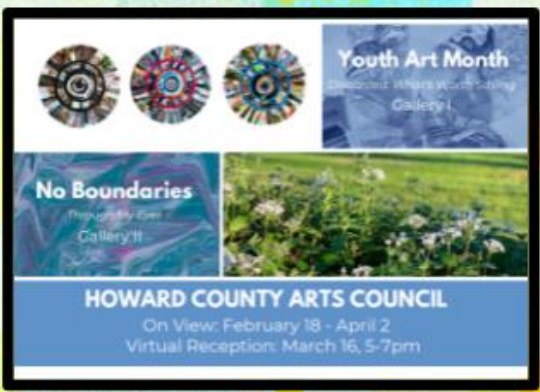
We used bottle caps as frames for our portraits. Bottle caps are one of the top 10 items found in the ocean and beach debris. Plastic bottle caps can be recycled and they recommend that you leave them on the bottles when putting them in recycling, but some people choose not to. Earth911.com is a great website to understand about what can be recycled in our area.



Congratulations to 2nd grade artists:
Anna Wang, Pranav Vedam, and Arjun Vijarnia
 These students also have their art featured in the art show, **Discarded: What is worth saving?**

The students were posed with an art challenge of creating a radial design with discarded magazines and a pizza cardboard. Each was successful in depicting contrast with color and finding interesting images.

In addition, these CES artists were featured on the invitation created by HCPSS Visual Arts department.



Lost and Found

We have many items in the Lost and Found. If your student has lost something (coats, hats, gloves, etc...), please have them check out our Lost and Found located in the vestibule. We will be donating all Lost and Found items left at the end of the month, April 1st to a local charity.

Community News

RIVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS SUMMER CAMPS

The River Hill High School Boosters are sponsoring summer camps at River Hill High School. The camps are designed to help young athletes improve their fundamental athletic skills. Over twenty different camps are offered this summer, including football, soccer, baseball, softball, lacrosse, field

hockey, volleyball, basketball, tennis, cheerleading, art, and weight training. Weekly camps begin on June 13th. For more information and to register, visit <https://riverhill.membershiptoolkit.com/camp>.

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CAMP

Come out to sports camp the week of June 27 and/or July 18 at Reservoir High School. Camp is hosted by Lime Kiln teacher and Reservoir Coach Phil Ranker as well as other certified elementary and middle school teachers in the county and state. The camp is open to current K-8th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a fun and productive time. Full day and half day options available. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for questions!

Did you know?????

FARMS eligibility provides discounts for summer school, SAT, recreation programs, Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and internet programs. Other discounts are listed below. FARMS eligibility also may provide your school with much needed Federal funding.

Participation in the Free and Reduced-Price Meal program qualifies students for the following opportunities:

- [Access to HCPSS Pre-K](#) program.
- [Free registration fees for SAT and SAT I](#) subject tests
- [Free registration for ACT](#) tests
- [Reduced AP exam registration](#) fees.
- Up to four [free college applications](#)
- [Reduced tuition for HCPSS Summer Programs](#) (High School, G/T Summer Institute, CTE, Summer Institute)
- [Reduced tuition for HCPSS Innovative Pathways Program](#) which offers an evening and summer program
- [Reduced tuition for HCPSS Digital Education Program](#) which promotes anywhere, anytime learning
- [Free or reduced JumpStart tuition](#) offered through our dual enrollment partnership with Howard Community College
- Free access to participate in the Outdoor Education Program for 6th graders. Contact the sixth-grade team leader at your child's school for more information.
- [Free registration for the NCAA Clearinghouse](#) for DI or DII athletics
- [Discounted internet](#) through Comcast Internet Essentials program

Students may be eligible for these additional opportunities:

- [Reduced health insurance coverage](#) through Maryland Children's Health Programs
- [Reduced Columbia Association \(CA\) membership](#) fees and access to the CA Youth and Teen Center
- [Tuition-based scholarship](#) at Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts
- [Reduced Howard County Rec and Park Program fees](#) (applies to before- and after-care; after-school clubs; sports leagues)
- [Reduced YMCA fees](#) (applies to before- and after- school enrichment; preschool; summer camp)
- [Free Head Start classes or Pre-K](#) through the Community Action Council (CAC) of Howard County
- [Access to Child Care Subsidy](#) program through the Maryland State Department of Education
- Access to [Bridges to Housing Stability](#)
- Access to [CAC Housing Assistance](#) and [CAC Energy Assistance](#)
- Disability resources, food supplement applications, and medical assistance applications through the [Maryland Department of Human Resources](#)

Reach out to the PPW office to inquire about the following resources:

- Help-A-Child vouchers through the Howard County Education Association
- Prepare for Success – School Supplies for Students
- Bright Minds Foundation and Lazarus Foundation gift a certain number of computers to students each year, so your child may be eligible.

How to Apply

Please submit only one application per household. Families that need computer or language assistance to apply online, please contact your child's school.

View the [federal income eligibility guidelines](#).

Online – Applications Now Open!

APPLY

ONLINE

[\(ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES AVAILABLE\)](#)

After the online application has been submitted and reviewed, eligibility notifications will be sent via email/mail.

By Mail

Paper applications should be mailed to the Food and Nutrition Service Office:

HCPSS	Food	&	Nutrition	Service	Office
10910			Clarksville		Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21042					

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Parents/guardians will receive a notification of eligibility once the application has been processed. Families are responsible for any meal charges incurred prior to qualifying. Questions may be emailed to foodsvc@hcpss.org.