

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

November 3rd – Election Day. Schools and Offices closed

November 6th – Spirit Day: Crazy Hat/Hair Day

Schools close 3 hours early for students

November 16th – Report Cards Issued

November 23rd & 24th – Schools Close 3 hrs. early

November 23rd - 25th - Parent Teacher Conferences

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

Update Your Family File

If you have not already done so, please update your child's emergency contact information in HCPSS Connect! This is the most important step as we prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. **Your Family file needs to be updated every school year.**

Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

Here are directions for the updating the Family file: [HCPSS Connect Parent Access.pdf](#)

Connect with Us:

During school shut down and virtual learning until January 28th, the best way to contact us is via email. For all staff emails, go to our CES website: <http://ces.hcpss.org/school-staff>

Front Office:

Julia_Blalock@hcpss.org – Principal Secretary

Mattia_Lambiotte@hcpss.org – Teacher Secretary

Amy_Stevens@hcpss.org – Teacher Secretary

Administration:

Robin_Malcotti@hcpss.org – Principal

Lauren_Slattery@hcpss.org – Assistant Principal

Health Room:

Laura_Smith@hcpss.org – Cluster Nurse

Denise_Matthis@hcpss.org – Health Assistant

Guidance Office:

Jennifer_Palich@hcpss.org – Guidance Counselor



Well, November is right around the corner....can you believe that we have already completed seven weeks of online learning? Wow! In the next week or so, we will be wrapping up our first quarter of the 2020-21 school year. At the end of November we will be hosting our annual November parent-teacher conferences. Please be sure to be on the lookout for more information and details pertaining to this from your child's teacher. We want to thank all our CES families, students, and staff for their hard work and efforts this past quarter. We know this isn't what we all wanted or expected for this school year, however, we have made the best out of a challenging situation. Please continue to reach out and connect with your child's teacher, with myself and Ms. Slattery with any questions or concerns that may arise.

Stay healthy and well!

Ms. Malcotti

****Important Information Worth Repeating****

MAP SCORE ACCESS

Thank you for supporting your child during MAP testing. To access your child's MAP score, you will need to log in to HCPSS connect as a parent.

Please see below for directions. A more detailed home report will be available in Synergy by early November.

How Can I Access my Child's MAP Test Results?

Fall 2020 MAP test results are entered in Synergy the Friday after a student takes the test. It can take up to 24 hours to become visible for an individual student.

To access test scores:

1. Log in to HCPSS Connect
2. Select More Options from the left panel
3. Select Standardized Test Scores from the middle

MLK JR. POSTER CONTEST

The Howard County Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission is holding an Elementary School Poster contest. The contest is open to all Howard County elementary school students and the **deadline to submit is October 30, 2020**. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Howard County Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

POSTER THEME:

"In the end, we will remember
not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends."
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

PRIZES:

1st Place \$100
2nd Place \$75
3rd Place \$50

DEADLINE:

Applications must
be received by
October 30, 2020
at 5:00 PM.

The contest is open to all Howard
County Elementary School Students.
Visit <https://tinyurl.com/y62zdevk>
for official contest rules
and an application.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (410) 313-6430
OR EMAIL MLK@HOWARDCOUNTYMD.GOV

NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS CREATIVE ARTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The National PTA Reflections Arts Recognition Program is a program designed to inspire and celebrate your kid's creativity. To participate, students create a piece of art in any of 6 different categories that reflect this year's theme, "I Matter Because...". Every student who enters receives a certificate celebrating their work! Each artwork is evaluated on

interpretation of the theme, creativity, and artistic merit. Reflections is not just for “artsy” kids - it’s for EVERY kid!

And this is a great year for kids to think about why **they** matter!

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Reflect on the theme “I Matter Because....” and create an original work in one (or more!) of the following categories (click on the hyperlinks for more information about each):

- [Dance](#)
- [Film](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Photography](#)
- [Visual Arts](#)
- [General Rules](#)

1. Fill out an [Entry Form](#), and be sure to include your Artist’s Statement, which is how your artwork connects to the theme (50% of your score from the judges).

Details for getting started can be found on the PTA website at <https://cespta.net/programs/>

Artwork will be judged in 3 categories:

- [Primary](#) (Grades K-2)
- [Intermediate](#) (Grades 3-5), and
- [Special Artist](#) (for students with challenges as covered in the ADA).

Entries will be reviewed by experienced arts and education judges. All participants will be celebrated with certificates of participation, the top three entries will receive ribbons and the first place entry will receive a medal. The top three entries in each category will move on to the Howard County Reflections Contest; the top three County entries will move on to the Maryland State Reflections Contest, and State winners in each category will compete in the National PTA Reflections Contest. **EVERY artwork will be celebrated!**

Please contact Meng Zhu and Jodie Wang at cespta.reflections@cespta.net with any questions.

From the Media Department:

Attention 5th Graders! There will be a Battle of the Books next spring (virtually)!

The annual Battle of the Books, which is a reading competition coordinated between the HCPSS and HC Library, will be held next April - just for 5th graders! All the details are contained in the link below. The Library is holding an information session via Zoom on October 20th, and **registration begins October 23rd - November 6th**. Ms. Britton, the Media Specialist, will inform all the 5th grade classes about it in their synchronous meetings (they may have already had it), and if you have any questions you can email her at donna_britton@hcpss.org

Click the link below to get all the details: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14yzJos_-gKpR4IQKC5jKebJXUpQTdZkz9VIU5wg9yAE/edit#slide=id.p4

Technology:



To report technology issues, please visit the [CES website's "Tech Support" page](#) and fill out the form linked there.



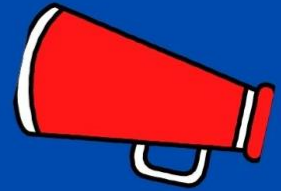
Dreambox & LexiaCore Resources:

- [HCPSS Student Technology Resources](#) (*Tip: check out the tabs for Dreambox & LexiaCore)
- [Lexia Supports for Families](#) (*Tip: check out the section on "Check in & Track Progress" & make sure your child is correctly logging out after each Lexia session)
- [Guide to LexiaCore error codes](#)
- [Setup your Dreambox Family Dashboard](#)
- [Dreambox & Lexia Challenges](#) (*Tip: scroll down to see challenges & suggestions)

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CES SPIRIT DAY



Show your Cougar pride by wearing a crazy hat or hair to class on **Friday, November 6, 2020!**

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

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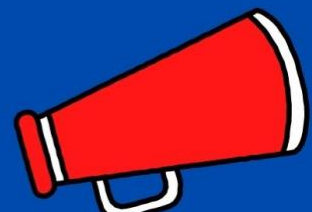
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Birthday Celebrations for November

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

Bird, Logan N.	11/1	Senatore, Anna L.	11/12
Dashti, Nina	11/1	Tenmattam, Shreya	11/12
Kim, Jacob H.	11/2	Brooks, Clara E.	11/13
Cao, Nicholas S.	11/3	Heavner, Aryana R.	11/14
Kim, Ashley K.	11/3	Floyd, Syion L.	11/15
Chen, Emma Y.	11/4	Huang, Gabrielle	11/15
Alas Molina, Emily R.	11/5	Peshtani, Alba A.	11/16
Crooks, Stephen R.	11/5	Kolesnikova, Sofiya A.	11/18
Zhu, Anna L.	11/5	Vyas, Meera A.	11/19
An, Maxwell T.	11/6	Conroy, Autumn G.	11/20
Ghamandi, Svara S.	11/6	McGowan, Lucas J.	11/20
Retterer, Cadence C.	11/6	Young, Latara A.	11/21
Brown, Domonick Jr	11/7	Palmer, Rudy K.	11/22
Cheng, Brian Z.	11/7	Wood, Alexander N.	11/22
Cousin-Lee, Miah	11/7	Alem, Abem Z.	11/23
Cousin-Lee, Noelle	11/7	Scholten, Skyler G.	11/23
Blevins, Jacob G.	11/8	Liu, Vincent E.	11/25
Lukin, Lysbeth A.	11/9	Ashbeel, Amana R.	11/26
Park, Clare J.	11/10	Anderson, David L.	11/28
Nezu, Maxwell J.	11/12	Anderson, James P.	11/28