

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

November 1st- 19th – CES Food Drive

November 4th – Professional Work Day; Schools closed for students

November 5th – Walk to School Day; Meet at RHHS Basket Ball Courts

November 9th – PTA Meeting

November 11th - Re-Take Picture Day

November 17th – Spirit Day; Twin/Triplett Day

November 22nd – 23rd – Parent Teacher Conferences; Schools close 3 hrs. early

November 24th – Parent Teacher Conferences; Schools closed 3 hrs. early

November 25th – 26th – Thanksgiving Holiday; Schools and Offices Closed

CONTACT US:

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



Dear Clarksville Elementary School Families,

The fall season is upon us...the leaves are falling, the temperature is getting cooler. Our winter season is getting ready to begin. It is also the season for giving thanks and reflecting on things in our life we are truly thankful for each and every day.

On November 10th, report cards will be posted on HCPSS Connect after 5 PM. Please take a moment to celebrate the growth and success that your children have made this year. We are proud of all their accomplishments and hard work.

Also, in November, we have our fall parent-teacher conferences. Details regarding conferences will be forthcoming. The fall conferences are a great time to hear about your child's progress in their learning. Please be sure to sign up with your child's teacher.

During this season of thankfulness, we would like to give thanks to:

- Our fabulous CES staff that provides high quality instruction every day and fosters a warm, welcoming environment for all our students.
- Our awesome CES students who embrace their learning and commitment to performing their best each and every day.
- Our CES support staff that maintain a safe, learning environment for our students.
- Our fantastic CES PTA who provide our school with continuous support in all we do.
- Our CES school community who trust in us to take care of their children every day.

We wish all a wonderful fall season. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends during your Thanksgiving break!

Go Cougars!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Malcotti

Ms. Brown

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.**

EARLY DISMISSALS

FRIENDLY REMINDER: If you need to take your student out for an early dismissal in the late afternoon, **you need to be at the school to pick them up prior to 3:30pm.** After that time, it gets very busy with CES Afternoon dismissal that we can't accommodate requests to find a student after 3:30pm. If a parent comes after 3:30pm, you will be directed to the CAR RIDER line. Thank you for honoring this policy.



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 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



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.





- *NEW* [Canvas Student Orientation 2021 – 2022](#)
- [Canvas Parent Guides](#)

CANVAS ORIENTATION

Below is a list of topics that will help you use Canvas in your classes. Click on each topic to learn how to use that feature in Canvas. When you are finished, you will have mastered the Canvas basics and be ready to navigate smoothly within your courses. Remember you can always refer back to this guide throughout the school year.

STUDENT ORIENTATION VIDEOS

Elementary Orientation Videos | Middle School Orientation Videos | High School Orientation Videos

STUDENT GUIDES

Navigation | User Settings | Announcements
Calendar | Assignments | Discussions
Quizzes | Mobile App | Editing Tools
Grades | Support | Canvas Basics

PARENT GUIDES

Canvas Navigation | Parent App
Parent Access | Notifications
Viewing Grades | Tips



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

If you have Technology questions, please feel free to reach out to CES' Technology Teacher: Eileen_Volker@hcpss.org

CES Spirit Day



Clarksville Elementary School

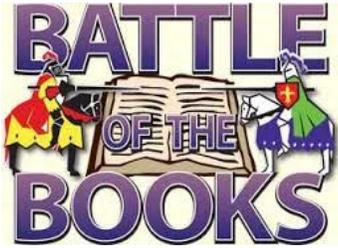
Twin and Triplet Day

Grab a friend or two and be their look alike! Have your shoes, hair and outfit all look the same.

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Tweet us
@hcpss_ces

Media



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

Your 5th grade student has received information on this year's Battle of the Books. It's an opportunity that is only open to 5th graders and a wonderful chance to work together with their friends and classmates, reading the assigned books, meeting to discuss them, and participating in a competition with other Howard County 5th graders in April!

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

Below are some details:

- Reading competition for Howard County 5th grade students
- A+ Partners in Education (HC Library and HCPSS)
- Teams include:
 - 3-5 members from the same school
- One adult coach
- Teams read 10 pre-determined books and compete in April
- All participants receive certificates
- Battle may be in person, may be virtual.
- Questions will be read to the entire group
- Each team will have 30 seconds to answer

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 25 – Nov 5, 2021

Online Registration for BoB

**Registration will close on Nov 5 or when capacity is reached, whichever comes first*

Nov. 15, 2021

Mandatory Coaches' Meetings via Zoom

Dec 2, 3, & 4, 2021

Curbside pickup of books

Feb. 7, 2022

Permission forms due

Dates TBD March 2022 Mandatory Logistics Meetings via Zoom

Health

The Howard County Health Department and HCPSS School Health Services support your student's academic success by providing vision and hearing screenings at your child's school. These screenings are required by Maryland State Law.

Screenings are provided to the following students:

- Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 8th grades
- All students K-8 new to the state of Maryland that do not have a record of prior vision and hearing screening within the last 12 months
- High School students enrolling in the public school system in the United States for the first time

If your child has glasses, please make sure that he or she wears them on the screening day.

Your child will receive these screenings unless you object for religious reasons. Please send a letter to your child's school health room if you choose to opt out of the Health Department screenings.

If your child does not pass either the vision or hearing screen, you will receive a letter from his or her school notifying you of this result. It is then recommended that you take your child to have his or her vision evaluated by an eye care specialist or that you contact your child's medical provider for a referral to an audiologist for a complete hearing evaluation.

A vision screening does not take the place of a comprehensive eye exam.

Should you have any questions, please contact your school nurse or the Vision and Hearing Program Supervisor at 410-313-7210. If you need information about the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program, please contact the Howard County Health Department at 410-313-5845.



HCPSS Supporting our LGBTQIA+ Students

LGBTQIA+ students have long been part of the HCPSS community and informal supports have been in place to support students, their families, their teachers and other school support staff. This year, HCPSS has asked each school to appoint a Rainbow Representative to ensure that each school has an ally and advocates for LGBTQIA+ students, staff, and families. The school Rainbow Representative attends quarterly meetings; receives and disseminates information regarding LGBTQIA+ topics of interest to the school and school community as appropriate; and provides instructional support for educators. Clarksville Elementary Schools Rainbow Representative is Amy Rabinowitz.

The first step in providing information to students are Safe Space Posters. Around our school, you will see some "Safe Space" posters. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, a person, or certain group of people, might feel unsafe to show their true colors for fear that others might treat them differently, or refer to them in an unkind way. At HCPSS, it is our priority to make sure every student not only *is* safe, but also *feels* safe to be their authentic and true selves. We hope our Safe Space posters serve as a reminder that there is a trusted adult you can go to who is an ally to the LGBTQ+ community, who will affirm a student's chosen name and pronouns, and who will not disclose information to others about identity and orientation if a student shares that information. Teachers who have this poster in their classrooms have declared their space a safe space for ALL students.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our CES Rainbow Representative Amy Rabinowitz at Amy_Rabinowitz@hcpss.org.



November, 1 2021 – November 19, 2021

The Student Leadership Team at Clarksville Elementary will be hosting their annual Kids Helping Kids food drive. We are asking that each child, over the next

month donate non-perishable items to this great cause. We look forward to helping other children in need all over the state of Maryland. Thank you for your support.

Examples of Approved Items (Non-Perishable): tuna fish, apple sauce, cereal, noodles, soup, rice, peanut butter, oatmeal

Donations

We appreciate all the parents that have asked and made many suggestions about how they can donate to Clarksville Elementary School. Here are the some ways you can DONATE:

- Donate your time by volunteering for Outdoor Dining.* Sign up through the CES PTA website.
- Reach out to your student's teacher and see what items they need for the classroom: Tissues, school supplies, etc...
- We also have a DONATION item on our OSP (electronic online payment) website. We use this money to help with school wide item(s) for students or Materials of Instruction items for the classroom. <https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/>

Confidentiality Training Course for Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools.

According to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools.

[View the brief training presentation and print out a certificate of completion](#)

Child Abuse and Neglect Training Course for Volunteers

This training is required for new parent chaperones before attending a school field trip.

- View the Maryland State Law and HCPSS Policy 1030 [Training Presentation](#)
- [Print off the certificate of completion](#) and hand it in at the front office

***All volunteers who interact with students will be required to show proof of full vaccination in order to be in or outside of the school.**