

Cougar News

October 26, 2016 Issue

Upcoming dates:

Oct 28	Halloween Parade/Fall Festival/Pumpkin Contest
Oct 31	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Learning Day
Nov 1	2 nd Grade Field Trip: Safety House Visit
Nov 2	Picture ReTake Day
Nov 2	Cougars Cycle and Scooter to School Day
Nov 3	1 st Grade In-house Field Trip: Irvine Nature Center
Nov 7	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Work Day
Nov 14-18	American Education Week
Nov 16	Turkey Trot: River Hill High School
Nov 17	SIT Meeting, 8:30am
Nov 21-23	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 24-25	Schools and Offices Closed: Thanksgiving
Nov 29	Visiting Author
Nov 30	CogAT: 3 rd and 5 th Grade, 9:30am - 10:45am
Dec 6	STEM Night; 6pm-8pm

Upcoming Testing dates:

It is very important for all students to be tested. If possible, please plan appointments around testing dates/times.

Grade 5 CogAT Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 2nd (9:30am-10:45am)

Grade 3 CogAT Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 2nd (9:30am - 10:45am)

Cougar Club Dates:

Each month students that meet the Cougar expectations the whole month can participate in the Cougar Club. Some activities are extra recess, making a craft, playing board games, and extra computer time.

Nov. 4 th	Grade 4
Nov. 21 st	Grade 5
Nov. 22 nd	Grade 1
Nov. 28 th	Grade 2
Nov. 29 th	Grade 3
Nov. 30 th	Kindergarten

From the Principal's Den



A Time of Thanks...

As we start the month of November, our thoughts turn to how grateful and fortunate we are to our Clarksville school community for their support and partnership in educating our students. Thank you for your children, your value of education, and your dedication to our school!

Happy Fall to all! On Friday, we will be hosting our annual Halloween and Fall celebrations for our CES students. Thank you to all of our parents and families who contributed in making these special events so memorable. Our parent/teacher conferences will be held on November 21st and 22nd. Detailed information regarding signing up for conference times will be forthcoming. We hope you take the time to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher and learn about the progress your child is making. Report cards will also be distributed on Tuesday November 15th. We are so proud of all our students' efforts and we know they will continue to work hard throughout the school year.

A big thank you to all who participated in the Walk to School day this past month. It is great to see so many folks promoting pedestrian safety and healthy lifestyles. Way to go, Cougars! Also, the weather is turning colder. Please remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather since we will continue to have outdoor recess whenever possible.

We also want to remind our students to be vigilant about hand washing, using tissues, and practice good health habits. Please remind your children to practice these healthy habits in school and at home. We are hopeful to have a healthy school year. We appreciate all your support.

We want to wish you all a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Malcotti

Upcoming SLT Dates:

October 20th

November 17th

From the Media Center:

The Media Center is hosting another world famous author next month. This year it is the award winning author and illustrator Henry Cole. He will be visiting us on Tuesday, November 29th all day. He has teamed up with wonderful writers to illustrate their books as well as his own. Over **50** in all! His most recent book is Eddie the Bully.

If you have any of his books, or wish to purchase one on your own, have your child bring them in on November 29th and Mr. Cole will gladly autograph them.

These author visits are made possible due to your strong support of our annual Scholastic Book Fair!

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Britton in the Media Center at donna_britton@hcpss.org.

From the Technology Department:

HCPSS Connect



Wondering where you can learn more about your child's teachers? Wishing you could see links to their curriculum? Want resources to help your child at home? **Canvas** has all that & more! Please access Canvas through HCPSS Connect: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/> . Please go here: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/guides/> to to watch a short (5 min) video on HCPSS Connect (including Synergy & Canvas) and find links to user guides. PLEASE set your [notification preferences](#), so you receive alerts when your child's teacher posts an announcement or calendar update.

Tweet Tweet!



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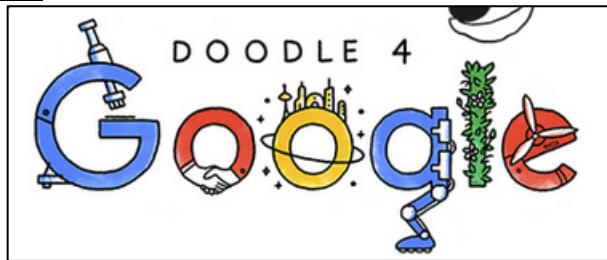
Don't have a Twitter account? No problem. You can still check out some of the awesome things happening around CES by checking out: https://twitter.com/hcpss_ces



“Hour of Code” Parent Volunteers

Does your career involve Computer Science and writing code? Mrs. Volker is looking for parents who may be willing to come share their expertise with students during our “Hour of Code” week Dec. 5 – Dec. 9. If you are willing to talk with students about your career, please fill out this short form: <https://goo.gl/forms/vJon42yJR2lhY2BB3> Mrs. Volker will contact volunteers in November to confirm & provide more details.

Doodle for Google Contest



This year's “Doodle for Google” contest is open now through Dec. 2nd for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. This year's theme is “*What I See for the Future*”. Parents, please sign into Canvas (through HCPSS Connect) and see the announcement Mrs. Volker posted in your child's technology course for more information. Participation is completely *optional* & would be completed at home.

You're Invited: Digital Safety Conversation, Nov. 14



Parents, you are invited to attend a free community event, "**Responsible Use of Technology and Social Media for an Inclusive CommUNITY**" on Monday, November 14 from 6-8 p.m. at the Homewood Center, 10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City. For more details, please see this HCPSS news post: <http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2016/10/digital-safety-conversation-nov-14/>

Save the date for our **STEM Family Night** on **Tuesday, December 6th** from **6-8 PM**

NEW! Open House style challenges for families to solve with their children. Have fun exploring real-life applications for science, math, engineering, and technology!

Engaging Science and Engineering breakout sessions led by teachers and staff.

Learn and practice teamwork, cooperation, leadership, problem solving, and perseverance skills.

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RETAKE DAY PICTURE DAY **Wednesday, November 2, 2016**

Students that were absent or would like their portraits retaken on this day. The **entire portrait package must be returned.** Please have your child bring the portrait package to the photographer on retake day.

Parents of students who were absent should contact the main office for an order envelope if they wish to order portraits. Please visit us at: www.schoolpix.com to order additional portraits.

Parent Volunteer Information

We still have many parents that have not completed a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools. Each year all parent volunteers must complete this course and sign the volunteer forms, according to HCPSS Board Policy. **Please make sure you have completed this course before registering to volunteer for your child's field trip or even coming into the school to visit for lunch.** The course takes about 5 minutes to complete. To complete your training course and register with your child's school, please complete the test and forms at this link: <http://www.hcpss.org/parents/volunteer-information/>

From the Health Room:

Flu Vaccine Clinic:

CES will have the Flu Vaccine Clinic on November 3rd. Should your student receive their vaccine prior to this date please be sure to inform the Health Room so that we can pull their consent form.

If your child has a fear of injections please consider volunteering for this clinic. If you are willing to volunteer please email Denise Mathis at denise_mathis@hcpss.org.

As flu and cold season is nearing, this is a reminder that good hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs with tissues and sleeves are essential steps to preventing the spread of germs. Also, remember that despite concerns about school attendance, your children's health (and the health of other children and staff) is most important of all. For this reason, we ask you to please:

- * Keep your child home if he/she has a fever of over 100.0. A fever indicates that your child has an infection that could be passed to other students. If you give your child Motrin or Tylenol, the fever will, of course, disappear but he/she will still be contagious to others. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school!
- * Children must be free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.
- * Have your children wash their hands properly after using the restrooms and prior to eating.

Thank you very much for helping keep all our students healthy!

Field Trip Planner for 2016-2017

Below is a *current* summary of planned field trips and details about those trips. Additional field trips will be added as approved throughout the year. Please note that in an attempt to minimize the financial impact, the permission slip and money may be due long before the trip occurs.

GRADE	TRIP TO	TRIP DATE	COST
1	Irvine Nature Center visits CES	Nov 3	\$3.20
2	Safety House Visit	Nov 1	\$0
4	Walters Art Gallery	Mar 17	TBD
5	Philadelphia Trip	April 20	TBD
Multiple grades	Visiting Author at CES – Henry Cole The author visit is paid for with proceeds from our annual book fair. Our next book fair will be in March 2017. Thank you for your continued support!	Nov. 29	\$0
Multiple grades	Turkey Trot @ River Hill High School	Nov. 16	\$0

From the Art Department:



Attention Parents!

Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork and soon you will receive a personalized order form.



Travel Mug



Metal Key Chain



Night Light

- Over 40 keepsake products available, all featuring your child's artwork
- Many of the products are less than \$15
- Safe, secure online ordering is available - You can share your code with other family members and invite them to order
- Satisfaction guaranteed
- Art to Remember keepsakes are perfect for these gift giving occasions:

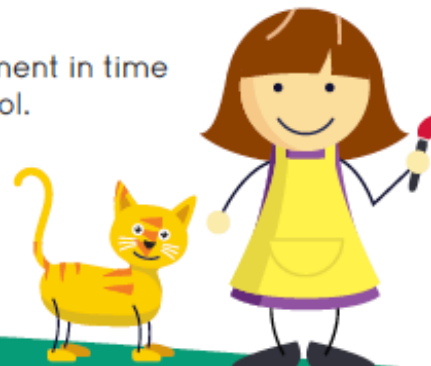
- Grandparent's Day
- Christmas
- Father's Day
- Birthdays
- Hanukkah
- Mother's Day

Pendant Necklace



Your purchase captures a moment in time and raises funds for your school.

THANK YOU!



Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.
www.ArtToRemember.com

“Community Notices”

The events listed below are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System. They are being provided as a community service.

STEM Shark Tank Competition-Le’Chic Academy Foundation

Le’Chic Academy Foundation invites boys and girls (Ages 5-18), to participate in our annual Young Entrepreneur’s Shark Tank Competition (**Oct. 8**, 2016 from 12-3:00 p.m.) and “Biz Kidz” Vendor Exhibit Fair (**Nov. 5**, 2016 from 12-3 p.m. For online registration and detailed information, please call 410-530-4876 or visit www.lechicacademy.com

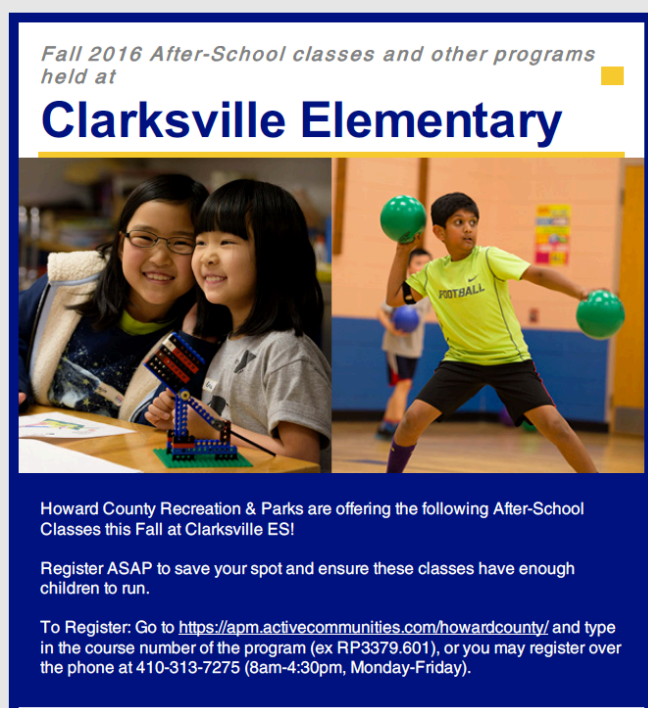
FAMILY EDUCATION WORKSHOP – ANXIETY IN OUR KIDS

The PRES PTA Family Education Committee Presents: **Worried Parents: Helping Children Manage Anxiety by Easing our Own Worries about Today's Stressors.** The presentation by Dr. Bonnie Zucker will take place on **Wednesday, November 2, 2016** from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Pointers Run Elementary School cafeteria.

We would like to invite the CMS and CES parents to participate. Join us for an informative evening with the author of *Anxiety Free Kids!* This will be a program worth attending. Please contact Emily Greenberger with any questions at Emily@collaborativecounselingcenter.com or go to <http://bonniezucker.com/> for more information about Dr. Bonnie Zucker.

Go online to see After School Programs offered at CES:

http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Clarksville-Elementary-Fall-2016-After-School-Classes.html?soid=1101410824386&aid=vQLk_E6yPkw



Fall 2016 After-School classes and other programs held at

Clarksville Elementary

Howard County Recreation & Parks are offering the following After-School Classes this Fall at Clarksville ES!

Register ASAP to save your spot and ensure these classes have enough children to run.

To Register: Go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/> and type in the course number of the program (ex RP3379.601), or you may register over the phone at 410-313-7275 (8am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday).