

# Cougar News

December 20, 2016 Issue

## Upcoming dates:

Dec 21	Interims Go Home with Students
Dec 26-30	Winter Break
Jan 12	CES Spelling Bee
Jan 12	Parent Orientation Night at Clarksville Middle, 6:30pm
Jan 16	Schools and Offices Closed: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Jan 19	CES Spirit Day: Stuffed Animal Day
Jan 26	Winter Concert 7pm
Jan 27	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Work Day
Feb 9	CES Spirit Day: Backward Day
Feb 14	Jump Rope for Heart
Feb 20	Schools and Offices Closed: Presidents' Day
Feb 21	Schools Closed for Students: Professional Learning Day

## Upcoming Testing dates:

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

No Dates at this time

## 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.

Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grade 1
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kindergarten, Grade 4

## *From the Principal's Den*



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Dear Clarksville Families and Friends,

The holiday season is upon us and in spite of all the seasonal hustle and bustle, our Clarksville students have been very busy in school. We are half way into our second marking period already....keep working hard boys and girls! We want to extend our wishes to all families for a joyous holiday season.

Our chorus and instrumental music students are very excited to share what they have accomplished so far this year. Our annual 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert is on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will be able to join us for a very special night of musical entertainment and extraordinary talent.

We would like to thank our PTA for the delicious dinner they provided to us during the parent-teacher conferences. It was a great treat for all of us! Also, we would like to thank all of staff, students, and parents for making our STEM night an evening of fun and inquisitive discovery. Thank you!

Winter has arrived. Please remember to make certain children have appropriate coats, jackets, gloves, hats, etc. on these cold days. We will be going outside for recess, weather permitting.

The children are counting down the days and it brings us great joy to witness their excitement. We look forward to a continuance of excellent programming and instruction throughout this school year. We look forward to seeing all the smiling faces in the New Year.

Respectfully,  
Ms. Malcotti

## ***From the Technology Department***

### **Tweet Tweet!**



Follow Clarksville Elementary on Twitter @hcpss\_ces

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

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### **“Hour of Code” Success!**



ozobot



Dash robot

The students in ALL grades enjoyed their “Hour of Code” during Computer Science Education Week from Dec. 5 – Dec. 9 in Technology class with Mrs. Volker. Students got to experience coding on one of our Dash robots and/or our Ozobot, as well as practice coding on a variety of websites such as: <https://code.org/learn>. Thank you also to the 6 parent volunteers who came in to speak to classes about their own careers involving Computer Science!

## ***Jump Roper for Heart***

It's time for JUMP ROPE FOR HEART, our annual American Heart fundraiser! Between now and our event on February 14th, we are asking for help in raising money for AHA. The Clarksville community has joined forces to raise over \$10,000 for this non-profit that helps to fund research in cardiovascular disease and strokes, including children's heart disease. Envelopes have been provided for our students, and AHA has made fundraising easy with online registration ([heart.org/jump](http://heart.org/jump)) and templates for emails. Questions can be directed to Mr. Decker ([joseph\\_decker@hcpss.org](mailto:joseph_decker@hcpss.org)).

# ***Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation***

**Date:** January 12, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Clarksville Middle  
6535 South Trotter Road

As a parent of an incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, you are invited to attend our Parent Orientation Night. Whether you are a veteran parent of a middle schooler, or a first time middle school parent, we welcome you to come hear about the CMS middle school experience!

**This event is for parents only.** Students from our feeder elementary schools will be visiting CMS in the spring.

**Contact our Student Services staff** if you have questions regarding this event. 410-313-7060

## ***CES Career Day – March 3rd***

Our STEM committee is gearing up for our annual CES Career Day. This is a day where we will have volunteers come into the classrooms and present to students about their careers. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be filling out an interest survey during technology. This survey will let the committee know which careers our students want to hear from. Then the committee will be reaching out to community members about volunteering.

## **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. Please note that in an attempt to minimize the financial impact, the permission slip and money may be due long before the trip occurs.

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>TRIP TO</b>	<b>TRIP DATE</b>	<b>COST</b>
4	The Walters Art Museum	March 17	\$3.00
2	Breadmake	April 20	\$8.75
5	Philadelphia	April 20	\$68.75
1	Goucher College	April 26	\$22.75
4	Historic London Town	May 5	\$18.75
2	Howard City Conservancy	May 12	\$10.50
Multiple grades	Cougar Day @ River Hill High School	TBD	TBD