

Cougar News

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday, April 1, the students and staff of CES were invited by Jaki Ulman and the group Stand Up HoCo to participate in a grassroots movement called *The HoCo Blue Pinky Project*.

During all lunch shifts, every child was offered either a blue bracelet or to have their pinkies painted blue (many chose both!). The painted pinky and bracelet represented a "pinky promise" to be a kind friend and to stand up to bullying when you see it.

Each grade read in unison a promise:

"I Blue Pinky Promise to STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING!
No matter where I am, no matter what I do...
I will ALWAYS STAND UP for YOU!"

We ask for our CES community to keep spreading the word about The Blue Pinky Project to your extra-curricular teams and activities...it's easy to do! Groups can paint their pinkies blue and share their pictures via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter with the hashtag #hocobluepinky. It's a great way to use your social media to promote a great cause! Check out pictures from our day on the "Clarksville Elem Pta" Facebook page!

If you have any questions about our Blue Pinky Promise Day or want to know how to keep the #hocobluepinky going, please contact our School Counselor, Jen Palich at jennifer_palich@hcpss.org.

~ Mrs. Breon and Mrs. Slattery

Did you know??

Clarksville Custodians receive a "Marvelous Award"

The HCPSS Custodial Supervisors made site visits to schools. The inspections revealed that the Custodial Staff at CES are doing a *Marvelous* job! Their dedication and teamwork makes all the difference!

Our Custodial Team, under the direction of Day Chief, Jacqueline West; and with a fantastic supporting cast – Night Chief, Joseph Mulbah and Night Custodians Joan Haze and Menjou Claggett have been recognized for their efforts in striving to meet the standards and goals of HCPSS.

Specifically:

Fulfilling the Promise of Preparation

Goal 4

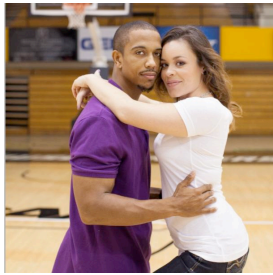
Organization

Schools are supported by world-class organizational practices.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Staff SPOTLIGHT on . . .

Kathy Medina, ESOL Teacher



Born and raised in: Born in Miami Beach, FL raised in Fort Lauderdale, FL , of Colombian heritage.

Lives in: Baltimore, MD

Education: Master degree of Education 08', Bachelor of Arts in Spanish 06' from the University of Florida (Go Gators!!!)

Passions: Traveling, Dancing, The Hispanic/Spanish culture, Trying new food (I'll try anything once), being a Gator and teaching Spanish.

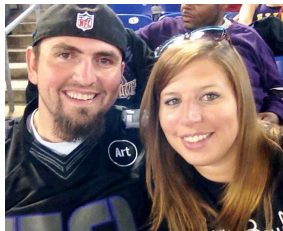
Hobbies: Traveling, Working out, watching/playing sports

Interesting tidbits: I'm getting married May!



Staff SPOTLIGHT on . . .

Jan Armacost, Kindergarten Teacher



Born and raised in: Lineboro, MD

Lives in: Eldersburg

Passions: I love to be by the water either by the ocean, bay or Potomac River. This is the most relaxing place to be and I love it!

Hobbies: I like to be crafty when I have the time. I like to make wreaths, paint and do little projects. I love to cook! Looking up fun new recipes is one of my favorite things to do.

Interesting tidbits: I got engaged last year on February 3rd and have been busy planning a wedding with a fiancé. We get married on July 26th in Thurmont, MD. My fiancé and I are also expecting a baby in September!



SPRING FLING IS COMING SOON!

SAVE THE DATE :

Saturday April 26 from 12:00-4:00pm
At Clarksville Elementary School
More info to come – stay tuned!



The past couple weeks . . .

- ◆ SPRING arrived?!
- ◆ SNOW!!!
- ◆ MSA Testing continued. Grade 5 Science is almost completed! Just Mr. Geissler's class next week. PARCC testing completed with Mrs. Suknova's class.
- ◆ Grade 4 had a visit from the Maryland Historical Society. They learned about the Battle of Baltimore.

- ◆ International Night! Fastest trip around the world – 14 countries, 2 hours! Thanks to Mrs. Jain for organizing the event, with the support of the CES PTA and a cadre of parents!
- ◆ Pennies for Patients collection this week. PAJAMA DAY was very successful. Many children donated dollars for the privilege of wearing jammies to school. Lots of money has been raised so far – will post the final dollar amount in the next newsletter. Thanks to the SLT team for advertising and delivering change daily to the office for deposit.
- ◆ “So This is Opera!” performance with Grade 5 students and Ms. Yvette Lewis. The show was great. BRAVO!
- ◆ Grade 1 visited Sandy Spring Museum.
- ◆ Cougar Day at River Hill High School! Fun was had by all - even the high schoolers! Thanks to Mrs. Kinner for coordinating this annual tradition with RHHS!
- ◆ REFLECTIONS CEREMONY – Congratulations to all the Reflections participants! What wonderful work was seen, heard and experienced at the ceremony. Next fall there will be another opportunity for your student to create something fantastic! Mark your calendars.
- ◆ Are You As Fit As Your Clarksville Cougar??? Fitness night was a great opportunity to see just how you rank with *your* Clarksville Cougar(s). How did you do??? Thanks to Mr. Decker, Mrs. Becker and the Health Committee for organizing.
- ◆ BATTLE OF THE BOOKS! – ***Eleven*** teams from Clarksville competed! Award winners are listed below:

FIRST PLACE OVERALL: *The Book Babies*

~ Shreyas Ramulu, Moughil Nandakumar, Dev Patel, Jeffrey Li, Sanket Vaja

THIRD PLACE OVERALL: *We The Readers*

~ Julia Liu, Andrew Zhao, Katie Li, Yuuko Yamamoto, Jonah Richardson

BEST TEAM SPIRIT SECOND PLACE: *The Novel Ninjas*

~ Maddie Blank, Leslie Hilliard, Lindsey Miller, Meghan Young, Miranda Mazzella

BEST TEAM SPIRIT THIRD PLACE: *Reading Rangers* ~

Faith Meininger, Ana Clemmer, Sarah Gezewich, Anna Munro, Kimberly Munro

BEST CIVILITY THIRD PLACE: *Got Books?*

~ Kaitlyn Burnett, Mackenzie Kleinberger, Emma Smith, Ruby Chen, Sarah Burnett

Congratulations to all teams! GO COUGARS!!!!

- ◆ Blue Pinky Project – kids were given an opportunity to get their pinkies painted blue and/or get a blue bracelet to show that they were going to Stand Up To Bullying!! Thanks very much to our parent volunteer pinky painters: Nisha Patel, Michele Greenfield, Lisa LaBorwit, Angie Vintz and Nicole Miller.

This Week:

Week of April 7th

Grade 5 Service Project – Fifth graders will be making lunches for Grassroots

April 8th

Report cards issued.

April 11th

Cherry Blossom rehearsal for participating chorus members. Performance Saturday April 12th in Washington, DC at the Cherry Blossom Festival. Make the trip to see the kids and the blossoms – you won't be disappointed.

Next Week:

April 12th – 21st

NO SCHOOL – Spring Break!

April 23rd

Grade 5 students visit Clarksville Middle School

Grade 2 BREADMAKE

April 24th

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Professional Development Day

April 22nd

EARTH DAY!



April 26th

SPRING FLING! From 12-4pm COME and HAVE FUN.



Ongoing throughout the year

LOST AND FOUND is full of hats, coats, jackets, lunch boxes. Please stop by the cafeteria to claim your child's lost belongings. Any items remaining at the end of the school year will be deposited in the Planet Aid Clothing Box in our parking lot.

Field Trip Planner

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.

GRADE	CLASSES ATTENDING	TRIP TO	TRIP DATE	COST
*Grade 2	All classes	IN SCHOOL EVENT Breadmake	April 23 1:30-3:30	\$8.75
*Grade 1	All classes	Goucher College	May 2 11:00-2:00	TBD
*Grade 3	All classes	Howard County Conservancy	May 9 TBD	TBD
Grade 5	Half of 5 th Grade Geissler, Cayer and ½ Rabinowitz	Living Classrooms Baltimore Harbor Boat Trip	May 13 8:30-3:30 EXTENDED DAY	\$ 41.00
Grade 4	All classes	St. Mary's City Historical Site	May 15 <small>corrected date</small> 8:00-5:30 EXTENDED DAY	\$ 46.50
Grade 2	All classes	College Park Airport	May 15 10:15-2:00	\$ 11.25
Grade 5	Other half of 5 th Grade Harvey, Stahl and ½ Rabinowitz	Living Classrooms Baltimore Harbor Boat Trip	May 23 8:30-3:30 EXTENDED DAY	\$ 41.00
	* newly added trip to list	TBD=To Be Determined		

Community Notices

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Eagles Elite Lacrosse Camp, an exciting and comprehensive girls-only lacrosse camp, will be held at Centennial High School from June 29-July 2. Campers ages 7-14 will work with experienced staff to learn new techniques and improve their overall game. For additional information please contact Kirsten Reisinger at kirsten_reisinger@hcpss.org or (443)745-6465

Have you ever wanted to conduct a band? Well this is your chance! The Mt. Hebron High School Marching Unit will hold its 1st Annual Band A Thon, on Friday April 25th, from 3-8:30 at Mt. Hebron High School. The event will be filled with music. We will have music sessions by all 3 bands, as well as jazz band, the percussion ensemble, and the Dixieland Combo. We will also have special performances by our Cavaliers (flag group) and Lancers (dancers). To inspire budding musicians, the band will be available to visit with younger students who wish to ask questions. So come on out, listen to some great music, and grab dinner and dessert at one of the food Trucks. This will be an event you will not want to miss.