

# Cougar News

Dear Parents,

In recent weeks we had some inclement weather that impacted student transportation home. We are very pleased with the amount of parent collaboration, understanding and cooperation we received during that event.

The torrents of rain we experienced caused some of our low-lying areas, in this instance Trotter Road, to become flooded and therefore unsafe for our buses to cross and transport students home. Parents were quick to notify school and we, in turn, notified the Transportation Office. We sent emails and texts notifying the community of the situation and how the children would get home.

The main method of communication to the community was via HCPSS News emails and text messages. Unfortunately, it seems that not everyone received the information. Perhaps some families are not “connected” or maybe the email and cell phone information for them is outdated. We strongly encourage our families to log into HCPSS News at <https://www.hcpssnews.com/user/userdefault.aspx> to register or update your information (student grade level, parent email and parent cell phone numbers).

~ Mrs. Breon and Ms. Slattery

## Did you know??

### FIELD DAY IS COMING!

Field Day is Friday, May 30th. The rain date is Friday, June 6th. **Parent volunteers are still needed** to help run events. **No experience necessary**, just a willingness to spend a fun day with the students. Contact Mr. Decker at [Joseph\\_Decker@hcpss.org](mailto:Joseph_Decker@hcpss.org) if you can help.

Please make sure your child (children) puts on sunscreen **before** coming to school, dresses in comfortable clothing and wears the assigned color shirt, wears athletic shoes, brings a hat, sunglasses, and a water bottle (no sweet drinks please and names on all items).

All students will be eating bag lunches on Field Day. Lunch order forms came home this past week and are due Monday. Please return the form indicating whether you will be providing your student with a bag lunch or if you would prefer to purchase one. Thank you for any help to make this is a great day!

### P.S. Did you know this too???

The last day of school for students is June 20<sup>th</sup>.

June 18<sup>th</sup> 12:50 Dismissal for students \*\*\* June 19<sup>th</sup> 12:50 Dismissal for students \*\*\* June 20<sup>th</sup> 12:50 Dismissal for students  
**REPORT CARDS WILL BE MAILED HOME ON JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> (AT THE LATEST).**

## Staff SPOTLIGHT on . . .



*Lisa Johnson, Grade 4 Team Leader*

*Born and raised in: Poolesville, Maryland*

*Lives in: Gaithersburg, Maryland*

*Education: BA Psychology; MA Education: Curriculum and Instruction*

*Hobbies: Mrs. Johnson loves anything art related like photography, painting, ceramics, mosaics, etc. Also love running, weight lifting and puzzles.*

*Interesting tidbits: Mrs. Johnson is one of 7 children. She has 2 sisters and 4 brothers. She loves the new show called, "The Blacklist."*

## Staff SPOTLIGHT on . . .

*Kelly Walker, Kindergarten Teacher*

*Born and raised in: Columbia, MD*

*Lives in: Elkridge*

*Education: BA from University of Delaware; MA from UMBC*

*Passions: Mrs. Walker loves teaching! It's a joy to watch children get excited about learning!*

*Hobbies: She an avid reader, often reading 2-3 books a week. Mrs. Walker also loves to spend time outside - whether it's just taking a walk or soaking up the sunrays. She is at her happiest when it is a warm, sunny day!*



# SPRING FLING WAS A SUCCESS!!



THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS THAT DONATED THEIR TALENT, DOLLARS AND/OR TIME. YOU EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

The past couple weeks . . .

- ◆ SPRING FLING – A beautiful day, great activities, lots of fun and best of all – proceeds benefit CES PTA!!
- ◆ NO SNOW!!!
- ◆ Grade 5 Service Project – Fifth graders made dozens of bag lunches for Grassroots. Feeling inspired? Visit their webpage to see how you can help. <http://grassrootscrisis.org/>
- ◆ Report cards issued on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Chorus members performed at the Cherry Blossom Festival.
- ◆ Select chorus members performed with other HCPSS students at Atholton High School.



- ◆ Grade 5 visited Clarksville Middle School.
- ◆ Half of grade 5 went on the Living Classrooms. The other half will go on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ◆ Grade 3 visited the Howard County Conservancy.
- ◆ Grade 4 visited St. Mary's City.
- ◆ Grade 2 went to College Park Airport.
- ◆ CES student artwork is on display at the Garbanzo Mediterranean Grill in Dobbin Center. These students are: Alana A., Jett B., Lillian G. and Irene V.
- ◆ Recorder, Band & Strings Concert – Great performance!



## This Week:

May 20<sup>th</sup>

- GT Enrichment Fair – 6:30-8:00pm.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Panoramic Picture
- Grade 5 Young Author's Tea – 2:30-3:15.



May 21<sup>st</sup>

- School Spirit Day – Alter Ego Day
- PARCC Testing for Mrs. Suknova's class in the morning.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>



- PARCC Testing for Mrs. Suknova's class in the morning.
- Kindergarten to the Zoo
- Second Grade Pizza Party on the playground 6:30-8:00pm



May 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Harvey, Stahl, and 1/2 Rabinowitz Living Classroom Field Trip
- SLT Meeting

## Next Week:

May 26<sup>th</sup> SCHOOLS CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY



May 27<sup>th</sup>

Howard County Librarians visit to inform students about the Summer Reading Program. <http://www.hclibrary.org/index.php?page=217&program=29>

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Parent Volunteer Breakfast – CES Staff will be providing breakfast for our wonderful volunteers. Please RSVP to [Robin.Fast@hcpss.org](mailto:Robin.Fast@hcpss.org).

May 29<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 Young Author's Tea



May 30<sup>th</sup>

FIELD DAY!

Sock Hop at CES, sponsored by the PTA from 6-8pm

## SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS –

Once again we have contracted with School Tool Box to provide school supplies to our families. With this optional program you can go online and order the required supplies for next year and have it delivered to your home – just in time for school to begin in August. Another feature with this online order process – you can change quantities/items. Perhaps your student has scissors from last year that can be used again – you can edit that item off the list. Please check out the website and consider ordering with this program. [www.schooltoolbox.com](http://www.schooltoolbox.com) Follow the instructions on how to find the CES information.

**Customize and Order Online Today!**  
You do the list, we'll do the rest.

**School Name:**  
Clarksville Elementary  
Clarksville, MD

**Online Ordering Available:**  
May 15, 2014

All orders ship within 21 days

**Kindergarten - \$35.40**  
1st Grade - \$24.09  
2nd Grade - \$33.13  
3rd Grade - \$38.54  
4th Grade - \$36.35  
5th Grade - \$47.51

Additional items are available as an optional purchase

Click here to order now!  
[www.schooltoolbox.com](http://www.schooltoolbox.com)

**SCHOOL TOOL BOX**  
Help is here

**Dear Parents,**  
We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box™. Place your order online and it will be delivered directly to your home address. You will have the option to CUSTOMIZE your order by adding or removing items from the teacher-approved list. Already have a ruler or scissors? Remove them. Need an additional box of crayons for home or supplies for a sibling? Add them. It's that simple! **Order today!**

**schooltoolbox.com**  
800-952-1119

Each box sold = one child fed.  
Every School Tool Box order will provide a meal for a child in need. Please include a note with your order if you would like to donate to a specific organization. Thank you for your support!

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## SUMMER WORK BOOKS

Information has gone home with your child regarding the summer workbook series. This year we have gone green! To order your workbook:

Order online at : <http://summerbridgebooks.org/>

**Include which workbook level you would like to order.** You should order the "current - next" grade level for your student. For example, if your child is currently in 2nd grade, you should order the 2nd grade-3rd grade workbook, which will provide a review of 2nd grade and a preview of 3rd grade. Some parents may wish to order the next grade level up for their child.

**If you wish to order additional books for siblings who are not currently at CES** (such as for a child starting kindergarten) simply include those books under your currently enrolled child's order and all books will be delivered to him/her in their CES classroom.

Complete your **order by May 19<sup>th</sup> 2014. After this time the website is disabled.**

**Workbooks will be delivered to your child's classroom by the first week of June.**

You can view a sample book at <http://summerbridgeactivities.org/sbasampler.pdf>

Please contact Swati Goel : [swati.36goel@gmail.com](mailto:swati.36goel@gmail.com) if you have any questions and include "Summer workbooks" in the subject heading.

## **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.

## Community Notices

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They are being provided as a service to the community.**

### Dayton Oaks Learning Together Peer Program

The Dayton Oaks Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) toddler and preschool program is now accepting applications for the 3-year-old classes for the 2014-2015 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program's focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be 3 years of age for the 2014-2015 school year (**born between 9/1/2010 and 12/31/2011**) may see Patti Waldman in the school office for an application package.

All applications must be returned by May 23, 2014. A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the "Ages and Stages Questionnaire," as well as observations of the child's mandatory participation in a playgroup, to be held at Dayton Oaks on May 28, 2014 at 9:15 am. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Battle or Sheila Schlosser at (410) 313-1581.

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](mailto:kirsten_reisinger@hcpss.org) or (443)745-6465

Coach Kevin Quinlan will offer cutting-edge skills training for enthusiastic basketball players who dream of achieving success on the hardwood. Daily activities will include 5-on-5 and small-sided games, thoughts-of-the-day, fundamentals stations, film sessions on classic NCAA and NBA games, discussions of character development, warm-up & cool-down periods, swimming, freeze pops, and much more. With almost two decades of experience in high school athletics and education, Coach Q, who has trained eight Division I student-athletes and one professional basketball player, will find a way to elevate a young basketball player's game to the next level.

**For more information and a complete brochure contact Coach Q.**

**[kquinlan@glenelg.org](mailto:kquinlan@glenelg.org)**

**703-505-4707**

**[www.glenelg.org/summer](http://www.glenelg.org/summer)**

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