

# COUGAR NEWS

Clarksville Elementary School

10/1/2022

Fall Edition

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

**September 15th - October 15th - Hispanic Heritage Month**

**October 5th - Schools and Office Closed**

**October 12th - CES Spirit Day: Football Jersey Day**

**October 14th - CES Flu Clinic**

**October 18th - PTA Meeting 7pm**

**October 21st - Professional Work Day; Schools Closed-Students**

**October 24th - Professional Work Day; Schools Closed-Students**

**October 25th - Ledo Pizza Fundraiser**

## **CONTACT US:**

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

# CES Celebrations



**Hispanic Heritage Month:** September 15 - October 15 marks National Hispanic Heritage Month! During this time, we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by appreciating the rich history, culture, heritage, and contributions of individuals and their family members who came from Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, and South- and Central America.

## CES Admin Corner

**“And all at once, summer collapsed into Fall.” Oscar Wilde**

We have officially passed from Summer to Autumn and it's the time of year when the temperature can vary more than 25 degrees from the morning till evening. Light jackets, sweatshirts, or other layers are recommended to provide options for students as the temperature both in and out of the building can fluctuate. Outdoor recess is provided for all students for 30 minutes each day. We suggest that you label all water bottles, jackets and other personal items that may get left behind throughout the school day, with your child's name to make it easier to match the student and their belongings.

### **Policy Snapshot- 1040 Safe and Supportive Schools-**

Clarksville Elementary strives to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment. strives to provide a safe and nurturing school environment in accordance with Policy 1040:

“It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, employee, or third party to use profanity, or to threaten, defame, harass, intimidate, bully, cyber-bully, or physically attack another when these actions occur on school property, on a

school bus, at a school bus stop, or in connection with any school-related activity. These behaviors shall also constitute violations of this policy when they have a direct effect on the order and general welfare of the school (such as negatively affecting the safety or learning environment of a classroom), even when they do not occur on school property or at a school-related activity.”

In order to promote safety, it is the responsibility of students to follow the school rules and directions of staff members and to report concerns or suspected violations of this policy to staff or family member so the situation may be properly investigated.

A complete list of Howard County School System Policies can be found at <http://www.hcpss.org/board/policies/>

## Upcoming Testing Dates:

MAP testing continues this month. If possible, please plan appointments around testing dates/times.

### \*\*\*MAP Schedule\*\*\*

<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00-11:30</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1:00-2:30</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:30-10:45</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>ELA</b>	<b>October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2:00-3:30</b>

# Health

## **CLARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FLU VACCINATION CLINIC**

Flu vaccinations are coming to your child's school on Friday, October 14, 2022. They will be given at **NO CHARGE TO YOU**. Now, more than ever, it is important to protect your family through vaccinations!

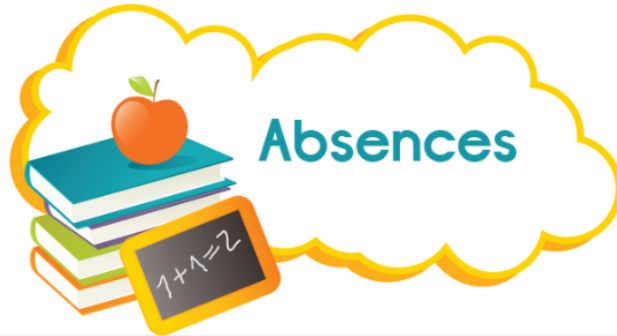
If you would like your child to be vaccinated, you must register **BEFORE** Friday, October 7:

**Fill out the consent form online at:**

<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/5015296082>

Please email the Health Room if you are interested in helping with the Flu Clinic on 10/14/22. [Denise\\_Mathis@hcpss.org](mailto:Denise_Mathis@hcpss.org) or [Alisha\\_Coleman@hcpss.org](mailto:Alisha_Coleman@hcpss.org)

# Front Office Notes



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](mailto: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.**

# Update Your Family File

If you have not already done so, please update your child's emergency contact information in HCPSS Connect! We have 121 families that have not updated their file this year. **Your Family file needs to be updated every school year.**

Having this information is critical to use for emergency information and early closings. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child, and can do so by logging in to [HCPSS Connect](#) and selecting the Family File tab and then clicking on Family File.

HCPSS uses Family File for parents/guardians to complete emergency information. Parents/guardians must verify and/or update information for each child.

Here are directions for the updating the Family file: [HCPSS Connect Parent Access.pdf](#)

Changes of address may **not** be made through Family File. **If you have recently moved, please contact CES Mattia\_Lambiotte@hcpss.org OR Amy\_Stevens@hcpss.org** as soon as possible as we need to update your address in our files as well. Parents who have forgotten

[Spanish Directions for Family File.pdf](#)

# Math

If you are interested and available to be a Gifted and Talented Advisor Council (GTAC) Parent Representative for our school community for this academic year, please register at the sign up page on the [GTAC Website](https://sites.google.com/site/hcpssgtac/home) (<https://sites.google.com/site/hcpssgtac/home>).

**Parent Representative Job Description:** Parent Representatives are the bridge between the GTAC and their school communities.

## **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Sharing GTAC news with your school. For example, we will send you GTAC “Highlights” for you to share at platforms, such as PTA meetings. If a GTAC update is not currently part of your PTA meeting agenda, please contact your PTA President and request to continuously share GTAC highlights at upcoming PTA meetings;
- Promoting GTAC-sponsored events at your school, like our Parent Academies and the Educator Recognition. GTAC will continuously share news/events and flyers to post in your PTA e-mailings and/or school display; and
- Supporting your GT Resource Teacher(s). Occasionally checking in with them to see if/how you can provide any help or assistance with routine activities and/or with special events.

## **Additional Responsibilities (optional):**

- Attend the Steering Committee Meetings in effort to obtain news firsthand and/or actively participate by volunteering to serve on

the Steering Committee, and/or advocate for the GT Program with the Board of Education.

Once you are registered as a Parent Representative, you will be placed on our email list and provided with additional information including the Google Meet code. If you are unable to attend, a highlights summary will be sent following the meeting.



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# CES Spirit Day

September, October 12th



Football Season is here!

Show off your team with your favorite Jersey!

See how many different teams you see.

# CES Fundraiser



**RAISING  
FUNDS  
TASTES GREAT!**

**Join us at Ledo Pizza for a  
FUNDRAISER to support**

**Clarksville Elementary**

**Ledo Pizza:** LEDO PIZZA Clarksville  
6030 Daybreak Circle  
Clarksville, MD

**When:** TUESDAY, October 25th  
11 AM – 9PM

**CARRYOUT • DINE IN • ONLINE**

**Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,  
or just mention you are here to  
support the fundraiser and 20%  
of the proceeds will be donated to the  
organization.**

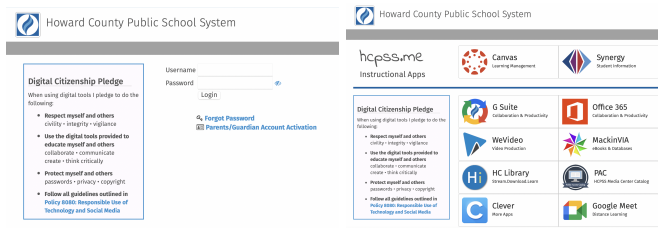
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# Technology

Keyboarding Skills - All students are working on keyboarding skills in school, but they can benefit from extra support at home, as well.

## K and 1st Grade -

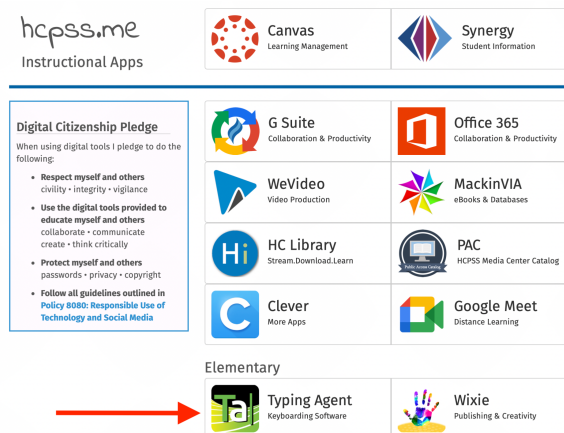
- Parents - please help your children practice their HCPSS login (username/password). I have sent home copies of your child's login information. They can practice logging in on [HCPSS Splashpage](#), where students can access many of the websites/tools we use in school. Students can even just practice on a Word or Google doc!



- Here is a helpful website for building keyboarding skills - [Building Keyboard Readiness](#)

## 2nd - 5th Grade -

- Students in 2nd - 5th grades can practice keyboarding skills on the Typing Agent website, which



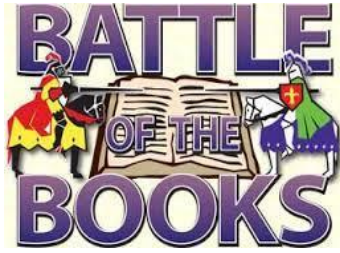
is what we practice on in school.

October 17 - 21 is Digital Citizenship Week! Here are some great resources to explore during that week, or any other week!

[Digital Citizenship Resources For Family Engagement](#)

Please feel free to reach out to our technology teacher, Mr. Levine, with any technology-related questions. [micah\\_levine@hcpss.org](mailto:micah_levine@hcpss.org)

# Media



Battle of the Books for any interested 5th grade student is back!

We are seeking parent volunteers to coach teams.

Please note the following dates, including the *Informational Meeting* on October 12 (get link on HCLS website below):

## 2023 Important Dates:

*Weds. Oct 12- Information meeting at 7 pm via Zoom (recorded)*

Mon. Oct 24- Registration opens at 10 am and remains open until capacity is reached or November 6 at 11:59 pm, *whichever comes first.*

Tues. Nov 15 - Mandatory coach meeting via Zoom (recorded)

Thurs. Nov 17- Mandatory coach meeting (in person)

Nov 17, 18 , 19 - Book pick-ups at [HCLS Miller Branch](#) (registration required)

Mon. Feb 6- Permission forms due and last day to change team info

March 2023- Mandatory logistics meeting via Zoom (recorded)

Sun. April 2- Upload your team's digital poster to Dropbox (JPEG or PNG image files only)

Tips for using [Google Jamboard](#) or [Google Slides](#)

April 2023- BOB Virtual Author event – *tentative*

**And frequently check back on the HCLS website:**

**[Battle of the Book \(hclibrary.org\)](http://hclibrary.org)**

**Email Library Media Specialist Nichole Batluck with any questions. [nichole\\_batluck@hcpss.org](mailto:nichole_batluck@hcpss.org)**

# Rainbow News



**HoCo Pride:** October 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 at Symphony Woods

Howard County Pride Celebrates and unites the LGBTQ+ community. The events and programs advocate, support, and educate. Join in to celebrate your identity and our community!

**Read the Rainbow:** October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Kings of B'More** by R. Eric Thomas

We will be joined by R. Eric Thomas to discuss his book. All students grades 8-12, parents, educators, librarians, and community members are welcome! The first 50 students who register receive a free copy of the book.



# Community News



Three out of four people  
using heroin began with  
the use of prescription  
medication

## Drug Take Back Day

in Howard County

**Saturday, October 29**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dispose of unwanted or expired medications  
& sharps (needles, syringes & EpiPens) at  
HC DrugFree's convenient drive-thru collection

**Wilde Lake Village Center parking lot**

5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia  
near The Swim Center

Learn more:  
**www.HCDrugFree.org**

**HCDrugFree**  
Empowering the Community



## FREE Upcoming Events

**Classes for Parents, Grandparents & Guardians of 9-14 year olds**  
**Guiding Good Choices®** is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program that provides families with the skills and knowledge to reduce the risk that their children will use drugs and alcohol or engage in other dangerous behaviors. Contact [Parenting@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Parenting@hcdrugfree.org) to learn more or register for Fall Classes.

**Classes for Students in Grades 6-9**  
**Botvin Life Skills®** is an evidence-based, interactive prevention program designed to promote positive health and personal development. Students learn skills that have been shown to help them resist high-risk behaviors including substance use (vaping, alcohol, and more.) Contact [LifeSkills@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:LifeSkills@hcdrugfree.org) to learn more.

### Teen Advisory Council

Open to all Howard County teens in grades 8-12. Earn community service hours while developing life skills to make healthy choices and prepare for life after high school. Complete the registration form at <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council/>

### Free Electronic Newsletter

To sign-up to receive a free electronic newsletter with current and future class updates, educational information for adults and students, and volunteer opportunities go to [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org).

### Connect with us on Social Media

To stay up-to-date with the latest Howard County and national news and information, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

### For more information:

Visit [HCDrugFree.org](http://HCDrugFree.org) or contact Joan Webb Scornaienchi, Executive Director of HC DrugFree at [Admin@hcdrugfree.org](mailto:Admin@hcdrugfree.org).

## Keeping You *In the KNOW...*

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