

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

- Mar 9-13 Kindergarten and New First Grader Registration
- Mar 23 Ledo Pizza Fundraiser
- Mar 27 Spring Individual/Group Pictures
- Mar 27 CES International Night at River Hill HS
- Mar 31 3rd Gr. Music Night
- Apr 3 Schools close 3 hours early**
- Apr 6-13 SPRING BREAK – SCHOOLS CLOSED**

Cougar Club Dates:

Each month students that meet the Cougar ROAR expectations for the whole month earn time for Cougar Club. Some Cougar Club activities are extra recess, making a craft, playing board games, extra computer time, etc. Congratulations to all our Cougar Club classes!

3/27 - Gr. 2 & 4

3/30 - K

3/31 - Gr. 1

4/3 - Gr. 5

4/2 – Gr. 3



Welcome to March!

Spring is here!

Happy Read Across America Month to all! At Clarksville Elementary School, we will be celebrating the love of reading for the entire month of March. This year's focus we are celebrating culture diversity. Each week during the week of March there will be a special place in our media center that will have books from various continents in our world. Also, this year we are inviting our parents and grandparents to come and read to our students. Hope you can sign up for a time! Our 4th and 5th grade students are joining in the festivities by decorating classroom doors throughout the school in the theme of their favorite books. Also, in the spirit of Read Across America, we also have spirit days for our students planned throughout the month. Our first one is scheduled for March 9th - PJ day!

Also, we want to thank all of our CES families and friends who came to support our annual Scholastic Book Fair, we can't do it without your help! We also celebrated our annual Kids Heart Challenge this past month. Thank you to all who contributed to this fundraiser for the American Heart Association. It is a fun challenge for our students and our school community.

We want to also thank all of our future kindergarten parents who came out to our kindergarten parent preview evening. Thank you for taking the time to invest in the start of your child's educational journey. Welcome!

Also, thank you to our CES PTA for a delicious staff dinner during our February conferences. We are very appreciative of all you do for us!

A job well done to our 5th graders for their hard work and efforts which were showcased during their Young Author's Tea this past month. We are proud of their creativity and their abilities! Way to go!

As we approach the spring months, many of our afterschool activities and clubs have either already begun or are getting ready to start their spring sessions. Please be sure to write a note to your child's teacher for any changes in their dismissal plans. We do realize that children change their activities throughout the year and it is important that our staff always has the most current information on dismissal plans. The safety of our students is our top priority.

As winter ends, we look forward to the warmer temperatures and longer days of sun....can't wait to see everyone at our upcoming spring events!

Warm regards,

Ms. Malcotti

Field Trip Planner for 2019-2020

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.

We encourage all parents to pay online using our OSP system at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd>. Paying online makes it easier on both the parents and the teacher. If you pay online PLEASE be sure to select the correct teacher so that payment is directed to the correct class/account. If you are unable to pay online, you may send payment in by check or money order. **We kindly ask that you do not send in cash.** Checks and money orders can be made out to: Clarksville Elementary School.

GRADE	TRIP TO	TRIP DATE	COST
K	Howard County Library	3/4/20	\$0
1	Toby's Dinner Theatre	5/12/20	\$17
2	Baltimore Museum of Industry	3/25/20	\$30
3	Wilde Lake HS	4/1/20	\$7
4	Walters Art Museum	3/11/20	\$16
4	London Town and Gardens	5/1/20	\$21
5	Capital Building in DC	4/24/20	\$17
Multiple grades			



Mrs. Volker (Clarksville's Technology Teacher) would LOVE to have parent volunteers come & assist during the Kindergarten Technology classes! If you are available, please sign-up for one or more slots at the links below:

- [Mrs. Kinner's class \(Mondays from 1:45 - 2:15\)](#)
- [Ms. Hunter's class \(Mondays from 2:15 - 2:45\)](#)
- [Mrs. Raffael's class \(Wednesdays from 2:15 – 2:45\)](#)

If you have any questions, please send an email to: Eileen_Volker@hcpss.org

Recycling Ink & Toner

We can recycle your ink or toner while helping to earn money for Clarksville's technology supplies at the same time! They can be new or used, expired or in-date, from your home or your office.... We take it all! This recycling effort is on-going, so you can send them anytime throughout the school year. Please label them "for Mrs. Volker". Thank you for going green!



Dear Families,

Kindergarten is in need of a few supplies for future projects. Please send in any of the following items to any of the Kindergarten teachers.

- Magazines
- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Empty paper towel rolls
- Small empty containers (e.g., yogurt and butter containers)
- Small empty boxes (e.g., soap boxes, Band-Aid boxes, and butter boxes)

Thank you for your support with our projects.

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team



Our annual Pennies for Patients campaign will run from March 9th-March 23rd. A small collection box will come home with each student. All forms of currency are accepted! You can even donate on line. Money raised through *Pennies for Patients* gets invested in groundbreaking cancer research, patient education and support services and advocacy efforts aimed at making treatments more accessible and affordable for families. Thank you for supporting this effort.

Parents, for many weeks our students have interviewed families and presented to classes about where they have come from. For some, it was this generation that first came to America and for others it has been several generations. We learned that students come from every continent except Antarctica. We also learned about many family stories, the challenges and joys of the different families here in our 4th grade. It has been a wonderful and exciting lesson!

The children love to come and look at the board and trace the strings to see where friends have come from.



Read Across America

Fast approaching is our Read Across America event. This event has been changed from just a week of fun to three weeks of fun in March. Throughout this month, each week students will learn about a different culture and region around the world. We will be focusing on Asia, North America and Europe this year.

This year, students may bring in an item to donate to GrassRoots. With each donation item, students will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a free book for their grade at the end of our Read Across America event. For possible donation items, please see the following link which will take you straight to the GrassRoots website.

<https://www.grassrootscrisis.org/ways-to-give/in-kind-donations/>

We would love to have parent volunteers join us in the classroom as a **mystery reader**. If you are interested, please bring either your favorite childhood book or a book that

shows a bit of your culture to share. If you would like to read but do not have a book, we have various book selections that you are more than welcome to borrow. If you choose to **borrow** a book, please be sure to **sign it out** and **return** it at the end of your allotted time slot. If you're interested in being a mystery reader, please click on the link below to sign up for a class and time slot that works for you.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545A8AD2AA7FB6-mystery>

We'll celebrate this month with some fun spirit events.

Friday, March 6th	Tuesday, March 10th	Monday, March 16th	Friday, March 20th	Friday, March 27th
Career Dress Up Day	Wacky Socks Day	Dress Up as your Favorite Literary Character	Inside Out Day	Dress Up to Represent a Culture

We can't wait for you to come and celebrate the wonderful world of reading with us!



The Media Center would like to thank everyone who supported the Book Fair! It was very successful due to the large turnout of parents and students, along with the support of the PTA – with a special thanks to Mrs. Crooks who chaired Book Fair Bingo Night, Mrs. Pugh who sent out the sign-up for volunteers and the volunteers themselves. It was a great event and will provide many new books for our Media Center!

Physical Education

In February, we had a great time in our Rhythms and Dance unit dancing with the Cougar! We covered several rhythmical skills including dance, rope jumping, juggling and speed stacking. The variety of skills made each week a lot of fun. Each week we learned a different dance from Macarena to Casper Slide. While jumping rope, we learned basic and intermediate rope skills with the personal rope, rope jumping chants with the longer team ropes and the intermediate grades even tried double dutch! Students got to show off their juggling skills as well. We practiced 3 different styles, columns, cascade and criss-cross. We may have some circus performers in our midst! This month we also participated in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. We are so impressed by Clarksville's generosity. We collected over \$5,000 to help other people with heart conditions! Thank you to our families who helped raise the money.

Next, we are moving into the ball handling unit Bull's Eye. We are focusing on throwing and catching as well as dribbling, passing and shooting. Appropriate shoes and clothes are particularly important during these activities as well as removing jewelry from around the neck and wrists. Let's be aware and safe!

March is YOUTH ART MONTH

March is "youth ART month" and CES is ready to celebrate! We have a school full of amazing artists! We have 6 art boards in the main hallway that always share what each grade level is creating in ART with an explanation of inspiration and process. The expectation is artwork brought home is being enjoyed after much hard work and imagination from all our students! We also have a visiting artist, Parran Collery coming to work with our graduating class. Thanks to our wonderful PTA and a grant from Maryland State Arts Council. She will collaborate with the fifth grade artists to create a mosaic for permanent installation at Clarksville Elementary. Our fourth grade students are taking a field trip to the Walter's Art Museum on March 11th for the day to take a tour

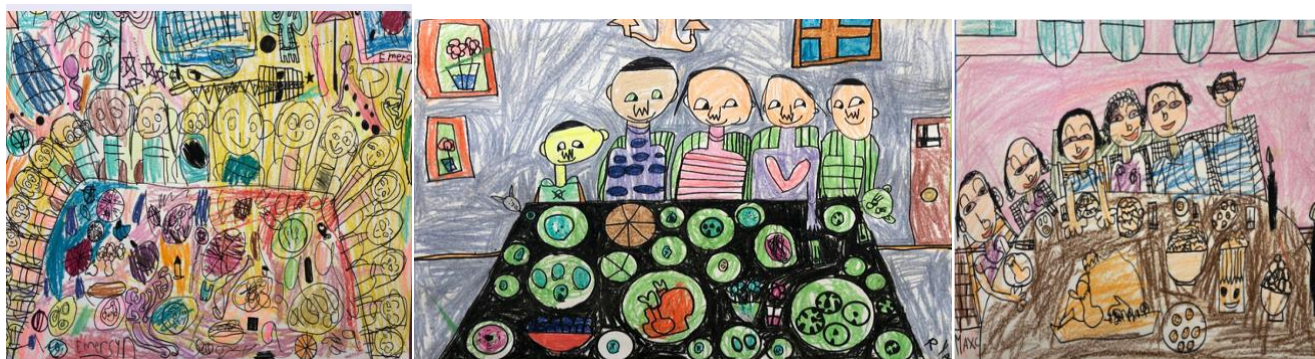
and have a studio experience. We also have several ART shows this month (listed below) and please stayed tuned for more information about the "ART Extravaganza" on April 3rd! ALL the CES students will create and express themselves all day with guidance from River Hill High School National Art Honor Society students!

HCPSS Youth Art Month

Congratulations to fifth grade artists Brendan Gandel (Blue Crab Crousel) and Annabelle Wu (Carousel Deer Echos) who will represent Clarksville Elementary in a The Youth Art Month Show. Every school in HCPSS will have several student's artwork displayed. The show is held at Miller Branch Library and will be hanging from February 29 until March 30. Please look for their beautiful paintings during this month!



Food for Thought: Breaking Bread Building Connections



Congratulations to the following kindergarten artists who will have work displayed at the Howard County Arts Council March 6th - April 16th in the HCPSS show, "Food for Thought"! Each student created a drawing of them sharing a special meal with family and/or friends for this wonderful theme of how food has special meaning to each of and our culture.

Emersyn Lukin~ "My Big Birthday Celebration"

Ryan Hart~ "My family's turkey Dinner"

Max Chan~ "Mathews 17th Birthday Dinner"

COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for a fun art making experience for your daughter and/or son? Come out and enjoy a week of **Art Camp** with Howard County art teacher Mrs. Wasilewski. These camps are designed to enhance the skill levels of each individual. Explore and learn about different mediums and techniques. Camp is open to anyone ages 8-13. Each camp offers unique art projects. Return campers will be delighted with all new experiences. Please email alisa_wasilewski@hcpss.org

River Hill High School: July 6-10, 9am-12pm

Register at <https://riverhill.membershiptoolkit.com/summer-camps>

Reservoir High School: July 13-17, 9am-12pm

Register at <http://www.rhsboosters.com/camp/>



Come out to sports camp the week of July 13th and/or August 3rd at Reservoir High School with certified Howard county teachers Phil Ranker (PE), Tom Dougherty (Math) and Hannah Closson (PE). The camp is open to current K-8th graders and features many different sports and activities every day. If your child likes PE, they will love camp. Campers are split into age and ability groups to ensure that everyone has a fun and productive time. For more information, please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for questions!