

COUGAR NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:

March 5th – Spirit Day – Literary Character Day

March 9th – (tentative): Virtual PTA meeting at 6:30 meet.google.com/rez-ejaa-xtw

March 21st – World Down Syndrome Awareness Day – Wear **Blue** and **Yellow** and
Mix matched socks that day to celebrate

April 2nd – Spring Break; Schools and Offices Closed

April 5th-6th – Spring Break; Schools and Offices Closed

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Happy March to all! I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe. We are finally coming into some warmer weather...hopefully. It was awesome welcoming back our staff on Wednesday! Their energy and enthusiasm helped bring our building back to life in a hurry. We are inching closer to the return of our Cougars with Monday serving as the first step in the process. We are welcoming back our students in Group E this week followed by our primary students during the week of March 15 and then our intermediate students the week of March 29. We will continue to email each in-person group with group-specific emails and resources as we get closer to the designated return date. Additionally, we will keep our CES website current with hybrid resources, and engage our families and students with updated information as we approach each phase. Please be sure to follow our website and the county's website for the latest information.

As we have shared for the past two weeks, our hours and schedules are changing. Our Master Schedule is located on our website. Grade level teams will be sharing additional details regarding the updated schedule and update Canvas Calendars with their new schedule, as well.

As we move forward into this next phase of our school year, we ask for your patience and understanding as we will come across areas of challenges. For example, the timing might be slightly off due to the need to physically walk kids from one location to another. Please provide teachers with a little grace and understanding as they acclimate to the extended timing online while welcoming groups of students back into their classrooms. This is a new model of teaching and learning for everyone, both students and staff.

We are looking forward to this outstanding next chapter of hybrid learning here at CES which starts this week!

A Warm Welcome Back to our Hybrid Students and Families!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Malcotti

Important CES News Worth Repeating

New Student Meal Procedures

Effective March 1, meals for seven days per week will continue to be provided at no cost to families and students; however, the days and times meals will be provided will change. Meals will be available in most schools, including those that have been closed for construction and those closed due to inadequate staffing.

Students returning to school buildings will have the option of receiving school meals any day they are at school. In addition, meals will be available for pickup from 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. at elementary school locations and 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. at middle and high school locations on the following weekdays:

- Mondays – Students in Group V and/or non-HCPSS students age 18 and under
- Wednesdays – Students in Groups E, A, or B
- Thursdays – Students in Group V and/or non-HCPSS students age 18 and under

There will be no pickups on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Pick-up times/locations are subject to change based on individual school needs and/or staffing. Full [details on student meals](#) for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year are available online.

Updates to Attendance Procedures

Some students will return to school buildings beginning March 1. On the days hybrid students are not assigned to be in the school building or for students who are remaining fully virtual, students will be expected to participate virtually using Google Meet for each of their classes.

[Full details](#) are available online.

New Schedules Start March 1, 2021

As we transition to the new Hybrid Model on March 1, we will follow a more traditional school schedule for all students at home and in person. Grade-level teachers will share more specific details related to their grade level. Those details will include small group instructional times such as reading group rotations.

The new schedule below will be used on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays until the end of the school year.

On Wednesdays, Group E "every day" students will report to school on Wednesdays between 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Group A & B students will do asynchronous work on Wednesdays, and Group V "virtual" students will also do asynchronous work with a half-hour period from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. for synchronized supports.

Here is the schedule of when students will be starting the Hybrid Model

- **Week of March 1: Students identified for the 5-days-per-week program (Group E)**
- **Week of March 15: Students in grades K, 1, 2 (A/B + E)**
- **Week of March 29: Students in grades 3, 4, 5 (A/B +E)**

Upcoming TCOE/BSAP Workshops:

- TCOE Workshops - Please [click here](#) for detailed flyers:
 - March 13 9-10:30 a.m. – TCOE Community Academy– Suicide Prevention & Substance Abuse
 - March 20 9-10:30 a.m. -Family Financial Education Series
- BSAP Workshops:
 - March 6 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Re-Entry to School (more details to follow)
 - March 20 6:30-8:00 p.m. - BCAP CCON Webinar – Virtually Expanding Your Horizons – Jumpstart (more details to follow)

Medication Drop-Off to the Health Room

If your child is returning to school in March and will need medication left in the Health Room, please contact CES School Nurse Ms. Smith or CES Health Assistant Ms. Mathis as soon as possible to set up a time to drop off the medication. No medications can be sent to school with children.

Do you need to exchange or return your Chromebook?

Devices may be exchanged or returned at any of the following Technology Support Centers:

- Old Bushy Park Elementary School, Room E2 (door to the left of the front entrance), 2690 Route 97, Glenwood (*Building is between Glenwood Middle School and Bushy Park Elementary School*)
- Applications Research Laboratory (ARL), Room B37 (door to the right of the front entrance), 10920 Clarksville Pike

Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 2-5 p.m. Please note that Technology Support Centers are closed any day that HCPSS offices are closed.

Road to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration kicks off the week of March 8, 2021.


The [HCPSS Getting Ready for Kindergarten page](#), which includes resources to support kindergarten readiness and online registration, has been updated with additional information and resources for families. This includes information that is typically covered in the Road to Kindergarten live event, such as kindergarten readiness, the kindergarten program, and registering children for school. The live Road To Kindergarten events will not take place this year due to the pandemic. We also encourage families to visit the HCPSS [Grade K Family and Community Resources](#) page for more information about the kindergarten instructional program and ways families can support their children at home. The [Prekindergarten Family and Community Resources](#) page also contains resources for families and providers for children currently in their prekindergarten year. The Transition to Kindergarten Workgroup is working on additional readiness resources that can be implemented at home or in early learning centers - these resources will also be posted on the Getting Ready for Kindergarten page.

Art

ART NEWS • All the artists at Clarksville Elementary are doing amazing with being creative and using their imaginations to solve every art challenge!



Technology



Tech Info for Hybrid/ In-Person

Every day that your child comes into school, he/she will

NEED:

- A fully charged laptop
- Charging cord
- Headphones, if you have them

An OPTIONAL item that may be helpful would be a case/sleeve to help protect the laptop during transport, such as an 11.6 inch neoprene sleeve/cases from Amazon.

If your child does not have an HCPSS Chromebook & you want one, please visit an HCPSS Tech Center as soon as possible. [Click here for locations and times they are open.](#)

Before your child begins in-person learning, have them **PRACTICE...**

- *safely* putting the laptop, charger, etc. in their bookbag
- logging into the laptop by typing their username and password
- charging the laptop every night



If your child is having a Technology issue, please fill out the [CES Tech Support form](#). It is also listed on our CES website.



Is your child still learning the Chromebook? The [function keys](#) can help!

Chromebook Function Keys

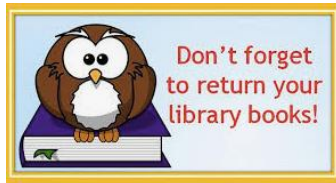
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	Previous Page	Increase Brightness
	Next Page	Mute/Unmute Audio
	Reload Page	Decrease Volume
	Full Screen	Increase Volume
	Next Window	Lock



Media



Thank you to everyone who made a purchase at the Scholastic Book Fair! Even though it was virtual this year we still were able to raise some badly needed funds for the media center for new books and AV supplies. We appreciate your support!!



The Media Center still unfortunately has hundreds of books that were checked out last year and were not returned. We REALLY need to get those books back as we have no funds to replace them (and would much rather purchase NEW books anyway). You may have forgotten which books your student still has out - so you will be receiving - or have already received - a notice with the titles. Please look for these outstanding books and drop them off any day M - F from 9 to 4 in the front of the school in the bins. Your Media Center thanks you!!

The Black-eyed Susan Reading Program Continues!

Many students are participating and enjoying these amazing books.

We will continue to highlight a Picture Book nominee each week between now & April 17.

March's Featured Titles are...

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor

The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of...Crayons by Nataschia Biebow

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Join Mrs. Faust, our reading specialist, for a read-aloud and discussion Wednesdays at 12:00PM or Thursdays at 7:00PM. A reading of each book will also be posted to be enjoyed at your convenience. The program will culminate with voting the week of

April 18th. Children who have read at least 8 of the 15 nominated titles will have earned the privilege of voting.

See the Black-eyed Susan link on each grade level page for more information.

Health Room

To ensure students are healthy enough to attend in-person instruction, parents/guardians are to perform a symptom check every day before the student leaves home. A student having any of the following symptoms should not be sent to school and may continue to access their classrooms virtually if they are well enough to do so:

- 1 of the following:
 - New onset cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing;
 - New loss of taste or smell; **OR**
- 2 of the following:
 - Fever over 100.4 or chills within the past 24 hours;
 - Fatigue;
 - Muscle or body aches;
 - Headache;
 - Sore throat;
 - Congestion or runny nose;
 - Chills or shaking chills;
 - Nausea or vomiting;
 - Diarrhea.

Additionally, student who have been in close contact (within <6 feet for a cumulative of >15 minutes over the past 24 hours with or without a mask) with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19 (exhibiting COVID- like illness and has not tested negative after exhibiting symptoms) should not enter any HCPSS building.

Parent/guardians will assess their children for symptoms of COVID-19 illness and refrain from sending/transporting them to school until after they have been symptom-free at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms, have no fever for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication, and have continued improvement of symptoms and /or medical consult with their primary care physician.



Birthday Celebrations for March

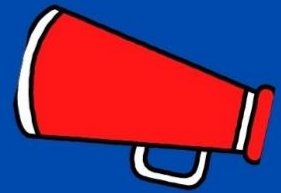
The following students are celebrating a birthday this month. We want to wish them all a Happy Birthday!

Peng, Alexander L.	3/3	Gohel, Divya M.	3/17
Singh, Bhavdeep	3/3	Li, Justin X.	3/17
Del Barco, Marc- Anthony	3/4	Lu, Amy	3/18
Felsenberg, Naomi A.	3/5	Gorsuch, Andrew L.	3/19
Li, Andrew Y.	3/5	Seth, Aditya	3/19
Smith, Promise A.	3/7	Chang, Isaac L.	3/20
Recks, Benjamin R.	3/8	Taylor, Hunter M.	3/20
Berkowitz, Daniel M.	3/10	Wei, Spencer	3/21
Jenkins, Claire M.	3/11	Ouyang, Olivia Y.	3/24
Scott, Aaron B.	3/11	Rafei, Sina A.	3/26
Luan, Emily Y.	3/12	Greco, Andrei M.	3/28
Miller, Jalen R.	3/12	Lin, Michael	3/28
Davis, Jaxon C.	3/14	Rahlf, Adler J.	3/28
Jiang, Samuel	3/14	Gu, QinLan	3/29
Weimar, Wei Z.	3/16	Lembas, Katarzyna	3/29
		Garikapati, Etash S.	3/30

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MARCH SPIRIT DAYS



Show your Cougar pride by dressing up as your favorite literary character on **Friday, March 5, 2021.**



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In Honor of Read Across America Week

Be sure to read, and keep reading!!!!



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