

# COUGAR NEWS

## UPCOMING DATES:

- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Crazy Hair/Hat Day
- Nov. 18-22 American Education Week
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Chick-filet-a Family Night 4:30pm-7:30pm
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Turkey Trot at 9:30am
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Schools close 3 hours early
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> Schools close 3 hours early
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Schools closed for students
- Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday



## **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!

- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten
- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade





## **From the Principal's Den...**

Dear Clarksville Elementary School Families,

The fall season is upon us....the leaves are falling, the temperature is getting cooler. Our winter season is getting ready to begin. It is also the season for giving thanks and reflecting on things in our life we are truly thankful for each and every day.

On November 11th, report cards will be sent home with our students. Please take a moment to celebrate the growth and success that your children have made this year. We are proud of all their accomplishments and hard work.

Also, in November, we have our fall parent-teacher conferences. The fall conferences are a great time to hear about your child's progress in their learning. Please be sure to sign up with your child's teacher.

We want to thank all of CES parents and families who came out and supported our annual Halloween and Fall celebrations. The students were able to parade inside our school due to the inclement weather conditions. Thank you for your gift of time as well as the special treats for our CES students. Also, we are very proud of our Grade 3, 4, and 5 students who participated in the pumpkin decorating contest. The pumpkins were creative and full of personality!

### **We are happy to share our pumpkin carving contest winners for grades 3-5!**

Third Grade – Ayan Kabria, Umit Omural, Zein Akhras

Fourth Grade – Mia Polyakov, Grace Chen, Jack Zirkle

Fifth Grade – Brianna Crooks, Soren Dashti, Juliana Dal Bo

During this season of thankfulness, we would like to give thanks to:

- Our fabulous CES staff that provides high quality instruction every day and fosters a warm, welcoming environment for all our students.
- Our awesome CES students who embrace their learning and commit themselves to performing their best each and every day.
- Our CES support staff that maintain a safe, learning environment for our students
- Our fantastic CES PTA who provide our school with continuous support in all we do.
- Our CES parent community who trust in us to take care of their children every day.

We wish all a wonderful fall season. We hope you enjoy time with family and friends during your Thanksgiving break! Go Cougars!

Ms. Malcotti

## Parent / Teacher Conferences

### Scheduling Procedures for Parents

**Information about Parent/Teacher Conferences will be sent home with students on Friday, November 8th.** HCPSS will be using Synergy Conference Management to schedule parent-teacher conferences. Synergy Conference Management provides a simple user interface and easy navigation. Starting **Monday, November 11, 2019 through Friday, November 22, 2019** parents can log into HCPSS Connect to view and select from the time slots provided by the teacher for the conference. **Here is the link:** <https://youtube/QcMwkklgkls>



**T & J Waffles Food Truck**

**Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm-6:30pm**

**Sandwiches/Breakfast/Desserts**

**For Parents and Staff to purchase Dinner during  
Parent/Teacher Conferences**



Clarksville Elementary School **Chick-fil-A Family Night** is **Tuesday, November 19th from 4:30pm-7:30pm**. Administration, Staff and our Clarksville Cougar will be on sight at the Clarksville Chick-fil-A from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Come support our school!!!!

## ***CES Parent Donations***

*Each year there are many items needed to help make our school the best for your students and our community. We are accepting parent donations to help support the general and educational needs of CES. If you would like to have the donation given to a specific grade or purpose, please contact Julia Blalock at [julia\\_blalock@hcpss.org](mailto:julia_blalock@hcpss.org). Donations to HCPSS or any of its schools qualify as a charitable contribution.*

*To donate, simply go to our OSP online payment system at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/howardmd> or you can send in a check.*

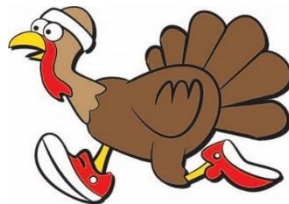
*We appreciate you supporting our school.*



## **CRAZY HAIR/ HAT DAY**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2019**

Unleash your imagination and create some absolutely crazy hairstyles or wear a crazy looking hat. Come to school prepared to show off your new hair-do and hat.



## **Turkey Trot**

We are really super-duper giddy with excitement for our upcoming Turkey Trot! Our event is scheduled for November 21st. Activities begin at 10:00am and end at 2:00pm. Students will walk over to the River Hill High School stadium to run on the track! They will be given a token for each lap that they complete in 10 minutes. We will also seek donations of frozen turkeys to donate to families in need at a Howard County School. Volunteer opportunities are available for those who have time during the day. Stay tuned for a volunteer link!

# 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	Fire Museum of Maryland	11/5/19	\$12.00
1	Irvine Nature Center (at CES)	10/30/19	\$4.00
2	Bread Make (at CES)	1/17/20	\$9
3			
4	National Aquarium	12/6/19	\$24.00
5	Baltimore Science Center	12/11/19	\$16.00
Multiple grades	Fall Cultural Arts: Fire Safety with Lt. Matthews and Sowell, Howard County Fire & Rescue Dog Arson Program	11/6	\$0
Multiple grades	Turkey Trot (River Hill High School)	11/21/19	\$0



**October 21, 2019 – November 15, 2019**

Clarksville Elementary will be hosting our annual Kids Helping Kids food drive. We are asking that each child, over the next month donate non-perishable items to this great cause. We look forward to helping other children in need all over the state of Maryland. Thank you for your support.

Examples of Approved Items (Non-Perishable): tuna fish, apple sauce, cereal, noodles, soup, rice, peanut butter, oatmeal



Our annual fitness night was a fantastic success, due mainly to the awesome participation of our families! It was great to see the enthusiasm and attentiveness of our children and the active participation of our parents. Thanks for all of your energy: Way to Go! I hope that you enjoyed the parent workshop. Here's an article along the lines of the workshop: <https://www.savoryonline.com/articles/1020/a-mom-s-guide-to-packing-lunch> A few Thank You's to our business partners attending the night, including State Farm, Orthopedics of Central Maryland, Pomeroy Gymnastics, Giant Food for our snacks, Melanie Berdyck, Giant Food nutritionist, and Kangaroo Kids. Also, a final big THANK YOU for our wonderful PTA for sponsoring our event with Fit2Order, without whom the evening could not have happened.



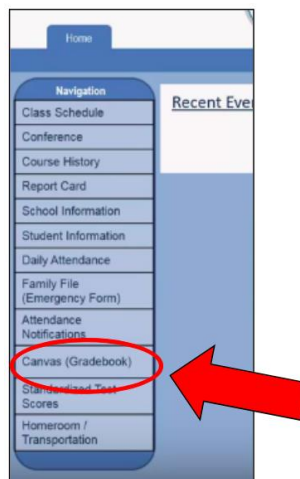
### Daily PE

**Your child should wear good, supportive sneakers on P.E. days. Also, your child should wear shorts or loose pants so that he/she can move freely. This means that dresses, skirts, sandals, boots, raised-heel shoes and leather-soled shoes do not allow for safe and successful participation in P.E. Also, rings, bracelets, watches, necklaces, scarves, hoods, hats and sharp hair accessories should not be worn on P.E. days.**

### **HCPSS Connect [Symbol] Canvas:**

Wondering where you can learn more about your child's teachers? Wishing you could see links to their curriculum? Want resources to help your child at home? **Canvas** has all that & more! Parents access Canvas through HCPSS

Connect: <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>.



## Tweet Tweet!



Follow Clarksville Elementary on Twitter @hcpss\_ces

Don't have a Twitter account? No problem. You can still check out some of the awesome things happening around CES by checking out: [https://twitter.com/hcpss\\_ces](https://twitter.com/hcpss_ces)



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!**

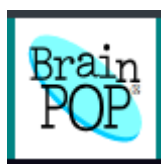




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## BrainPOP & BrainPOP Jr.

<https://jr.brainpop.com>



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**Thanks to our wonderful PTA**, Clarksville now has a school-wide subscription to BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr! These resources offer cross-curricular animated movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, primary source activities, and a breadth of additional resources.

Teachers will be using BrainPOP and/or BrainPOP Jr. with students in school, but your child can access them at home too! To log-in, students go to: <https://hcpss.me> They click on **MackinVIA** & log-in with their HCPSS Active Directory username & password. Then, in the left menu, students click on **Databases** and voila! ...BrainPOP and BrainPOP Jr. are the first two databases listed!

P.S. If your child is a Kindergartener or new to HCPSS, he/she may not have their HCPSS Active Directory username & password memorized just yet. Give them a few weeks to learn it or email Mrs. Volker at [Eileen\\_Volker@hcpss.org](mailto:Eileen_Volker@hcpss.org) & she'll be happy to email it to you.

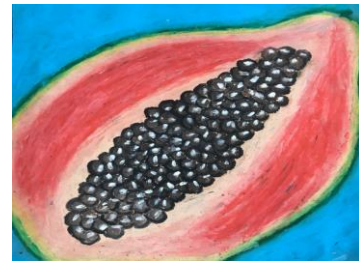


# **CES ART NEWS**

***“Honoring the Process” Art Show recognizes and honors the art making process. Artists are selected for work that exemplify the core values of the HCPSS visual arts curriculum and the creative process including: **Idea Generation, Organization, Complexity and Elaboration (craftsmanship), Personal Meaning/Choice Making, and Studio Behaviors! I would like to congratulate the following fifth grade students who had their work chosen to hang in the art show at The Walters Art Museum November 13-24:*****



Masa Altamimi – “The Sweetest Kiwi”



Aisha Hijazi – “The Brightness of Papayas”