

# COUGAR NEWS

## UPCOMING DATES:

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Spirit Day – Bring 1 stuffed animal to class**

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – Schools close 3 hours early**

**October 20<sup>th</sup> - Chick Fil-A Fundraiser 6am-10pm**

## Update Your Family File

If you have not already done so, please update your child's emergency contact information in HCPSS Connect! This is the most important step as we prepare for the start of the 2020-2021 school 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.

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

Once logged in, parents/guardians will be asked to provide or **update** the following information:

- Student information
- Parent/guardian contact
- Emergency contacts
- Medical information
- Arrival/dismissal procedures
- Media release (photo approval)
- Data confidentiality
- PTA/PTSA directory

Changes of address may **not** be made through Family File. **If you have recently moved, please contact CES [Mattia\\_Lambiotte@hcpss.org](mailto:Mattia_Lambiotte@hcpss.org) OR [Amy\\_Stevens@hcpss.org](mailto:Amy_Stevens@hcpss.org)** as soon as possible as we need to update your address in our files as well.



## **Welcome to Our Fourth Week of Virtual Learning!**

### **Welcome October!**

We are entering our fourth week of virtual learning and our students are in full swing with their learning! We continue to appreciate the communication that our students and families have shared and the positive and helpful feedback that they have shared. We love seeing the students during the live Google Meet sessions where they are able to get the instruction with their teacher! Having that live instruction is critical in students accessing the information from the lesson, to complete the daily activities that the teacher assigns.

We are hoping that all students should have picked up their instructional materials at the school. If you have not yet picked up your instructional materials, please be sure to contact me via email to set up a pickup time and date. Additionally, we have extra school supplies for anyone in need. Again, if you need them, please reach out to either myself or Ms. Palich, our school counselor ([Jennifer\\_Palich@hcpss.org](mailto:Jennifer_Palich@hcpss.org))

This week we are celebrating several fun exciting events such as National Coffee Day, Chewing Gum Day, and where would we be without our Homemade Cookies Day! Be sure to take the time and enjoy the fun in the world...it still exists and is waiting for us to embrace it! Enjoy the start of fall!

Ms. Malcotti

Principal

[Robin\\_Malcotti@hcpss.org](mailto:Robin_Malcotti@hcpss.org)

# MAP Testing

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments are computer adaptive achievement assessments in Reading and Math. As a student responds to questions, the test responds to the student by adjusting the difficulty of the questions presented, up or down, to the student. MAP assessment items align to objectives in the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards. This assessment is designed to measure student growth in Math and Reading, both during the school year and across multiple school years. The assessment allows teachers to see instructional strengths and needs for each student.

At the conclusion of the assessment, each student receives a score that aligns to an instructional level. MAP, in conjunction with other measures throughout the school year, helps teachers differentiate instruction within their classrooms. Home reports will be sent at the end of the testing window. A reminder will be shared with families for when these reports are being sent home.

On **Wednesday, October 7 and 14, students in grades 2-8 will take the Measured Academic Progress (MAP) assessment.** The data from the MAP assessment will help schools and teachers measure where your child is starting the year academically. The HCPSS intends to also give the assessment in winter and spring to measure how your child's learning is progressing throughout the year. The MAP test does not affect grades and the difficulty adjusts depending on how your child responds. It is normal for students to only answer about half of the questions correctly. To learn more about the MAP assessment, please visit: <https://www.nwea.org/the-map-suite/common-questions-families/>

**The Reading test will be offered on October 7 at 9 am and 1 pm.** The Math test will be offered on October 14 at 9am and 1pm. Students may choose to attend either the morning or afternoon session. If your child is unable to attend, makeup testing will be offered during asynchronous learning times. Teachers will share Google Meet information and your student's testing group as we get closer to the Oct 7th date.

## Attention Parents & Guardians!

Please help CES improve our virtual teaching by filling out [this form](#) to tell us what is going well & what is challenging.



## Homeroom Parent Volunteers Needed

Clarksville homeroom teachers in conjunction with PTA are looking for parents that would be interested in being a room parent. A room parent's role will look a bit different in the virtual environment than they have in previous years. The parent would help gather contact information and distribute it the class. They would also be able to support PTA and the school with any classroom activities that may occur. Please email your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested.

## The Council of Elders (TCOE) and HCPSS Workshops:

TCOE and HCPSS have partnered to sponsor a parent workshop series. There will be a total of four workshops offered and each session will be held virtually. Please see the flyer for more information: [Save the Date-Council of Elders-1.pdf](#)

## Absences:



Clarksville Elementary has a new email address dedicated to reporting your student's absences. If your child will miss class for any reason, please use [CESAttendance@hcpss.org](mailto:CESAttendance@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)

Thank you, The Front Office staff

## From the Media Department:

### NOW IS THE TIME TO RETURN ALL THOSE LIBRARY MEDIA BOOKS!!

We are happy to announce that we are working on a plan to let the students check out a book later this month. So it's very important that we receive the books that were checked out to students last year. You can drop them off any time to the school. There are blue bins in the vestibule between the glass doors to collect them. (You don't have to put them in bags as they will sit for a week before checking in) If you don't remember what your student checked out you can email: [donna\\_britton@hcpss.org](mailto:donna_britton@hcpss.org) or our media para, Elaine Thomas: [elaine\\_thomas@hcpss.org](mailto:elaine_thomas@hcpss.org) We will start sending emails to the homes of students that still have a book(s) out in the coming weeks.

Thank you in advance for getting those books back to us!!

### ATTENTION 5th GRADERS!!

There will be a **Battle of the Books** this year! Howard County Schools in partnership with the Howard County Library will hold the battle virtually April 16, 2021. Teams must have 3-5 members and registration is from October 23rd thru November 6th.

Ms. Britton will be presenting all the information to the 5th graders during their face-to-face classes. As soon as the titles have been selected and other details are determined, she will be sending a canvas announcement to the 5th grade. If you have any questions, email Ms. Britton [donna\\_britton@hcpss.org](mailto:donna_britton@hcpss.org) or contact the Howard County Library at 410 313-7800.

## Technology:



[Google Meet Troubleshooting](#)

[Technology FAQ](#) *\*recently updated!*

### What if we need technical support?

- [Student Technology Resources](#): Provides guides, resources and videos for HCPSS student technology. Below are some direct links to commonly used resources:
  - [Canvas Orientation](#) - includes how to navigate Canvas

- [Google Meet](#) - includes a [video overview](#) of how-to login
- [Chromebooks](#) - provides a variety of resources for using an HCPSS Chromebook
- [Password and Username Self-Service](#): Allows families to request a password reset or student’s username. New students can use this application to retrieve their account information. This application is also linked off the [hcpss.me](#) website, which also includes [user directions](#).
- [HCPSS Connect Parent Resources](#): Provides HCPSS Connect—including Synergy, Canvas, and Family File—guides and videos for parents.
- CES Families can request additional support by filling out [this form](#).

## Appropriate Use of Technology:

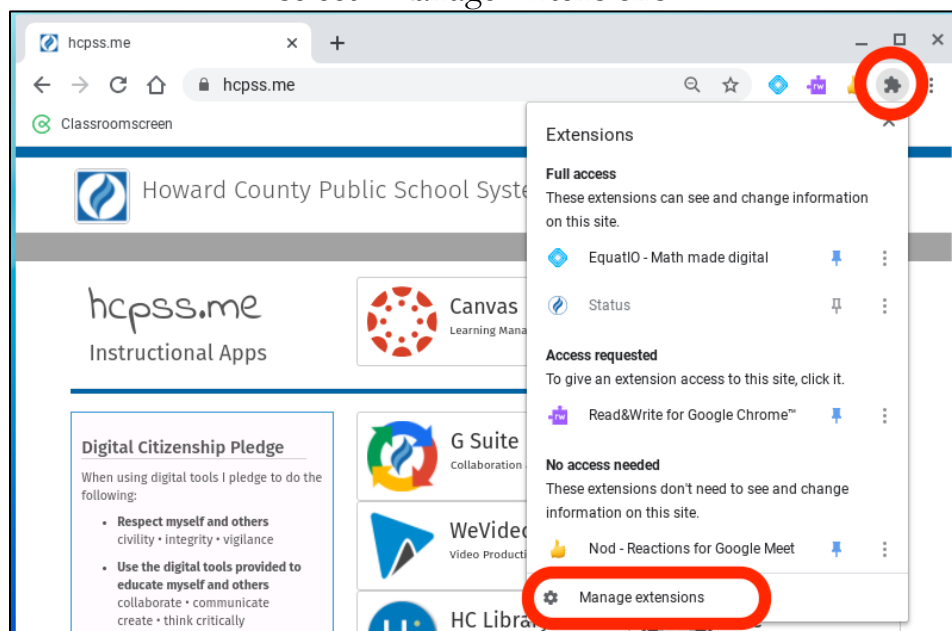


In keeping with HCPSS Guidelines, students should only be using digital tools to educate themselves & others.

Students should not be installing any additional Chrome extensions besides the ones HCPSS pre-installed or recommended: Read & Write, Equatio, & Nod.

Additional extensions cause disruptions in class and interfere with programs such as Google Meet, Dreambox, & LexiaCore running properly.

To see which extensions your child has installed, open the Chrome browser, select the grey puzzle piece, and then select “Manage Extensions”:



## From the GT Department

GT Instructional Seminars start rolling out this week. If your child signed up for a seminar, please watch for Inbox emails and Canvas announcements for starting dates, times, and Google Meet codes. Grades 2 - 5 seminars will all be starting this week and next. Mr. Schwab and Mr. Weiskind are very excited to start working with students on these challenging and engaging opportunities.

## From the Health Room

Up coming Flu Clinic Information:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2020/09/hcpss-free-flu-clinics-october-2020/>

## CES Chick Fil-A Fundraiser – October 20<sup>th</sup>

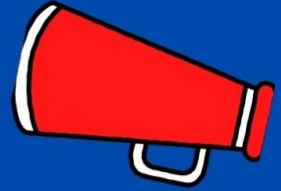


Clarksville Elementary School will be having a Chick Fil-A Fundraiser on **October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 6am-10pm**. Go for breakfast, lunch or dinner. We hope you and your family can help us. **Drive Through only. You must mention Clarksville Elementary for the purchase to count toward our CES fundraiser.** Thanks you for your support!

#1

GO TEAM

CHAMPS



CLARKSVILLE ELEMENTARY

CHEER

# CES SPIRIT DAY



Show your Cougar pride by bringing **one** of your favorite stuffed animals with you to class on **Friday, October 2, 2020!**

YAY



#1

Tweet Us

@hcpss\_ces

GO TEAM

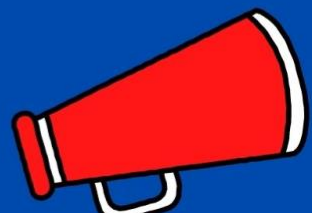
GO COUGARS!!!!

CHEER

YAYYY

#1

CHEER







## Birthday Celebrations for October

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

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Mekhail	18 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Brewer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tymon Anie-Botwe		Jonas Chen
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pranav Kittane		Daryn Thompson
	Esther Lim	19 <sup>th</sup>	Shiloh Jason-Peele
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Campbell		Caleb Ki
8 <sup>th</sup>	Maddox Barone	20 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Kostibas
	Logan Johnson	21 <sup>st</sup>	Charlotte Livingston
9 <sup>th</sup>	Naira Gugliani	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Chiedozie Illoh
	Jordon Kim		Andre Lair
	Ana Nino Gutierrez	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Annabelle Liang
	Maame Osei-Kuffour		Shanvika Nukala
	Jiu Lin Song		Alex Shim
10 <sup>th</sup>	Maya Flowers	24 <sup>th</sup>	Sofia Artazova
	Ray Wang		Carson Li
11 <sup>th</sup>	Jerusha Sargunar		Caroline Ouyang
12 <sup>th</sup>	Warren Lee		Kerrin Tucker
	Joshua Robbins	25 <sup>th</sup>	Maxwell Stern
13 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Li	26 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Sager

	Nicholas Proietti	27 <sup>th</sup>	Zoe French
	Yonatan Tamiru		Gizelle Garcia
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fedor Deulin		Shuitian Lin
16 <sup>th</sup>	Eliana Kim		Jonathan Pulaha
17 <sup>th</sup>	Benjamin Braziel	28 <sup>th</sup>	Jayden Hall
	Julia Lee		Katherine Suh
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Israel Kaidbey