

# COUGAR NEWS

## UPCOMING DATES:

**October 12<sup>th</sup> – Cold Stone Creamery Fundraiser**

**October 12<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> - Spirit Day - Mismatch Day**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> – Professional Work Day; Schools closed for students**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> – CES Flu Clinic**

## **Update Your Family File**

If you have not already done so, please update your child's emergency contact information in HCPSS Connect! We have 100 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.](#)

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. Parents who have forgotten their login credentials for Family File may click the “Forgot Password” link on the sign in page. Please complete the Family File through HCPSS Connect!



Dear Clarksville Families,

Welcome to October! We hope you all are staying healthy and well. The start of this school year has been quite a busy one for all. We want to thank everyone for attending our BTSN events, both in-person and virtually. Both were well attended. It was so wonderful to see our students and parents return to our school community this past month. We are grateful for the opportunity to build new relationships with our families and students each and every day. We want to also give a big thank you to all of our lunch and recess parent volunteers who have been faithfully giving us the gift of time. You have been a lifesaver to us! Thank you! Thank you to our fabulous PTA for organizing the lunch/recess volunteers. Your help never goes unnoticed!

The start of the school year presented CES with several challenges. Delayed buses, car rider backups, lunchroom changes, shortage of lunch/recess monitors, outdoor dining are just a few. As you may or may not be aware, some of these challenges have improved greatly. Our buses now have a more consistent schedule in terms of the timing of their dismissal times at the end of the school day. We made minor adjustments to our car rider layout to lessen the traffic on Rt. 108. We are in the process of hiring more lunch and recess monitors.

We want to thank everyone for their flexibility and patience during these challenging times. We appreciate the support and trust of our school community. You truly are the best!

The Howard County Public School System released the annual report highlighting educational partnerships throughout the county and here at Clarksville Elementary School.

We are fortunate to have strong educational partnerships at Clarksville Elementary School. Business and community partnerships benefit our school in many ways. Whether the business partnerships provide financial assistance, help enhance our curriculum, or just bring a fun program or assembly into the school for our students to learn, everyone benefits from these collaborations.

As our school benefits from these partnerships, the organizations also benefit from their collaboration with our school. Please support the organizations that partner with our school.

We would like to thank Giant Food (Daybreak Circle location), Chick-fil-a (Clarksville location), Howard County Public Library (Central Branch), McDonald's (Daybreak Circle location), The Walrus Oyster and Ale House, Kendall Hardware, Howard County Department of Public Works, Tino's Italian Bistro and Wine Bar, Trout Unlimited (Trout in the Classroom), and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), Green School Program for their commitment to our school and students.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school! Go Cougars!

Ms. Malcotti and Ms. Brown

# Front Office



Howard County public schools require masks for all students, staff and visitors in school buildings during the 2021-2022 academic year regardless of their vaccine status. **Reminder: All visitors to the school must wear their mask while waiting in the school vestibule or coming into the building.**

## EARLY DISMISSALS

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** If you need to take your student out for an early dismissal in the late afternoon, **you need to be at the school to pick them up prior to 3:30pm.** After that time, it gets very busy with CES Afternoon dismissal that we can't accommodate requests to find a student after 3:30pm. Thank you for honoring this policy.



**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.**

# Technology



Bookmark this site for helpful answers to most Technology questions: [HCPSS Student Technology Resources](#)

## Chromebooks:



- [Chromebook Responsibilities](#)
- [Chromebook Repair Costs](#)

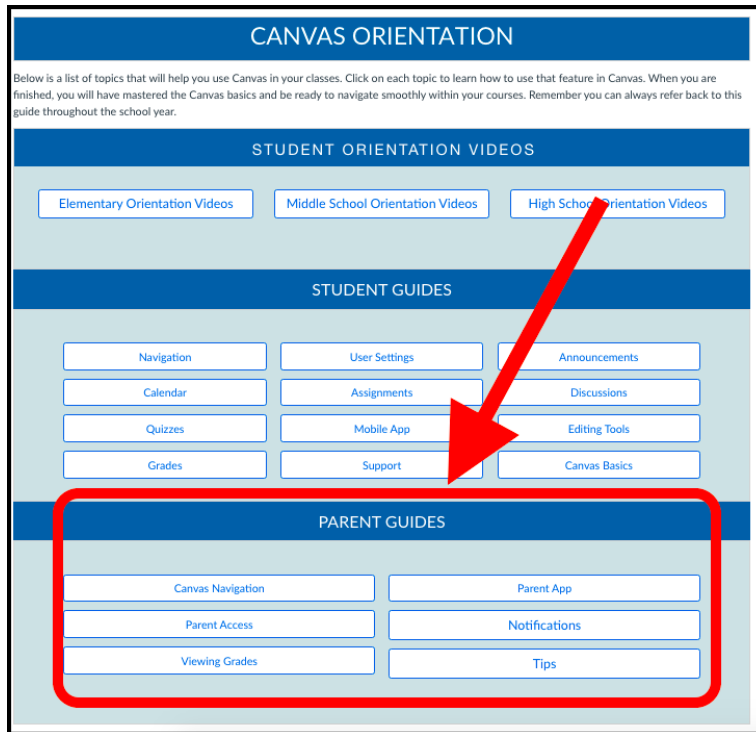


**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade families:** If you are able, please send in a pair of headphones or earbuds with your child, labeled with their name. These should be kept at school.





- \*NEW\* [Canvas Student Orientation 2021 – 2022](#)
- [Canvas Parent Guides](#)



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

If you have Technology questions, please feel free to reach out to CES' Technology Teacher: [Eileen\\_Volker@hcpss.org](mailto:Eileen_Volker@hcpss.org)

# Health

Clarksville Elementary will be holding an **onsite flu clinic for all students and staff on Tuesday, October 19th.**

Additional details including a link to the required consent form will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Flu shots are **currently** being offered at CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid Pharmacies as well.

Please contact our nurse at [Laura\\_Smith1@hcpss.org](mailto:Laura_Smith1@hcpss.org) with any questions.

**Laura Smith, BSN, RN**  
**HCPSS Cluster Nurse**

Clarksville Elementary School (410) 313-7107 Fax: 410-531-2705  
Folly Quarter Middle School (410) 313-1510 Fax: 410-531-2473

## **COVID-19 Vaccine**

**locations:** <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/health/covid-19-vaccine>

## **COVID-19 Testing**

**locations:** <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>

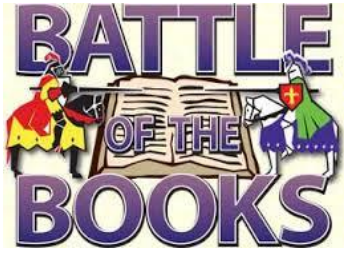


**COLD STONE**  
CREAMERY

Clarksville Elementary School is partnering with the Cold Stone Creamery in Clarksville for a **Fundraising event on October 12<sup>th</sup>**. You can purchase throughout the day. You must mention Clarksville Elementary School for us to get credit for the sale towards our fundraiser. The Clarksville Cougar and some staff will be at Cold Stone Creamery from 4:30pm-5:30pm to welcome our CES students to the event.

**Thank you for your support!**

# Media



## **Attention 5th Graders! Battle of the Books is back for 2022!**

Your 5th grade student has received information on this year's Battle of the Books. It's an opportunity that is only open to 5th graders and a wonderful chance to work together with their friends and classmates, reading the assigned books, meeting to discuss them, and participating in a competition with other Howard County 5th graders in April!

Below are some details:

- Reading competition for Howard County 5th grade students
- A+ Partners in Education (HC Library and HCPSS)
- Teams include:
  - 3-5 members from the same school
  - One adult coach
- Teams read 10 pre-determined books and compete in April
- All participants receive certificates
- Battle may be in person, may be virtual.
- Questions will be read to the entire group
- Each team will have 30 seconds to answer

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Oct. 19 2021 @ 7:00 PM**

General Info session via Zoom, will be recorded

**Oct. 25 – Nov 5, 2021**

Online Registration for BoB

*\*Registration will close on Nov 5 or when capacity is reached, whichever comes first*

**Nov. 15, 2021**

Mandatory Coaches' Meetings via Zoom

**Dec 2, 3, & 4, 2021**

Curbside pickup of books

**Feb. 7, 2022**

Permission forms due

**Dates TBD March 2022**

Mandatory Logistics Meetings via Zoom

I hope all of our 5th graders participate! If you have any questions, please let me know. [donna\\_britton@hcpss.org](mailto:donna_britton@hcpss.org) or contact the Howard County Library.

# Donations

We appreciate all the parents that have asked and made many suggestions about how they can donate to Clarksville Elementary School. Here are the some ways you can DONATE:

- Donate your time by volunteering for Outdoor Dining.\* Sign up through the CES PTA website.
- Reach out to your student's teacher and see what items they need for the classroom: Tissues, school supplies, etc...
- We also have a DONATION item on our OSP (electronic online payment) website. We use this money to help with school wide item(s) for students or Materials of Instruction items for the classroom.

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/HowardMD/>

## Confidentiality Training Course for Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering within the Howard County School System! We value our volunteers and the contributions they make to our students and schools.

According to HCPSS Board Policy, all parent volunteers must complete a Confidentiality Training Course about protecting the privacy of our students, staff, and schools.

[View the brief training presentation and print out a certificate of completion](#)

## Child Abuse and Neglect Training Course for Volunteers

This training is required for new parent chaperones before attending a school field trip.

- View the Maryland State Law and HCPSS Policy 1030 [Training Presentation](#)
- [Print off the certificate of completion](#) and hand it in at the front office

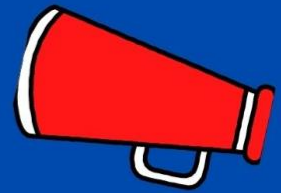
**\*All volunteers who interact with students will be required to show proof of full vaccination in order to be in or outside of the school.** Because HCPSS does not have staff capacity to track and verify testing results, there will not be a testing option for volunteers.



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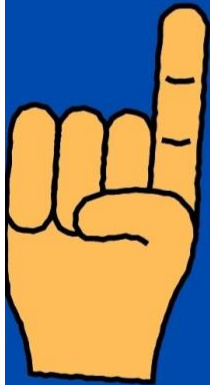
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# MIXMATCH DAY



Show your crazy style  
with socks, shirts,  
whatever works for you  
on **Thursday, October  
14, 2021.**

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Tweet Us

@hcpss\_ces

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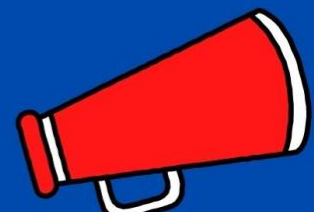
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# Community News

HAWK FLOCK NIGHT has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 6 from 6:00-8:00pm in the RHHS parking lot and is open to the community! The evening will feature the RHHS clubs, music and Food Trucks will be available for dinner upon purchase. Confirmed food trucks include Everything Fry'd Desserts, Bennett's Grill (Caribbean), Bullhead Beef (BBQ) and Scoop & Paddle Ice Cream Company. Spread the word -- the whole community is invited!

