

CLEMENS CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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The Great Kindness Challenge – January 23, 2017

The Great Kindness Challenge is an annual worldwide event organized by the non-profit group, Kids for Peace.

The Great Kindness Challenge is one week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible. All students are encouraged to participate. The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement. Using the provided checklist of 50 kind acts, students take the challenge and prove that bullying is weak and kindness is strength. The 50 kind acts are to be accomplished anytime at home or school. The students are encouraged to continue sharing their kindness beyond the week.

Indoor Environmental Quality at CCES

Each school within the Howard County Public School System is required to form an Indoor Environmental Quality Team. The purpose of this team is to conduct formal walk-throughs of the building to determine if there are any areas of need. The team works with the Systemic Environmental Management Team to conduct the review using a standard checklist that is provided to schools within the system.

The first semester IEQ walk-through took place earlier this month. Members from our school-based IEQ Team as well as representatives from HCPSS building and custodial service departments participated in the process. During the semi-annual Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) walk-through, the team recorded a need for better weatherproofing around exterior doors around the building to reduce the fluctuation of temperatures in classrooms with exit doors. There were also two windows that had faulty seals resulting in foggy windows. HCPSS technicians have been notified and will be responding accordingly. Please be sure to check the CCES website for any updates. All IEQ information, including a list of team members, can be found under the "About Our School" tab at cces.hcpss.org.

Road to Kindergarten Sessions

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2017?

Please join us for an information session about Kindergarten in the Howard County Public School System.

At this workshop you will learn:

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- Expectations for school readiness (and receive a Ready for Kindergarten tool kit).
- Details about the kindergarten program.
- Information about HCPSS kindergarten registration.
- Ways that families and children can be supported during the transition to kindergarten.

Choose a session that is convenient for you. No registration required.

The session is designed for adults only. Childcare is available at each session for children ages 2 and older.

Doors open at 6 p.m. to allow time for parking, childcare drop off and check-in.

All sessions will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., January 25, 2017

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Oakland Mills High School, 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, 21045

Thurs., January 26, 2017

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Centennial High School, 4300 Centennial Lane, Ellicott City, 21042

Mon., January 30, 2017

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Hammond High School, 8800 Guilford Road, Columbia 21046

Livestream

Interested parents can also [stream](#) the event live at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2017, and post questions on [Twitter](#) (#HCPSSR2K) or [Facebook](#). For more information about Kindergarten registration, visit [Getting Ready for Kindergarten](#).

If Howard County Public Schools are closed for inclement weather, the session is canceled.

Gifted & Talented Education Program Parent Academy

The Howard County Gifted and Talented Education Program Parent Academy will give a presentation on "Exploring Elementary and Middle School Standardized Assessments". The topics include CogAT, MAP, and PARCC, administered at the elementary and middle school levels to help you gain an understanding of the purpose and format of each assessment, as well as how to interpret the data with respect to your child.

The presentation will take place on February 8th, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Howard High School.

English Language Arts Parent Night

Please join us on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. for our fourth parent information night of the year. The purpose of the ELA Parent Night will be to inform parents of the shifts in classroom instruction and what parents/guardians can do at home to support their children.

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In-School Banking

Wednesday, January 25 is another In-School Banking Day. Students can deposit their money between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Middle School Parent Information Nights

As part of the elementary school to middle school transition, all middle schools will be holding Parent Information Nights for incoming 6th grade students during the month of January.

Dates and times are as follows:

- **Wilde Lake Middle School** - January 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. (snow date of January 2/1/17). Wilde Lake MS is located at 10481 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia MD 21044
- **Lime Kiln Middle School** - January 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Lime Kiln MS is located at 11650 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, MD 20759

It's Cold Outside!

Children go outside for recess unless it is below 20 degrees, (wind chill or ambient temperature). It is important the children get fresh air and have exercise so we ask that they are dressed for the weather.

Please write your child's name in coats and jackets. Remind them to place hats and gloves in their pockets or sleeves. No one should share a hat with a friend. If something is missing, check the lost and found located in the hall across from the music rooms.

PTA

International Night - *March 3rd, 6:30pm - 8:30pm in the CCES Gymnasium*

Please mark your calendar for a fun filled evening where you and your children will have an opportunity to experience other cultures in our CCES family. For the first hour, people will be able to visit different country tables and do some crafts. This will be followed by a "Parade of Nations" where children can showcase their traditional attire. Starting at 7:30pm, there will be an interactive taiko performance by Mark H Rooney. Last year we had tables representing Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, India, Israel, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Scotland, South Korea, Spain, and Taiwan. If you are able to host a table or help with the event, please email Katie at

katjevans@yahoo.com or sign up through this link

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448a4a928a46-international1>

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A+ Giant Rewards

Don't forget to register your Giant Food card for A+ Rewards. Clemens Crossing's school ID is **01008**. It is simple and it means so much to our school.

Box Tops

Box Tops for Education are being collected. Please cut out the Box Tops and send them into school. We just received a check for \$850.00, so each Box Top counts!

COMMUNITY



SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for a FREE FAMILY CLEMENS CROSSING Wellness Event...

FIT2Order's FIT Family Night!

When: January 26, 2017

Time: 6-8pm

Highlighted Stations to include:

Kid Friendly Boot Camp

Karate

Zumba

Yoga

Dance Party Finale

Parent Nutritional Workshop

Wellness Tables

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NOTE: A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN TO THE EVENT.

To register for the event from January 12th thru 25th, go to www.fit2order.com

For more information, please contact Michele Scarborough at mscarborough1979@gmail.com

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Subscribe to the CCES Google Calendar - *Did you know that you can subscribe to the CCES calendar?*

This means all events on our calendar can appear on your personal calendar on any of your devices.

Monday, January 23 rd	Parent Info Night: ELA – 7:00p.m. Media Center
Monday, January 23 rd thru 31 st	Great Kindness Challenge Week
Wednesday, January 25 th	CCES In-School Banking Day 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Friday, January 27 th	NO SCHOOL – Professional Work Day
Friday, February 3 rd	Q2 Report Cards Issued
Wednesday, February 8 th	PTA Meeting - Media Center 7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 20 th	SCHOOL CLOSED – President’s Day
Tuesday, February 21 st	NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day