

CLEMENS CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Report Cards

Second quarter report cards are in backpacks today. This is a great opportunity to celebrate success and set goals for the third quarter and remainder of the school year.

Language Arts Added to IXL

We recently added a whole new menu of language arts topics on IXL this week. In addition to mathematics skills, students can practice important language arts skills. The same IXL login will give access to both the math and language arts topics. When students login to IXL, they will now have the language arts option to the right of the math topics.

Math Parent-Teacher Conferences – March 9 & 10

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for March 9 and 10. Parents will be meeting with their child's mathematics teacher. In order to schedule conferences, you will need to login to HCPSS Connect. HCPSS Connect will open to schedule conferences on Monday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. The program will be open until Wednesday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m.

JA in a Day Volunteers Needed

We are very excited to continue our partnership with Junior Achievement of Central Maryland. Junior Achievement is a worldwide organization that has local chapters throughout the United States including Junior Achievement of Central Maryland. Junior Achievement offers a variety of programs including JA in a Day. JA in a Day is an initiative that allows parent and community volunteers to teach all of the lessons of Junior Achievement's six elementary school programs in an effective one-day effort. Our JA in a Day at Clemens Crossing will take place on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

During the course of JA in a Day, students will learn about various aspects of financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. For instance, students in second grade will learn about "Our Community" and will have a chance to see how money moves through a community, creating jobs, and generating tax proceeds that pay for schools, parks, and streets. In fifth grade, students will study "Our Nation," where they will begin to learn about economic concepts such as opportunity cost and supply and demand. The themes and concepts align with social studies topics in addition to many other connections to our curriculum.

We want to thank the PTA for helping secure volunteers for this initiative. They are coordinating two volunteers for each classroom for a total of 48 volunteers school-wide. We would like to have all of our volunteers scheduled by the end of February. The volunteers will teach five lessons throughout the day, and they will bring real-world background and

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experiences into the lessons. All volunteers will receive a kit of hands-on materials and lesson plans tailored to their assigned grade level during a mandatory training session. New volunteers must attend one of two training sessions prior to JA in a Day. If you volunteered last year for JA in a Day, the training is optional. The training sessions will take place on Monday, February 27 9:30-10:30 a.m. or Monday, February 27 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The success of the program is based upon the volunteers in our school and our community. To learn more about Junior Achievement and JA in a Day, please visit Junior Achievement of Central Maryland's website at <https://jamaryland.org>. If you are interested in volunteering for JA in a Day, please email Mrs. Mary Ngo at m_a_ngo@yahoo.com. We also attached some frequently asked questions for you to review below. JA in a Day is shaping up to be an exciting and engaging day for all of our students, staff, and volunteers!

Kindergarten and New First Grade Registration

Kindergarten registration week is **February 27-March 3** from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. There will be two evening registrations available on Tuesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 2 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Kindergarten is mandatory in Maryland so if your child turns 5 by September 1, 2017 you must register them that week. No appointment is necessary.

You will need to bring the following documents:

1. Birth certificate, birth registration, or passport.
2. Current immunization record - must be a print out from the pediatrician and signed.
3. Deed or lease to your home
4. Current utility bill
5. Photo ID of parent/guardian

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.

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In-School Banking

Wednesday, February 22 is another In-School Banking Day. Students can deposit their money between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

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>

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!

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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.

Wednesday, February 8th

Vision & Hearing Screening
PTA Meeting - Media Center 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20th

SCHOOL CLOSED – President’s Day

Tuesday, February 21st

NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day