

CLEMENS CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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FROM THE DESKS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Please remember, our late bell rings at 9:15 a.m. Students should be in their classrooms at that time. Students who arrive at 9:15 a.m. or later are considered late, and must come to the office with an adult to sign-in and get a late note.

New Partnership with First National Bank

We are proud to announce a new partnership with First National Bank located at 10840 Little Patuxent Parkway. Our partnership will provide our students with the opportunity to start learning the basics of saving money. Generally, we will have in-school banking on the final Wednesday of each month. Our first In-School Banking Day is Wednesday, September 27 from 9:00-9:30a.m. All other dates are on our Google calendar on our website.

Our new partnership is not only for students. We are planning on a Parent Information Night on May 3rd focused on the essentials for saving for College with 529 College Savings Plans. Please look for a letter from First National Bank as well as a Banking Information Sheet in your child's Friday Folder. We encourage you to take advantage of these great opportunities this year.

2016-17 Parent Night Series - Save the Dates

We have scheduled four parent nights this year to help parents learn about programs and initiatives at Clemens Crossing. The first parent night is scheduled for October 25 at 7:00 p.m. The first topic is *Mathematics in 2016 and Growth Mindset*. On Wednesday, November 9 at 6:15 p.m., we will host our second parent night. The topic for the evening is *A Parent's Guide to Understanding MAP*. Our third parent night will be on Monday, January 23, and we will focus on English/Language Arts in Elementary School. The final parent night will be on May 3, and the focus will be helping navigate the 529 college savings plans. We hope these parent nights will be valuable for parents.

Emergency Preparedness at Clemens Crossing Elementary School

Did you know that September is National Preparedness Month? The website www.ready.gov encourages everyone to, "*Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.*" It is very important for you to make a plan within your family in case of an emergency.

As a school, we take emergency preparedness seriously. In addition to ten fire drills a year, we conduct at least four emergency drills to prepare for an emergency situation.

Our Clemens Crossing Emergency Preparedness Team meets regularly to review our school-based emergency plan. During that meeting, staff members had an opportunity to learn their roll in our plan. Furthermore, different scenarios were discussed so we can respond in a coordinated manner in the event of an emergency. Our primary goal is to keep all students and staff safe.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



There are four types of emergency scenarios; duck, cover and hold-on, shelter-in-place, lockdown, and modified lockdown. Each scenario requires a different response by the emergency team.

Duck, Cover, and Hold On - The “duck, cover, and hold on” command would be given in the event of an explosion (bomb, mechanical malfunction), severe winds (tornado, extreme weather), earthquake, or other situations that might cause significant structural damage to the school. Students, staff, parents, and any visitor to the building should drop to the ground where they are and cover their heads until the extreme activity subsides.

Shelter-In-Place – The purpose of a shelter in place emergency response is to protect the inhabitants of a building from dangerous fumes or other environmental poisons that are outside the building. This means moving students into the school building if they are outside. In some situations, the school’s HVAC system would be shut down and doors and windows would be sealed and locked. Shelter-in-place emergency procedures would be initiated in the event of a hazardous materials spill in the area (especially with our close proximity MD Route 29 or 32) or in the event of some type of bioterrorism in the region.

Modified Lockdown – This command would be given if there were a potential for violent or criminal activity but not an imminent threat to our school. The day-to-day operation of the school would continue, but with modifications. Students would not be permitted to go outside for recess or physical education and classes in the portable classrooms would be relocated.

Lockdown – This emergency command would be given in the most extreme and threatening situation such as violence or criminal activity inside the school or in the surrounding area. Students, staff, parents, and any visitor to the building are expected to stay where they are and follow instructions given.

Off-Site Evacuation – In the event that our building is no longer safe, we may determine that we need to evacuate the students. We have designated three locations for our off-site evacuation, and transportation to those sites may be provided by HCPSS if necessary. Students will be released to parents or other individuals listed on the student's emergency form. Please keep in mind that no student is released to any individual who is not specifically listed on the student's emergency form, including an older sibling. All adults must show photo I.D. when picking up a student.

Parents can help by:

- Giving and updating the most accurate, up-to-date health and emergency information on your child to our school office and your child’s teacher.
- Ensuring your own safety.
- Do not call the school during an emergency situation; it jams the phone lines.
- Do not rush to the school to pick up your child in the event of an emergency. It creates congestion and can delay the tasks of emergency responders and school staff in responding to the emergency.
- Tuning in to local radio and television stations and checking the HCPSS website at <http://www.hcpss.org>

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PTA

SchoolHouse Theater Arts Production - CCES will present **Disney's 101 DALMATIANS KIDS** for Grades 4&5 (if openings become available, 3rd Graders will be able to register).

*** Registration Forms and money to be turned in to your homeroom teacher ***

Registration: Tuesday, September 6th thru Thursday, September 22nd

Rehearsals (4pm-6pm): Wednesdays 9/28, 10/5, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16

Dress Rehearsals (4pm-6pm): Tuesday 11/29 and Wednesday 11/30

Shows: Thursday, 12/1 and Friday, 12/2; Cast Party to follow.

*No audition preparation is needed. Casting is very flexible. All students receive a part.

Each student needs a small 3-ring binder with pockets, a pencil, and a light dry snack for each rehearsal. **No drinks please!** Costumes are provided by parents (there will be a meeting at the end of the 2nd rehearsal).

Please contact the Play Coordinator, Jennifer Molinari at joshandjasek12@gmail.com for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The following events are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Howard County Public School System:

HERO Boys Run Club 2016 Fall Season:

Come run with the HERO Boys Run Club after school! HERO boys is a youth development and engagement program for boys in 3rd to 5th grades. The season starts on September 29th and will run for 8 weeks at Clemens Crossing on Thursdays 3:45 - 5pm. The program culminates with the Ripley 5k in Annapolis on Sunday Nov. 13th.

Registration information and more about HERO boys can be found online at

www.heroboys.org For any questions contact Tanya Martof at tmartof@verizon.net

FREE Geocaching Adventure-Cub Scouts

Sun., **Sept. 18** from 12-1:15 pm. Rain or shine the Howard County Conservancy

To register, contact: astrozyk@verizon.net. **ES**

After School Cheerleading- SuperSquads

Fall after school cheerleading, SuperSquads begins the week of **9/19** at 12 elementary schools. Practice once a week. Register at www.supersquads.org, supersquadsinfo@verizon.net or 410-796-2244. **ES**

After school program-Girls on the Run

After-school program for grade 3-5, starting at Ilchester Elementary on **Sept. 20** and running 10 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:55-5:10 p.m., culminating in a season-ending 5k on Dec. 3. Registration closes soon. Sign up at www.gotrcentralmd.org. **ES**

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Fall Equinox Twilight Hike-Howard County Conservancy

Thurs., **Sept. 22**, 5 p.m., 10520 Old Frederick Road, Mt. Pleasant Location,
Hcconservancy.org/upcoming-events. **ES, MS, HS**

Free concert - Columbia Festival of the Arts

Fri., **Sept. 30**, 7 p.m., Columbia Lakefront. Bring your blanket, lawn chairs and enjoy.
www.columbiafestival.org **ES, MS, HS**

Boy Scouts weekly meetings- Boy Scouts of Central Maryland

Come to one of our weekly Wednesday night meetings 7- 8:30 p.m., at Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City. If interested, please contact Eileen Gattis at 410.740.0155 or email Eileen.gattis@gmail.com. **ES, MS, HS**

Women in Engineering-Girl Scouts

Girl scout Sat., **Oct. 8**, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., University of Maryland, College Park Computer Science Instructional Center, 8169 Paint Branch Dr., College Park, MD.
For more information, please contact Julia Anderson by email at jander03@umd.edu or by phone at 301-405-0315. **ES, MS**

STEM Shark Tank Competition-Le'Chic Academy Foundation

Le'Chic Academy Foundation invites boys and girls (Ages 5-18), to participate in our annual Young Entrepreneur's Shark Tank Competition (**Oct. 8**, 2016 from 12-3:00 p.m.) and "Biz Kidz" Vendor Exhibit Fair (**Nov. 5**, 2016 from 12-3 p.m. For online registration and detailed information, please call 410-530-4876 or visit www.lechicacademy.com **ES, MS, HS**

Mental Health Film Festival-Horizon Foundation

Tues., **Oct. 25**, 5:30-8 p.m. at UA Snowden Square Stadium in Columbia. Get your tickets for this free event that aims to build awareness and compassion for members of our community facing mental health challenges. Choose from one of four films, each followed by a panel discussion <http://bit.ly/HCMHFFler> **ES, MS, HS**

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, October 3rd

SCHOOL and OFFICE CLOSED – Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 12th

SCHOOL and OFFICE CLOSED – Yom Kippur