

CLEMENS CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Walk to School Day – October 5, 2016

October 5th is recognized nationally as Walk to School Day. The website walkbiketoschool.org emphasizes walking as fun, healthy, and cleaner for the environment. In addition, the organization encourages schools to promote safe practices when walking to and from school. If your child walks to and from school, here are important tips for you to review as a family.

Tips for Walking Safely to School

Walking is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.

Walk together

Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spend time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

Be seen

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

Look for traffic

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

Cross the street safely

- Stop at the curb or edge of the street.
- Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
- Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
- Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
- Walk, don't run across the street.

Obey traffic signs, signals, and adult school crossing guards.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



2016 PARCC Results

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades take the [PARCC](#) assessment (Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Career) in English/Language Arts and Mathematics each spring. This past May marked the second administration of the new PARCC assessment. Overall, students at Clemens Crossing performed very well, and our scores increased from the first administration of the test in 2015. In English/Language Arts, 64% of our students in grades three through five met or exceeded expectations. In Mathematics, 66% of our students met or exceeded the expectations. Our students outperformed the Howard County average in English/Language Arts by 9% and Mathematics by 10%. When compared to the entire state of Maryland, our students outperformed their peers by 16% in English/Language Arts and 27% in Mathematics. If you are interested reviewing Clemens Crossing's data online, visit the [2016 Maryland Report Card website](#). While we are very proud of our accomplishments, we are striving to continually improve from last year. We are working hard to help all of our students meet or exceed the expectations in the coming year.

Sprigeo – Online Bully Reporting System

We recognize that creating a safe learning environment is a critical part of helping each child achieve academic success. Last year we introduced Sprigeo, a new online system that students can use to report bullying incidents and school safety incidents. Sprigeo will give your child another medium for communicating with our school administration when bullying or school safety incidents occur. All information sent through the Sprigeo system goes directly to selected central office staff who will then send the report to our administrators through a secure online connection.

How does the Sprigeo system work?

Students can access the reporting form directly through a link on our school web site (under HCPSS Resources and Report Bullying) or they may go to the [Sprigeo.com](#) website. After completing the reporting form and clicking the "submit" button, the report details are sent in a secure email to selected central office staff who will then send the report to our administrators through a secure online connection. Over 90% of students include their name when using the Sprigeo system. However, reports can be made anonymously.

Does the school system receive false reports?

Over 95% of reports sent through the Sprigeo system have been confirmed as authentic requests for help with a bullying incident or school safety incident. Unlike text messages or Facebook posts that can be shared among students, all Sprigeo reports are viewable only by selected central office staff and school administrators, minimizing the impact one student has to falsely accuse or abuse another student.

Why is there a need for an online reporting system?

The number one reason why children do not report bullying or abuse is the fear of retaliation from their peers. The Sprigeo reporting form can be accessed from the privacy of a home computer or other Internet equipped device, eliminating the possibility of being identified by another student. We are happy to have this resource for our families to use.

Custodian Appreciation Week

The week of October 3rd is designated National Custodial Worker's Recognition Week. The week is set aside to show appreciation to men and women who keep our schools and workplaces across the nation running smoothly.

Custodial workers operate behind the scenes and are often under-appreciated for the hard work they do day after day keeping schools clean and well maintained.

We are very proud of our custodial staff at Clemens Crossing. Ms. Goode, Ms. Crenshaw, Mr. Jones, and Ms. Zang help to make our school clean and safe so our students can learn in an environment where they can thrive.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



Afternoon Pickup for Early Dismissal

If you need to pick up your child or children at the end of the day for an early dismissal, we ask that you do that no later than 3:15 p.m. Picking up children after that time, especially closer to the dismissal time, makes it challenging for the front office staff. Children are often transitioning from one class to another as they prepare for the end of the day. In many situations that means that it takes a considerable amount of time to locate children and get them to where they need to be in a timely manner.

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.

Atholton High School Homecoming

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 22nd, 2016

Clemens Crossing ES will be participating in Atholton High School's 50th Homecoming Celebration.

CCES Cougars will be represented as future AHS Raiders in the Homecoming Parade. More information will be coming soon.

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 3 rd	SCHOOL and OFFICE CLOSED – Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, October 12 th	SCHOOL and OFFICE CLOSED – Yom Kippur
Monday, October 31 st	NO SCHOOL – Professional Learning Day
Monday, November 7 th	NO SCHOOL - Professional Work Day
Tuesday, November 8 th	SCHOOL and OFFICE CLOSED – General Election Day