

Central Elementary School Newsletter



January 2024

"Diving into Learning"

From the Principal:

Hello Central Elementary School Families-

Happy New Year, and welcome back! The return to school and work after the holidays can be a tough transition, but it can also be invigorating. A new year provides exciting new opportunities, as well as some great chances for goal setting- for ourselves and for our kids.

As you kick off the new year and think about resolutions and goal setting, consider encouraging your children to think about some school-related goals. One of the keys to student engagement is their level of personal investment, and helping them think about goals is a great way for them to see the relevance of their school work. They also might consider including their teacher in this discussion, allowing them to work together- students who have a personal connection to their learning are intrinsically motivated for themselves, making each activity more meaningful and engaging.

Of course, the new year is also a great time to try something new- like getting involved. If you've ever considered taking a more active role at school, there's never been a better time. We have openings for lunch monitors as well as student assistants- with a range of part-time and full-time options. Please email me (pthompson2@aacps.org) if you'd like to learn more. We're so proud of what we do here, and we'd love to include you!

We're feeling great about our goals for Central Elementary in 2024- we're headed in the right direction. But we know we'll go even farther with help from our families, and we'd love to work with you to find a role that's right for you.

All the Best,
Mr. Thompson

Important Dates:

January 9th- 6:30 pm Strings Concert

January 10th- Chorus/Band Concert (6:00/6:45)

January 11th- CES Night at UR Burger (See below!)

January 15th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Schools and Offices Closed for Students and Staff

January 16th-29th WIDA ACCESS testing for English Language Learners

Central Elementary School Communication

Website:

<https://www.aacps.org/Page/4193>

Connect ED: Phone/email
parent notification system

Paper Flyers: Backpack mail
for students (taken home in
folders)

School Agenda Books:
Provided for each student

Email: Staff emails can be
found at

<https://www.aacps.org/Page/4200>

Twitter: (No account
required) Information about
late buses in the afternoon,
photos from school events,
flyers.

<https://twitter.com/CentralESaacps>

CES PTO centralespto.org




January 17th- 2-Hr Early Dismissal- End of Marking Period
January 18th- 2-Hr Early Dismissal- End of Marking Period
January 19th- Schools Closed for Students- Semester Break
January 26th- Mo Gaba Day
January 26th- PTO Winter SNOW GLOW Dance
February 2nd- School-wide PBIS Celebration
February 5th-9th- School Counselor Appreciation Week
February 6th- 2-Hr Early Dismissal- Unity Day
February 14th- Dance Festival at SRHS
February 19th- Presidents' Day- Schools and Offices Closed

Our January Reading Incentive, "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" has started! Please see the [attached flyer](#) to learn how your child's reading can turn our halls into a winter wonderland!



Yearbooks are on sale from now until April 12th! Yearbooks can be ordered online only- [click here for more information!](#)

Have questions about Math Instruction? AACPS is here to help! The county is offering virtual math support for students and families- [click here for more information!](#)

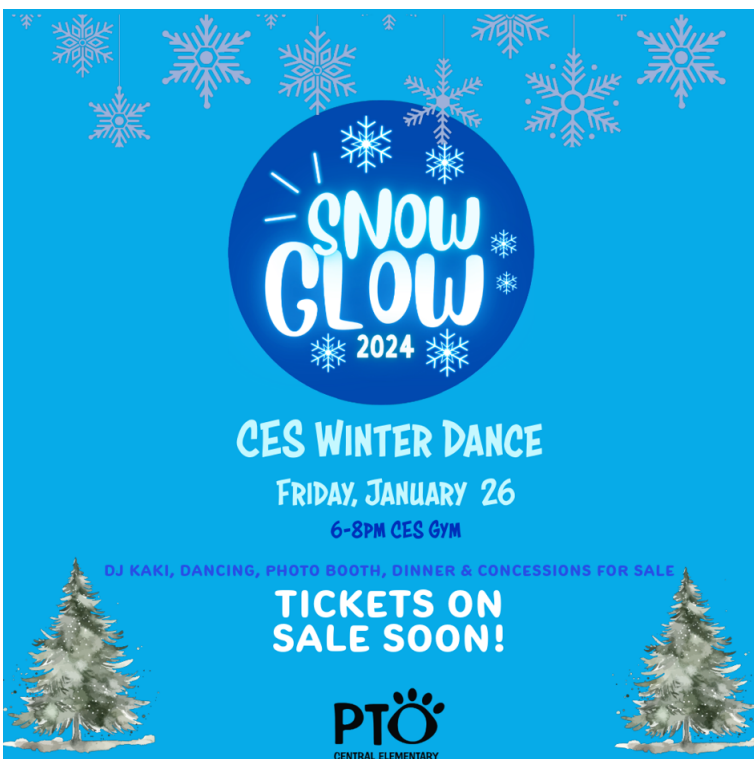
-  The Strings Concert will be **January 9th** at 6 pm- Strings students should report at 5:30.
-  Chorus and Band Concert will be **January 10th**. Chorus should arrive at 5:45 p.m. to warm up. Their concert begins at 6:00 p.m. Band should arrive at 6:30 p.m. to warm up. Concert begins at 6:45 p.m.
-  Students in Band and Chorus are wearing their blue music t-shirts (some will be delivered on Tuesday before the concert!) black dress pants/ skirt, black socks/leggings, and black dress shoes.



The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope for Heart) is coming later this month. Keep an eye out for further communication!

Volunteering and PTO:

Don't forget- if you're hoping to volunteer in school or at PTO events, you'll need a background check. [Click here to learn more about completing one](#), and check out the Central Elementary PTO page to learn more about opportunities (centralespto.org or <https://www.facebook.com/CentralESPTO/>)



Want to help out a South River High School student with her AP Capstone project on elementary students and screen time? [Click here to take the anonymous survey!](#)



CES SPIRIT NIGHT

URBURGER



Thursday, January 11
All day!
9:00 am to 8:00 pm

A portion of the day's
proceeds will go directly to
Central Elementary School!



120 Mitchells Chance Rd
Edgewater, MD 21037
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you!*

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Please RSVP by January 8, 2024
or scan the code



200 Janwall Street Annapolis, MD 21403

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4:30-7:00pm

BRANCH EVENTS FOR JANUARY

ADULTS

Skeins & Stitches

Wednesday, January 3 at 2 pm
Meet old friends and new as we enjoy the art of knitting, crochet, and other needlecraft. All are welcome.

Co-Conspirators Book Club

Tuesday, January 9 at 7 pm
The Co-Conspirators love the mystery genre! Join us for a book club dedicated to mysteries and thrillers. This month, we will be discussing Clark and Division by Naomi Hirahawa. Attend in-person or via Zoom. Register to receive the Zoom link.

Securing Your Retirement: Part 2

Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 pm
This seminar, presented by certified financial planner Matthew O'Keefe, will help you maximize benefits and gain confidence for retirement. Attend in-person or online through Zoom. Please register to receive the Zoom link.

South County Senior Center Book Club

Monday, January 22 at 1 pm
This month we will be discussing Gilded Mountain by Kate Manning.

Résumé Building and Interview Preparation

Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 pm
Land your next job with help from an expert at the State Library Resource Center. Laptop computers or mobile devices are recommended but not required. Edgewater Library laptops will be available for the first 10 participants who request one when they register. Registration is preferred.

TEENS

Teen "Selfie" Portrait Paint Day

Wednesday, January 17 at 3 pm
Let your inner artist shine by creating a "selfie" portrait. We will provide paint and a canvas.



KIDS

Backyard Birds in Winter

Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 pm
Join naturalist Kerry Wixted to explore the world of birds in winter. Make your own seed ornaments to take home to feed the birds. Please register each child individually.

**Paws to Read**

Saturday, January 13 at 10 am
Children in elementary school improve their reading skills while enjoying the rapt attention of canine tutors. Call the Edgewater Library at [410-222-1538](tel:410-222-1538) for available times and to register.

Stuffed Animal Portrait Paint Afternoon

Wednesday, January 17 at 1:30 pm
Let your inner artist shine by creating a portrait of your favorite stuffed animal. You bring the stuffed animal, we will provide paint and a canvas. Please register each child individually.

**Early Reader Book Club**

Thursday, January 18 at 4 pm
Join us for a special book club just for beginning readers! Kids will listen to a story, play word-decoding games, participate in a read-along, and make a craft. This program is best for children in kindergarten through 2nd grade.

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KIDS & TEENS

Homeschool Hangout

Friday, January 12 at 2 pm
Homeschoolers, visit the library for a special program just for you! Play games, try new tech, make a craft, and learn something new!

Science Lab Escape Room

Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20
Can you solve the clues and break out of the lab before it's too late? Participants will have 45 minutes to mix up the correct solution in this fun escape room for ages 6 and up. Call the Edgewater Library at [410-222-1538](tel:410-222-1538) to book your time-slot.



PRESCHOOLERS

Music & Movement

Saturday, January 6 at 10:30 am
Sing, chant, play instruments and dance while exploring sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language.

Baby, Process that Art!

Saturday, January 13 at 10:30 am
Babies and children up to age 5 explore open-ended art activities with a focus on the creative process. This activity may get messy, so please dress accordingly!

Bedtime Stories for Pirates

Monday, January 22 at 5:30 pm
Ahoy, matey! Join us on the high seas for pirate stories, songs and a craft.

**Sensory Playtime**

Monday, January 29 at 10:30 am
Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are invited to play and explore with their senses. Bring your imagination; we'll supply the materials!