

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, January 3, 2020

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, January 3, 2020.

What's Happening - This was a very short week as we returned from the winter break, but the students got right back into the swing of things. Students were reading stories for enjoyment, identifying details in the text to determine the main idea, adding three digit numbers, multiplying fractions, setting goals for the new year and much more! It was great to see the students working hard on their academics.

Next week we will be testing most second and fifth grade students for advanced placement and Gifted and Talented. The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be administered on Wednesday, January 8th through Friday, January 10th. This is a state mandated, assessment to determine which students have innate abilities to perform at an advanced level. Students are tested in the second and fifth grades in January and March. Results will be sent home to parents in the spring.

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are Victoria P., Theo M., Marica E., Grayson B., Lucas K., Hugh L., Karolina M., Alex I., Katy D., Neil P., Cohen O., Haley W., Hailey H., Ryker B., Sawyer J., Flynn G., and Regina C-G. Congratulations to these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

First In Math! - The First In Math results for this week are:

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Teams of the Week:

1st Place- Ms. Rutland's 4th Grade

2nd place Mrs. Hughes 4th Grade

3rd Place- Mrs. Distad's 4th Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Nathan- 4th Grade

2nd Place- Patrick- 4th Grade

3rs Place- Ezekial- 4th Grade

Awesome work, Everyone!!!!!!

Class Fees - If you have not paid your student's class fee from the beginning of the school year, please consider doing this as soon as possible. For your convenience you can pay on-line by going to osp.osmsinc.com/annearundel. Find our school name (Crofton Meadows) under Elementary. Navigate to your student's teacher/grade to find the class fee.

Parent Portal Access – Parent Portal allows parents of students in grades 1-12 to monitor their student's academic progress throughout the school year. Look for the Parent Portal icon at the top of the AACPS website at www.aacps.org.

Changes to the Box Tops for Education Program - No more clipping!... Just scan your receipt! The Box Tops for Education will no longer be accepting box top clips. Parents can download the app and scan their store receipt. The box tops are then instantly added to our school's earnings online. Check out the video to learn more: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hh94b2BvFK4

WATCH D.O.G.S. - The year is underway, your child has now settled into his/her routine and is learning each day. Do not miss a great opportunity to volunteer some of your time and spend time learning with your child. The WATCH D.O.G.S. Sign up is up and running. If you are interested, please log in and schedule a full day or half day: <https://signup.com/go/sSDpHdz>. Make sure your background check is complete! Any questions can be directed to Mr. Pitts @ watchdogscmes@gmail.com.

Volunteering and Chaperoning and Fingerprinting - Due to a very busy hiring season and increased school needs for finger-print supported volunteers, the Fingerprint Office is booked solid for at least a week or more. To help ease this overcrowding, we are establishing after hours fingerprinting, one day a week, for volunteers and chaperones. The Fingerprint Office now has evening hours from 4:00 to 6:30pm on Wednesdays. Appointments are still required. Volunteers/Chaperones should call 410-222-5045 to schedule an appointment.

Reminders:

Absence notification: Student absent notes must be in written or electronic (email) form. You can email the student's teacher directly. There is no need to call the office, as the teacher forwards these emails to the attendance secretary.

Early dismissal: If you are picking up your student for early dismissal, it is best to do so at least 15 minutes or more prior to the actual dismissal time (2:55PM). This will allow the student time to gather their belongings and come to the office. It will also help expedite your dismissal from the parking lot so you are not caught in the regular dismissal traffic.

Planning Ahead:

January 20, 2020

School Closed – MLK Day

January 23, 2020	Crofton High School Community Meeting (6:00-7:30)
January 28-29, 2020	2-Hr Early Dismissal (End of 2 nd MP)
January 30, 2020	No School
January 31, 2020	Beginning of 3 rd MP

PTO News

PTO Board Meeting: The next PTO Board meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 9 a.m. at CMES. All are welcome to attend. The Board meetings alternate between daytime and evening meetings. The Feb. meeting will be at 6 p.m.

Coming Soon SPIRIT Week: CMES Spirit week is Jan. 13-17!

Monday: Silly Sock Day

Tuesday: Decade Day

Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day

Thursday: Sports Day

Friday: CMES colors/Maryland Day

Still Spots Available in After School Programs: Registration for winter/spring after school programs is now available—see below.

Chess: Fridays from 3-4 p.m.; 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, & 3/13 at CMES.

To register, visit: <https://skenrichment.com/clubs/anne-arundel/product/crofton-meadows-elementary-chess-winter-2020.html>. To request scholarships or financial aid, please visit the website. Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call 703-574-2070.

Taekwondo: Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.; 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, & 2/25 at CMES. To register, email Mr. Alan at Arisenmartialarts@gmail.com or call 202-602-8410. Payment must be made in person by visiting the dojo at 2173 Defense Highway Crofton MD 21114. Your spot is reserved upon payment and it is first come, first served. Space is limited to 30 students.

Abrakadoodle (Art): Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m.; 2/5 (no class 2/12), 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, & 4/1 at CMES. To register, visit www.abrakadoodle.com/md04. Space is limited to 20 students. The first parent to volunteer for all 8 classes will receive 25% off first child's tuition. For more information please contact Abrakadoodle at, Marianne Daley, Educational Director, 410-381-5566. or mdaley@abrakadoodle.com.

Robotics: Thursdays from 3-4 p.m.; 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, (no class on 4/9), 4/16, 4/23, & 4/30 at CMES. Registration opens at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. To

register, visit <http://bit.ly/cmesrobotics>. Please note that this program is only for students who have not taken this course this fall.

For questions regarding these programs, please contact Mandy Conner at cmesptopresident@gmail.com.

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