

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, January 10, 2020

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, January 10, 2020.

What's Happening - We received some exciting news this week! First, two of our students were winners in the Young Author's Competition! Alice H., in second grade, won 2nd place and Alyssa D., in 5th grade won 1st place! Congratulations to our talented authors. Also, Crofton Meadows Elementary was a winner in the 2019 *Kids Helping Kids* food drive! We are one of the top ten schools in Anne Arundel County that brought in the most food, money, or combination of food and money. Representatives from the school will attend the awards ceremony on Thursday, January 23, 2020 to find out exactly what our school accomplished in this year's campaign. Thanks to everyone that made this possible, especially Mrs. Courtney for her superb coordination.

An Important Message for the School Nurse - The Health Room is seeing an increase in flu like symptoms, cold symptoms. We encourage parents to check their students' temperature prior to school if they have any cold, flu like symptoms. We also encourage parents to let the health room know of any diagnosis (flu, strep etc.). We can be reached at 410-451-9778 or nurse3362@aacps.org. Additional information about how to prevent the flu and other sicknesses can be found on the CMES website or [here](#).

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are Zaiden G., Matthew O-A., EJ H., Rona L., Vanshdeep A., Amir J., Mackenzie C., Gresa D., Rylee J., Braedon M., Willow Q., Teagan P., Jeremiel F., Kennedy S., Trevor B., Tahmid K., Layla G., Anthony Q., Jacob P., Lily I., Xavier H., Emma W., and Omar E. Congratulations to these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

Interested in Girls on the Run? - Girls on the Run, an after school girls empowerment program for girls in grades 3-5, will be starting the spring club soon. Registration opens on January 13, 2020 and is open for one week. Space is limited to the first 20 girls to register. Registration forms can be found [here](#). Select the Crofton Meadows Elementary group when registering.

ReadWithMe Challenge - The AACPS Read With Me Challenge started this week. Join in the fun. Tweet pictures of your family reading. Use the Read With Me Bingo board sent home this week to get some fun ideas. Remember to tag **@CrftMeadowsAACPS** and use the hashtag **#AACPSReadWithMe**.

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

Teams of the Week:

1st Place- Ms. Batchelor's 3rd Grade

2nd place Mrs. Shields' 4th Grade

3rd Place- Ms. Adams' 3rd Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Addison- 3rd Grade

2nd Place- Zack- 5th Grade

3rd Place- Arius 2nd Grade

COMING SOON- 24 Team Tryouts!

Each 3rd, 4th and 5th grade tryouts will be held during recess during the last week of February. The Teams will be submitted March 11th.

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

Skate Night Friday! Next Friday, Jan. 17, is CMES night at Skate Zone from 5-7 pm. Come for the PJ party and skate for just \$5! A portion of the sales goes back to CMES. Look for a flier in your red folder next week.

SPIRIT Week Starts Monday: 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

Holiday Shop Profit! Our 2019 Holiday Shop earned \$1,250.40. This profit, combined with the earning from the Fun Run means the PTO budget has an excess of funds—meaning we can do even more! The PTO Board will host a special review

of the budget to share and discuss the full budget and the allocation of funds. The date of the review is being planned and will be announced soon.

CMES Gear Is Back! [Click here to order!](#) When ordering select Crofton Meadows ES. Orders are due Jan. 29. All items will be shipped to the school of Feb. 17.

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.

Abakadoodle (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 Abakadoodle 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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