

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, January 17, 2020

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, January 17, 2020.

What's Happening - The students are working hard to complete work as we race to the end of the second marking period. Students in grades 2-5 took reading assessments and will take the second marking period math assessment next week. Please check out the Parent Portal to review your student's grades and to see if they are missing any assignments. Assignments must be turned in by Friday, January 24, 2020 to receive credit.

The CMES PTO and the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County sponsored a very special program this week. Grammy nominated, progressive hip-hop artist, Christylez Bacon conducted two performances, led the fifth graders in five Artist-in-Residence workshops, and a student performance. Mr. Bacon's unique blend of musical styles and genres along with his multi instrumental talents were not only influential on our students but allowed our students to express themselves creatively during the week. Our 5th grade students were able to write lyrics and rhymes to include a chorus and three verses for our very own CMES rap. If your student is interested in learning more about Christylez Bacon please visit:

<https://www.christylez.com/>

"We try really hard and we have lots of faith, our motto is work hard, be kind and be safe"

Congratulations CMES students on your accomplishment and many thanks to the PTO and the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County for sponsoring this wonderful experience for our students.

Second Step Begins at CMES - This week all of our classes began teaching the Second Step Curriculum. Each morning students will be learning skills to reinforce positive learning behaviors and social skills that are essential to their success as lifelong learners. Periodically, students will be bringing home follow up activities from the classroom lessons that can be done with a parent to reinforce these skills. The first set of skills that the students are taught is how to focus their attention and ignore distractions through self-talk. Parents can also access information on Second Step by logging on to their website at www.secondstep.org.

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are Brielle H., Skylar M., Zoey J., Kimani G., Seth W., Finnegan B., Mia F., Jack K., Sabrina B., Jack J., Amelia P., Joshua C., John R., Sydney K., Kevin B., Addison B., Sophia B., Margaret G., Ashlyn Q., Jagmeet S., Alisha P., Alessandra H., Jaela B-L., Peyton S., Ayanna P., Ryan S., and Pourochista I. Congratulations to these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

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](#).

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. **The challenge is to “cover all” boxes on the BINGO card.** Remember to tag **@CrftMeadowsAACP** 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. Rutland's 4th Grade

3rd Place- Ms. Adams' 3rd Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Alex- 3rd Grade

2nd Place- Addison- 3rd Grade

3rd Place- Coco 5th Grade

CONRATULATIONS to ALL of our GRAND CHAMPIONS 10,000+ Stickers! Way to Go!

5th grade- Zach

4th Grade- Ethan H., Ethan V., Alex, Hailey

3rd Grade- Alex, Addison

2nd Grade- Alex, Joshua, Lucas

COMING SOON- 24 Team Tryouts!

Each 3rd, 4th and 5th grade tryouts will be held during recess 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:

Appropriate dress for the weather: Please remember to have students wear coats and other cold weather garments to school. If the "feels like" temperature is above 32 degrees, and the weather is nice, the students go outside for recess. Also, remember to label their clothing with the student's name so the item can be returned to the rightful owner, if lost.

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

January 23, 2020

January 28-29, 2020

January 30, 2020

January 31, 2020

School Closed – MLK Day

Crofton High School Community Meeting

(6:00-7:30) at Nantucket Elementary

2-Hr Early Dismissal (End of 2nd MP)

No School

Beginning of 3rd MP**PTO News**

Skate Zone: Skate Night is TONIGHT! Come dressed in your pajamas and skate at Skate Zone from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Chick-fil-A Nugget Tray: Reserve your CFA nuggets for Super Bowl Sunday! Purchase a small chilled 64-count nugget tray that feeds 8-10 people for \$36 and CMES gets \$8! All you have to do is heat them up on game day. Pick up your tray on Feb. 1 at the Carver Road location. A flyer will be coming home in your student's folder with the order form. For more information, contact Meg at cmesptovpfunds@gmail.com.

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.

Feedback: We want to hear from YOU! The PTO is always open to hearing suggestions and we'd like to get your thoughts on events and fundraisers we've hosted so far this year. Please send any feedback to cmesptofeedback@gmail.com. Please remember to be kind and respectful in your comments. We appreciate your help!

Taekwondo: There is still space available in Taekwondo. You must register your student in person. 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.

Spirit Week: Thanks for participating in Spirit Week this week! We hope you had fun!

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

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