

## **Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, January 24, 2020**

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, January 24, 2020.

**What's Happening** - Much of this week was dedicated to the students finishing up work for the second marking period. Students in grades 2 – 5 also completed quarterly math and reading assessments. The Kindergarten teachers are assessing the reading level of each of their students. This is a mid-year progress check on the students' reading ability. All students are beginning to set personal and academic goals for the second half of the school year.

Next week is the end of the second marking period which includes several days of different schedules. Tuesday and Wednesday, January 28 and 29, 2020, are 2-hour early dismissal days. We will dismiss at 12:55 PM on both days. Thursday, January 30, 2020 is a teacher workday and therefore no school for the students. This day is built into the school calendar to provide time for teachers to prepare report cards for the students. Report cards will be sent home on February 10, 2020.

**Second Step at CMES** - 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](http://www.secondstep.org).

**Marvelous Mustangs** - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are Ian L., Olivia M., Bailey G., Davis S., Sofia L., Morgan O., Lamir J., Evan S., Timmy B., Christina H., Alice H., Isaac R., Josh O., Jacklynn O., Meadow G., Leonara H., Sarai S., Quinn R., Julia H., Sophia Z., Alex H., Jacob E., Payton H., and Jada H. Congratulations to these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

**Attention Parents of Current 5<sup>th</sup> Graders** - It's beginning to become that time of year for fifth grade students to start thinking about middle school. The administrators and guidance counselors at Crofton Middle School are planning an opportunity for parents and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to learn more about the process of

selecting courses for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6PM at Crofton Middle School. More information is available [here](#).

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 28-29, 2020  
January 30, 2020

2-Hr Early Dismissal (End of 2<sup>nd</sup> MP)  
No School

January 31, 2020  
February 10, 2020  
February 12, 2020  
February 17, 2020

Beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> MP  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards go home  
2-Hour Early Dismissal (PD for Teachers)  
No School (Presidents' Day)

## **PTO News**

**Chick-fil-A Nugget Tray: DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MONDAY!** 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. The flyer came home in your student's folder, you can access it on the CMES PTO Facebook page, or the form is attached for your convenience. For more information, contact Meg at [cmesptovpfunds@gmail.com](mailto:cmesptovpfunds@gmail.com).

**Last Week to order CMES Gear! [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.

**Committee Volunteers Needed:** We have some exciting opportunities planned for the spring and we need your help! Please contact Nicole at [cmesptovpmembership@gmail.com](mailto:cmesptovpmembership@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving on any of these committees:

\***Movie Night:** Helping to plan the spring movie night social coming up on March 27 (decorations, planning food, gathering prizes, etc.)

\***Career Day:** We are in the process of planning a Career Day for all students. We need help discussing the process for the day, getting speakers lined up for the event, and other duties.

\***Chamber of Commerce Meeting:** We would like your help in the planning and execution of a special meeting hosting members of the local Crofton Chamber of Commerce.

**Updated Budget Vote:** The PTO Board met earlier this week to review the budget. We will need PTO members to vote on the proposed changes to the budget on Monday, February 3 after dismissal at 3:15 in the CMES library. We will provide more detailed information about the proposed changes, so be on the lookout on our website ([croftonmeadowsppto.com](http://croftonmeadowsppto.com)), Weekly Wrap Up, and the PTO Facebook page (CMES PTO) for those details.

**Thank you!** Thanks to the volunteers who signed up to help with group pictures!

**Skate Night Profit:** Thanks for joining us at last week's Skate Night at Skate Zone! CMES raised \$275!

**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](mailto:cmesptofeedback@gmail.com). Please remember to be kind and respectful in your comments. We appreciate your help!

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**Feedback about the entire Weekly Wrap Up** is welcome at [jtrumbule@aacps.org](mailto:jtrumbule@aacps.org).