

## **Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, February 7, 2020**

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, February 7, 2020.

**What's Happening** - This week we started our Kindness Challenge! The students brought home the Kindness calendar on Monday. Students are asked to complete and record at least one random act of kindness each day during the month of February for their homework. We have seen many students spreading kindness throughout the school. Students helping the custodians by cleaning up their rooms at the end of the day; a fifth grade student helping a Kindergartener return his library book to the media center; or a fourth grader student hugging his first grade brother goodbye each morning as they enter the school. It is heartwarming to see! Let's continue to encourage the spread of kindness by recognizing and spreading the kindness ourselves.

**Really Planning Ahead** – We are already getting questions about this year's fifth grade promotion. Promotion activities will be on the last day of school (currently scheduled for June 16, 2020) at 3:00PM. June 16<sup>th</sup> is a two-hour early dismissal. Students will be dismissed at 12:55 PM. Fifth graders and their families can return at 3:00 PM for the promotion activities. This way we can accommodate all our guests without having to conduct preregistration processing.

**Jump Rope for Heart** - Jump Rope for Heart is coming to CMES the week of February 10-14<sup>th</sup> (during your child's PE classes). Please click [here](#) to help raise money for the American Heart Association. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Venturella at [gromeo@aacps.org](mailto:gromeo@aacps.org).

**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). The family activation code is SSPK FAMI LY70.

**Marvelous Mustangs** - This week's Marvelous Mustangs Eli M., Ben B., Jack M., David S., Riker W., Katherine P., Olivia T., Journey S., Michael T., Joseph T., Brayden

M., Elly T., Jayden M., Lionel D., Bryce J., Ethan V., Kaileen M., Cristian C., John (JJ) N., Ariyanna E., Corey R., and Dominic R. 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](#).

**First In Math!** - Exciting News!! First grade now has access to First In Math! Students log ins for home is:

- User Id: 6 digit student number
- Password: 1234

When your child earns 500 stickers- they also earn a family account for you (or siblings) to play too!

**Let's CELEBRATE!**

**Crofton Meadows is currently the TOP SCHOOL in the state of Maryland!  
We have moved up and are now the 22nd school in the nation. Can we break into the Top 20? Let's keep trying!**

**FIM Updates!**

Teams of the Week:

1st Place- Ms. Rutland's 4th Grade  
2nd place Mrs. Gleason's 3rd Grade  
3rd Place- Mrs. Ciancaglini's 5th Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Eni- 3rd Grade  
2nd Place- Arden 4th Grade  
3rd Place- Cayla 1st Grade

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

5th grade- Xander

4th Grade- Erick I., Owen, Arden

3rd Grade- Alex, Addison

2nd Grade- Alex, Joshua, Lucas

COMING SOON- 24 Team Tryouts! ( during Recess)

3rd Grade- February 27th ( Mrs. Gleason's Room)

4th Grade - February 26th ( Mrs. Hughes' Room)

**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:**

February 10, 2020	2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Report Cards go home
February 12, 2020	2-Hour Early Dismissal (PD for Teachers)
February 17, 2020	No School (Presidents' Day)
February 27, 2020	STEAM Night
March 9, 2020	Interims go Home
March 10, 2020	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

### **PTO News**

**PTO Board Meeting:** Our next PTO Board meeting is Tues., Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at CMES. All are welcome to attend.

**Budget Approved:** The amended PTO budget was reviewed and received voting approval on Monday. Thank you for all who reviewed and came to vote.

**Professional Development Day Next Wed.:** On Wed., Feb. 12, (this is also an early dismissal day!) CMES families are providing snacks for the teachers and staff during professional development. Thank you in advance for our Kindergarten and first grade families who are donating. All donations must be in the main office by noon on Wed., Feb. 12.

**Friday FUN!** The next CMES Skate Night at Skate Zone is Fri., Feb. 14, from 5-7 p.m. \$5 admission. \$4.50 skate rental. Neon theme—wear those bright colors!

**Committee Volunteer Needed!** PTO is all volunteer, and it is you that help make our events a success! Please consider helping for an event or committee this spring! If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, Nicole at [cmesptovpmembership@gmail.com](mailto:cmesptovpmembership@gmail.com):

*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, and ways they can partner with CMES.

**CFA Fundraiser:** Our recent Chick-fil-A Super Bowl nugget fundraiser earned CMES \$152. Thank you Chick-fil-A for your partnership, and to our fundraising VP, Meg Crowe for organizing.

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