

## **Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, March 6, 2020**

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, March 6, 2020.

**What's Happening** - This week we celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America all week long! We had guest readers visit each classroom to read their favorite stories, the student, staff and some parents dressed up in stripes (The Cat and the Hat), all green (Green Eggs and Ham), Wacky and crazy hair, Many colors (My Many Colors) and your favorite or silly hats (500 Hats). All the students were excited to participate in this many day celebration of reading! Thanks to Mrs. Shrader, our reading specialist for coordinating this week and to the parents and staff for volunteering as guest readers and helping make this week successful and fun for the students. We appreciate it greatly!

Celebrating our CMES Artists – If you're looking for something to do you can check out the art display at the Crofton Library (now through March 31<sup>st</sup>) we have many students with their talents on display. They are: Alyssa D., Ruby D., Sofia L-J., Colin R., Lydia S., Regina C-G., Sky S., Kimani G., Lucas R., Ayanna P., Ramsey R., Giuliana G., Jacob F., Franki B., John R., Maura M., Allison R., Estela L., Nadia S., and Patrick S. We also have two students that have their artwork on display at the Walters Art Museum

**Beauty and the Beast Presented by Crofton Middle School** - The Crofton Middle School PTA is thrilled to bring you "Disney's Beauty and The Beast- The Broadway Musical"! Enjoy entertainment for all ages, in the time-honored tradition that CMS has provided for the community for decades, as this 'tale as old as time' immerses your senses into a magical land of beautiful songs, gorgeous costumes, and imagination. Show dates are 3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/20, 3/21, and 3/22. Tickets may be purchased online at the following link: <https://cms-musical.ticketleap.com/beauty-and-the-beast/>

**Fifth Grade Promotion** – 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.

**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.

**A Message from our Guidance Counselor** - Beginning on March 2 we will no longer be using DoJo points as a reinforcement for positive behavior. Instead, all staff members will be using a paper ticket system to recognize students for following the CMES school wide expectations: Work Hard, Be Kind and Be Safe. This decision to change mid-year was made because we felt that DoJo points were not concrete enough for our students. The ticket system will allow reinforcement in all areas of the school such as the cafeteria, cultural arts and guidance lessons. Research shows that to reduce behavior problems, expectations must be directly taught, practiced and reinforced with at least a 5:1 positive to negative ratio. For every behavior correction there needs to be at least 5 positive recognitions to change the undesired behavior. It is a school wide goal that each student receives at least 5 tickets a day.

**Marvelous Mustangs** - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are: Lincoln W., Miranda R., Cash S., Emily H., Yuka O., Anna L., Braden T., Sehajroop T., Tyler M., Nicolette C., Patrick T., Miley K., Prestyn B., Igmot J., Wyatt W., Alice H., Dominic J., Ethan W., Kylee B., Gage N., and Kyler S. 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](mailto:nurse3362@aacps.org). Additional information about how to prevent the flu and other sicknesses can be found on the CMES website or [here](#).

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## **MATH MADNESS IN MARCH!**

SCHOOL-WIDE COMPETITION

**Math March Madness started on March 1st!**

**March 1-7** will be the qualifying round. The top 16 teams with the highest sticker count for this week enter the bracket! The week officially ends on Saturday night.

**March 8-14** Will narrow down the bracket to the top 8 teams with the highest sticker count for the week.

**March 15-20** will decide our Top 4 First in math Teams with the highest sticker count for the week.

**March 22-28** will determine our **TOP First in Math Team with the highest sticker count and our Team Champions.**

**Let's CELEBRATE!**

**Crofton Meadows is currently the TOP SCHOOL in the state of Maryland!**

**Uh-Oh.... we've dropped down to the 23rd position, but not far though! Let's climb back up! Can we break into the Top 20? Let's keep trying!**

### **FIM Updates!**

Teams of the Week:

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

2nd place Ms. Adam's 3rd Grade

3rd Place- Mr. Gleason's 3rd Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Jack - 1st Grade

2nd Place- Jared 5th Grade

3rd Place- Eni 3rd Grade

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

1st Grade- Levi

3rd Grade- Mark

5th Grade- Christian

**CONGRATULATIONS to ALL of our players who have reached 100 on their Goals Index!!**

5th grade-Mubar, Ryan, Omar  
4th grade- Farrah  
3rd grade- Logan, Ella, Cora

**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:**

Crossing Guards: The Crossing Guards on Tilghman Drive at the front driveway and on Chelmsford at the path in the back of the school do not report for duty until 8:00 AM. Students are being dropped off at these intersections prior to 8:00 AM where they are hanging out or crossing the intersections without assistance. Please do not drop off your students at these intersections before the crossing guards are on duty.

Inclement weather, traffic delays, etc.: Please remember to have a back-up plan in place for student dismissal if and when there is an emergency or parents are stuck in traffic. Parents should notify the office when they have to activate their back up plan.

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.

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:**

March 2-6, 2020	ReadAcrossAmerica Week
March 9, 2020	Interims go Home
March 10, 2020	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 16 or 17, 2020	Fourth Grade Field Trip to Arlington Echo
March 24, 2020	2-Hr Early Dismissal
March 27, 2020	CMES Science Fair Judging
March 27, 2020	PTO Movie Night
March 30, 2020	CMES Science Fair On Display (6:00 – 7:00PM)

### **PTO News**

**Happy and Healthy School:** At the start of the school year, many teachers request parent donations for hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and tissues. Many of these have been depleted as the year has gone on. The PTO is seeking these donations again to keep the classrooms (including our specials), and the common areas clean and healthy! If you have donations for hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes or tissues please drop them off at the front office. Thank you in advance for your support.

**You Asked:** This year CMES hosted three profitable nights at Skate Zone. Valentine's Day was our most recent and final skate night of this school year. Some parents made a request to PTO to host more of these nights because of how much fun they are! At our last Board meeting, we discussed about this request. The Skate nights are negotiated with Skate Zone a year in advance, so we are unable to host another one for this school year as their calendar is full. Given the request and the profits, we will work with Skate Zone for next school year on our offerings. In the meantime, the PTO will have events through the end of the school year. Please join us for family movie night on March 27. The PTO is also planning an event in April, and more details will be available in the coming weeks.

**Last Call for School Apparel:** The CMES spirit wear apparel sale is end Sunday, March 8. [Click here](#) to order today!

**Yum! Pizza Fundraiser:** Wednesday, March 11, [Vocelli's Gambrills/Crofton location](#) is hosting a fundraiser for CMES. Order all day! Carry out and delivery available. A portion of the sales will come back to CMES, just remember to tell them you are a CMES family. *AND the business owners are CMES parents!*

**Career Day is Next Friday:** The PTO is hosting Career Day on Friday, March 13. Family members with many different career paths have signed up to speak to our students. Each class also will be reading the book, "What Shoes Will You Wear?" For those who are volunteering, please arrive in the CMES front office by 8:30 a.m.

**Abominable Wins:** The PTO is hosting a family movie night on Friday, March 27, following a PTO general membership meeting. You all voted on our [CMES PTO Facebook page](#) for the movie, and Abominable won! More information will be coming home in the red folders soon, and you won't want to miss it because you can even order pizza for movie night. If you would like to help coordinate movie night, please join the planning committee on Friday, March 20, 6 pm at the CMES library.

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