

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, April 3, 2020

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, April 3, 2020.

(School System Shutdown Edition!)

What's Happening - First of all, I hope you and your family is safe and healthy! We must remember, that with all that is happening, the safety and healthy of our Crofton Meadows community is what matters most! We recognize this new normal is not ideal for anyone and can be very frustrating and stressful for many. The faculty and staff at Crofton Meadows are here to help you and your student transition to distance learning as smooth as possible. It will take a little time to get it right, but please know, we are working hard to do just that.

During this past week students were given the opportunity to complete any unfinished work that was assigned prior to the school shutdown. This work was added into the student's 3rd marking period grades. If a student still has unfinished work (assigned before the shutdown) to turn in, they can contact their teacher. It must be turned in by Wednesday, April 8, 2020. As of now, third marking period report cards will be mailed from AACPS central office.

Teachers have been preparing, and in some cases posting google classroom assignments for the students to practice. All students have been registered in a google classroom. If your student has not logged on to their teacher's google classroom, please have them do so as soon as possible. Online classroom opportunities start on Monday, April 3, 2020. We are aware of some students that currently don't have access to the internet or the google classroom. We are working on these situations on an individual basis.

Next week (April 3-8) students will start to engage online with their classroom teachers in the google classroom format. Please remember that all learning opportunities will be recorded so students can visit their google classroom when it is convenient for them. The learning opportunities offered this week will be practice opportunities so that students and teachers become more familiar with the online platform. No assignments will be graded.

April 9-13 is still Spring Break. No lessons or assignments will be posted in the google classrooms.

The following week (April 14 -17) will start the online learning lessons that will include instruction, practice opportunities, assignments, and graded work. It is the intension of AACPS that all students will have access to their google classroom by April 14th.

We are working hard to minimize the “bumps in the road” as we move forward. Please feel free to reach out to me (jtrumbule@aacps.org) or Mrs. Morton (kmorton@aacps.org) or your student’s classroom teacher, if you have any questions.

Please remember that the school office is closed and there is nobody there to answer the phones.

AACPS is providing meals to children ages 3-18 - AACPS has 61 for meal distribution for any child ages 3-18 regardless of FARMS status. This meal distribution will continue during the extended shutdown. Check out www.aacps.org for located on the meal distribution sites.

Schedule and Calendar Changes - Please refer to www.aacps.org for up-to-date information on changes and cancelations to AACPS sponsored events.

CMES Events

Field Trips – At the direction of the superintendent of AACPS, all field trips have been canceled. Any monies or fees that have been paid will be refunded as soon as possible.

Assemblies, Clubs, Meetings, Events, etc. – At the direction of the superintendent of AACPS, all meeting, assemblies, meetings, clubs, etc. have been canceled for the remainder of the school year.

IEP and 504 Meetings – All IEP and 504 will be scheduled either by a phone conference or a virtual meeting. The special education teachers will be reaching out to parents to make arrangements for these meetings.

Changes to Science Fair – We recognize that many students have started their science fair projects and we want to encourage this activity, however the CMES Science Fair for this year will be OPTIONAL for all students, including those in grades 3-5. If your student is interested in submitting a project for the Virtual Science Fair, please complete the application by following this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-IPWWc9GL_o1ZGXS1IWLeQsKzxkS-tNrzeENQeWgbyCP9Og/viewform?usp=pp_url

Additional On-line Resources - You have probably been inundated with emails about on-line learning. Additional resources that are embedded in the e-learning

website have been approved by AACPS. Additionally, resources that are included in this newsletter have been vetted by AACPS. We have set up a process for teachers to make recommendations for additional on-line resources through the AACPS Office of Technology. One of the major concerns is the number of on-line resources that offer free access and once you sign up you find out there is a charge after the initial month or so.

Fifth Grade Promotion – Still TBD

Spring Band/Strings/Chorus Concerts – Still TBD

Field Day - Still TBD

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 – Kindergarten Registration is on hold until further notice. AACPS is working on developing an online approach to the registration process. AACPS will be sending a message out to the community once the process has been finalized.

A Message from our Guidance Counselor:

Hi CMES Families,

I hope everyone is adjusting well to our new way of life. As we transition to e-learning next week, my role as a school counselor is changing as well. Each week I will send out some quick messages with ideas for coping skills and social emotional practices at home ideas. The teachers will be posting my messages on their google classrooms. This will cut down on the number of classrooms that students need to log onto each week. In addition, I am always available to support individual students and parents concerns through email. If you feel like your child is struggling to adjust to all of the changes please reach out to me at jmfooster@aacps.org.

I always teach our students to look for the positive in every situation and to practice gratitude for the little things in our lives. This is the perfect opportunity to model this for our children. In fact, a great idea is to either start a gratitude journal or a gratitude jar. Each day take a few minutes as a family to think about what you are grateful for and record your ideas. When all this craziness is over it will be a great way to reflect on this experience in a positive way.

Stay Positive! We will get through this together.

Mrs. Foster

A Message from our PE Teacher: If you would like to stay active and healthy over the next two weeks at home [here](#) is a list of at home movement opportunities that are fun for the whole family.

A Message from our Media Specialist: In an effort to provide high-quality resources for students while our school is closed, we want you to know that your child still has remote and continued access to our school databases, eBooks and numerous applications such as the Google Education package, WeVideo, Wixie, Typing Club, First in Math and many other applications that your child uses on a daily basis.

Databases appropriate for Primary: students are (in the order of ease of use and readability): PebbleGo, World Book Early Learning, Discovery Education, and DK. The remaining databases are geared toward Intermediate grades. Many of the databases have narration abilities. When using eBooks, the Capstone and Mackin books can be accessed without a user name and password. Capstone is Ms. Radisi's preferred platform as the books are narrated with a human voice rather than a computer-generated voice.

Various ways to access our databases and eBooks:

In URL, type mackinvia.com

Select our school

User name is: your child's student ID number

Password is: the last 4 digits of the student ID

or:

Download <https://www.google.com/chrome/> browser to access Classlinks (your child uses the applications included on their Classlinks page frequently for in-school instruction)

CMES Yearbook - It's that time again to purchase those memories captured during the school year. You will have an opportunity to customize two free pages. Yearbooks are \$16.40 Please follow the link below to purchase yours today!

Pass code 1014807036532753

Purchase Link <https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1014807036532753>

TreeRing video <https://www.treering.com/Watch-the-TreeRing-Personalized-Yearbook-Demo>

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are: All CMES Parents that are working in the healthcare field! You are heroes to us all. You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe. Thank you for being so AWESOME and stay safe and healthy!

First In Math! -

Math March Madness is in FULL SWING!

March 1-7 Qualifying Round- determines Sweet 16

March 8-14 Will narrow down the bracket to the top 8 teams with the highest sticker count for the week. **The Elite 8 Teams are : Gleason, Ciancaglini, Hampson, Batchelor, Adams, Cottle, Shields and Anastasio! Congratulations!**

March 15-20 will decide our Top 4 First in math Teams with the highest sticker count for the week. **The Final 4 Teams are: Gleason vs Hampson, Cottle vs Shields. Good luck!**

March 22-28 will determine our TOP First in Math Team with the highest sticker count and our Team Champions. Our top two teams in the Championship Round is Gleason Vs Shields! Good luck to both teams!

*Special shout out to 1st Grade - you are ROCKING FIM!

Let's CELEBRATE!

Crofton Meadows is currently the TOP SCHOOL in the state of Maryland! We did it! We are now in the Top 19th Schools in the nation!!! Can we hit Sweet 16? I think we can!

FIM Updates!

Teams of the Week:

1st Place- Ms. Carpenter 1st Grade

2nd Place- Mrs. Shields 4th Grade

3rd Place- Mrs. Armstrong 1st Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Grayson 1st Grade

2nd Place- Jeremy 1st Grade

3rd Place- Kaylyn 45h Grade

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

2nd Grade- Lazer

3rd Grade- Ruby

Planning Ahead:

March 30 – April 24, 2020 School Closed by order of the Governor and State Superintendent of Schools. All school related activities have been cancelled until further notice.

PTO News

Art to Remember Still Available for Purchase: Prior to school dismissal, CMES was participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. There are 50+ products and many are less than \$15. These make great gifts and a percentage of every purchase goes right back to our school. Click the link and enter your child's first and last name to find their artwork: <https://arttoremember.com/school/rvmbkk>

The deadline for purchasing is April 20. The products will be shipped to your home in May.

Post Your Mustang Pride! Even though we are all at home right now, we can still show school spirit. Encourage your child to make a sign to put in your window or in front of your home to show how mighty we are. And remember the Crofton Meadows Way: Work Hard, Be Kind, and Be Safe! Post a photo on our [Facebook PTO page](#) of your student and your sign for everyone to see!

Feedback about the entire Weekly Wrap Up is welcome at jtrumbule@aacps.org.