

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, September 6, 2019

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending September 6, 2019.

Weekly Wrap Up – Each Friday, throughout the school year, we will publish a short email of weekly highlights at Crofton Meadows. The email will also include information on upcoming events for the school. The PTO will also have a section in the Weekly Wrap Up for important PTO information. Our goal is for parents, students, staff, and interested community members to be connected to what's happening at the school. The weekly emails will also be posted on the CMES website each week.

Crofton Meadows Elementary has an Awesome Start to the 2019 – 2020 School Year – This week 547 students in grades Kindergarten through Fifth grade, started school at Crofton Meadows Elementary. It was awesome to see all the eager students excited to see their friends, meet their teachers and start learning. The parents of the kindergarten students met with their teachers and the students began their academic career with a staggered start. The first full day for all kindergarten students is Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

New Car Rider Dismissal Procedures - In an effort to ensure the safety of all students during our daily dismissal routine, the procedure for car rider dismissal has been changed. These changes were published on a green flyer and sent home with every student in the student's red folder. The procedures can also be found on the CMES website. In short, students no longer congregate on the median strip between the driveway and the parking lot. Adults that are picking up their student(s) on a regular basis are issued a "Pick Up" number. When that car arrives in the drop-off/pick-up line on the edge of the parking lot, their student will be called from the cafeteria to meet their ride. As the students, parents and staff get used to this new routine, the car rider pick up will become more efficient. Thank you for your patience as we implement and perfect this new routine to keep our students safe.

Band and Strings Assembly – Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 attended an assembly on Wednesday to hear about the Band and Strings programs at Crofton Meadows. Students interested in learning to play an instrument can sign up with parent permission. Flyers were sent home this week and are due back to Mr. Nicholas or

Mr. Franck by Friday, September 13, 2019. Classes will start the week of September 16, 2019.

Back to School Night – On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, we will host our annual Back-to-School Night. The PTO will conduct a general membership meeting from 6:00 – 6:30 PM and the Back-to-School program will be from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Parents will meet in the auditorium at 6:30 for a brief overview of the school program and then time will be allotted for classroom visits. We will have two rotations from 7:00 PM – 7:25 PM and 7:30 PM – 7:55 PM to accommodate parents with more than one student. We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 11th.

Welcome Back: First In Math! - All students in grades 2- 5 have First In Math accounts! This program promotes fact fluency, mathematical reasoning and problem solving. Students can log in from computers, tablets and even phones! The play is short cycle so progress can be made in as little as 7-10 minutes a day. Please encourage your child to aim for the Winners Circle- 100 stickers per week! The student with the most stickers per day in each class is the "Player of the Day". Player of the Week and Team of the Week are also recognized!

Kid Kindness Grants - Are you between the ages of 5 – 18? Do you have a fantastic idea about how to spread kindness? Do you need money to help you do it? If so, KindnessGrowsHere, Inc. wants to hear from you. They want kids with awesome ideas to submit applications for ways in which they can help spread kindness in their school, community, town, or neighborhood. Individuals may apply for up to \$200. Groups may apply for up to \$500. Applications will be accepted from September 1, 2019 to November 1, 2019. More information can be found [here](#).

Marvelous Mustangs - The Marvelous Mustang Award is a weekly award given to students that demonstrate positive character traits such as honesty, empathy, confidence, kindness, helpfulness, and respectfulness. The students have their name read on the Friday morning announcements, receive a certificate of award, and have lunch with Mrs. Foster, our guidance counselor. The students names will also be published in the Weekly Wrap Up.

Students Use Agendas for Home-School Connection – This year all grades from First to Fifth Grade will use agenda books to record their homework assignments and special events in the classroom. Because of a glitch with the printer, the agendas have not arrived at school, yet. We expect them to be delivered sometime within the next week. The cost of the agenda is included in the student's activity fee for each grade.

Helpful Tip – Please write your child's name in their lunch boxes (on the inside) and on any sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts. This will help tremendously in getting lost items back to their rightful owners.

Planning Ahead:

Monday, September 9, 2019	Third Staggered Day for Kindergarten Students
Tuesday, September 10, 2019	First Day for All Kindergarten Students
Wednesday, September 11, 2019	PTO General Membership Meeting (6:00 – 6:30)
Wednesday, September 11, 2019	Back-to-School Night (6:30 PM – 8:00 PM)
Tuesday, September 17, 2019	Fall Pictures for All Students
Monday, September 30, 2019	School Closed (Rosh Hashanah)
Friday, September 20, 2019	PTO Fall Picnic (5:30 PM – 7:30 PM)

PTA News

A Message from CMES PTO - Welcome back everyone! Please stop by our table at back to school night.

Membership is available online as well at www.croftonmeadowspto.com.

Upcoming events sponsored by the PTO include:

Wednesday, September 11, 2019	PTO General Membership Meeting (6:00 – 6:30)
Friday, September 13, 2019	Skate Night at the Skate Zone (5:00 – 7:00PM)
Friday, September 20, 2019	PTO Fall Picnic (5:30 – 7:30 PM)

We are excited to start a fresh new year and a great partnership between parents and school.

2019 – 2020 PTO Executive Board

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