

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, September 13, 2019

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending September 13, 2019.

What Happened This Week - This week was our first full week of the school year. The students and teachers are getting into routines and demonstrating *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work hard. Be Kind. Be Safe. We also welcomed over 400 parents and family members to our annual Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Parents were given the opportunity to learn about some of the programs offered at the school this year and to meet their student's teacher. The presentation that Mr. Trumbule gave to the parents can be found on the school website.

Parent Portal Goes Live! – The Parent Portal (the new ParentConnect) goes live on Monday, September 16, 2019. A ConnectEd message will be sent home on Monday as a reminder. Parent Portal will allow parents of students in grades 1-12 to monitor their student's academic progress throughout the school year. Parents will be able to set up their account starting Monday. Look for the Parent Portal icon at the top of the AACPS website at www.aacps.org.

Emergency Contact Cards – Emergency Contact Information Cards were due back at school today, Friday, September 13, 2019. If you have not returned the emergency card, please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that the school have updated information on who to contact in case of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Car Rider Dismissal Procedures - The new car rider dismissal procedure is beginning to take hold. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the student safe.

Band and Strings Classes – Band and Strings classes will start next week (September 16th).

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! Login in at

www.firstinmath.com. Username is your student's six digit student number. The password is 1234. Congratulations to our First in Math **Teams of the Week!** 1st place- Ms. Adams/ Dr. Saunders' class 3rd Grade; 2nd Place- Mrs. Gleason's class 3rd Grade; and 3rd Place- Mrs. Hampson's class 2nd Grade. Our **Players of the Week:** 1st Place - Taavi 3rd Grade, 2nd Place- Ryan 5th Grade, and 3rd Place- Mark- 3rd grade.

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](#).

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 *still* 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.

Gentle Reminder - Please remember to use the crosswalk when crossing the driveway from the parking lot to the school. This practice sets the example for all our students to be safe.

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:

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

We want YOU to be part of the PTO! It's \$10 per family for the school year. [Click here](#) to join! New PTO members can create an account by selecting, "Signup Now." Returning PTO families, may sign-in with current e-mail and creating a password.

New REWARDS Program. At Back-to-School night, the PTO launched a new rewards program. When you volunteer throughout the year, you earn credits towards holiday shop incentives. If you still need a PTO Reward Card, the PTO will have them at the Fall Picnic on Sept. 20.

Skate Night is TONIGHT! from 5-7 p.m. at Skate Zone. \$5 admission. Skates and scooters are welcome. Wear red, white and blue, and bring the flier sent home in your child's red folder to get a prize.

It's Fall Picnic Time! The Fall Picnic is NEXT Friday, Sept. 20, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be food and games for the entire family. Check [Facebook](#) or your child's red folder for more information. We also need VOLUNTEERS to help make this event a success. [Click here to help.](#) Volunteering will get you your first credit on your NEW PTO Reward Card.

Picture Day is next, Tuesday, Sept. 17. The teachers can use your help to escort children to and from the picture station. Pictures are from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. [Click here to sign-up](#) for time slots to help!

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