

## **Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, November 8, 2019**

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, November 8, 2019.

**What's Happening** - The students and teachers are wrapping up the first marking period. Today was the last day to turn in any missing work to be included in the first marking period grades. **Important Notice:** Because of a software issue with the grading system, report cards for the first marking period will be delayed by two days. The new date for the distribution of the first marking period report cards for students in grades 1-12 will be **Friday, November 22, 2019**.

During the last eight days we have enjoyed have Mickey and D-Roc as part of our staff. Mickey and D-Roc are part of the APEX team and have been bringing great spirit, fun, and positive leadership messages to all our students. The two weeks was topped off with a Fun Run that students, staff and parents thought was great! Thanks Mickey and D-Roc. You are welcome to visit us anytime! Thanks, PTO, for bringing the APEX leadership program to our school!

**Grandparents and Special Friends (and Parents) Visitation Day** – As part of American Education Week (November 11 – 15, 2019) the faculty and staff of Crofton Meadows Elementary will host a Grandparents and Special Friends (and Parents) visitation day on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM. This is an opportunity to visit your students' classroom to see the work they are doing. We will also have Classic Photography available to take family portraits. Following the AACPS school security procedures ALL adults entering the building for this event must have their driver's license scanned. In order to accommodate the large number of people expected on this day, we are asking all adults planning on attending to pre-register for the event. Pre-registration forms were sent home with the students this past Wednesday. Pre-registrations should be returned to school **NO LATER THAN** Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Badges will be printed prior to the event to expedite visitor check-in.

**Need HOLIDAY HELP for your Family** - Each year Anne Arundel County Public Schools partners with the Sharing Foundation to provide holidays gifts to children under the age of 14 and their families. It is a unique program that targets families that have at least one family member working but are in need of extra help. If this is a program that you are interested in for your children, please contact Mrs. Foster, CMES School Counselor at [jmfoster@aacps.org](mailto:jmfoster@aacps.org). I will send the application form to

you electronically to be completed. The deadline for the application is quickly approaching. All applications need to be turned in by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**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).

**Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS) program** – The Free and Reduced Meals program is accepting applications for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Applications need to be renewed each year. The application can be found online at [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org). A

**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.

**Class email Lists** – We have had many requests from parents for the email addresses of the students in their child’s class. In order to maintain the privacy of all our students and their families, we will not be able to provide this information.

**Marvelous Mustangs** - This week’s Marvelous Mustangs are Vincent E., Isabella H., Charlotte M., Lucas D., Emily B., Landon B., Zane G., Emmett H., Faith K., Caleb S., Sage M., Colin W., Ethan M., Keely C., Allison R., Carter R., Yuka O., Ramsey R., Wyatt B., Grayson C., and Paisley B. Congratulations to these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

**First In Math!** - Our First in Math Goal: Double the number of mathematicians by the November break- we can do it!

Team of the Week:

1st Place Mrs. Shield's 4th Grade  
2nd Place Mrs. Hampson's 2nd Grade  
3rd Place Mrs. Galvin's 2nd Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Zach 4th Grade  
2nd Place Leonard 2nd Grade  
3rd Place Ryan S 2nd Grade

Who will our next Grand Champion be?

**Reminders** – Please remember when you are visiting the school/classroom or attending a school event not to take pictures of other students without permission from the student’s parent or guardian. Also, please make sure your students have their name somewhere on their jackets and sweatshirts. We are getting a ton “Lost and Found” items that we would like to return to their rightful owners. If your student is missing something, have him/her check the Lost and Found rack in the back hallway.

**Planning Ahead:**

November 11-15, 2019	American Education Week
Friday, November 15, 2019	Grandparents’ and Special Friends Visitation Day
Wednesday, November 20, 2019	Report Cards go home
November 27-29, 2019	Thanksgiving Break – School Closed

**PTO News**

**Apex Fun Run!** Thanks so much for participating, donating and supporting the Apex Fun Run! The students learned leadership skills from Marvelous Mickey and D-Roc. The Fun Run was a huge success, and we are excited to announce donation totals in the next week or so. In the meantime, you can still make donations and your student will receive prizes! Go CMES!

**Skate Night!** NEXT, Fri., Nov., 15 from 5-7 p.m. \$5 admission and a portion of sales goes back to CMES. And, invite your grandparents, since it’s grandparents’ day at school!

**PTO Board Meeting** is Tues., Nov. 12, from 9-10:30 a.m. at CMES. We have been alternating meeting times to accommodate different schedules. All are welcome!

**Missed Picture/Retake Day** is next, Tues., Nov. 12. The teachers can use your help to escort children to and from the picture station from 8:30-10:30 a.m. [Click here to sign-up](#) for time slots to help.

Volunteer video: <https://md02215556.schoolwires.net/Page/2460>

Background check form: <http://aacps.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1869>

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