

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

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

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

What's Happening - Welcome back from the Thanksgiving break! There are only two weeks left until our Winter break and we have a lot to do!

Mrs. Gleason's 3rd graders had special visitors in class on Wednesday. Monica Patel and Robert Sun, founder of First in Math and the 24 Game spent time with the students. In addition to getting to ask questions and learn about new FIM games, the students were given a set of mini 24 cards that haven't been released for sale, yet! Crofton Meadows is currently the top performing school in the state of Maryland in First in Math! Keep up the hard work!

Thursday was Unity Day in all the AACPS schools. Crofton Meadows celebrated unity with lessons on empathy. The students watched a short video and completed an activity about understanding what it would be like to "walk in someone else's shoes."

The Winter Concerts are coming up this next week. To accommodate the size of our student performers and the audience, we will have two concerts again this year. The first concert will be the Band and Chorus concert at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 10th. The second concert will be the Strings concert at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 11th.

Scholastic Book Fair - The Scholastic Arctic Adventure Book Fair starts December 9th and runs through December 13th in the Media Center. Students were able to preview the books and create wish lists this week. Students will be able to shop during their regular media classes. Other times that are available include after school with a parent on Tuesday, December 10th from 3:15 – 4:30 and a pre-concert time of 4:30 – 6:00 on Wednesday, December 11th. There is also the ability to shop online at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/croftonmeadowselemschool1> between December 5th - December 11th.

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are Bella M-M., Emmanuelle K., Gavin G., Charlotte M., Gunner B., Natalie S., Jordan R., Grady M., Boaz M., Braylon B., Alice H., Lionel D., Ryan P., Leah W., Ella S., Brody H., Emma S., Julianna S., Gabriel Y., Aubree J., Varsha B., Lume D., and Sky S. Congratulations to

these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

First In Math! - The First In Math results for this week are:

Team of the Week:

1st Place Mrs. Hampson's 2nd Grade

2nd Place Mrs. Ruddy's 5th Grade

3rd Place Mrs. Ciancagline's 5th Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Zach 5th Grade

2nd Place Joshua 2nd Grade

3rd Place Lucas 2nd Grade

WAY TO GO Everyone!!!!!!

Class Fees - If you have not paid your student's class fee from the beginning of the school year, please consider doing this as soon as possible. For your convenience you can pay on-line by going to osp.osmsinc.com/annearundel. Find our school name (Crofton Meadows) under Elementary. Navigate to your student's teacher/grade to find the class fee.

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.

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

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.

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.

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:

December 10, 2019	Band and Chorus Winter Concert 6:30 PM
December 11, 2019	Strings Winter Concert 6:30 PM
December 13, 2019	Interims for 2 nd Marking Period Go Home
December 13, 2019	2 nd Grade Field Trip to Eco Adventures
December 18, 2019	3 rd grade Field Trip to Bowie Performing Arts
December 20, 2019	5 th Grade Wax Museum (8:45 – 9:45)
December 23 – January 1	Winter Break
January 2, 2020	School Opened

PTO News

Thank You for Your Donations: An extra special thank you to the families who donated to the Thanksgiving dessert table and/or for the Professional Development day snack. Our teachers and staff truly appreciated and enjoyed the treats.

MORE After School Programs: Registration for winter/spring after school programs is coming soon. Be on the lookout for a flyer in your student’s red folder and on the [CMES Facebook page](#).

Spirit Week: Save the dates for CMES Spirit Week Jan. 13-17!

Monday: Silly Sock Day

Tuesday: Decade Day

Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day

Thursday: Sports Day

Friday: CMES colors/Maryland Day

Kids Shop for Holiday Gifts: Our CMES holiday shop runs from the evening of **Dec. 17** (VIP shopping 6:15-6:45 p.m./Shopping for all: 6:45-8 p.m.) and during the school days on **Dec. 18 and 19**. Students will have an opportunity to shop for others. Check your student's red folder for more info and a shopping check list! There are also volunteer shifts in evening and during the school day. Please [click here](#) to sign-up for a shift.

Book Fair Is OPEN: Scholastic Book Fair is happening now. Our own Media Specialist, Ms. Radisi, could use **your** help to assist students during the fair—wish lists, book selection, payment and more. The book fair runs through Dec.13 with lots of volunteer opportunities available. Please [click here](#) to sign-up.

CFA Spirit Night! Earned CMES \$330. More spirit nights coming in 2020!

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

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

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