

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

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

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

What's Happening - Another busy week as we quickly approach the Winter Break! This past week Mrs. Radisi, our Media Specialist hosted the Scholastic Book Fair. The students were excited to browse the books for sale and select a few (or more) to buy or put on a Santa wish list. Thanks to the many volunteers that helped make the Book Fair successful.

The Music program at CMES also hosted a series of Winter concerts this week. The Band, Strings and Chorus all performed two concerts, a concert for the students during the day and an evening performance for family and friends. Thanks to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Franck and Mr. Sullivan for working so hard with the students to prepare for these concerts. The students were awesome.

During a week with many different events, we found time to conduct a mandatory lockdown drill. The drill simulated a scenario with an unauthorized person in the building. What make the drill a little more challenging was it was conducted during a lunch period when there were students in the cafeteria. The students and staff performed the drill quickly and efficiently. All students were in secure spaces and quiet in less than two minutes from the initiation of the drill. The entire drill took approximately four minutes to complete and students returned to their regular schedule. Again, the students were awesome!

Finally, students in the second grade has a wonderful time at Eco Adventures in Millersville. Thanks to all the parent chaperones that made this adventurous day possible!

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are Kristian C., Vincent E., Victoria P., Julianne C., Kabir S., Montier B., Elizabeth D., Chloe D-M., Jaxson M., Amelia P., Gideon S., Abigail L., Layla G., Quinn., Ana R., Claire M., Patrick S., Ruby D., and Emily H. 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. Ciancaglini'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 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

Registration Open for After School Programs: Registration for winter/spring after school programs is now available—see below.

Chess: Fridays from 3-4 p.m.; 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, & 3/13 at CMES.

To register, visit: <https://skenrichment.com/clubs/anne-arundel/product/crofton-meadows-elementary-chess-winter-2020.html>. To request scholarships or financial aid, please visit the website. Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call 703-574-2070.

Taekwondo: Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.; 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, & 2/25 at CMES. To register, email Mr. Alan at Arisenmartialarts@gmail.com or call 202-602-8410. Payment must be made in person by visiting the dojo at 2173 Defense Highway Crofton MD 21114. Your spot is reserved upon payment and it is first come, first served. Space is limited to 30 students.

Abakadoodle (Art): Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m.; 2/5 (no class 2/12), 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, & 4/1 at CMES. To register, visit www.abrakadoodle.com/md04. Space is limited to 20 students. The first parent to volunteer for all 8 classes will receive 25% off first child's tuition. For more information please contact Abakadoodle at, Marianne Daley, Educational Director, 410-381-5566. or mdaley@abakadoodle.com.

Robotics: Thursdays from 3-4 p.m.; 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, (no class on 4/9), 4/16, 4/23, & 4/30 at CMES. Registration opens at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. To

register, visit <http://bit.ly/cmestrobotics>. Please note that this program is only for students who have not taken this course this fall.

For questions regarding these programs, please contact Mandy Conner at cmestopresident@gmail.com.

Kids Shop For Holiday Gifts: Our CMES holiday shop is 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.

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

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

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

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