

Crofton Meadows Elementary Weekly Wrap Up – Friday, December 20, 2019

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Good Afternoon Crofton Meadows Elementary Families!

Here is your Weekly Wrap Up for the week ending Friday, December 20, 2019.

What's Happening - The students throughout the building were very excited today! It was not only the day before winter break and 5 days until Christmas, but the fifth graders put on their annual wax museum for the students and parents. The fifth graders researched historical figures, created a short speech about the person's life, and dressed up to present their speech to visitors of the wax museum. Check out the CMES twitter account to see some of the highlights of the students' creativity and hard work!

Today was also Polar Express day! The students dressed in their PJ's and listened to the Polar Express story read by their teacher. The students also watched the Polar Express movie during their annual classroom Holiday party. Thanks to the parents for the donations to make the holiday parties special for the students.

Finally, we would like to extend the warmest holiday greetings to you and your family! We hope that you take the time to relax with family and friends. Thank you for all you do to support your student and Crofton Meadows Elementary! If you are traveling, be safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Thursday, January 2, 2020!

Marvelous Mustangs - This week's Marvelous Mustangs are Ashlyn C., Natalie H., Elle B., Daniel K., Finnegan B., and Naima B. Congratulations to these Marvelous Mustangs! You are setting the example for *The Crofton Meadows Way* – Work Hard. Be Kind. Be Safe.

A message from the Media Specialist - Ms. Radisi thanks the awesome parent, grandparent and teacher volunteers in our Mustang Community who generously gave hours of their time to assist in the winter Scholastic Book Fair. It takes a village to pull off an event of this duration and scale. The children were enthusiastic about the wonderful book selection and many are now enjoying their new reading purchases and growing their personal library. She also thanks Wegman's of Waugh Chapel for their generous monetary donation that allowed the purchase of holiday sugar and gingerbread cookies with icing for student decorating (and eating) fun!

Many thanks to the following parents. Ms. Radisi stated that it was so much fun working with each of you! She apologizes if a parent or staff name is missed from this list as she used the latest Signup Genius document to compose this note of thanks.

Lauren Belcher, Marisa Bejar, Julie Carr, Nicole Clements, Mandy Conner, Andrea Constable, Rhiannon Corley, Mary and Jim Courtney, Michelle Davey, Jette Engstrom, Brenda Eppinger, Carol Green, Tara Henderson, Molly Heminger, Katie Higgins, Karyn Horay, Jessica Hughes, Pam Iddings, Denise J, Janelle (Radisi) Jackson and Grant, Aviah Jean-Louis, Stephanie Johnson, Jamie Leigh Henry, Christina Padgett, Maria Petrenko, Colleen Pitts, Kerry Plummer, Amanda Rosengarth, Mark Stokes, Whitney Weatherly, Tanya Wilson, Nicole Young

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

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Teams of the Week:

1st Place- Ms. Batchelor's 3rd Grade

2nd place Mrs. Hampson's 2nd Grade

3rd Place- Mrs. Gleason's 3rd Grade

Players of the Week:

1st Place Alex- 2nd Grade

2nd Place- Arden- 4th Grade

3rd Place- Neil- 3rd Grade

Awesome work, 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 23 – January 1	Winter Break
January 2, 2020	School Opened
January 20, 2020	School Closed – MLK Day
January 23, 2020	Crofton High School Community Meeting
January 28-29, 2020	2-Hr Early Dismissal (End of 2 nd MP)
January 30, 2020	No School
January 31, 2020	Beginning of 3 rd MP

PTO News

Happy Holidays! From the PTO!

Thanks Volunteers: The Holiday Shop sponsored by the PTO was a wonderful success because of our volunteers. Thank you for your time! We will be sharing our profits soon.

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@abrakadoodle.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 cmesptopresident@gmail.com.

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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