

THE CLARKSBURG CHEETAH

Week of October 14, 2024



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IMPORTANT DATES: **Digital Citizenship Week**

Tuesday, 10/15 Equity and Excellence Parent Meeting and Celebration, CES, 6:30-7:30 PM

**Thursday, 10/17-
Friday, 10/25** PTA Boosterthon

Friday, 10/18 No School for Students - Professional Day for Teachers

Thursday, 10/24 Fifth Grade Field Trip to The Music Center at Strathmore

Wednesday, 10/30 PTA Event - Trunk or Treat, CES, 5:30-6:30 PM

Friday, 11/01 Last Day of the First Marking Period

Dear Clarksburg Elementary School Families,

I hope that you and your family had a safe and enjoyable weekend. I want to thank all of the students and families who attended Clarksburg Night last Thursday. Even though we are one of the smallest elementary schools in the Clarksburg Cluster, we had the third most people who registered and participated in the parade around Coyote Canyon (a.k.a. the CHS Football Stadium)!

As you already know, the PTA Boosterthon begins on Thursday. It is always a fun event for students. I am sure that you will be hearing a lot about it over the next two weeks. I also want to remind you that there is no school for students on Friday due to a Professional Day for staff.

Please see the additional information below to learn more about the exciting things that we are doing and the Montgomery County Public School system is offering. As always, please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Carl Robert Bencal

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Principal

MCPS 2025-2026 School Year Calendar Survey

MCPS is seeking input about the 2025–2026 school year calendar! Please take a moment to complete the [MCPS School Calendar Feedback Survey](#). You can also access the survey by using the QR code found [HERE](#). Your input will be used to select the first and last day of school, as well as other important dates for the coming school year.

The Korean Language & Culture Program at Clarksburg Elementary School

The Korean Language & Culture Program at Clarksburg ES will be starting soon for this school year! The first day of the program will be October 30, 2024. Classes will meet every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The program is an after-school activity centered on Korean language and culture, but is attended by a diverse student population. Any students in Grades K through 5 from Clarksburg Elementary School or any neighboring elementary school are invited to participate.

Please submit a Google registration form to register your child/ren. You can use the [link](#) or QR code in this [flyer](#) to complete the registration process.

Fall Student Portrait Information

Clarksburg Elementary School Fall Student Portraits are now online for viewing and ordering! You should have received an e-mail from Freed Photography with your student's private gallery information (it may have gone to spam). If you have not received this, please contact them at support@freedphoto.com or call 301-652-5452.

Digital Citizenship Week

This week is Digital Citizenship Week. In today's connected world, helping kids and teens protect their privacy and maintain a positive online identity is critical to their future and overall well-being. We invite you to join [Common Sense Media](#) for a live webinar on **October 16** where experts will discuss strategies for creating a safer online environment for your child.

In just 30 minutes, here's what's being covered:

- The importance of protecting your privacy online
- Responsible online sharing practices and the power of your digital footprint
- Safe and healthy online behavior

By attending this webinar, you'll gain valuable insights and resources to help your child thrive in today's digital age. [Register now!](#)



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Dear Clarksburg Elementary School Caregivers,

An important goal at Clarksburg Elementary School is to ensure that all students achieve academic success. Montgomery County Public Schools uses a Multi Tiered System of Support framework with the goal of supporting students in acquiring the skills to reach their fullest potential in mathematics.

After collecting multiple data points on the achievement of all students, those who are identified as needing additional instruction outside of their math class are recommended for Tier 2 support. Students receiving Tier 2 instruction work toward a specific goal(s) while additional data is collected to monitor their progress. Many students receiving Tier 2 master their goal(s) and return to receiving solely Tier 1 core instruction. With a “flexible” small group approach, students may receive support from their classroom teacher or from additional support staff. Depending on the needs of the student, they may participate in this group for only a few weeks or for an extended period of time. This additional support will allow a child’s individual needs to be met through the use and practice of skills and strategies which will target specific areas of need for them. Student progress will be monitored throughout the time in the group in order to ensure growth and identify any further needs that they may have.

Thank you for your continued support at home with your child’s math learning. If you have any questions about the additional math support your child may receive, please don’t hesitate to contact their classroom teacher or our Staff Development Teacher/Math Content Coach, Ms. Erin Smeller via e-mail at Erin_M_Smeller@mcpsmd.org.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Bencal

Principal

Boosterthon Volunteers

Mark your calendars, the Boosterthon starts on October 17th! The final celebration of our Boosterthon fundraiser is a Fun Run around the field at Clarksburg Elementary School! The Fun Run is on **Friday, October 25th, 2024**. We need some grown up volunteers to help make sure everything *runs* smoothly. As a volunteer you will:

- Ensure that students are staying on the Fun Run path
- Use a permanent marker to mark off each lap that they run on their Boosterthon t-shirt
- Encourage students to stay hydrated
- Support the Boosterthon staff in anything else they need

[Click here to volunteer](#) for the Fun Run! Please be mindful that **each grade level is running at different times**, choose the time that corresponds with your kiddo's grade level.

Thanks so much for your support!

-CES PTA Board

Boosterthon Information

Clarksburg Elementary Families!

We are only ONE week away from kicking off our Clarksburg Cheetah Fun Run fundraiser! We are looking forward to having fun and building community together to reach our fundraising goals.

Get an overview of our fundraiser by clicking [HERE](#)!

Sign Up for Our ***BIG EVENT***



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