

THE CLARKSBURG CHEETAH

Week of May 5, 2025



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IMPORTANT DATES: **Staff Appreciation Week**

- Tuesday, 5/6** PTA Meeting, 6:30-7:30 (Virtual)
[PTA Zoom Meeting Link](#) Meeting ID: 848 5344 0090 Passcode: 883982
- Saturday, 5/10** Beautification Day, 9:00-11:30 AM (Rain Date - May 17)
- Monday, 5/26** Memorial Day Holiday - No School for Students and Staff
- Friday, 5/30** PTA Event - Color Run, CES Upper Field, 5:00-6:00 PM (Rain Date - June 5)
- Friday, 6/6** No School for Students - Professional Day for Teachers
Kindergarten Orientation for In-Coming Kindergarteners and Families

Dear Clarksburg Elementary School Families,

I hope that everybody had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. I want to recognize you and thank you for instilling the importance of education into your children. There are over 200 schools in MCPS, we are in the Top 10 for attendance. By ensuring that your students are at school as much as possible, you are teaching them that education is important and vital to their future success. Thank you!

I want to remind you that Saturday, May 10 is Beautification Day at Clarksburg Elementary School. There is a lot of work to do and I would really appreciate your time and effort in making our school as beautiful and welcoming as possible. Please see the blurb later in this newsletter for more information.

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

Carl Bencal
Principal

Want to make a difference at CES?

We're looking for passionate, creative, and fun parents to join the CES PTA Board for the 2025–2026 school year! ✨ Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's a place for you to help support our amazing students and staff. 🍎💙 Interested? Fill out this quick form and we'll be in touch! 📝

👉 [Check out the PTA Interest Form here!](#)

Beautification Day

I love our beautiful little school and campus, but it does take a lot of work to create the welcoming environment that we strive for each day. Beautification Day is an event that we use to support our amazing Building Service Team in maintaining the superior curb appeal that we desire. Beautification Day will take place on Saturday, May 10 (Rain Date - May 17). The event will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude whenever we are done or at 11:30 – whichever comes first! There will be donuts, coffee, and water available for all of our eager volunteers.

If you can, please bring some gardening tools to the event (e.g., gloves, shovels, rakes, hand shovels, pruners, manual trimmers, etc.). We will primarily be planting flowers, cutting shrubs, trimming trees, weeding beds, and spreading mulch to increase Clarksburg Elementary School's beauty. I need you and your family to dedicate as much time (2.5 hours) or as little time (15-30 minutes) as you can to make our school look welcoming to all who visit. I promise to find the perfect job for you!

Please contact the school if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing many of you at the fun and community enhancing, outdoor event.

Boundary Study and Programs Analysis Update

Reminder: On May 8, during the Montgomery County Board of Education meeting, a presentation will be given providing the latest information on the Boundary Study Project for the new Crown and Damascus High School projects, as well as the new Woodward High School project. This meeting will provide insights into the engagement plan, including the announcement of dates for the next round of community engagements scheduled for late May and early June. During those upcoming engagement sessions, participants will have the opportunity to review and discuss early boundary options developed by the project vendor.

Additionally, MCPS Project Team members will share progress on the Secondary Program Analysis that is currently underway. Last week, you should have received an email with a [survey](#). We encourage everyone to participate and share input on what matters most to you regarding high school academic programs.

Please keep an eye on your inbox for further updates and visit our project websites for both the [Boundary Study](#) and [Program Analysis](#) projects, where you can find the latest information.

Parent Volunteers Needed to Assist with Vision and Hearing Screenings

CES needs volunteers to help the Health Room with our Cheetahs' hearing and vision screenings. As a volunteer, you will be getting students from their classrooms and helping them understand where to go and what to do to complete the hearing and vision screening process. We need volunteers on both Thursday 5/8 and Friday 5/9. If you're available to volunteer, please complete this [FORM](#).

Thank you in advance!
-CES PTA Board

May 7 Webinar for Families - “The Future of Work”

We invite you to join **Common Sense Media** for a webinar on **May 7** for a timely look at the skills kids need to develop to thrive in the future.

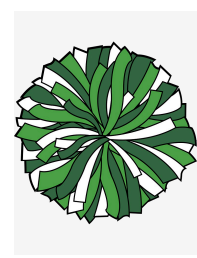
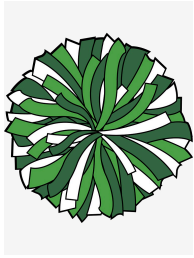
Today's kids will have multiple careers in their lifetimes and may wind up in jobs that haven't yet been invented. Adding to the unknown is artificial intelligence (AI), which is accelerating change at dizzying speed. Hear from experts how to help your student foster an adaptable mindset, plus guidance for families trying to keep up with it all. By attending this webinar, you'll gain valuable insights and resources to support your child's career development in today's digital age. Can't make the live webinar? Register anyway, and you'll receive the recording after the webinar concludes.

[Register now!](#) You can learn more about Common Sense Media by clicking [HERE](#).

Clarksburg Elementary School



Clarksburg ES Attendance by Grade Level - April			
Total Absences - Grade Summary			
Grade	Total	AB%	PRS%
K	67	8.58%	91.42%
1	60	7.68%	92.32%
2	62	11.54%	88.46%
3	60	8.09%	91.91%
4	52	4.15%	95.85%
5	69	6.90%	93.10%
Total	370	7.73%	92.27%



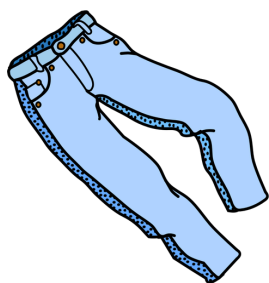
CES 3rd & 4th Grade

MCAP Kick Off Spirit Week!

Monday, May 5th

You've got this down to a T!

Wear your favorite T-Shirt!



Tuesday, May 6th

Stay Cool & Calm Day!

Wear shades of blue!

Thursday, May 8th

Double Check Your Work!

Twin Day-Dress Like a Friend!



Friday, May 9th

Cheetah Spirit Day!

Wear Green and White!

Gaithersburg Book Festival

Award-winning and best-selling authors, hands-on writing workshops, and activities galore await on Saturday, May 17!

Children (and their adults, too) will have the chance to step into a world of literary wonder and creativity at the 2025 Gaithersburg Book Festival Saturday, May 17 at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, Md.. The Children's Village at the 16th annual festival will be bursting with non-stop activities and hands-on fun for kids of all ages. From story time and having fun with words to meeting their favorite authors and exploring the art of printing, there's something magical for every young mind. [READ MORE....](#)

Take advantage of a day of FREE, fun-filled workshops that will ignite your child's passion for reading and writing during the festival. Whether your child dreams of writing their own story, journaling through art, or exploring fantastical worlds, these interactive sessions promise to inspire and entertain. [READ MORE...](#)

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**COMMUNITY
DAY**

Join us for an afternoon of bingo, rainbow trivia, crafts, coloring, story time and resources—there's something for everyone!

**JUNE 1 FROM 1-4
B-CC HIGH SCHOOL**