

THE CLARKSBURG CHEETAH

Week of December 2, 2024



TRANSLATED NEWSLETTER: [Amharic](#) [Chinese](#) [French](#) [Korean](#) [Spanish](#)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, 12/3 PTA Meeting (Virtual - [LINK](#)), 6:30 PM
Winter Choral Concert, 7:00-7:30 PM, All Purpose Room

Tuesday, 12/10 Student Make-Up Picture Day

Monday, 12/23 - Winter Break - No School for Students and Staff
Wednesday, 1/1

Dear Clarksburg Elementary School Families,

I hope that everybody had a wonderful and relaxing Thanksgiving and an enjoyable long holiday weekend. I know that I am well rested and excited about the next couple of weeks of school. I want to thank all of the families who contributed pies to our annual Pie Day. Because of your generosity, I was able to raffle off over 50 pies to staff last Tuesday. Therefore, every staff member who entered the raffle was able to leave school with a pie. Thank you so much for your kindness and commitment to our school.

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

Virtual PTA Meeting

The second CES Virtual PTA Meeting of the 2024-2025 school year is on **Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 PM**. The PTA Executive Board is looking forward to meeting with all parents and discussing some exciting topics. Also, our school counselor, Ms. Maureen Enstrom, will be presenting information on the Zones of Regulation and data demonstrating our strengths and areas for growth regarding the Zones.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84853440090?pwd=Lzl2S0tkWm4vRkZObmE3SWNyQUxJdz09>

- Meeting ID: 848 5344 0090
- Passcode: 883982

Heritage Night Portraits

Heritage Night Family 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 Freed Photography at support@freedphoto.com or call 301-652-5452.

The Heritage Night candid photos are available online for viewing and purchasing. Please click on the following link to access them: [24-25 Clarksburg ES Heritage Night Candids](#).

Home Use Acer Chromebooks

We would like to inform you about an important update regarding the home use Chromebooks provided by MCPS. Effective **December 4, 2024**, MCPS will be disabling and collecting all Acer Chromebook models. These devices are no longer supported and should no longer be used.

Next Steps for Students and Families:

1. **Device Return:** Students currently using an Acer Chromebook should return their device to the school as soon as possible.
2. **Requesting a Replacement Device:** Students who require a replacement device for home use can request a new Chromebook by completing the [Home Use Form](#).
3. **Submit Forms Before December 4:** To avoid disruptions in access to a device for home use, we encourage families to complete and submit the Home Use Form **before December 4, 2024**.

We appreciate your cooperation in this process as we work to ensure all students have access to updated technology to support their learning. If you have any questions or require assistance, please reach out to Daria Taylor, our Library Media Specialist, at daria_c_taylor@mcpsmd.org.

PTA Monthly Newsletter

Click [HERE](#) to view the PTA's December newsletter. Please contact the PTA Executive Board if you have any questions or need clarification.



Clarksburg High School

YOUTH BASKETBALL 



DATE: **DECEMBER 7, 2024**

TIME: **9:00 - 10:00 AM** Grades: **Kindergarten - 8th Grade**

PLACE: **CLARKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL MAIN GYM**

Sponsored by the Clarksburg Boys & Girls Basketball Program

****PLEASE BRING IN A CANNED FOOD
ITEM TO DONATE.****

THANK YOU!

TOGETHER WE **CAN** MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! 

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November 21, 2024

CES students in grades 2 and 3, as part of the Universal Screening of second and third graders for Gifted and Talented (GT) Identification and to help inform your child's teacher about how your student learns, will take the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). The CogAT has three batteries: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal. Each battery has three subtests.

Verbal Reasoning	Quantitative Reasoning	Non-Verbal Reasoning
Analogies	Number Analogies	Figure Matrices
Sentence Completion	Number Puzzles	Paper Folding
Classification	Number Series	Figure Classification

CES will administer the test over the course of three days. Please see below the practice and assessment dates for grades 2 and 3.

Grade 2 Practice & Assessment Dates			
Practice Date	DAY 01 - Tuesday	DAY 02 - Thursday	DAY 03 - Friday
December 2, 2024	December 3, 2024	December 5, 2024	December 6, 2024
Grade 3 Practice & Assessment Dates			
Practice Date	DAY 01 - Tuesday	DAY 02 - Thursday	DAY 03 - Friday
December 9, 2024	December 10, 2024	December 12, 2024	December 13, 2024
Make-Up Testing Dates			
December 16, 2024	December 17, 2024	December 19, 2024	December 20, 2024

The CogAT is an abilities test, so children do not need to study or prepare for the test. Instead, they will be able to become familiar with the test format and items through teacher-directed practice activities before testing.

If you have any questions about CogAT testing, you may email the CES School Testing Coordinator (Dr. Lorenzo R. Prillman) @ Lorenzo_R_Prillman@mcpsmd.org.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lorenzo R. Prillman
Assistant Principal

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Dear Second, Third & Fifth Grade Clarksburg Elementary School Families,

All Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Grade 2 students will be screened as part of the Student Instructional Program Planning and Implementation (SIPPI) process, which is the universal screening for gifted and talented (GT) identification. Additionally, students in Grades 3, 5 and 7 who are new to MCPS, or have not been previously identified as gifted and talented, will participate in the screening process. The screening process considers various academic assessments and behavioral checklists to determine whether a student meets criteria for GT designation. In June, you will receive a letter that includes your student's GT designation.

Data sources for 2024–2025 include:

Cognitive Assessment:

- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)

Academic Assessments:

- Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)
- Lectura (Spanish version of DIBELS)
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Reading & Mathematics
- Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) English/Language Arts & Mathematics

Behavioral Checklists:

- Parent Input Form
- Teacher Survey
- Staff Advocacy Form (Optional)

The SIPPI process is designed to capture data about students' strengths for gifted and talented identification and to inform instructional planning for the next school year. The gifted and talented identification process is separate from the MCPS elementary and middle school selective magnet processes (i.e., Centers for Enriched Students, Middle School Magnets). The gifted and talented designation is not considered in the selective magnet processes. Gifted and talented designation is one indicator of advanced academic performance and/or potential that is used to inform opportunities for enriched and accelerated instruction at the local school. Our school will monitor additional student data to make informed decisions regarding enrichment and acceleration opportunities, in the core content areas, throughout the school year.

For more information about the specific grade-level criteria used for gifted and talented identification and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit: <https://bit.ly/MCPS-GT-24-25>

If you have any questions about the gifted and talented identification process, you may email AEIquestions@mcpsmd.org or contact our school's elementary GT Liaison (Dr. Lorenzo R. Prillman).

Sincerely,

Carl R. Bencal

Principal

Live Links: <https://bit.ly/MCPS-GT-24-25>
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MONTHLY SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

START DATE: 10-01-2024 END DATE: 10-30-2024

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OFFSET EQUIVALENTS:



CO₂
EMISSIONS
FROM

46

GALLONS
OF GAS
CONSUMED



GREENHOUSE
GAS
FROM

1,049

MILES
DRIVEN
BY AN AVERAGE
PASSENGER VEHICLE



CARBON
SEQUESTERED
BY

7

TREE
SEEDLINGS
GROWN FOR
10 YEARS



CO₂
EMISSIONS
FROM

27,067

SMART
PHONES
CHARGED

COLLECTION WEIGHTS:

Total Weight: 1,133 lbs (0.6 Ton)



CLARKSBURG IS NOW PART OF:

PROJECT HAPPY FEET

WE ACCEPT:

Currently Collecting
Donations at CES

-ATHLETIC SHOES

-SPORTS

EQUIPMENT

**(SOCCER BALLS,
LAX STICKS)**



**ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO LOWER
INCOME SCHOOLS IN THE DC AREA
BOX LOCATED @ OUTSIDE OF MAIN OFFICE
PROJECTHAPPYFEET.COM**

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PANDA PROGRAMMER



LEARN CODING WITH PANDA PROGRAMMER

- Convenient after school classes right at Clarksburg Elementary School
- For students in grades K to 5
- Visit PandaProgrammer.com to sign up for an upcoming session!
- Next sessions begins on 12/4/2024. **Contact us to join a current session!**
- No computer experience is necessary, and computers are provided for each student
- Only \$249 per session! Each session consists of 6 weeks of classes
- Weekly courses offered all year long.
- Most students re-enroll to continue their learning
- Most importantly, KIDS LOVE IT!

PROGRAMMING
IS FUN!



Scratch

Created by MIT, Scratch is a program that allows students to create their own interactive stories, games, and animations.



Robotics

Students can learn how to build and program an mBot robot. This is a favorite among our students!



Python

From web development to data science, machine learning, and more, Python's real-world applications are limitless.



JavaScript

JavaScript is the language that powers your favorite websites and online applications. Students learn HTML and CSS as well!

GET IN TOUCH!

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