



Cresaptown School

NEWSLETTER

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From the Desk of Mr. Llewellyn

Welcome back! Our year is off to a great start and I'm excited about this school year. We have been busy and I would like to catch you up on a couple of items.

Staff Additions and Changes

I am pleased to introduce and welcome our newest staff members to our school.

Mrs. Ginger Fields is the new fifth grade teacher. She began her teaching career in 1986 and comes to us from Mount Savage School.

Mrs. Brandi Gross is the new special education inclusion teacher for grades three, four and five. Mrs. Wilson began teaching in 2002 and comes to us from Oklahoma.

A couple of teachers moved grade levels this year. **Ms. Blank** moved from first to second grade and **Mrs. Pressman** moved from fourth to fifth grade.

Report Cards

Please be reminded that student progress can be tracked on ASPEN and by using electronic report cards. Parents may access ASPEN at any time to check for grades. Your child's user name is his/her first name.last name.(Example: llewellyn.scott) The password is a four digit code that your child should be familiar with. The ASPEN link can be found on the website acpsmd.org. If you need assistance with your child's four digit password, please talk to your child's

teacher during conference day or contact the office. A printed report card will be provided to all students this school year.

Blackboard Connect

ACPS uses a notification system called Blackboard Connect. This system will allow us to notify parents about emergencies, upcoming events, school cancellations and daily attendance calls. When receiving messages, the school's phone number will display on your called ID. If you miss the call, please take a minute to listen to the message before calling school.

Parent Conference Day

I encourage you to attend the Parent/Teacher Conference Day next Monday, October 7 to meet on the progress of your child. Teachers have had a month to get to know your child and are working hard daily to meet his/her needs. If you would like to schedule a conference, please call and make an appointment at 301-729-0212.

Fall Costume Parade/Party

Please mark your calendars for the annual **Costume Parade on Thursday, October 31 @ 2:00 p.m.** PTO's party for kids will begin at 1:15.

Attendance

Did you know that the 42% of our Cresaptown students missed nine days or more of school last year? Research show that missing more than one day a month can harm a child's ability to learn and reach their potential. This

year, we are focusing on attendance. We are highlighting students and classrooms for having regular attendance (missing one day or less per month).

I am proud to announce that 82% of our students missed one day or less in September. Congratulations to Ms. Kelly's first grade class for being the classroom champions for attendance with a remarkable 99% attendance rate.

We will continue to recognize

Martin's A+ School Rewards News



HELP!

Cresaptown Elementary School – ID#: **20288** is once again registered with Martin's in their A+ School Rewards program. **Only you can link your bonus card to our school.**

Please check your account and make sure that you have Cresaptown listed for the rewards program by going to

www.martinsfoods.com and select **Savings & Rewards.**

Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the School ID #. **IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR BONUSCARD® NUMBER OR YOU HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING THE SITE: CALL 1-888-562-7846 OPTION #1 FOR ASSISTANCE.**

Upcoming Dates

Schools Closed, Parent	10/7
School Picture Day	10/9
Fall Costume	10/31
End of First Marking	10/31
Schools Closed, Staff	11/1

At Cresaptown

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Ready to Learn



Pre K

Welcome to all of the Pre-K students and their families. We are happy to have you at Cresaptown Elementary School. Pre-K has had a very busy start to the school year. We have been learning all about the school rules and making new friends. Thank you for all your help with transitioning your child to school! We are looking forward to a great school year!

Kindergarten

Kindergarten kiddos have done a great job of adjusting to a full day of school! We have learned all of the school rules and work hard each day to keep it green. We are already practicing our reading skills with our two new words, "I and can." We are also on our way to learning how to write, read and count numbers to 10! Please practice these skills as well as writing your child's name at home to help brush up on these skills! We are busy planning our first field trip of the year to Brookdale Farms! It should be a great day for everyone! Keep up the great job Kinder friends!

First Grade

First graders are very enthusiastic and have been busy learning new routines and making new friends. First graders are excited about learning to read, add and subtract. Students will be using RAZkids and IXL computer programs to practice math facts and Reading and Math concepts. These program monitor individual student progress. First graders should practice math facts and spelling words each night. Students have started bringing home word lists with the sound/pattern they are working on weekly. They should practice reading this list each night. We are also using Class Dojo again this year. We hope all first grade parents sign up and enjoy this monitoring on-line program. Take time to read to your child. Children benefit from being read to by a parent.



Second Grade

Second Grade is having a wonderful start to their school year! In Reading, we have been reviewing short and long vowel sounds. The second graders are also working hard to be fluent readers and can always use extra reading practice at home. Parents, be sure to listen or read along with your child when they read their stories at night. In Math, students are learning and reviewing different addition and subtraction strategies. Second Graders are also trying hard to memorize their math facts by playing math games, studying flash cards, and doing Math Magician on the computer. Please be sure to study math facts with your child nightly. One easy way is to write the problems of the week onto index cards so your child can study the cards at home.

Third Grade

We are continuing to develop our classroom communities and focusing on rules, routines, and responsibilities. Please continue to check Classdojo to monitor your child's progress. In Math, we are working on addition and subtraction strategies. Very soon, we will start multiplication and division. In reading, we have been improving our reading while practicing close reading, developing writing strategies, and using reading strategies. We want to thank all the students and parents for their help in making this year a success.

Media

Kindergarten has learned about the parts of the computer. They have also been learning to be good listeners.

Kindergarten will learn how to check out books next month. Grade 1 is learning about the web browser we use. Grades 3, 4, and 5 have reviewed the tools in a

processing library, been stories and about call how to on the



word program. In students have enjoying learning numbers and locate books

shelves. Please remember to take care of books and return them on library day!

Biba! Playground App

If you are here playing on our playgrounds with your kids, check out the Biba! App for your smart phone. This is a fun way to play with your children while using technology. We are competing with John Humbird Elementary School to see who plays the most. Search

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are off to a great start! They have been working hard on reading and writing skills. Fourth graders have also been learning about Earth's changing surface in during science class. Parents are asked to study multiplication facts with their child each night, as our unit on multiplication is just starting. Students may take advantage of Reflexmath.com to study. Students need to know their facts through the 12s tables. On Fridays we have Fact Face-off challenges! Mrs. Weisenmiller's class has won the trophy 3 weeks in a row! We are excited for a fun filled year!

Music

We have had a wonderful beginning to our school year in music class! The students are excited as we are beginning to learn songs for our Veterans Day program. The program will be on Monday, November 11th at 1:45 pm. As always, we invite any veterans to come to our program. It is their day and our students love to show their appreciation to them.



Pizza Hut Book It! Program

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will participate in the Book It! Program during

the months of October through March. Students will read 15 minutes a day for 15 days or 225 minutes during the month. At the end of the month, students return their completed calendar to their teacher. Please help your child to become a lifelong reader by encouraging them to participate in this worthwhile program. It takes only 15 minutes per day or 225 minutes per month to earn a certificate for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut.

WE WILL HAVE A PIZZA PARTY IN APRIL FOR STUDENTS WHO RETURNED THEIR COMPLETED CALENDAR EACH MONTH!

To find out more about the Pizza Hut Book It! Program visit

www.bookitprogram.com