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Crofton Elementary School

October 2019

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Dear CES Families,

Happy October and Welcome Fall! We ended the month of September with a Family Movie Night. Thank you to our PTA for organizing a fabulous event! Lego 2 was a super movie! We had over 400 in attendance! Thank you to Team Surlis, Small Business Advisors and Lighthouse Insurance Service for your support! Book Fair is off to a roaring start. Please plan to stop by on Thursday, October 3 during Book Fair Family Night at 4-7pm. October 4 is Walk & Roll/Green Day (see flyer on page 6.) On October 15 & 16, schools will be closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please look for more information on individual grades' Shutterfly accounts.

October 23, 2019 is a district wide Unity Day where we impart to children the values of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Our school community will be wearing orange clothing and participating in activities that support unity. We will be sharing more information as the date comes near.

Join us for our Fall Festival event on Oct. 26th from 1 to 4 after the community parade. This year, we will continue to celebrate with our annual Halloween Parade on October 31 at 2:30. Classrooms **will not** host Halloween parties. After the parade, we will begin normal dismissal procedures. In order to help maintain the safety of our students in the school building, we ask that families wait outside so we can properly prepare for dismissal. Please notify your child's teacher if there will be a change in their dismissal procedure that day. There will be no early dismissals after the 2:30 that day due to schoolwide participation.

Many thanks to the many parents that have already logged volunteer hours at Crofton Elementary. Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities and a chance to get a firsthand glimpse in your child's classroom.

As always please contact administration if you have questions, concerns or compliments!

Respectfully,
Mrs. Davis



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Mrs. Dawn Felski
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Health Room Assistant

Crofton Elementary School
[Calendar Link](#)


School Pledge

My future depends on my actions today, so I will DO my best to BE my best and BE NICE.

This is a gentle reminder; parking is limited at Crofton Elementary. The bus loop is unavailable from 8:30 to 4:30. Please refrain from parking at the Point Apartments and Townhouse Community. We encourage walking and carpooling when possible.

Mission Statement

Working in collaboration with students, staff, families and community,
Crofton Elementary Empowers lifelong learners by using challenging and engaging instruction in a Safe, respectful, and culturally responsive environment

2019 – 2020 School Meal Prices

Student
Breakfast (Full Price, All schools) - \$1.50
Lunch (Full Price, Elementary schools) - \$2.75
Lunch (Reduced, All Schools) - \$.40
Milk, 1/2 Pint, (A la Carte) - \$.55
Adult
Breakfast (Full Price, All schools) - \$1.90
Lunch (Full Price, Elementary schools) - \$3.65



IMPORTANT REMINDERS – ARRIVALS/DISMISSALS

- The Hug and Hop lane is **One Way**. Please follow signs and road markings for direction.
- There will be a designated area for drop off and pickup. Cars are to pull all the way up along the sidewalk prior to dropping off or picking up their student(s). **Please pull forward** as directed by staff and use caution when utilizing the bypass lane.
- When using the Hug and Hop, **please do not park your car and leave it unattended in the car lane. In addition, please do not exit your vehicle.** If your child needs assistance exiting your vehicle, we encourage you to park in the parking lot. We need to ensure that cars using the car lane move at an appropriate and expeditious pace.
- When using the Hug and Hop lane, **students should exit and enter vehicles on the right side closest to the sidewalk.** This is particularly important because the left lane will be used as a bypass lane.
- Students will enter the building either through the Main entrance or through the B Door, whichever is closer.
- If you want to walk your student into school, please park in a designated parking spot in the parking lot and cross at the crosswalk. Staff will not be stationed in the parking lot as they will be monitoring students at the bus loop and Hug and Hop lane.
- All parents/guardians waiting for students to exit the building must wait in the designated waiting areas (grassy area by Town Hall or behind the PAW sign by the bus loop). Parents should not wait by the front door or the B Door (side door). You will be asked to move to the waiting areas and we respectfully ask that you follow the directions of our staff.
- Our dismissal preparations begin at 3:50 pm. Students will not be dismissed for early dismissal at or after that time. We ask that you please wait for your child during the normal dismissal procedures or arrive before 3:35pm for an early dismissal of a student.
- Please do not park at the Point Apartments OR the townhouses when picking up your child. Those spaces are for residents only and violators can be towed.
- Please use the crosswalk when crossing our Hug and Hop Lane.

Information to Know

•**Visiting Crofton Elementary.** Crofton Elementary welcomes parents and guardians to visit our classrooms. We ask parents to set up a time with the teacher, at least 24 hours in advance, as to not disrupt instruction. We do require that you check in with the Front Office with your government issued photo ID. You **must** be on the student's Emergency Form in order to visit the school. (Please notify the teacher of your plans to visit ahead of time by contacting the teacher via e-mail. Their e-mail address is listed on our website.)

In addition, anyone coming to pick up a student during the school day, must present photo ID and be on the student's Emergency Form.

•**Emergency Contact Information**—In an effort to maintain constant contact among parents, school, and Central Office staff, please make sure we have all current contact information. This includes your phone numbers, your email address, and any change in persons you wish to have pick up your child in the event of an emergency. If you have any questions, please contact the Front Office @ 410-222-5800.

•**Be sure your child knows what they are to do at dismissal.** Keeping the routine as consistent as possible is best for your child. Please try to have all plans made **BEFORE** your child comes to school. If your child is staying after school for an extracurricular activity, make sure that you both are aware of your pick-up plan. Call the office prior to noon to make a change in dismissal.

•**Hug and Hop:** Due to concerns regarding student safety, and in line with procedures used across Anne Arundel County, students will say goodbye to their parents outside the front doors of the school and enter the building independently, just like the bus riding students. Staff will be in the halls every morning all year long to assist students who need help managing belongings, carrying supplies or finding their room.

•**Instruction begins at 9:25 am.** Please have your child here, at their desk, and ready to learn by that time. The doors open at 8:55 am.

•**There is no supervision outside the school building before 9:05 am.**

•**We dismiss at 3:50 pm.** If your child does not ride a bus home from school, please pick them up promptly at 3:40 pm.

•**Attendance Policy.** There are lawful reasons for absence from school. Whenever your child is absent you must provide a note of explanation to the school office within 3 days of your child's return. Absences due to illness in excess of five consecutive days require a physician's note. Lawful absences include death in the family, illness, religious holiday, court appearance, suspension from school, and lack of authorized transportation.

•**Tardy** If your child is arriving after 9:25 a.m., please provide them with a written note and direct them to the main office for a tardy slip.

•**Dogs Are Not Allowed In Our Building or On School Property:** We love pets too, but please leave them at home.

•Do not park or leave your car unattended in the Hug and Hop lane and the Fire lanes.

September Cubbies of the Week



Riley B

Gigi H

Kylie B

Marco H

Sydney W

Spencer N

McKayl B

Adele K

Emma Z

Brennan M

Lexi P

Gabby A

Reese M

Mark D

Mackenna K

Blaine B

Genesis B

Cara B

Kids Helping Kids Food Drive 2019

Tuesday, October 1 – Thursday, October 31

To kick off the drive, each day during the first week is being designated for specific foods. Of course, any food or monetary donation is welcome on any day. ☺ If you have questions, or would like to assist with the drive, please contact Heather Webster at hwebster@aacps.org.

October 1 TUNA TUESDAY

Cans of tuna



October 2 VEGETABLE VEGETABLE WEDNESDAY

Cans or Soups

October 3 RICE IS NICE THURSDAY

Bags or boxes of rice



October 4 FRUITY FRIDAY

Canned Fruit



If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to "Anne Arundel County Food Bank" and write "HFTH" or "Kids Helping Kids Food Drive" in the memo section.

Spirit Days:

Monday, October 7 – Team up Against Hunger: Wear your favorite team's gear

Monday, October 14 – Sock it to Hunger: Wear your silly socks

Monday, October 21 – Cubs Working Together to Fight Hunger: Wear your spirit wear or school colors

Wednesday, October 23 – Celebrate Unity Day: Wear orange and bring an orange food item

Monday, October 28- Shade Out Hunger: Bring \$1 and wear your favorite hat for the day.



Most Needed Items



Canned Proteins
tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter, beans



Pasta & Rice
brown & white rice, macaroni & cheese, pasta



Canned Vegetables
low sodium, no salt added



Fruits and Juices
in light syrup or its own juices, fruit cocktail, apple sauce, juice boxes



Breakfast
cereal, oatmeal, quick oats, granola/energy bars



Soups & Stews
low sodium, beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, vegetable, turkey & rice



Dairy
shelf stable milk, evaporated milk, infant formula



The grade level that fills the most grocery carts will slime Mrs. Davis!

Walk and Roll to School a World Wide Animal Day Celebration

Friday, October 4, 2019

at Crofton Elementary School

Team up with your neighbors and walk, bike, skate,
scooter or car pool to and from school.

Also don't forget to wear **your
favorite animal shirt, animal print,
or animal clothing!!**



Crofton Elementary School is equipped with a video camera system. It covers selected interior and exterior public portions of the building and grounds. It is NOT monitored constantly, but it is monitored during emergency situations. During certain events, when the safety or security of students may be in question, authorized personnel from local, state, or federal police or fire emergency units may be given access to view images projected on the camera system. If you have any questions about the system, you should call the Supervisor of School Security at 410-222-5083.

On Tuesday, October 1, your child will bring home a **Federal Impact Aid Survey form**. Please assist us by filling out the information requested on the form and:

Return to Crofton Elementary ASAP

The U.S. Department of Education allows a multiple child form. AACPS has designed a form that will allow two children's names for your convenience. Should you have more than two children, please utilize a second form that you can either obtain from the school or download from the AACPS website at www.aacps.org. Also, please note that the **complete address of the Parent/Guardian's Employer if they work on Federal Property**, the **complete address of the Federal Property on which they work**, and **each survey form must be signed and dated by the Parent/Guardian**. We will be using our Connect-Ed Automated Telephone Notification System to remind everyone about the significance of completing and returning this survey. The school system receives approximately \$2 million in funding from the Federal government in support of our children after the forms are processed.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please call Angie Smack in the Finance Office at 410-222-5200.