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and nurturing learning
environment for all students!"*

CLOPPER MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Office of the Principal

August 1, 2023

Dear Clopper Mill ES Families:

On behalf of the staff at Clopper Mill Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the **2023-24 school year**. I hope you and your children were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families over the summer, even if your child was one of the over 200 students who attended our ELO summer school. I look forward to hearing about your summer adventures, getting caught up with returning families, and meeting our newest students as we open our doors to a new school year on **August 28, 2023**.

As I begin my seventh year at Clopper Mill, I am once again honored to have the opportunity to return as your children's principal and to work with our dedicated staff, wonderful students, our supportive parents. I am equally honored to work with Mr. Henderson once again, who has been with us for the past two years as our assistant principal. This year, Mr. Henderson will take on a new role as a Principal Intern. More information will be shared regarding the roles and responsibilities of a principal intern. Together, we will work with our students, staff, parents, and community to create another year of excellence for our children focused on quality instruction, academic challenge, and creating a nurturing and safe school climate. It is the shared commitment of staff, parents and students that will allow us to reach our goal of helping each child achieve his/her potential in an environment that is **Safe, Respectful, and Committed to Learning**.

The staff is working hard to see that your children's learning experience at Clopper Mill is a successful and happy one. We understand that the transition from the relaxing days of summer to the structured routines of school may take some adjustment, but we are here to help our students settle back into the rhythm of learning. Whether you or your child needs academic guidance, emotional support, or advice on extracurricular opportunities, our doors are always open to you.

As you know, each new school year brings positive change. This includes several additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome **Shanae Treadwell & Sindy Joya** –Kindergarten, **Alice Paal, Stacey Grimes, & Kailey Tomnay** –First Grade, **Lindsey Makrides, Tylynn Renea Bowie & Arlene Anderson-Cooper** –Second Grade, **Brianna Lindsay & Kari Primozic** –Third Grade, **Lacey Valentine** –Fourth Grade, **Anita Burgdorf** –Special Education Teacher, **Teriyanna Clark** –Media Specialist, **Haley Fennell** –General Music, **Kenny Voigt** –Physical Education, **Ashley Vande Hei** –Speech Pathologist, **Shaleka Williams** –Self-Regulation Coach, and **Claudia Pinto** – Wellness Coach. *Enclosed is our complete staff roster (professional and support staff) to provide you with the names of our new and returning teachers.*

As we have done in the past, our teachers will call their students to welcome them to their classrooms prior to our Open House on August 25. Much thought has gone into student placements and class groupings for this year. Our priorities for grouping students included the student's academic level, as well as ensuring gender, racial, and ethnic balance for each class. The staff at the school put considerable time into balancing these classes and **student placements will not be changed.**

Our first event of this school year will be our **Sneak Preview on Friday, August 25, 2023**. Students and parents can take this opportunity to visit their classrooms and meet their new teachers. Our **Grades 3-5** students will be able to meet their teachers from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** (Grades 3, 4 and 5 only), and students in **Grades K-2** can meet their teachers from **2:00-3:00 p.m.** (Grades K, 1 and 2 only). Please adhere to the time frames in accordance with your child/ren's grade level(s), as our teachers will be participating in grade specific professional development when not scheduled to meet and greet their students.

Our fifth grade students who would like to be considered for patrols should meet with Mrs. Brown, Patrol Sponsor, at 11:00 a.m. on the 25th, on the lower playground blacktop to review their duties and responsibilities for the first week of school. Parents of Grades 4 & 5 students who are interested playing a musical instrument should meet with Ms. Kim, instrumental music teacher, in the all-purpose room at 9:30 a.m.

Our first PTA meeting will take place on **September 5**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** Parents of students **new to CMES** are invited to **join the administrative staff at 6:00 p.m., for a question and answer session. Dinner (pizza) will be provided, so bring your children with you. BAR-T may also provide some fun activities).**

Our Back-to-School Night is scheduled for **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12.** Our teachers will meet their students' parents to share information and resources to support student learning.

Information concerning transportation for the school year is attached. If you have any questions regarding bus transportation, please contact **Ms. Gail Walker, Transportation Cluster Manager, at 240-740-4731 or Mr. Edwin Blanco-Ruiz, Depot Manager, at 301-353-0815.** Each bus will have a route number displayed in its side window. In addition, a color/name will be assigned to each bus to make it easier for children to remember their bus. During the first week of school the buses will not always run exactly according to this schedule. Please have your children out at least 10 minutes early and have them wait at least 10 minutes past the scheduled time until our buses settle into their routines. We are asking that children who are bus riders, ride their buses on the first day of school. This is especially important for our kindergartners. Any student riding a bus that he/she is not assigned must have a note from their parents, and that note must be brought to the office or given to the classroom teacher as early as possible. **Students are not permitted to ride a bus other than their own without written permission from their parents.**

If your child is **entering Pre-K or Kindergarten**, please prepare an index card with his/her name, bus number and corresponding bus color/name, and pin it to his/her clothing for the first week or two. Discuss safety procedures for going to and from school. **If you transport your child by auto or van, please use our drop off circle. (Turn on Gunners Branch Road – enter through the side entrance parking lot – follow the lot to the loop in front of the school. After dropping your child/ren off, exit as you entered.) Parents must be patient when using this area. Please make sure your child exits/enters your car from the right side of the automobile (sidewalk side). As always, the bus entrance/lane is off limits to automobiles between the hours of 8:45-9:45 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. DO NOT PARK OR USE THE HANDICAP SPOTS, UNLESS YOU HAVE A HANDICAP PARKING PERMIT.**

Attached you will find a packet of information about Clopper Mill ES. Please take time to read this information with your child prior to the start of school. On the first day of school, you will receive another packet of information that will contain a variety of forms and announcements from the school and PTA. Please be sure to complete and return all necessary forms.

Clopper Mill ES is a wonderful place to learn and grow; due to the dedicated efforts of the staff, who provide your children with an excellent experience academically, socially, and emotionally, as well as our parents, who support us every day.

Lastly, I encourage all of our parents to become active members of our PTA. With your support, our staff and students can have amazing events, community gatherings, and field trip opportunities.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Lawrence D. Chep
Principal

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Office of the Principal

1 de agosto de 2023

Estimadas familias de Clopper Mill ES:

En nombre del personal de la Escuela Primaria Clopper Mill, me complace darle la bienvenida a la escuela 2023-24 año. Espero que usted y sus hijos hayan podido relajarse y crear recuerdos especiales con sus amigos y familiares durante el verano, incluso si su hijo fue uno de los más de 200 estudiantes que asistieron a nuestra escuela de verano ELO. Espero escuchar sobre sus aventuras de verano, ponerme al día con las familias que regresan y conocer a nuestros estudiantes más nuevos cuando abramos nuestras puertas a un nuevo año escolar el 28 de agosto de 2023.

Al comenzar mi séptimo año en Clopper Mill, una vez más me siento honrado de tener la oportunidad de regresar como director de sus hijos y de trabajar con nuestro personal dedicado, estudiantes maravillosos, nuestros padres solidarios. Me siento igualmente honrado de trabajar una vez más con el Sr. Henderson, quien ha estado con nosotros durante los últimos dos años como nuestro subdirector. Este año, el Sr. Henderson asumirá un nuevo rol como pasante director. Se compartirá más información sobre las funciones y responsabilidades de un pasante director. Juntos, trabajaremos con nuestros estudiantes, el personal, los padres y la comunidad para crear otro año de excelencia para nuestros niños centrado en la instrucción de calidad, el desafío académico y la creación de un clima escolar enriquecedor y seguro. Es el compromiso compartido del personal, los padres y los estudiantes lo que nos permitirá alcanzar nuestra meta de ayudar a cada niño a alcanzar su potencial en un ambiente seguro, respetuoso y comprometido con el aprendizaje.

El personal está trabajando arduamente para asegurarse de que la experiencia de aprendizaje de sus hijos en Clopper Mill sea exitosa y feliz. Entendemos que la transición de los días relajantes del verano a las rutinas estructuradas de la escuela puede requerir algunos ajustes, pero estamos aquí para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a recuperar el ritmo de aprendizaje. Ya sea que usted o su hijo necesiten orientación académica, apoyo emocional o asesoramiento sobre oportunidades extracurriculares, nuestras puertas siempre están abiertas para usted.

Como saben, cada nuevo año escolar trae cambios positivos. Esto incluye varias adiciones a nuestro personal. Estamos encantados de dar la bienvenida a **Shanae Treadwell y Sindy Joya** –Kindergarten, **Alice Paal, Stacey Grimes y Kailey Tomnay** –Primer grado, **Lindsey Makrides, Tylynn Renea Bowie y Arlene Anderson-Cooper** –Segundo grado, **Brianna Lindsay y Kari Primozic** –Tercer grado, **Lacee Valentine** –cuarto grado, **Anita Burgdorf** –maestra de educación especial, **Teriyanna Clark** –especialista en medios, **Haley Fennell** –música general, **Kenny Voigt** –educación física, **Ashley Vande Hei** –patóloga del habla, **Shaleka Williams** –entrenadora de autorregulación y **Claudia Pinto** –Entrenador de Bienestar. *Se adjunta nuestra lista completa de personal (personal profesional y de apoyo) para brindarle los nombres de nuestros maestros nuevos y antiguos.*

Como lo hemos hecho en el pasado, nuestros maestros llamarán a sus estudiantes para darles la bienvenida a sus salones de clases antes de nuestra Casa Abierta el 25 de agosto. Se ha pensado mucho en las ubicaciones de los estudiantes y los grupos de clases para este año. Nuestras prioridades para agrupar a los estudiantes incluyeron el nivel académico del estudiante, así como asegurar el equilibrio de género, raza y etnia para cada clase. El personal de la escuela dedicó un tiempo considerable a equilibrar estas clases y las **ubicaciones de los estudiantes no cambiarán.**

Nuestro primer evento de este año escolar será nuestro **Preestreno el viernes 25 de agosto de 2023.** Los estudiantes y los padres pueden aprovechar esta oportunidad para visitar sus aulas y conocer a sus nuevos maestros. Nuestros estudiantes de los **grados 3-5** podrán reunirse con sus maestros de **10:00 a 11:00 a.m.** (grados 3, 4 y 5 solamente), y los estudiantes de los **grados K-2** podrán reunirse con sus maestros de **2:00 a 3:00 p.m.** (Grados K, 1 y 2 solamente). Respete los plazos de acuerdo con el nivel de grado de su hijo(s), ya que nuestros maestros participarán en el desarrollo profesional específico del grado cuando no estén programados para conocer y saludar a sus estudiantes.

Nuestros estudiantes de quinto grado que deseen ser considerados para las patrullas deben reunirse con la Sra. Brown, Patrocinadora de Patrulla, a las 11:00 a.m. el día 25, en el patio de recreo inferior para revisar sus

deberes y responsabilidades durante la primera semana de clases. Los padres de estudiantes de los grados 4 y 5 que estén interesados en tocar un instrumento musical deben reunirse con la Sra. Kim, maestra de música instrumental, en el salón de usos múltiples a las 9:30 a.m.

Nuestra primera reunión de la PTA se llevará a cabo el 5 de septiembre a partir de las 6:30 p.m. Los padres de estudiantes **nuevos en CMES** están invitados a unirse al personal administrativo a las **6:00 p.m.** para una sesión de preguntas y respuestas. **Se proporcionará la cena (piza), así que traiga a sus hijos con usted. BAR-T también puede proporcionar algunas actividades divertidas).**

Nuestra Noche de Regreso a la Escuela está programada para las **6:30 p.m. el martes 12 de septiembre.** Nuestros maestros se reunirán con los padres de sus alumnos para compartir información y recursos para apoyar el aprendizaje de los alumnos.

Se adjunta información sobre el transporte para el año escolar. Si tienen alguna pregunta relacionada con el transporte en autobús, comuníquense con la **Sra. Gail Walker, Administradora del Transporte del grupo de Escuelas, al 240-740-4731 o con la Sr. Edwin Blanco-Ruiz, Depot Manager, al 301-353-0815.** Cada autobús tendrá un número de ruta en su ventana lateral. Además, a cada autobús se le asignará un color/nombre para facilitar que los niños recuerden su autobús. Durante la primera semana de clases los autobuses no siempre siguen exactamente este horario. Por favor, tengan listos(as) a sus hijos(as) en la parada por lo menos 10 minutos antes y hagan que esperen al menos 10 minutos después de la hora programada hasta que nuestros autobuses regularicen sus rutinas. Pedimos que los(as) niños(as) que viajan en autobús, usen su autobús el primer día de clases. Esto es especialmente importante para nuestros(as) estudiantes de kindergarten. Todo(a) estudiante que viaja en autobús al cual no fue asignado(a) debe tener una nota de sus padres, y esa nota debe ser llevada a la oficina o entregada al/a la maestro(a) de aula tan pronto como sea posible. **A los/las estudiantes no se les permite viajar en un autobús que no sea el suyo sin el permiso de sus padres por escrito.**

Si su hijo/a está **comenzando Pre-K ó Kindergarten,** por favor preparen una tarjeta con su nombre, número de autobús y color/nombre del autobús correspondiente, y préndansela en su ropa durante la primera y segunda semana. Discutan los procedimientos de seguridad para ir y volver de la escuela. **Si ustedes traen a su niño/a en auto o camioneta, por favor use el área para dejar estudiantes en frente de la escuela. (Doble en Gunners Branch Road - entre a través de la entrada lateral del lote de estacionamiento - continúe por el lote hasta el círculo frente a la escuela. Después de dejar a su hijo(a), salgan de la misma forma que entraron).** Los padres/guardianes deben tener paciencia cuando usen esta área. Asegúrense de que su hijo(a) salga de/entre a su coche desde el lado derecho del automóvil (lado de la acera). Como siempre, la entrada/carril de autobuses no debe ser usada por automóviles entre 8:45 a.m. y 9:45 a.m. ni 3:30 p.m. y 4:30 p.m. NO ESTACIONE NI USE LOS ESPACIOS PARA DISCAPACITADOS, A MENOS QUE TENGA UN PERMISO PARA ESTACIONAR.

Adjunto encontrarán un paquete de información sobre Clopper Mill ES. Por favor dediquen tiempo para leer esta información con su hijo(a) antes del comienzo de las clases. El primer día de clases, ustedes recibirán otro paquete de información que contendrá una variedad de formularios y anuncios de la escuela y la PTA. Por favor asegúrense de completar y devolver todos los formularios necesarios.

Clopper Mill ES es un lugar maravilloso para aprender y crecer, gracias a los esfuerzos dedicados del personal, que proporciona a sus hijos(as) una excelente experiencia académica, social y emocional, así como a nuestros padres, que nos apoyan todos los días.

Por último, invito a todos los padres a ser miembros activos de nuestro PTA. Con su ayuda, nuestro personal y estudiantes pueden tener eventos maravillosos, reuniones comunitarias, y oportunidades de viajes de campo.

¡Esperamos que disfruten del resto del verano y esperamos verlos pronto!

Atentamente,

Lawrence D. Chep
Director

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Office of the Principal Intern

August 1, 2023

Dear Families:

It is with immense pleasure and excitement that I write to you as I am now serving as the Principal Intern at Clopper Mill Elementary School. I am truly honored to have been entrusted with this new responsibility, and I am eager to continue to collaborate with our dedicated staff, students, and community to foster a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for our children. As the Principal Intern, I am committed to upholding the values that make Clopper Mill so special while also bringing innovative ideas and initiatives to enhance the educational experience.

Throughout my tenure at Clopper Mill, I have been fortunate to witness the incredible achievements of our students and the amazing support of our families. Your involvement and partnership are integral to the success of our school community, and I am eager to collaborate with each one of you. Together, we will ensure that our students receive the best education possible, preparing them for future success.

As the new school year approaches, I want to assure you that my door is always open. I welcome your ideas, suggestions, and concerns, as they will help guide our efforts in creating an inclusive and engaging learning environment. I believe that effective communication and collaborating between school and home are vital to our students' growth and development.

I will be working closely with Mr. Chep to ensure all our students are successful. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. I am incredibly excited about the journey ahead, and I look forward to serving as your Principal Intern.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to support you and your children in any way possible.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

RJ Henderson
Principal Intern

CLOPPER MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
STAFF ROSTER 2023-2024
PRINCIPAL: MR. LARRY CHEP
PRINCIPAL INTERN: MR. RJ HENDERSON JR.

HOMEROOM TEACHERS

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| Pre-K Half-Day | Mrs. Joisee-ann Biles |
| Pre-K Full-Day | Mrs. Margaret Harp |
| Head Start | Mrs. Julie Simms |
| HS/PEP | Mrs. Stephanie Strube |
| K | Ms. Samantha Bouma |
| K | Ms. Rebeccah Riordan |
| K | Ms. Shanae Treadwell* |
| K | Ms. Sindy Joya* |
| 1 | Mrs. Kaitlin Cody |
| 1 | Ms. Stacey Grimes* |
| 1 | Ms. Alice Paal |
| 1 | Ms. Kailey Tomnay* |
| 2 | Ms. Tylynn Bowie* |
| 2 | Mrs. Lindsey Makrides* |
| 2 | Ms. Anderson-Cooper* |
| 2 | Mrs. Linda Sheridan |
| 3 | Ms. Katie Bogan |
| 3 | Ms. Brianna Lindsay* |
| 3 | Ms. Kari Primozic* |
| 4 | Mrs. Colleen Checco |
| 4 | Ms. Lacey Valentine* |
| 4 | Ms. Angelita Sinor* |
| 4 & 5 ELC | Mrs. Cassie Smith |
| 5 | Ms. Ruba Hassan |
| 5 | Mr. Brian Jacobs |
| 5 | Ms. Keefa Grant* |

* = **New to Clopper Mill ES**
 Highlighted = **Team Leader**



SPECIALISTS

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| Staff Development | Mrs. Erin Baldwin |
| Reading Specialist | TBD |
| Guidance Counselor | Mrs. Michelle Vaca |
| Academic Intervention | Mrs. Brooke Dymond |
| Art | Ms. Xiomara Portillo |
| Behavior/Self-Regulation Coach | Mrs. Shaleka Williams* |
| Community School Liaison | Mrs. Jennifer DeCastro |
| ESOL | Mrs. Christina Romano |
| ESOL | Mrs. Leslie Figueroa-Martinez |
| ESOL | Ms. Elena Seong |
| Home School Model | Mrs. Anita Burgdorf* |
| Home School Model | Mrs. Dana Zentgraf |
| Home School Model | Ms. Beth Sell |
| Home School Model | Dr. Tracy Trupp |
| Home School Model | Mrs. Tami Wisniewski-Dollar |
| Home School Model | Ms. Kelsey Ryba |
| Home School Model | Ms. Pamela Rigaux* |
| Media Specialist | Ms. Teriyanna Clark* |
| General Music | Ms. Haley Fennell* |
| Math Content Coach | Ms. Treasure Brown |
| Music (Instrumental) (.2) | Ms. Amanda Kim |
| Occupational Therapist | Mr. Richard Lu |

Physical Therapist
Physical Education
Primary Talent Coach
Sp/Lang Pathologist
Sp/Lang Pathologist (.4)
Title I Specialist
Wellness Coach

Ms. Alice Wright
Mr. Kenny Voigt*
Mrs. Stephanie Strube
Ms. Ashley Vande Hei*
Ms. Grace Garcia
Mr. Kevin McGeogh*
Ms. Claudia Pinto* & Sergio Maldonado*

SUPPORTING SERVICES STAFF

Main Office

Administrative Secretary
Attendance Secretary

Mrs. Elba Lopez
Mrs. Beatriz Diaz

Paraeducators

Ms. Lisa Brown
Ms. Margaret Kelpy
Ms. Mary Jane Finn
Ms. Trina Dennis
Ms. Christina Huh
Mrs. Jane Rothschild
Ms. Patricia Reyes
Ms. Judith Roldan
Mrs. Marcy Loftus
Ms. Ana Duran
Ms. Anita Hinduja
Ms. Debbie Rosner
Ms. Carmen Rodriguez
Ms. Chaitanya Shriharsha
Mrs. Amanda Jones
Ms. Geetarani Mohanty
Ms. Polin Raoufian
Ms. Ann Huyett
Mr. Dan Savino *
Ms. Brenda Bush-Bell*
Mr. Tae Warner*

Lunch Hour Aides

Ms. Judith Roldan
Mrs. Jan Rothschild
Ms. Geetarani Mohanty
Ms. Marcy Loftus
Ms. Polin Raoufian
Ms. Debbie Rosner
Ms. Nadia Amleh
Ms. Ann Huyett

Food Services

Ms. Christina Liao
Ms. Hsiao Fang Yin
Ms. Yali Lin

Building Services

Building Services Manager
Building Services Assistant Manager
Building Service Workers

Ms. Karen Hyson
TBD
Mr. Juwan Lee
Ms. Hsiao Fang Yin
Mr. Jorge Sanchez

Media Assistant

Ms. Nadia Amleh

Parent Community Coordinator

Ms. Shanique Moore

School Psychologist

Ms. Catherine Hotchkiss

Pupil Personnel Worker

Mr. Jerry Logan

School Nurse

Ms. Edith Kplivi

Health Room Technician

Ms. Anna Waites

**CLOPPER MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT HANDBOOK
OF
POLICIES, PRACTICES, PROCEDURES
2023-2024**



School Hours

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| Office Hours: | 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| Students Enter: | 9:10 a.m. (Breakfast) |
| School Begins: | 9:25 a.m. |
| Grades K -5: | 9:25 a.m.-3:50 p.m. |
| Early Dismissal: | 1:20 p.m. |
| Delayed Opening: | 11:15 a.m. |



SCHOOL HOURS

Normal school hours are 9:25 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. for grades kindergarten through five. Children are expected to arrive at school on time, but **no earlier than 9:10 a.m.** **Children are considered tardy after 9:25 a.m.** School Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: PARKING

Please obey the no parking signs in the bus lane, handicapped spaces and reserved spaces at the front of the school. The bus lane is marked with yellow paint. **If you drive your child to or from school, please remember to use the drop off loop in front of our school for drop-off and pick-up. The bus lane is off limits to automobiles between the hours of 8:45–9:45 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Please do not leave cars unattended along the curb in the drop-off and pick-up area.

ABSENCES

Daily, consistent attendance at school equates with school success. We urge students and parents to make school a priority and to **schedule vacations around the school calendar.**

If your child will be absent, please call the School Office as soon after 8:30 a.m. as possible. If you suspect your child has a communicable disease, please note that at the time of your call. The school will attempt to verify the apparent absence of any student whose parents have not called.

A **dated note**, stating the specific reason for an absence, signed by a parent or guardian, **is required no later than one day following an absence.** Excused absences from school include, illness, doctor or dentist appointment, death in the immediate family, observance of a religious holiday, or a court order.

EARLY DEPARTURE

Children who need to leave school during the day **MUST** bring a written excuse to the School Office in the morning for approval. The parent must sign the child out when they leave school and sign in when they return to school. **If a child needs to be dismissed early, the parent should report to the office to pick up his/her child. Parents should not go to the classroom to pick up children.**

LATE ARRIVAL

Children who arrive late to school are expected to sign in at the office. **Parents are required to sign their children in at the office, or students are expected to have a written excuse for tardiness from their parent or legal guardian.** **TARDINESS HAS BEEN A REAL PROBLEM FOR MANY STUDENTS, AND IT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS EVERY STUDENT AND TEACHER.** Students who demonstrate excessive tardiness will be **required to serve detention after school.**

BREAKFAST/ LUNCH PROGRAM & RECESS

Breakfast is available from 9:15 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. There is no cost for breakfast. Students who wish to have breakfast here at school are welcome but are expected to be in their classroom by 9:25 when the bell rings or they will be marked tardy.

Clopper Mill Elementary is one of 57 MCPS schools that will provide free breakfast and lunch to all our students this school year.

Students may bring their own lunch or order a lunch at school.

When available, snack items, which range in price from \$0.50 to \$1.00, can be purchased after lunches have been consumed. However, we are very concerned with the growing health problems for children and will limit snack food purchases to **one** item only per student.

Parents are no longer required to apply for free or reduced meals.



Menus are sent home prior to the first day of each month. Please refer to the enclosed flier for more information.

RECESS/LUNCH

The recess/lunch period is one hour and 10 minutes.

Lunch/Recess Schedules

| <u>Grade Level</u> | <u>Lunch</u> | <u>Recess</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| First Grade | 11:20-11:50 | 11:55-12:30 |
| Second Grade | 11:45-12:15 | 11:05-1:40 |
| Fourth Grade | 12:30-1:00 | 11:50-12:25 |
| Kindergarten | 12:50-1:20 | 1:25-2:00 |
| Fifth Grade | 1:15-1:45 | 12:35-1:10 |
| Third Grade | 1:25-1:55 | 12:45-1:20 |



Lunch Schedule

Early Dismissal (No Recess)

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| Kindergarten | 10:30-11:00 |
| First Grade | 10:40-11:10 |
| Second Grade | 11:10-11:40 |
| Third Grade | 11:40-12:10 |
| Fourth Grade | 11:50-12:20 |
| Fifth Grade | 12:20-12:50 |

(School Ends - 1:20)

Lunch Schedule

Delayed Opening (No Recess)

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|--------------|-------------|
| Kindergarten | 11:40-12:10 |
| First Grade | 12:15-12:45 |
| Second Grade | 12:25-12:55 |
| Third Grade | 12:55-1:25 |
| Fourth Grade | 1:00-1:30 |
| Fifth Grade | 1:35-2:05 |

(School Begins - 11:25)

CONCERNS

If you have questions that are specific to your child's progress or a classroom issue, **please contact your child's teacher or appropriate staff member directly before bringing the concern to school administration.** It is important to keep open lines of communication between parents and teachers to ensure the best education for your child.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Teachers and students will be called to the telephone from classrooms **only for emergencies**. The most convenient time to call teachers is before school or after school.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled on an appointment basis in November. These conferences provide a planned opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss a child's achievement and to plan cooperatively for continued student progress. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on **November 20 and 21, 2023.**

****VISITING CLASSROOMS/VOLUNTEERING/ENTERING THE BUILDING**

Parents are encouraged to visit the school and may observe their children's classrooms. It is best to arrange a visit ahead of time by calling your child's teacher, the assistant principal, or the principal beforehand, since the class may be having a test or be out on a field trip. **As part of our school's security procedures, visitors will be required to "ring" into the office using the front door entry system and inform the office staff the reason for their visit. Once visitors/parents/volunteers are "buzzed" into the building, they MUST report to the office to provide a picture ID (**driver's license), sign in, and receive an identification sticker.** While visiting, please remember that an observation/visit is not the time to talk to teachers. If you wish to discuss a matter with your child's teacher, please make a separate conference date. Parent comments are encouraged and valued. Parents are asked to take into account when visiting that much precedes and follows the segment of the day observed.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In case of emergencies that make it impossible for Montgomery County Public Schools to open, information regarding school operations is announced publicly as soon as possible on area radio and television stations, Cable Channel 60, County Cable Channel 6 or Cable Channel 34-MCPS TV, at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org or at Schools-Out.com, and on a taped telephone message service at 301-279-3673. Emergency email announcements are available by signing up for MCPS QuickNotes on the school system's home page. If schools are closed or delayed, the announcement is made no later than 6:00 a.m. (or the night before, if possible). If schools are closing early, the announcement is made by 11:00 a.m. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL.**

Delayed Opening. In the event of snow or other hazardous weather conditions, school may open two hours later than usual to assure bus safety. All students who normally ride school buses will be picked up two hours later than their regularly scheduled pick-up time on delayed opening days.

When a two-hour delayed school opening is called, the **A.M. Pre-K** class is cancelled.

Early Dismissal. When early dismissal of students is necessary due to inclement weather, school will close 1 1/2 hours early. Buses may run late because of hazardous road conditions. A lunch period will be scheduled for students prior to dismissal.

Announcements will be made on local radio and television stations. Parents are urged to tune in to local news stations to find out about school closings.

In the event of an early closing, it is essential that children know what they are to do and where they are to go. Parents should give children specific instructions, which should also be on file at the school. If changes are made to these instructions, the school should be notified. The P.M. Pre-K does not normally meet on early dismissal days.

LOST & FOUND

Found articles of clothing, hats, gloves, lunch boxes, and other items will be periodically displayed throughout the year during special events. Children should check the Lost and Found area for missing possessions. The Lost and Found Storage is in the hallway adjacent to the lunchroom. Eyeglasses and other delicate items are secured in the main office. **PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING.**

BIRTHDAY & PARTY POLICIES

Each child will receive a birthday pencil on his/her birthday (summer birthdays as well). There will be **no birthday celebrations** as we wish to maximize instructional time. However, simple, low-key parties are held at school for Halloween and Valentine's Day. All food for parties/celebrations must be store-bought, including original ingredients label. In addition, all foods must be "peanut-free" ("peanut-oil free") and approved by the classroom teacher prior to each celebration. (See the section on Clopper Mill Elementary Food Allergy Safety Policy Highlights).

****PERSONAL BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN SCHOOL!**

SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS

Clopper Mill has a fine group of responsible boys and girls serving as school safety patrols. They go on duty at **9:05 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.** Mrs. Brown, Math Content Coach, is the patrol sponsor. Parents should impress upon their children the importance of following patrol instructions.

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SCHOOL EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency evacuation of the school for a sustained period of time, students will walk with their teachers or be transported to Northwest High School (301-601-4660). This constitutes a portion of our contingency plan for unusual circumstances far beyond the usual and routine fire drill procedures. It is urgent in the event of an emergency or disaster that we have up to date emergency information on your child. **Please keep the school office informed of any changes in emergency contact and/or day care arrangements.** Our school will conduct five (5) required fire drills and six (6) required emergency drills (2 each) during the school year.

ILLNESS/MEDICATIONS

A child who is ill is routinely sent to the School Health Room. The school nurse or school health technician will assess the child, contact the parent or guardian, and send the child home if necessary. Any child with an elevated temperature of 100 degrees or above is sent home. It is recommended that your child be free from fever for 24 hours before returning to school.

It is likely that sometime during the school year your child will have a medication prescribed for the treatment of a health problem. As a general policy, the school recommends that children receive medication at home whenever possible. In the event your physician decides your child needs to receive medication during the school day, certain procedures must be followed. For more information, contact our School Community Health Nurse, or the school health technician at 240-740-2182, and read the information below.

MEDICATION POLICY

In the event that your physician decides that your child needs to receive medication at school during the school day, MCPS Form 525-13, Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication, must be completed and on file. Forms are available in the School Office and in the Health Room.

If you don't have access to the proper form, a written order on the physician's stationery or prescription pad is acceptable, provided it includes the following information:

- a. Your child's name
- b. Name of medication being ordered
- c. Dosage
- d. Time of administration
- e. Possible side effects

The first full day's dosage of any new prescription **must** be administered at home. Medication must be brought to the school by the parent or guardian. Under no circumstances will medication be given which is brought to school by a student. Medication must be properly labeled by a pharmacist. Over-the-counter medication, e.g., aspirin, must also be prescribed by a physician as noted above and brought to the school by the parent or guardian in the original container with the dosage labeled by the manufacturer.

LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

Library services, under the direction of a full-time library media specialist, are available to all students during the regular school hours and for 15 minutes before school. Children may check **out two books** at a time for up to two weeks. Books may be checked out more frequently if the children wish.

BAR T KIDS CLUB

A before and after school extended day program is offered for children of parents employed outside the home. Recreation and sport activities, supplemented by games, music, arts & crafts, free time, and opportunities to complete school homework assignments are provided before school from **7:00 to 9:10 a.m.** and/or after school from **3:50 to 6:30 p.m.** Care is available to enrolled students on snow days, school holidays, and during the winter and spring vacation breaks.

To find out more about the Bar T Kids Program, call 301-948-3172.



SAFETY: BUSES

Parents are responsible for student safety at bus stops (school safety patrols assist). **Students who wish to go home with a classmate after school (either walking or riding a different bus) must bring a note to the office in the morning for verification.** The bus drivers will not allow students on buses without written parent/school permission.

For problems concerning bus routes and stop locations, **call Ms. Gail Walker, Transportation Cluster Manager at 240-740-4731 or Edwin Blanco-Ruiz, Depot Manager at 240-740-4728.**

SAFETY: CROSSING GUARD

The safety division of the Montgomery County Police will post a crossing guard daily at the entrance of parking lot. Our guard is on duty from 8:50 to 9:25 a.m. and from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. daily. Please teach your child to use the services of the Crossing Guard. Using the Crossing Guard is a safe practice to be emphasized.

BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE

Children are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner that they and their classmates will gain the most from their school experience. School provides many opportunities for children to develop respect for others and the ability to work, learn, and live together in harmony.

Behavior and discipline are shared responsibilities of the home and the school. A cooperative and supportive partnership benefits students best and leads to the best type of discipline: self-discipline.

ABCs of Behavior: Act Safely - Be Respectful - Commit to Learning

Our goal is to create and maintain a safe and orderly environment for all students at CMES. In order to do this, we have created a school-wide discipline policy. This system is called the CMES ABCs, which stands for: **Act Safely – Be Respectful – Commit to Learning**. Each ABC has specific expectations that must be followed by all students in all areas of the school. Bullying and physical altercations will not be tolerated. We want to ensure that all our students are safe at Clopper Mill. We thank you in advance for your support in creating a safe and orderly school environment.

Please see the [Code of Conduct Brochure](#).

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Parents and older siblings picking up students will be advised to wait for their students at designated columns marked with grade levels 1 to 5. The area between the front door and columns 1 and 2 will remain clear of “waiting” parents and older siblings at all times. Teachers will continue to escort students out of the building at dismissal time. **Kindergarten students will be dismissed from room K1, inside the PreK fenced playground area.** All staff on p.m. duties will reinforce these dismissal procedures.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an integral part of school and learning. It is expected that students spend time nightly on extending their attainment of skills and knowledge. A Homework Policy will be distributed on the first day of school.

PROPER ATTIRE

Students are expected to come to school each day in appropriate attire. If a student comes to school in any of the following, they will be sent to the office to either call home for replacement clothing or, when possible, asked to cover the article of clothing with a jacket, sweater, etc. Clothing that is not acceptable at school are midriff tops; belly shirts; halters; see-through or net shirts; any shorts, skirts, or dresses worn too short; and any item of clothing that presents a message or words deemed inappropriate for school. If assistance for clothing is needed, please contact Ms. Jennifer DeCastro, Community School Liaison.

BICYCLES & SCOOTERS



Students in **grades 4 or 5** may ride bicycles/scooters to school with written parent permission and the use of a safety helmet. Bicycles/scooters are to be walked while on school premises, locked to the rack, and not used during the school day. **NO HELMET-- NO BIKE!** All bicycles must be registered with the Montgomery County Police Department. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen bicycles.

CELL PHONES

Students may possess portable communication devices on MCPS property **only if a written parent request is made to the principal.** **Cell phone use is for emergencies only!** It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the device is **turned off and out of sight** during the instructional day. The student **may not turn on/use the device until the end of the official instructional day, when he/she is off school grounds.** **Use of devices while riding to and from school on MCPS buses is not permitted,** since it may impact the safe operation of the school bus. For non-emergency calls, students may ask permission to use the school phones to contact parents. The consequence for a student who violates this policy is **cell phone confiscation, which will only be returned to a parent or guardian.**

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be issued four times during the school year: November 19, February 5, April 17, and June 21. Parents can access report cards on ParentVue.

MARKING PERIODS FOR 2023-2024

| <u>Marking Period</u> | <u>Marking Period Ends</u> | <u>Report Card on ParentVue/Distribution</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1st | October 31, 2023 | November 19, 2023 |
| 2nd | January 26, 2024 | February 5, 2024 |
| 3rd | April 9, 2024 | April 17-18, 2024 |
| 4th | June 13, 2024 | June 21-24, 2024 |

NEWSLETTERS

Parents should look for our newsletter, the *Cougar Courier*, on our school webpage and/or through our Connect Ed system. The *Cougar Courier* includes items of school interest to both parents and students as well as a calendar of upcoming events. Electronic copies of the *Cougar Courier* will be available on our school website (www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/cloppermilles).

PERFECT ATTENDANCE CRITERIA

Perfect Attendance is an award we present to students at our annual awards ceremony at the end of the school year. The following are the guidelines to achieve Perfect Attendance.

- Students must be present and attend school every day.
- We are allowing for two doctor's appointments during the school year; however, ***the appointment cannot result in a student's absence for more than half a school day.***
- **A doctor's note must be submitted within two days of the child's return to school.**
- Students who are tardy more than two days are not eligible for Perfect Attendance.

Vacations should be taken during scheduled school vacation dates. Absence for the purpose of a vacation is considered an **unexcused absence**.

Building Safety

All exterior doors are locked during the student day. Visitors MUST use the buzzer in the front of the building and verbally give the reason they would like to enter the building. Visitors must then proceed to the office. You MUST provide a picture ID (Driver's License) to enter the main building or to pick up a child early from school. When exiting the building, DO NOT open the door for anyone waiting at the door. Only office staff can permit visitors into the building. Please wait by the door until they are buzzed in.

We need your support to ensure the safety of our students, staff and visitors.

Clopper Mill Elementary School

SNEAK PREVIEW (SNEAK PEEK)

Friday, August 25

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. (Grades 3, 4 and 5 Only)

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Grades K, 1, and 2 Only)



****Patrols will meet with Mrs. Brown following their open house at 11:00 a.m. on the blacktop. ****

*** Meet your teacher ***

*** Get a sneak peek at your school ***

◆◆TEACHERS WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THEIR STUDENTS AT THEIR DESIGNATED SNEAK PEEK TIME DUE TO GRADE LEVEL SPECIFIC TRAINING◆◆

What is a sneak preview?

It is a time to bring your child to school to find his/her classroom, to see the school, meet the teacher, and enjoy the excitement of a new start! It is designed to reduce beginning of the year anxiety and help your child prepare emotionally for the start of school. It is an opportunity to encourage your child to see the positives of a new year and a new teacher.

This sneak preview is not like Back-To-School Night in that teachers are still busy preparing and planning for the opening of school. Please do not try to hold a conference with teachers. Instead, enjoy a walk through the school, a brief visit to your classroom(s) and conversation with your child about the coming year.

Welcome and enjoy your visit!

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN –
A SPECIAL PARENT INFORMATION MEETING WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING YOUR SNEAK PREVIEW
3:00-3:30 p.m.**

IN THE ALL-PURPOSE ROOM

**ATENCIÓN PADRES DE NIÑOS DE KINDER –
UNA REUNIÓN ESPECIAL DE INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES SE LLEVARÁ A
CABO INMEDIATAMENTE
SIGUIENDO SU VISTA PREVIA
3:00-3:30 p.m.
EN LA SALA POLIVALENTE**

WELCOME TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS NEW TO CLOPPER MILL

A special meeting will be held for you



as parents of students

new to our school



Tuesday, September 5, 2023

6:00 p.m.

*(followed by our first PTA Meeting)
at 6:30 p.m.



Please join us!

**Clopper Mill Elementary School Calendar
2023-2024**

August

- 19 **10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Northwest Cluster Back-to-School Fair @ NWHS**
- 25 *Sneak Preview (10:00-11:00 a.m. – Grade 3-5) (2:00-3:00 p.m. – Grades K-2)*
- 28 **First Day of School for Students**

September

- 4 **Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed**
- 5 *6:00 p.m. New Parent Welcome (All Purpose Room)*
6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (All Purpose Room)
- 8 *5:30-7:30 p.m. Back-to-School Picnic (Rain Date – September 15)*
- 12 **6:30 p.m. Back-To-School Night - Grades K-5**
- 18-22 *PTA Piggy Race Fund Raiser*
- 22 **1:20 p.m. Early Release Day for Students**
- 25 **No School for Students and Teachers**

October

- 3 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center)*
- 9 **No School for Students and Teachers**
- 10 **9:35 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Open House**
- 20 *8:30-9:10 a.m. Dads & Donuts*
- 31 **First Marking Period Ends**
2:45 p.m. Fall Harvest Parade & Parties
5:00-6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

November

- 1 **Professional Day (No School for Students) - End of Quarter Grading/Planning**
- 7 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center)*
- 9 *First Marking Period Report Cards Available in ParentVue*
- 17 *5:30-7:00 p.m. PTA Family Game Night (All-purpose Room)*
- 20 **1:20 p.m. Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
4:00-6:00 p.m. Family Thanksgiving Dinner
- 21 **1:20 p.m. Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 22-25 **Thanksgiving Holiday - No School**

December

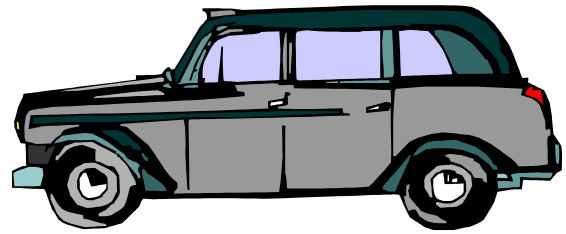
- 5 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center/Virtual Option)*
- 11-15 *Fall Scholastic Book Fair*
- 15 *6:00-8:00 p.m. PTA Holiday Party Family Night (Book Fair Open – 5:00-6:30 p.m.)*
- 22 *8:30-9:00 a.m. Grandparent Day*
- 25 - 29 **Winter Break - No School**

January

- 1-2 **Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed**
- 9 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center/Virtual Option)*
- 15 **Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day – No School**
- TBD *7:00 p.m. Winter Choral & Instrumental Music Concert*
- 26 **Second Marking Period Ends**

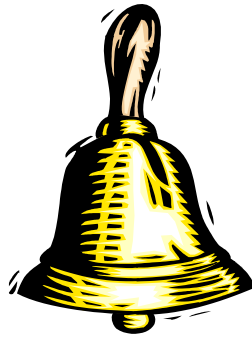
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. PTA Family Pizza-BINGO Night (AP Room)
- 29 Professional Day (No School for Students) - End of Quarter Grading/Planning**
- February**
- 5 *Second Marking Period Report Cards Available in ParentVue*
- 6 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center/Virtual Option)*
- TBD *5:30-7:30 p.m. PTA Family Night*
- 15 *6:00 p.m. Spelling Bee Finals*
- 19 Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed**
- March**
- 1 1:20 p.m. Early Release Day for Students**
- 5 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center)*
- 8 *8:30-9:10 a.m. Muffins for Moms*
- 25-29 Spring Break - No School**
- April**
- 1 Spring Break - No School**
- 2 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center)*
- 9 **Third Marking Period Ends**
- 10 Professional Day (No School for Students) - End of Quarter Grading/Planning**
- 15-19 *National Volunteer Week*
Spring Scholastic Book Fair
- 17 *Third Marking Period Report Cards Available in ParentVue*
- 18 *5:30-7:30 p.m. International Night*
- 22 Professional Day for Teachers (No School for Students)**
- 24 *Administrative Professionals' Day*
- May**
- 6-10 *Staff Appreciation Week*
- 7 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center)*
- 10 *5:30-7:30 p.m. PTA Family Movie Night (Gym)*
- TBD *6:30 p.m. Shark Tank Junior*
- TBD *Field Day*
- 14 Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed**
- 17 *5:30 p.m. Fun Run Fundraiser*
- 27 Holiday - Schools and Offices Closed**
- TBD *7:00 p.m. Spring Choral & Instrumental Music Concert*
- June**
- 4 *6:30 p.m. PTA Meeting (Media Center)*
- 7 *5:30-7:30 p.m. PTA End of Year Picnic*
- 11 9:30 a.m. Fifth Grade Promotion (at Northwest High School)**
- 13 ***1:20 p.m. Early Dismissal**
Last Day of School for Students/ Fourth Marking Period Ends
9:40 a.m. End-of-Year Awards Assembly
- 21 *Fourth Marking Period Report Cards Available in ParentVue*
- 24 *Report Cards Mailed Centrally to Non-Activated ParentVue Households*

Attention Parents of Walkers and Students Transported by Car:



Our doors open at **9:10 a.m.** for breakfast

Students arriving after **9:25 a.m.** are **late!!**



Give your child the advantage of five or ten minutes to unpack and prepare for instruction. **The late bell rings at 9:25 a.m.** Your child should be here no later than **9:15 or 9:20 a.m.**

PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF TOO EARLY!

Thank you for your cooperation.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!

All families will receive the weekly Cougar Courier (Parent Newsletter). In order to receive the Cougar Courier, you MUST make sure we have your correct email address! The Cougar Courier is sent each Friday via Connect-ed directly to you (as well as other important information during the school year). Please make sure your correct address is on your child/ren's emergency form; otherwise, you may miss out on special announcements, school activities, club information, weekly events, etc.

COMMUNICATION INFORMATION 2023-2024

Important information regarding special events and school closings will be provided through our direct calling system, Connect-Ed. Connect-Ed can inform our entire school community within minutes. Another method of communicating with parents comes in the form of written information or notices. To conserve trees and energy, we must have the correct email address of every parent (at least one per household) in our school, so we can email this information directly to your home or office. The **Cougar Courier** (our weekly parent newsletter) will be distributed in this manner, unless you do not have access to a computer and the internet.

Course-Related Fees

Students will not be asked to pay for or provide textbooks, supplementary readers (such as anthologies, atlases, or workbooks), most materials of instruction, audiovisual aids, stationery items not commonly found in the home and required for the student to demonstrate mastery of course objectives or building or office materials needed to operate schools.

Students may be asked to pay for materials of instruction that primarily fit into three categories as follows:

- Items eaten by the student as a part of the course (example: bread baking ingredients).
- Component parts of a product that will become student property (example: sculpting clay).
- Materials of instruction or items of personal use that become the property of the student (example: recorder).

Students are still expected to bring individual organizational tools and personal supplies from home. In addition, there are student fees which are not course-related but local school decisions made by the principal in collaboration with the school and parent leadership. These may include fees for class snacks, special grade-level assemblies, etc. There also may be fees related to field trips, but these will be shared each time there is a trip and not in advance as a school fee.

We are committed to providing all students, regardless of their economic circumstances, with full access to the instructional program. If you need assistance for any requested expense, or with providing the organizational tools and personal supplies, please contact our **Community School Liaison, Ms. DeCastro**.

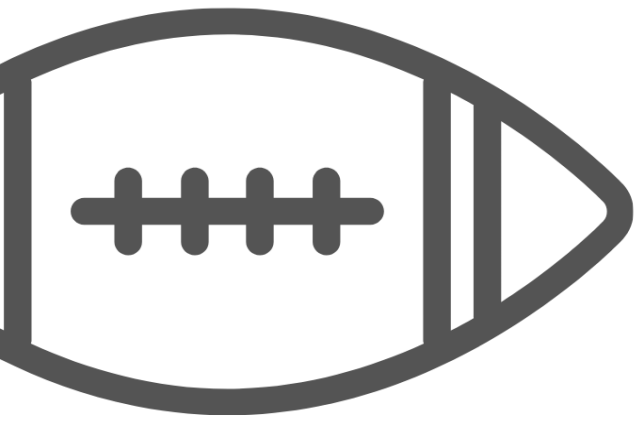
Parent donations of items that enhance the classroom experience are still welcomed, either as donations from individual parents or organized by class parents or by the PTA. A list of these items also is attached to this letter and clearly titled, *Voluntary Parent Donations*. They are not required donations and no student will be expected to provide these items, but if you care to contribute, it will be appreciated.

Clopper Mill Elementary School -- School Materials and Parent Donations FY24

| Grade | Student Organizational Tools and Personal Supplies | Voluntary Parent Donations |
|---------------------|--|--|
| Kindergarten | 1 large backpack 10 Glue sticks 1 box of large sized crayons 1 regular box of crayons 1 change of clothes (with Underwear in a plastic bag labeled with student name) 1 box of dry erase markers – black only 1 box of large erasers and eraser caps 1 box of large beginner pencils & 1 box of fat pencils 1 pair rounded point scissors *1 set of headphones (no earbuds) | 3 boxes of tissues 2 bottles of liquid hand sanitizer 2 bottles of liquid hand soap 2 containers of disinfectant wipes 1 box zipper locked gallon-sized bags 1 box zipper locked quart sandwich bags 2 roll of paper towels |
| First Grade | Crayons, box of 24 only 1 box #2 pencils 1 box of large erasers and eraser caps 4 glue sticks 1 pair rounded point scissors 1 box of dry erase markers – black only 3 ring pencil pouch & box *1 set of headphones (no earbuds) 1 change of clothes (with Underwear in a plastic bag labeled with student name) 1 spiral notebook – wide ruled | 2 boxes of facial tissue 2 paper towel rolls 1 bottle of antibacterial hand sanitizer Disinfectant wipes Baby wipes 1 box of zipper-locked sandwich bags 1 box of zipper-locked quart-size bags 1 box of zipper-locked snack-size bags 1 box of zipper-locked gallon-size bags |
| Second Grade | 1 pair rounded point scissors 1 box of glue sticks 1 regular box of crayons 1 box of large erasers and eraser caps 1 box of dry erase markers 1 pencil box *1 set of headphones (no earbuds) 1 box of #2 pencils | Facial tissue Disinfectant Wipes Paper towels Zipper-locked bags Dry Erase markers Highlighters Band-Aids Personal pencil sharpener |
| Third Grade | 1 box of #2 pencils 1 pair pointed scissors 1 regular box of crayons 2 pocket folders – 3 hole punched 1 pencil box 1 box of glue sticks 1 box non-toxic markers 1 box of colored pencils 1 box of dry erase markers 3 composition books – hard cover *Headphones/ear buds | 3 boxes of tissues Bottle of antibacterial liquid soap Bottle of antibacterial hand sanitizer Box of zipper locked Plastic gallon bags Disinfectant wipes Individual pencil sharpener |

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| <p>Fourth Grade</p> | <p>1 box of #2 pencils *Headphones/ear buds 1 pocket folder 1 box non-toxic markers 1 box of colored pencils 1 regular box of crayons 2 yellow highlighters 1 glue stick 2 composition books – hard cover 1 box of dry erase markers – black only 1 pencil box/pouch 1 large eraser 1 pair pointed scissors</p> | <p>2 Boxes of Facial tissue Hands soap-liquid pump Hand sanitizer-liquid pump Box of gallon zipper-locked bags Disinfectant Wipes Box of quart size zipper-locked bags</p> |
| <p>Fifth Grade</p> | <p>1 box of #2 pencils 1 pencil box/pouch 1 box of large erasers and eraser caps 1 box of colored pencils 1 box of highlighters – various colors 2 yellow highlights 1 box of dry erase markers – various colors 1 box of markers – various colors 1 box of glue sticks - clear 5 pocket folders – 3 hole punched *Headphones/earbuds 1 pack of white, ruled, 3’x5’ index cards 1 plastic clipboard 1 spiral notebook – wide ruled, 1 subject 1 spiral notebook – wide ruled, 3 subject 1 pack of sticky Notes – 3”x5” 1 pair pointed scissors</p> | <p>2 Boxes of Facial tissue Disinfectant Wipes Highlighters Band-Aids Thin writing markers Hand sanitizer – liquid pump Gum erasers and tip erasers Individual pencil sharpeners</p> |





Clopper Mill. Darnestown.
Diamond. Dr. Ronald McNair.
Germantown. Great Seneca
Creek. Spark M. Matsunaga.

NORTHWEST HS FOOTBALL



NW



CLUSTER NIGHT

9.14.23 - GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM

**WEAR YOUR ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL SHIRT
(OR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS) TO THE GAME & RECEIVE:**

- **Free admission with paying adult (\$5) - adult must remain with student(s) for the entire game**
- **NW pom pom**
- **\$2 in NW concessions bucks**
- **Reserved seating**
- **Recognition at halftime**

**Kingsview.
Lakelands Park.
Roberto Clemente.**





Saturday School Courses

Saturday School provides academic tutoring and instruction with certified teachers in a nurturing and supportive environment. The program is aligned with the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) curriculum. This support is offered **every Saturday** on the dates and times below.

MCPS students Grades K through 12 may attend after registering for Saturday School for \$85 per year (\$40 for students who receive FARMS).

2023-2024 PROGRAMS SATURDAYS / 8:30 - 11:00 AM

Opening Ceremonies, Registration and Orientation: Sept. 9 (8:30 - 11:00 AM)

Closing Ceremonies: May 4 (8:30 - 11:00 AM)

Courses are available on the following Saturdays:

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11, 18; December 2, 9, 16

January 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16; April 6, 13, 20, 27

Parent Workshops: November 4, March 2

Center Locations – High Schools:

Clarksburg, Einstein, Gaithersburg, Montgomery Blair, Northwest, Paint Branch, Springbrook, and Wheaton. Virtual options for all grades.

TO REGISTER Please go to our website saturdayschool.org.



Program Highlights

- Grades K through 8 focus on reading, language arts and math
- Grades 9 through 12 focus on core subjects (english and math); support for High School Assessments;
- College and career readiness is emphasized.

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