

CSK IN SEUSSVILLE

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MR. MANE IN THE HAT KNOWS A THING ABOUT THAT!

CSK Eagle Families,

As promised, February proved to be an excellent month at Coretta Scott King Magnet School. We began our month by recognizing and honoring nearly forty students at our monthly Learner Profile of the Month Breakfast. We also witnessed an excellent turnout by our CSK families who volunteered their time to help our students and teachers during students celebrate during our Valentine's Day Parties. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time at our school that day! A good time was had by all, as students and staff participated in a variety of activities at our Pajama Dance Party. Students spent the evening dancing, playing basketball, riding on scooters, tumbling, drawing, and watching a movie. All students who attended the event left smiling as they were treated to a snack and a drink during the event.

Looking ahead this month, students are very excited about showcasing their academic performance at student-led parent-teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 1 between 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending Family Inquiry Night on Tuesday, March 13 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We are hoping for excellent attendance!

Finally, PARCC testing season is now upon us. From March 19 through April 20, we will be conducting PARCC testing for testing for all 3rd through 5th grade students. A specific testing schedule for your student's grade level will be sent home to you. I would like to encourage you to set some time aside to talk with your student about the importance of these tests. It is essential that you help your student to understand the necessity to take the tests seriously and perform their best; however it is equally important that your student does not become overstressed. I always recommend that you ensure your student's success by helping them to maintain a healthy lifestyle by eating a nutritious breakfast each day, getting adequate rest each evening, and helping them to exercise regularly. These tips are not only applicable to testing season, but more importantly, to life itself.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, I invite you to contact me directly. I will always make time for you!

Go EAGLES!!!

Bryon Mane

(Day 100 in Kindergarten—fun!) →



IMPORTANT:

State Testing Begins at CSK on Monday, March 19, 2018

Each year 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students must participate in our state assessment program. The program consists of the following assessments:

- PARCC for English/Language Arts and Math – Grades 3, 4, 5
- Illinois Science Assessment – Grade 5 Only

The window for completing PARCC testing is March 6 – April 20. For 5th Grade students, the testing window for the Illinois Science Assessment is March 1 – April 30.

Your child's teacher will provide the specific testing dates for their students within this testing window.

All of these tests will be done online.

As with any state assessment, we ask in that in preparation for testing, your child get plenty of sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and come to school prepared to do their best.

Thank you for your support in making this a successful experience for your child.

RESOURCES

To help you better understand the PARCC assessment and the resulting score reports, information can be found in the following locations:

Crete-Monee School District 201U website: www.cm201u.org

Illinois State Board of Education website: <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Assessment.aspx>

Partnership for College and Career Readiness: <http://parcc-assessment.org>

STUDENT COUNCIL

PENNY DRIVE

Our student council members worked very hard to raise money for Pennies for Patients! Their candy gram sales, PJ Dance Party, and coin collections were all a great success. Totals from the fundraiser and winners of the Pasta Party will be announced soon!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

3/01—Parent/Teacher Conferences

5-8pm

3/05—**NO SCHOOL / Pulaski Day**

3/16—**Early Dismissal Day at 1:15 pm**

Spring Picture Day

3/22—Cookie Day / School Store

3/26-3/29- - Book Fair Week

3/30—**NO SCHOOL/Spring Break Begins!**

NEXT MONTH...

04/02-04/06—SPRING BREAK!

04/11—Spirit Day—Blue & Gold

04/18-04/19—Kindergarten Registration

04/19—4th/5th Grade Battle of the

Books, 5:30 pm at Crete Library

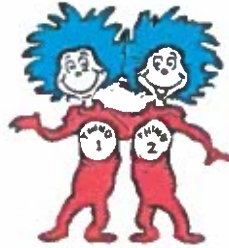
04/25—5th Grade Exhibition 5 pm

04/26—3rd Grade Battle of the Books,

5:30 pm at Crete Library

CSK's Program of Inquiry (POI):

Grade levels are learning a "Thing or 2" about these units of inquiry during the month of March:



Grade Level	Theme	Unit Title	Central Idea
Kindergarten	How We Express Ourselves	Rhyme Time	Nursery rhymes are a creative way to communicate ideas through story elements.
First	Where We Are in Place and Time	Oh! The Things You Can Do!	People can and should make the world a better place.
Second	How We Organize Ourselves	Village People	A community depends on the responsible participation of individuals.
Third	How the World Works	The Ever Changing Earth	Components of the earth interact and cause change.
Fourth	Sharing the Planet	There's No Place Like Home	Ecosystems thrive because of interactions in the environment.
Fifth	How The World Works	Exhibition	Humans' uses of technology and science investigation cause changes in scientific understanding that affect societies across the world.
	Sharing the Planet	Choices We Make	The choices we make affect our global community.

The IB News in Seussville:

During the month of March, we will be focusing on the importance of showing the IB Learner Profile trait of KNOWLEDGEABLE. Teachers will be looking for those students who excel at remembering what they have learned and use this information in their lives and to create change in the world around them. These students will be our February Seussville stars and will join the Learner Profile breakfast with Mr. Mane and Mrs. Bruns. The IB attitudes of enthusiasm and creativity will also be a focus.

IB in Action:

“It Takes a Village!!”

As you may have read, our CSK Family raised \$2,222 for Puerto Rico during our fall action plan!

We are now showing our students that sometimes it takes a village to help others. To extend our efforts to help Puerto Rico, our school family is looking for local businesses and companies to help us help them. Many people do not realize that the restoration process is STILL taking place on this beautiful island. We are hoping to collect money from local businesses, companies, or organizations to add to our donation to United for Puerto Rico, an organization set up by the First Lady of Puerto Rico, Beatriz Rosselló. One hundred percent of these donations will go to United for Puerto Rico.

Students have already drawn pictures and written personal letters to 20 local companies. We hope to demonstrate to our students the impact that can be made when individuals and communities pull together. Please help us make a positive difference in the lives of others.

If you happen to know of a company or local organization that would like to help teach our children the importance of pulling together to make a difference in the lives of others, please contact our IB Coordinator, Shannon Bruns, at 708-367-4703 or brunss@cm201u.org. All donations will be publicized on our school website, in our school newsletter, and through our board of education.

PYP Exhibition:

During the month of March, our fifth graders are digging deeply into the process of developing their Exhibition projects. On April 25th, we will have a “Sharing and Communication of our Exhibition Learning” and we welcome all families to come to our event to help celebrate this learning process!

You may be wondering, “What exactly is Exhibition?” Exhibition is a research project and the culmination of the PYP. It is a chance for all of our fifth graders to show what wonderful inquirers and thinkers they have become. Upon completing Exhibition, our fifth graders will have demonstrated their readiness to enter the MYP as sixth graders next year.

The Exhibition experience began for our fifth graders as they brainstormed issues that affect our global community. The students then took these ideas and began to hone them into a central idea. The central idea is the theme that will permeate all Exhibition projects. Students are now using our PYP key concepts to create their own questions to help guide their research.

The fifth graders are just beginning a journey that will span two months, and utilize all of the knowledge and skills they have acquired throughout the course of the PYP. We cannot wait to see what our fifth grade learners will “exhibit” in April!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Our teams are busy reading more books and completing graphic organizers! Parents, please ask your children if they have completed and turned in a graphic organizer recently! We have been very busy practicing, especially third grade, who has met twice weekly recently!

PBIS—COOL TOOL LESSON

This past month of February our students learned about being reflective. Teachers read the book Mermaid's Purse, a story about a young lady who creates a home library that is destroyed, which causes her community reflects on the importance of literacy. Students were given the opportunity to reflect on all the great things they have learned so far this school year. Reflecting on our learning is a great way to show growth and celebrate accomplishments. At home, families set aside time to look back on pictures from the past and reflect on how kids have grown over the years.



CSK Literacy Voting!!!

This year, CSK is fortunate enough to have ALL grade levels participate in the Illinois State Library Media Association (ISLMA) book voting contests. Across the state, children will be voting on their favorite titles from a selected list created by children and adults. Here at CSK, our kindergarteners, 1st graders, 2nd graders, and 3rd graders have been reading from the Monarch list. Our 4th and 5th graders have been reading from the Bluestem list. Next week, we will be voting on our school favorites, AND we will be submitting each individual's vote in the state contest. We are anxious to see if our winners match up to the state winners, and students are excited to see how THEIR votes determine the winners at the state level. Be sure to ask your child about their favorites and stay tuned to our newsletter and website to hear the building winners AND the state winners! Regardless of which titles win, good literature has been enjoyed by all!!!!

SOAR Raffle Winners

SOAR stands for :

“Safety”, “Ownership”, “Achievement”, and “Respect!”

CSK students earn “SOAR Dollars” for great behavior. These “Dollars” are collected by classroom teachers to be entered into a weekly drawing. Some of the prizes include non-uniform passes, wear a hat to school, borrow an extra library book, and other fun things.

Congratulations to these SOAR Raffle Winners:

Friday, February 2nd—Huck Van Zyl, Zaniyah Ellis, Avrie Loerop, Essence Durham, Antione Sewell, Jr., Rezon Wells, Ryanne Pritchard, Mia Pasqualetti, Makenna Langan, Andrew Woghiren, Cameron Conwell, and Molly Dettlaff

Thursday, February 15th—Rieley Sams, Alexander Artman, Ayden Thomas, Wyatt Ipema, Bailey Cline, Shantel Castile, Aminah Hall, Kaemon Montgomery, Andrew Pluymert, Troi Lewis, Dakota Reeves, and Rasaun Fields

Friday, February 23rd—Alexander Houston, Mylan Hurst, William Seifert V, Joshua Stevenson, Tiana Glass, Isla McClure, Ryanne Pritchard, Tyler Fears, Jaylan Davis, Makenna Langan, Kaliq Wood, and Tyler Jolly

CSK Seussville Stars!



Each month, students are nominated by their classroom teacher to be a **CSK SEUSSVILLE STAR** for showing the IB Learner Profile. The following students have been chosen for February for showing the IB Learner Profile attribute of Reflective. They were treated to a breakfast by Mr. Mane and Mrs. Bruns for their efforts. Congratulations to: Kennedi Hunt, Jayla Hope, Dylan Godlewski, Keiden Jackson, Joshua Stevenson, Zion Ross, Brycen Epps, Joy Webb, David Jackson III, Olivia Contreras-Balnius, Tori Cates, Sadie Olthoff, A'Laura King, Maximus Sobek, Sydney Ipema, Kaemon Montgomery, Connor Schissler, Alexia Guerrero, Aniya Melgar, Andrew Woghiren, Arland Jackson, Lucas Plough, Emma Schissler, Zoey Fisher, Brian Richards, Jr., Maya Romero, Kesean Davis, Rasaun Fields, Dylan Sydnor, Brielle Davis, Raygan Jackson, Evan Morris, Jerry Bland IV, and Caden Wiley.



CSK LORAX LEARNERS

The following students have been chosen by their classroom teacher as a **CSK Lorax Learner** for the month of February. The award of a non-uniform pass is given based upon the students' reading habits. This non-uniform pass must be used during the 2017-2018 school year. Congratulations to: Kameryn Schauf Walker, Julian Scott, Jr., Ethan Smith, William Seifert V, J'than Phillips, Jon-Marc Delaforet, Tristan Freeman, Austin Oddson, Christian Harston, Addison Pluymert, Madison McClinton, Zechariah Henry, Stanley Detjen, Shanelle Dilworth, Lucy Joyce, Jameson Anderson, Lauren Conwell, Tyler Fears, Layla Couch, Treymond Hendrix, Andrew Woghiren, Julia Stolzenbach, Maleena Sanders, Callahan Robitz, Jayda Owusu, Cadence Argue, Makenna Langan, Lucy Nanista, Nicholas Olthoff, Alexis Wiczorek, Oliver Van Zyl, Jeremy Howell II, Samone Douyon, Makayla Stephens, Jerry Bland IV, and Trinity Craig.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



Influenza season is here! Following is a list of symptoms and signs to be aware of, and should your student exhibit any of these, please keep them home from school to be monitored.

Symptoms may include: fever over 100 degrees, cough, sore throat, vomiting, runny/stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, and diarrhea.

Also, please remember that if your student has a fever, they must be **FEVER -FREE FOR 24 HOURS** before returning to school.

Let's work together to keep our school healthy!



We are having so much fun with our new unit, **What's the Story, Data?!** In February we created and conducted a survey then made a three-dimensional graph and a pie graph of the data we collected. We had so much fun that at the end of the sessions we were surprised that time was up. Time flies when you're having fun!

March will bring even more graphing fun. We'll bring in some technology by creating graphs using computer programs. During March, we don't meet on March 1st due to student-led conferences. We will meet twice weekly for the rest of the month, on Wednesdays and Thursdays EXCEPT that we are having a special session on Tuesday, March 13. This session will begin after school as usual, but students will stay through our Family Night of Inquiry. We will NOT meet on Wednesday, March 14 but we will meet as usual on Thursday, March 15. Parents should have received an e-mail about this change.

Talent Show Auditions



Tuesday May 1st & Thursday May 3rd

Can you sing, act, dance, juggle, play an instrument, or tell funny jokes? We need YOU for our CSK talent show! You can perform alone or in a group, but be sure to rehearse and come ready to entertain!

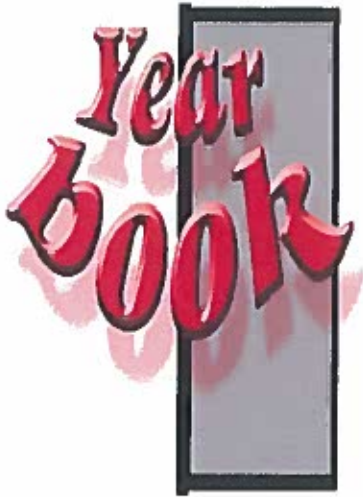
Permission slips due April 23th

More info to follow soon!



DEADLINE—

MARCH 15, 2018!



There's not much time left to order your full-color 2017-18 CSK Yearbook. Yearbooks cost only \$15! You can order a yearbook by sending cash or a check made out to CSK to school with your student in an envelope labelled "yearbook", including your student's name and the teacher's name written on it. You can also order online at YBpay.lifetouch.com/, using order code 8594018.







PTO NEWS YOU CAN USE

- The next PTO Meeting will take place on Monday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. at The Edge in Crete. We hope to see you there!
- Thanks to everyone who sent in Box Tops—keep on clipping and sending them in. Keep scanning receipts for Shoparoo, shop through School Store, and sending in any other redemption items. Every little bit helps our school!
- Thank you all who helped plan and volunteered for the classroom parties—we had another successful year!
- We are looking for volunteers for the CSK Book Fair, which will run the week of March 26-March 29. If you are interested, please contact Leticia at 708/704-7423 or lpbalni-us40@gmail.com.

March 2018

Learner Profile: Knowledgeable Attitudes: Enthusiasm & Creativity





Testing Windows: March 1– April 30 Illinois Science Assessment (5th)
 March 5-April 20 PARCC Testing (3rd-5th)
 March 5-April 20 CogAT Cognitive Abilities Test (2nd)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 School Closed Pulaski Day 	6 Learner Profile Breakfast	7 SPIRIT DAY!!	8 School Store	9	10
11 	12 PTO Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	13 Family Inquiry Night 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	14	15	16 Early Dismissal Day 1:15 p.m. Spring Picture Day	17 
18	19 PARCC Testing Begins at CSK—Grade Levels T.B.D.	20 	21	22 School Store Cookie Day 	23	24
25 	26 ← B O O K	27	28	29 →	30 School Closed Good Friday	31

April 2018

Learner Profile: Open Minded Attitudes: Empathy & Tolerance

Testing Windows: April 30-May 25 MAP Testing (Kdg.-5th)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 School Closed 	3 School Closed	4 School Closed	5 School Closed	6 School Closed	7
8	9 Learner Profile Breakfast PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m.	10	11 SPIRIT DAY!!	12 School Store	13	14
15	16	17	18 Kindergarten Registration	19 Kindergarten Registration Battle of the Books 4th/5th Grade 5:30 p.m.	20 Progress Reports Sent Home	21
22 	23	24	25 5th Grade Exhibition 5:00 p.m.	26 School Store Cookie Day Battle of the Books 3rd Grade 5:30 p.m. 	27	28
29	30					