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#### **Upcoming Events**

Hanukkah begins 12.18

PTO Meeting @6:00 12.19

Board of Education Swearingin ceremony @6:00 12.19

First day of winter 12.21

PBIS Movie theater event and class parties 12.22

Winter Break starts 12.23

First day back from Winter Break 1.3

4<sup>th</sup> grade Field trip to Science Center (Onwuchekwa and Schinasi 1.4 and Eaton and Gesl 1.5)

## Dr. James Craik Elementary 🕷



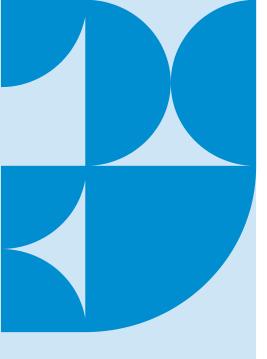
## Winter Break is almost here!

Students have four days of school before going into Winter Break. As we go into the holidays, our students who have demonstrated the characteristics of being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn will participate in the December PBIS event, which will be a class movie. On this day, teachers will also be holding holiday parties. Please know, these parties are not open to the public and will take place throughout the day at a time that minimizes academic disruption. The school will then be closed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup> with students returning on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Tomorrow, December 19<sup>th</sup>, PTO will be holding their monthly meeting at 6:00 in the school's Library. If you are unable to attend, the meeting will be recorded and posted on the Dr. James Craik YouTube channel.

Can I come into school to have lunch with my child(ren)?

This year, parents are welcome to join their child(ren) for lunch. We only ask that you come through the main office to sign-in and out through Scholarchip. You do not need to pre-schedule lunches with the school, but we do ask that you only come during your child's scheduled lunch period, and you will need an identification card to enter the building.



# Are you following us on social media?

Twitter: @Dr.JamesCraikES

Facebook: Dr. James Craik ES @CraikES

YouTube: Dr. James Craik-Home of the Tigers

#### **Lost and Found**

Are you missing a jacket, hat, lunchbox, or other personal items? The lost and found is filling up quickly. If your child(ren) is missing clothing items, please have him/her check our lost and found outside of the library. Also, PTO found a diaper bag backpack and red coffee cup at the end of the Flannels & Flapjacks event. If you're missing these items, please contact the school.

### CCPS Inclement Weather Notifications (information worth repeating)

Earlier this week, CCPS sent out an email regarding Inclement Weather Notifications. As the weather continues to get colder and in preparation for snow, it is important to be familiar with the "must knows"

### What do I need to know?

-The most reliable sources of school closing information are the school system's 24-hour information line, website at <u>www.ccboe.com</u>, official social media pages, and email and text message notificatinos sent by CCPS to both parents and staff. The 24-hour information line is 301-934-7410 or 301-932-6656.

-Parents who want to receive these updates by text MUST opt-in by texting Y or YES to 67587. For parents, a cell phone number must be listed on the child's student information record at school. The system used by CCPS to send text messages pulls cell phone data from the student and staff information databases.

-Please do no rely on news and radio station annoucments for closing and delay information, they can often report inaccurate information they are gathering from sources other than offical CCPS communications. (This occurred on Channel 7 News earlier this week when they reported CCPS were opening two-hours late. This information was not correct.)

-The school system does not make any operating status announcements when schools and offices are open for normal business. Any time there is a schedule change, CCPS shares such updates by email and text to parents and staff; posts to <u>www.ccboe.com</u>; shares on offical CCPS social medial accounts; records a message on the 24-hour information line, and sends an email and text to CNS subscribers. The CNS platform is for any community member to use and includes email and text notifications. Community members can sign up:

https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/alerts/citizen-notifications-system