

# CSK IN SEUSSVILLE

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

### PLEASE NOTE:

*In order to help save the environment, only the first copy of CSK in Seussville will be sent home hard copy. Remaining issues will be via email, and posted on the CSK website.*

*Should you require a hard copy monthly, please notify your student's teacher.*

*Thank you!*



Dear Coretta Scott King Families,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting and gratifying school year for your child. I hope that your family has begun to settle in to all of the new routines that each school year places upon us.

We have many activities planned for the month of September at CSK. We are hoping that your family can join us for our annual *Back to School Family Skate Party* at Lynwood Roller Rink on Friday, September 1, from 6:00-8:00 pm. This year, we will be adding a Spirit Day to each month of the school year. Our first *Spirit Day* will take place on Wednesday, September 6. This is a non-uniform day for any student who wears BLUE and GOLD. Students who are not wearing BLUE and GOLD are expected to be in their full uniform. Our 5th graders will have an opportunity to attend *band tryouts* on Friday, September 8, during the school day, with a make-up date on the following Friday, September 15. *5th Grade Band registration* will be held on Thursday, September 21, from 4-8 pm at Crete Monee Middle School. Please plan on attending our Curriculum/Expectation Night this year! *3rd-5th Grade Curriculum/Expectation Night* will be held on Wednesday, September 13. *Kindergarten-2nd Grade Curriculum/Expectation Night* will be held on Wednesday, September 20. The times for each grade level will be sent home soon in a different correspondence. *Student Council Elections* for the school year will be held on Monday, September 18. Our school will be recognizing and celebrating the *International Day of Peace* on Thursday, September 21. Also please remember that Wednesday, September 27, is an *Early Dismissal Day*, where students will be released from school at 1:15 pm. Be sure to look for *Progress Reports* which will be sent home on Friday, September 29.

As the school year progresses, I strongly encourage you to spend time talking with your child about school each day, to consistently communicate with your child's teacher, to regularly monitor your child's performance on Skyward Family Access, and to attend as many school events as possible.

At any time throughout the school year, I invite you to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns, or if there is anything that we can do to ensure that your child has a positive educational experience.

Go Eagles!

Bryon Mane

Principal

## STUDENT COUNCIL

\*Come one—come all!!!!

On Friday, September 1st, please join us for the Back to School Family Skate Party at Lynwood Roller Rink, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$6.00 at the door. Help support your Student Council, say hello to some old friends, and meet some new ones!



\*There will be a meeting on Friday, September 8th, for

students in 3rd-5th grade who are interested in running for Student Council. All students in grades 3rd-5th may attend and will receive a packet with information about how they can take part in the elections. Each grade level will have 8 representatives total, and will be elected the week of September 18-22, in their home-rooms.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Chambers at [chambersan@cm201u.org](mailto:chambersan@cm201u.org).

\*Upcoming events include Donate a Dollar for Lee Denim Day on Wednesday, October 4th, and the Annual Food Drive to benefit the Monee Food Pantry, during the week of November 13th. Please watch upcoming newsletters for more information.

School Store dates: Thursdays, October 5th & 19th

Thank you for supporting the CSK Student Council!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

Here's a few note-worthy upcoming dates:

- 9/1 - Family Skate Party
- 9/4—No School / Labor Day
- 9/6—Spirit Day/Blue & Gold
- 9/11—PTO Meeting
- 9/13—3rd-5th Curriculum Night
- 9/20—K-2nd Curriculum Night
- 9/27—Early Dismissal Day—1:15 pm

9/28—Cookie Day

9/29—Progress Reports Sent Home

### UPCOMING FOR NEXT MONTH:

10/6—No School / Institute Day

10/9—No School / Columbus Day

10/20—Early Dismissal Day—1:15 pm

10/31 - Early Dismissal Day—1:15 pm

Mark  
Your  
Calendar



# The IB News in Seussville:

## International Day of Peace



On Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, CSK will once again be celebrating the International Day of Peace. The United Nations Organization is already making plans for this special day, and so are we!! Take some time this month, as a family, to discuss the meaning of International Peace. How can we as a school community and as individual families foster this idea of peace? Be sure to check out our October newsletter for photos of our celebration!

## CSK's First Action Plan is Coming SOON!!

"Being IB" means taking action to make changes in our world and communities to become more peaceful, open-minded, and tolerant! Many classes are taking action at home already as part of their weekly homework. This is amazing! Keep up the great work!

As a building, we will have a plan each trimester to help us all focus on taking this action! Next week, our fall action team will be meeting to discuss plans for our action this trimester! Keep your eyes peeled for news of our first exciting action plan.

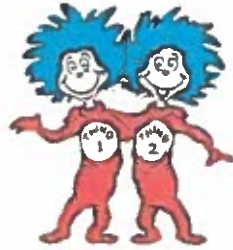
I alone cannot change the world,  
but I can cast a stone across the  
water to create many ripples.

Mother Teresa

# CSK's Program of Inquiry

## (POI):

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



Grade Level	Theme	Unit Title	Central Idea
Kindergarten	Who We Are	Me, Myself, and I	Learning about self helps us recognize and understand our world.
First	How We Organize Ourselves	If I Were in Charge...	People need rules to live together.
Second	Who We Are	Let's Talk About It	People develop strategies to communicate, problem solve, and connect with others.
Third	Who We Are	Home is Where the Heart is	People live in communities to meet their personal and physical needs.
Fourth	Who We Are	Stylish Learners	Interests, talents, and learning styles reflect the uniqueness of individuals.
Fifth	Who We Are	Who Do You Think You Are?	Each member of a learning community has unique beliefs and perspectives.

## IMSA FUSION

We have some exciting news for our 4th and 5th grade students. We are happy to report that the IMSA Fusion program is returning to CSK! IMSA Fusion is an after school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) enrichment program for students who are talented, interested and motivated in the areas of mathematics and science.

There will be an informal meeting for parents and stu-

dents who are interested in applying for the program prior to Curriculum Night, on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the CSK Café.

Mrs. Dryja and Ms. Farris will be leading the IMSA Fusion program at CSK. The program will meet after school on Thursdays until 5:00 p.m. Families will need to arrange for transportation after the program.

We look forward to seeing

interested families at the informational meeting.



### Just a few reminders from the Nurse's Office:

- If your student requires to miss P.E. or recess for more than one day, please provide a doctor's note to our Health Office. **Students are only allowed to sit indoors during P.E./recess for 1 day without a doctor's note.**
- If your student requires medication to be administered during school hours, we need to have paperwork completed by your doctor. Please contact Mrs. Redman, R.N., (708/367-4702) for any forms you may need.
- As cold and flu season approaches, please remind your student about the importance of not sharing cups, water bottles or utensils, washing their hands thoroughly, and covering their mouth during sneezing or coughing.



**GOOD HEALTH  
IS OUR  
GREATEST  
WEALTH!**





**Battle of the Books 2017-2018**  
**Help needed for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**students:**



Battle of the Books is a competition sponsored by Crete Public Library for students in third through eighth grades. There are three separate tournaments: third grade, fourth/fifth grade, and sixth through eighth grade. For the past three years, CSK has won or placed in these competitions.

We would like to continue the tradition of Battle of the Books at CSK, but in order to do so, we are in need of one more coach.

If you love to read, and if you enjoy a little healthy competition, coaching a Battle of the Books team might be the job for you! Mrs. McClure has volunteered to coach our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team (Thank you, Mrs. McClure!!!), but we are still in need of a parent to coach our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade team. If you are interested in volunteering your time to coach a Battle of the Books team, please contact Mrs. Bruns at 367-4703 or at [brunss@cm201u.org](mailto:brunss@cm201u.org). She is happy to help a new coach learn the volunteer job!

The students are ready and excited to get started; let's find a coach to lead them to another win!!!



## Blue Stem Award and Monarch Award

Our school is fortunate enough to once again participate in the BlueStem Award Reading for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! In addition, we will be adding the Monarch Award Reading for our Kindergarteners, 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders! Watch for more information to come home regarding this program.

# BE IN THE KNOW WITH THE CSK PTO

**THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CSK PTO WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE EDGE COFFEE SHOP IN CRETE. WE INVITE EVERYONE TO ATTEND TO MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ALL THE EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES THAT THE PTO COORDINATES FOR OUR SCHOOL. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## REDEMPTION

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year, CSK Families! We are looking forward to having a great year with your support and dedication as always!

We will be collecting the following redemption items this year to help support our students and school:

**BOX TOPS:** Our "Save Over the Summer" Box Tops sheets are due September 1, 2017. Each student submitting 10 or more non-expired Box Tops will get a small prize. Students submitting 50 or more non-expired Box Tops will earn a Non-Uniform Pass, as well as a chance to earn a \$25.00 gift card through a raffle. We raised \$1,320.50 from Box Tops last year, and would like to beat that amount for this year. Box Tops can be sent to school anytime all year long!

**TERRACYCLE PRODUCTS:** Empty and clean juice pouches, Go-go squeeze and fruit pouches as well as beauty products will be collected to help earn cash for our school. Beauty products include shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, body wash, deodorants, and many more. Visit [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com) for more information on Terracycle.

We will also collect TYSON LABELS and COKE PRODUCT CAPS.

**SHOPAROO:** We are very grateful to all of our supporters for your continuous dedication and support to this simple, fun, and super EASY fundraiser for CSK. The new Shoparoo year starts on September 1, 2017. Remember to change the grade level you support and start scanning those receipts. Invite family and friends to help us earn some cash for CSK and reach our goal of **\$500.00**. Download the free Shoparoo App and let's help earn "Roo" points for CSK! Thank you.







## **SOCIAL WORK SEGMENT:**



### **Help Your Child Develop a Homework Routine and Good Study Habits**

As the school year begins and summer vacation comes to an end, families are starting to establish routines and schedules for the busy school year ahead. Fall sports are starting up and establishing a homework/study routine can sometimes be overlooked due to a hectic schedule. An established homework routine is important in making sure your child or teen knows expectations regarding homework and it helps your child develop good study habits. Routines affect everyone in the household so it is important that each household member knows their role in the established routine. Parents play a major role in providing the encouragement, environment and materials necessary for successful studying to take place. Here are some tips to help your child or teen to develop good study and homework habits:







- **Establish a routine for meals, bedtime and study/homework.**
- **Designate specific areas for homework or study.** Possibilities include the child's room or the kitchen table, so the child has enough room to spread out. Learning styles differ, so the selected study area should reflect this.
- **Eliminate distractions.** Turn off the TV and set rules for phone use during "homework time." Radio use can be a distraction for some, but an asset to other, depending on your child's needs.
- **Get organized.** Encourage the use of an assignment notebook to keep track of daily and future assignments. Use a large wall calendar at home to track project due dates or tests.
- **Watch for signs of frustration.** Consider developmental levels when setting times: A high school student may focus for over an hour, while a 1st grader may struggle to stay focused for 15 minutes. Allow breaks if necessary, and remember that each child learns differently.
- **Help with work - Don't do it.** Call out spelling words, give examples, or check over math problems. Helping is positive when it is productive; it is enabling helplessness when the student is able to complete the task independently, but the parent does it for him/her.
- **Communicate with teachers and be aware of what is happening in your child/teen's school.** Research shows that children do better when parents talk often with teachers and become involved.

Every family and household is different, so keep in mind that these routines should reflect your household's needs. These tips are meant to help make life easier for everyone in the family when it comes to homework time. Hopefully, by implementing some of these strategies you can avoid some of the hassles that may arise during homework and study time.

# September 2017

## Learner Profile: Inquirer Attitudes: Curiosity & Enthusiasm

Testing Windows: Aug. 28-Sept. 22 MAP Testing (Kdg.-5th)  
 Sept. 15-18 STEP Kindergarten

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Back to School Family Skate Party-Lynwood Roller Rink -6 p.m.	2
3	4 School Closed Labor Day 	5	6 <b>SPIRIT DAY!!</b>	7	8	9
10 	11 PTO Mtg. 6:00 p.m. 	12	13 3rd-5th Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18 Student Council Elections	19	20 K-2nd Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.	21 Int. Day of Peace 	22 	23
24	25	26	27 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL DAY</b> 1:15 pm	28 Cookie Day 	29 Progress Reports Sent Home	30

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# Learner Profile: Communicator Attitudes: Respect & Confidence

Testing Windows: Oct. 4-5 2nd & 3rd Grade F&P Testing

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Learner Profile Breakfast	3	4 Dentm Day (Observed) 	5 School Store	6 Institute Day No Classes	7
8	9 School Closed Columbus Day 	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 PTO Mtg; 6:00 p.m. ←	17	18	19 Fall Picture Day School Store	20 Early Dismissal Day 1:15 p.m. Grandparents' Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		BOOKFAIR 	WEEK 	Cookie Day 		
29	30	31 Mix it Up Day Early Dismissal Day 1:15 p.m.  End of 1st Trimester				