

An IB World School

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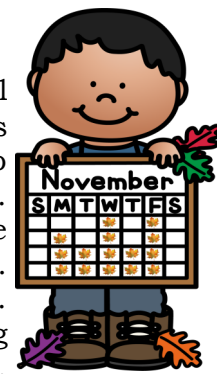
CORETTA SCOTT KING MAGNET SCHOOL



It is very difficult to believe that we are already through October, over a quarter of the way through the school year, and are approaching the holidays. Coretta Scott King Magnet School was a very busy and productive place to be during my favorite month of October. We began the month by formally recognizing nearly 40 students at our IB Learner Profile Student of the Month Breakfast. We also practiced a variety of safety drills, including taking a walking field trip to our reunification location. Our annual Harvest Parties were a tremendous hit with both students and staff, and the addition of allowing students to dress in costume added to the experience in a positive way. I would like to take a moment to thank all of our CSK families and staff members who came out to our third annual Trunk or Treat party. A special 'THANK YOU' goes out to our PTO for organizing the event and to all of our families and staff members who decorated a trunk and passed out treats to our students!



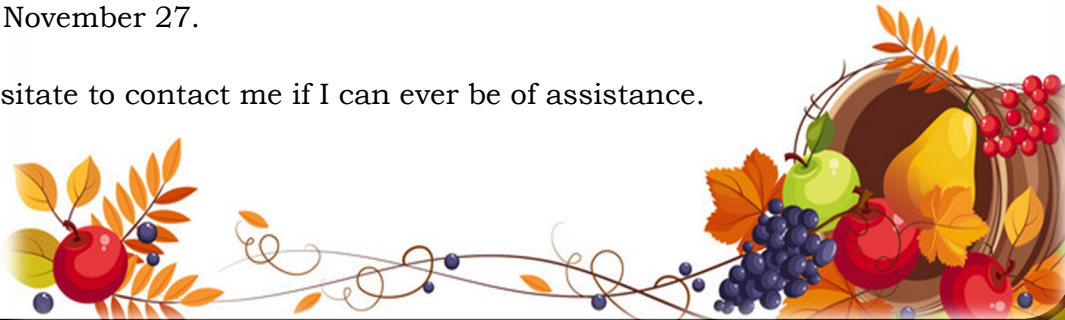
November is already shaping up to be just as busy. From November 2-9, we will facilitate our annual school book fair. Putting books in the hands of our students is one of the most worthwhile things we can do in our world and we are elated to offer families the opportunity to purchase a variety of fun and engaging titles. On November 8, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will participate in an interactive assembly where they will recognize and honor a group of veterans for Veteran's Day. On that same evening, we will have a PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m. in our staff lounge. All families are encouraged to attend our PTO meetings. We will be discussing suggestions for our current Title I School Involvement Policy at this meeting. Our PTO will be bringing back Grandparents and Special Visitors Day on November 15. Please be on the lookout for additional information about this special day. Finally, it is that time of year for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held in person, by appointment only, on Monday, November 20 from 10:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. We will not be conducting any conferences from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. as our staff takes a break for dinner. Conferences will be held virtually, by appointment only, on Tuesday, November 21 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Please contact your child's teacher to set up a time for conferences if you have not already done so. As a reminder, there is no school for students on the days of parent-teacher conferences.



School will be closed for Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10. Students will have an early dismissal day on Wednesday, November 15 which is also the final day of the first trimester. School will also be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24 and will resume on Monday, November 27.

Please remember not to hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

Mr. Bryon Mane





The IB News:

FALL ACTION PLAN: "The Power of Books" Making Change in Our Communities:

We are excited to begin work on a fall action plan that focuses on changing and bettering our community. "The Power of Books" is an attempt to help communities and families focus a little less on devices and a little more on the incredible power of books. We will be raising funds, through a t-shirt sale and non-uniform donate-a-dollar week, to create "Free Little Libraries" in our four communities. We will have a reading week (complete with a read-in and "Masked Readers") and are excited to recognize the National Family Reading Night on November 16th. All of these plans will be communicated in smaller, more specific pieces during the first weeks of November. Stay tuned for all details.



Ms. Farris' 5th grade class composted! They gathered organic material like bananas and apple cores. Using dirt and red worms, they created conditions for worms to decompose the material. The jars were placed in different environments. The class let the worms work their magic and let the containers sit for a month. The jars were shaken every week.

On October 19th, the students opened the jars and made observations and documented the changes that occurred during the month. The class determined that the best environment needed to make compost was a good balance of dark and light throughout the day.

CSK'S PROGRAM OF INQUIRY (POI):



Each month in our newsletter, we will share each grade level's unit of inquiry. This allows you to see how the six IB Transdisciplinary Themes are addressed at each grade level.

Grade levels are learning through these units of inquiry during the month of November:

Grade Level	IB Transdisciplinary Theme	Unit Title	Central Idea <i>(big idea that is assessed)</i>
Kindergarten	Sharing the Planet	Good Times	Communities and families honor their culture and history in different ways.
First	Who We Are	Good for You	Choices we make affect our health.
Second	How We Organize Ourselves	Village People	Exploring different places, global cultures, and other communities helps us gain knowledge and understanding of others' perspectives.
Third	How We Express Ourselves	Generation Next	Stories reflect the beliefs and history of individuals and groups.
Fourth	Where We Are in Place and Time	Home Sweet Home	A region's identity is shaped by historical, geographical, and cultural influences.
Fifth	Sharing the Planet	The Choices We Make	Choices we make affect our global community.



Parent Power

An involved parent is at the root of almost every successful child.

A parent can be involved by doing any of the following acts:

- by checking the child's backpack each and every day
- by providing a time and a place for homework to be completed
- by providing the expectation that homework must be completed
- by volunteering at school
- by planning for your child's future
- by taking part in key decisions about the school's program
- by taking an active interest in what your child is learning in school
- by keeping in contact with your child's teacher and other school staff members
- by reading, understanding, and following through on communications that come home from the school
- by supporting school actions and decisions with regard to your child
- by being available to listen when your child has a problem, concern, or question by simply being there!

This is just a partial list of the many ways in which parents may be involved in school. As can be inferred, being an involved parent is more than being visible in the school. Being involved means taking an active interest in the education and welfare of your child.



“The family is one of nature's masterpieces.”

~ George Santayana



Parent-Teacher Conferences

What follows are some suggestions regarding parent teacher conferences. These suggestions are intended to help both teachers and parents effectively prepare for the face-to-face meeting. Since time is limited during the conference, taking a few minutes to consider the questions, concerns or other topics you would like to discuss is very helpful. If the teacher is unable to discuss all of your issues in one meeting, future meetings or communication may be arranged.

Before the conference:

- *Talk with your child about school--likes, dislikes, successes, improvements needed.*
- *Write down your questions or concerns about academics, behaviors, and attitudes.*
- *Bring your copy of the report card or other testing results to the conference.*

During the conference:

- *Bring your child with you to the conference, if invited to do so by the teacher.*
- *Be sure to discuss your concerns.*
- *Ask questions of the teacher about anything that you don't understand.*
- *Listen for positives and not just negatives.*
- *Ask for suggestions about things that can be done at home.*
- *Assure the teacher of your support.*

After the conference:

- *Talk with your child about the conference and share positive comments.*
- *Follow up on suggestions you and the teacher agreed upon.*
- *Contact the teacher again as needed.*



These suggestions should help to make a parent-teacher conference a rewarding experience.

Coretta Scott King Magnet School

This Old Gingerbread House



Winter Musical

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Classes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Milton Payton Performing Arts Center

at Crete-Monee High School

Crete, Illinois

*Students arrive at **5:30 pm***

*Program begins at **6:00 pm***

DRESS

Please dress nicely. Girls may wear a skirt or dress but please feel free to also wear pants. It tends to be hot on stage so please dress accordingly.

SHOES

It is recommended that all students wear shoes that cover their toes. Students will be getting on and off of risers and this will protect their feet.

***If your child will not be at the performance,
a note must be sent to Mrs. Caraher as soon as possible.*

Please come out and enjoy the musical and support our music program!

Important School Information

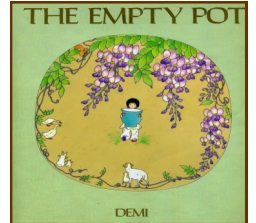
PBIS Cool Tool

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support



During the month of November, we will be focusing on the Learner Profile trait of Principled and the Cool Tool lesson focus will be Integrity and Cooperation. Students will listen to the story The Empty Pot. In the book "The Empty Pot", Ping shows Integrity by bringing his empty flower pot to the Emperor. The Emperor knew Ping was a person of integrity because the seed he was given to plant was cooked and would not grow. The children who brought their flowers to the Emperor did not show integrity.

Using a restorative circle, the students will discuss Integrity and the importance of doing the right thing even if no one is watching.



IMSA Fusion is off to a great start. IMSA Fusion members are exploring the fun and exciting world of chemistry with the You Be the Judge unit. Students have already designed their own experiments! They are learning about the importance of the scientific process, following procedures, and accurately recording data and observations. They are also learning that scientists must work as a team and compromise. During the month of November, they will continue to learn about chemistry. They will also have some fun with fall themed experiments!














CSK Magnet Yearbook for 2023-2024 School Year

This year's yearbook will be available at a reduced price! We'll still have a beautiful, full-color yearbook, but we'll be using Josten's this year to keep the costs down to \$15 each, when ordered online.

Yearbooks can now be ordered online at <https://jostensyearbooks.com/>

November Dates to Remember

-  November 1: PTO Cookie Day and Student Council Food Drive begins
-  November 2: Scholastic Book Fair begins
-  November 3: BLUE & GOLD/School Spirit Day
-  November 6: Learner Profile Breakfast (9:25 am)
-  November 8: PTO Meeting at 6:00 pm, Staff Lounge
-  November 10: NO School ~ Veteran's Day
-  November 15: Grandparent's Day and 12:15 pm Dismissal/School Improvement Day
-  November 16: School Picture Re-take Day
-  November 20: NO School ~ **In-Person** Parent-Teacher Conferences (10:30 am—8:30 pm)
-  November 21: NO School ~ **Virtual** Parent-Teacher Conferences (8:30 am—12:00 pm)
-  November 22—24: NO School ~ Thanksgiving Break



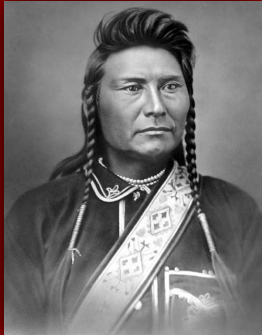
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.



"It does not require many words to speak the truth."



Chief Joseph
1840-1904
Nez Perce Tribe



Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

- 🍁 The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.
- 🍁 Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).
- 🍁 There are four towns in the United States named "Turkey." They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina. There is also a town named Yum Yum in Tennessee.
- 🍁 Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on October 3, 1863. Sarah Joseph Hale, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb," convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years. Wow!
- 🍁 The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920.
- 🍁 Total Number of words made out of Thanksgiving = 348
How many can you find?

IB Learner Profile 'Novel' Students of the Month



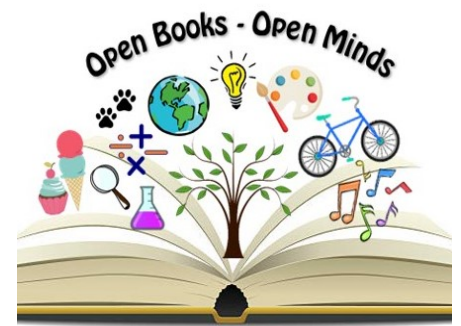
Each month, students are nominated by their classroom teacher to be Inspiring Internationally-Minded Individuals for showing the IB Learner Profile. Congratulations to our students who were chosen for showing the IB Learner Profile attribute of **Communicator** for the month of **October**. The following students were treated to a breakfast by Mr. Mane, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Bruns for their efforts.

Chrisette Halliburton ~ Alivia Alexander ~ Zakhia Sanders
Nathan Wattman ~ Jonathan Aguilar ~ Dailonni Clemmons
Egypt Smith ~ Madison Robinson ~ Layla Butler ~ Mckenzie Pope
Ivy Rogers ~ Ashton Steele ~ Joziah Allison ~ Faith Thompson
Harmony Richards ~ Messiah Nix ~ Lauren Askew ~ King Wells
Nia Anderson ~ AJ Williams ~ Janaa Willis ~ Leah Lewis
Derrick Watson ~ Arianna Winners ~ Addison Smith ~ Aleah Roberson
Ruby Rogers ~ Zion Boyd ~ Datranel Callaway ~ Zimayah Conditt
Arielle Avant ~ Alaina Roberson ~ Matthias Baugh ~ Josiah McCree

Novel Readers of the Month

The following students have been chosen by their classroom teacher as a Reader of the Month for the month of **October**. The award of a non-uniform pass is given based upon the student's reading habits. This non-uniform pass must be used during the 2023-2024 school year.

Congratulations to CSK's Readers of the Month!



David Perez ~ Kyon Lewis ~ Erick Middleton
Xen Simmons ~ Andrew Lanum ~ Liam Malmgren
Kahlia Stallion ~ Jaylen McNulty ~ Eleni Lanum
Kailee Wynn ~ Michael Bowman ~ Skylar Savage
Courtney Jones ~ Amareon Washington ~ Riyah Harvey
Credell Bowdry ~ Ava Stewart ~ Danni Washington
Leila Whitted ~ Kailyn Bloodson ~ Sebastian Correa
Enjoli Clark ~ Harmoni Wilson ~ Josiah Roberson
Caleb Hall ~ Mi'Cari Hale ~ Londyn Hughes
Amya Gardner ~ Taaliah Farrakhan-Buford
Asim Farrakhan-Buford ~ Carina Gerck

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ TEACHER: _____

MY READING LOG ~ NOVEMBER 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK TITLE</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>	<u>PARENT SIGNATURE</u>

