Schoolwide Announcements

- Thank you, CTES Families, for your continued partnership! It will be a busy final 6 weeks of fun and learning here at CTES! BCPS did announce the revised school calendar since we did not use snow days this year. So, the last full day of school will be Friday, June 9th. This will also be the last day for our Pre-K students. Monday, June 12th, and Tuesday, June 13th, will be 3-hour early days for students K and above.
- As you are marking your calendar, please note:
  - Tuesday, May 23rd will be our Spectacular Student Showcase in the evening! Grade level showcases Pre-K – 5; Musical Concerts for grades 1, 2, 3, 5; Scholastic Book Fair Shopping; and PE activities for all! Specific times & more details soon.
  - Friday, May 26th will be Sports Day!
  - Wednesday, June 7th will be the Grade 5 Farewell!

Virtue of the Month

Respect - a positive feeling or action toward another person. Allowing yourself and others to be their best, even if they are different then you.

Practice at Home

New Endings - Act out a time when someone was not respectful. Pretend to rewind and create a new ending where the character makes a respectful choice.

Genre and Culture Focus of the Month

Graphic Novels & Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Looking Ahead

5/1: College & Career Spirit Day!; Grade 2 Field Trip; PTA Meeting at 6PM in CTES Library
5/2: MCAP for Grades 3, 4
5/4: MCAP for Grades 3, 5; Grade 4 Field Trip
5/5: MCAP for Grade 4; Hat Day Spirit Day!
5/8-5/12: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!
5/8: MCAP for Grade 3
5/9: MCAP for Grade 5; SPMS Rising 6 Family Open House 5:30 – 7:00
5/11: MCAP for Grade 4
5/12: MCAP for Grade 3; PTA Dance event
5/15: MAP for Grades 1, 2
5/16: MCAP for Grade 5
5/18: MCAP for Grade 4
5/19: Schools and Offices Close 3 Hours Early; Pajama Spirit Day!
5/22: MAP for Grades 1, 2
5/22-5/25: Scholastic Book Fair
5/23: MAP for Grade K; Student Showcase – all grades - in the evening at CTES
5/25: MAP for Grade K
5/26: Sports Day! Color Team Shirts given that morning to students courtesy of PTA!!
5/29: No School – Memorial Day
5/30: Starlab opens
6/2: Sports Day raindate
What We Are Working On

**Math:** Unit 7: Extending Multiplication and Fractions. Students will be reviewing material covered earlier in the year, as well as extending skills and concepts into work with larger numbers and bigger ideas.

**ELA:** We are wrapping up unit 5 and then beginning **Unit 6: Poetry.** Students will analyze poems and gain background knowledge about featured poets. They will gain a deeper appreciation for different types of poetry and analyze the author’s craft and different elements of poetry. At the end of the unit, students will be writing their own poems.

**Science:** Survival of the Fittest. Students will have an opportunity to discover what organisms are living in our schoolyard. They will select one organism to research and write a letter to next year’s fifth grade students, stating whether their organism is one that should be considered for the schoolyard habitat restoration project.

**Phonics:** Unit 5: We will be working with building oral language skills by understanding words with various prefixes. Students will also explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in sentences.

Classroom Reminders

Remember to have your child bring a charged device and filled water bottle each day.

Be on the lookout for our countdown to summer calendar coming home soon.

When the air conditioning comes on, please remember to have your child dress in layers or have a light jacket to leave at school.

Shout Outs

**Paw Pride Winners for the virtue of Confidence**

- Carmyn W.
- Sophia S.
- Jullianna M.
- Lucas K.
- Abby M.
- Austin W.

Birthdays

- 5/14 Owen Q.
- 5/16 Haileigh R.
- 5/28 Ellie S.