# CCES Sunday Newsletter, October 4

**Happy Sunday! Thank you for your continued collaboration and support.**

## Free and Reduced Meals Application

Your family may qualify for a free or reduced meal. You can fill out an application, to see if you qualify. Applications can be accessed electronically or on paper. If you need assistance filling out a free and reduced meal application, please contact our Community School Specialist, Ms. Heldmann at Sara.Heldmann@hcps.org or 410-300-1065.

- Click here for an electronic copy.
- Paper copies are located in the main office at CCES. You can stop in to fill one out or request your child's teacher to send one home.

## Late Arrival Procedures

Instruction begins promptly at 9:00 am. If your student arrives at 9:00 am or later, please walk your student in and sign them in for the day at the main office.

## Student Attendance & Absences

Attendance is vital for student success in school. We do recognize that at times students may have circumstances that prevent them from coming to school. If your child has missed a day of school, please send a note or an email to your child's teacher upon their return to school. Per HCPS make-up policy, the school can only provide work for students who have lawful (excused) absences. HCPS attendance policy can be found in the Parent –Student Handbook located here.

## SRIP Conferences

Kindergarten through 3rd grade families will be notified in the upcoming weeks if an SRIP conference is required. SRIP conferences will take place on Friday, October 16 in the morning.

## Book Fair

The CCES Book Fair will take place the week of October 19 – 23. Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the school day. CCES will host a Family Book Fair Night on Thursday, October 22 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm.

## Ravens CAW to Action Day with United Way of Central Maryland

We're excited to share that our 2nd grade students will be participating in the Ravens CAW to Action Day in partnership with the United Way of Central Maryland. The event will take place in 2nd grade classrooms on Tuesday, October 6. We are encouraging all students to wear Ravens gear or purple on October 6.

## Trunk or Treat Donations

We are collecting donations to help make our Trunk-or-Treat event extra special for students! We are accepting individually wrapped candy, fidgets, decorative pencils, stickers, small toys, and other small items that can be used as treats or prizes. Donations can be sent in to school through October 28. If you have any questions or would like to know if an item would be appropriate to donate, please reach out to Ms. Heldmann. Thank you for helping us make Trunk-or-Treat a run memorabl event for our CCES students!

## Picture Day

Fall pictures will take place on Wednesday, October 7. Ordering information will be sent home with students on October 7 and sent to guardian emails.

## November Parent Teacher Conferences

November 2 is Parent Teacher Conference Day. Conferences will be 20 minutes in length and can be held in person or virtually. Day and evening times will be available. Your child's teacher will be in contact to schedule your child's conference.

## CCES PTA

If you are interested in helping CCES establish a PTA, please contact Ms. Heldmann through email at Sara.Heldmann@hcps.org or at 410-300-1065.

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **Wednesday, October 7:** Picture Day *(individual pictures)*
- **Thursday, October 15:** Early Dismissal Day *(students dismiss at 12:30 pm)*
- **Friday, October 16:** Schools Closed for Students *(Professional Development Day)*
- **Thursday, October 22:** Family Book Fair Night 4:30 – 6:00pm
- **Friday, October 30:** Early Dismissal Day *(students dismiss at 12:30 pm)*
- **Monday, November 2:** Schools Closed for Students *(Conference Day)*
- **Tuesday, November 3:** Schools Closed for Students & Staff *(Election Day)*

## Upcoming Community Events

- **Thursday, October 29:** Trunk or Treat at Aberdeen High School 5:00 – 7:00pm