

## Optional Scholar Newsletter



It is **wonderful** to have all our scholars in person! 😊

The 2021-22 school year is already one quarter done!

The school year is off to a great start.

Scholars have participated in fall sports – football, girls' soccer, and girls' volleyball. The Lady Chief Soccer Team was the Small Division Middle School Girls Soccer Runner-Up!

Scholars that scored Mastery or On Track on their Spring 2021 TNReady assessments are highlighted on a bulletin board in their hallway. We are all proud of what they accomplished and look forward to what they will accomplish this year.

**All Optional Scholars should be working on their Honors Projects for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. If you have not seen your scholar working on these, they are due soon!**



## Quarter 1 Highlights

For **August's** Lunch and Learn, scholars learned about Trinidad & Tobago and Turkey. Trinidad & Tobago was the first to make Emancipation Day a national holiday. Scholars made connections to the USA making Juneteenth an official holiday this year. Turkey celebrates Victory Day which is like our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Independence Day. **Nyelah Harper** prepared a PowerPoint last year with information about Victory Day. It was shared with all Optional scholars at the Lunch and Learn.

Optional Scholars participate in International Studies, learning about the cultures of others in our world. Our focus countries for the year are:  
6th grade – Tanzania  
7th grade – Saudi Arabia  
8th grade – Netherlands

Details for International Projects for 2nd quarter will be shared soon.



Scholars tasted hot black carrot juice, a common drink from Trinidad & Tobago.

They also tasted dried apricots from Turkey which is a traditional food eaten on Victory Day.



**Trinity Suggs 6<sup>th</sup> grade- The hot black carrot juice reminded me of pickle juice. The dried apricots reminded me of raisins. It is fun to taste things from other countries.**



Spain and China were highlighted for **September's** Taste and Learn.

La Tomatina is a giant tomato fight that occurs in Bunol, Spain. It lasts one hour and then the entire city is cleaned by the fire trucks. Scholars tasted Horchata from Valencia, Spain. In Spain, they



make Horchata using tiger nuts. China has celebrated the Mid-

Autumn Festival for over 4000 years.

The Festival celebrates the harvest. One food important to the festival are moon cakes.



Scholars tasted moon cakes from China.



**Dylan Garrison 7<sup>th</sup> grade – I think the tomato fight in Spain would be an amazing thing to participate in. It would be a fun way to get messy and celebrate at the same time.**

### Hispanic Heritage Month

celebrates the cultures, achievements, and contributions of those from Spain or other Spanish-speaking countries, especially those of Latin America. It is celebrated September 15 – October 15. Scholars in our Spanish classes helped us learn about the cultures of some countries celebrated during the month. **London Howell(8), Tanya Sanchez(8), and Jala Wilson(8)** celebrated Spain with us! **Kyndal East(7) and Alana Smith(7)** took us to Mexico!



**Christopher Covington(8) and Hailey Washington(8)** shared with us about Argentina! **Yael Gutierrez(6)** spoke about his native home of Puerto Rico! We are all International Learners at CMS and we appreciate these scholars for sharing their knowledge with us.

**CMS Website**  
Are you in the know?  
Our Website is a great place to keep up with events at Craigmont Middle School.  
<https://schools.scsk12.org/craigmont-ms>  
Teacher's email addresses can also be found under "Our staff". They are also available when you check grades in PowerSchool. If you need help with PowerSchool access, please let me know.  
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### Quarter 1 District Assessments – Mastery – Way to GO! 😊

6<sup>th</sup> - Caydence Washington – SS  
7<sup>th</sup> – Lilian Duty – SS, SC, M  
Jesse Jarrell – SS  
8<sup>th</sup> – Taniya Allen – SC, M  
Christopher Covington – SC  
Genesis Fondren – SC  
Samayah Hammond – M  
Brice Robinson – SC  
Laci-Rian Southward – SC  
Cody Walton – SC  
Rachael Williams - SC

Charlee Williams – SS  
Kyndal East – SS, SC, M, ELA  
Calvin Moore – SS  
Travis Collins - SC  
Sophie Delgado – M  
Terrial Griffin – SS, SC  
Umari'yn Johnson-Morris – M  
Aldrich Solomon – SC, M  
Debra Taylor – SC  
Hailey Washington – SC

