



The 2021-22 school year is halfway through!
Time flies while you are learning!

Craigmont middle had a great Basketball season. The girls' and boys' teams gave it their all and we are proud of their efforts. Both teams have made it to the playoffs!

Chiefs Believe, Chiefs Achieve!

Scholars that score Mastery or On Track on school wide assessments and District Wide Assessments are highlighted on posters in the halls and classrooms. We are all proud of the names that are posted. Encourage your scholar to do their best on all their tests!

Speaking of tests, our Eighth-grade scholars took the PSAT on December 7. This is a wonderful opportunity for them. The PSAT informs scholars of their strengths and weakness areas. It will help as our scholars prepare for the ACT or SAT in high school. These tests are important for qualification to college and scholarship approval.

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

International Studies posters are due January 12th for all 6th, 8th, and one selected 7th grade Optional scholars.



2021 – 2022

Quarter 2 Highlights

Optional Scholar Newsletter



Lunch and Learn is a monthly highlight for the Optional scholars. In October, **Sophie Delgado** (8) and **Daniela Mascote** (8) asked to take the lead!

They wanted to continue the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Scholars learned and played the game **Lotería**, a game similar to Bingo but played much faster.

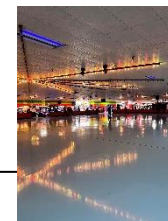
Scholars tasted a common treat from Mexico that is made with Tamarind. (Many of our scholars really enjoyed and wanted another!) Also, Daniela's mom made us Horchata using her family recipe! The Spanish make Horchata from a nut. In the Latin countries, it is made with a rice base. The scholars enjoyed being able to taste the same "drink" but very different because of the culture. Thank you, **Sophie**, **Daniela**, and Mrs. Tellez for making October's Lunch and Learn **maravillosa**!



Kaniya Hicks 6th – The Horchata was different because I thought it would be like almond milk but it was sweet with a sour aftertaste to me. Loteria was fun-similar to Bingo but in Spanish and much quicker!



Congratulations to our Quarter 1 Honor Roll, Citizenship, and Attendance Scholars. They celebrated their accomplishments at the Cordova Skate Center.



Tyneria Austin (7) and **Addisyn Gool** (7) were the next to volunteer. They wanted to take us to Australia in **November**! One of the items they shared with us is about the size of spiders in Australia. They get large there.



Scholars tasted Vegemite. The Australians eat vegemite like Americans eat Peanut Butter, but they are very different. (Ask your scholar what they thought of Vegemite!) We also had Schweppe's Ginger Ale. It is made with a unique blend of ginger sourced from Australia. Finally, scholars tasted a licorice candy that is chewy from Australia.



We learned about Australia Day.

One tradition they have is to nibble your way through a biccie until it resembles the shape of Australia. The closest one wins! Our

Optional scholars attempted this and it was a joy to observe! Thank you, **Tyneria** and **Addisyn** for doing a **bewdy** (amazing in Australian) job!



Kyndal East (7) and **Jamayah Tate** (7) offered to help us explore winter celebrations of other cultures in **December**.

Optional scholars tasted soba noodles from Japan in honor of **Ōmisoka**, Japanese New Year. It is a tradition for them to eat the noodles on New Year's Eve. The twisting of the noodles is like a bridge between the old year and new year.



Fallou Ndiaye 8th grade – I love Lunch and Learn because we get a taste of the world. I have really enjoyed the soba noodles from Japan and the ginger ale from Australia. I look forward to sharing foods from my culture of Senegal in January.



Scholars also received a dreidel in honor of the Hebrew celebration of **Hanukkah**. Many of our 6th and 7th grade Optional scholars take

orchestra for exploratory. In Orchestra, they learned the Dreidel Song. The scholars enjoyed learning how to play the dreidel game which is common in the Jewish culture.



Kyndal and **Jamayah**, Thank you for helping us 祝う (celebrate in Japanese) in December!

Finally, a shout out to all of our scholars that participated in the Music Department's "Winter Showcase". The band, choir, and orchestra shared musical selections with us from around the globe! It was a wonderful concert and CMS looks forward to the next showcase.



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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