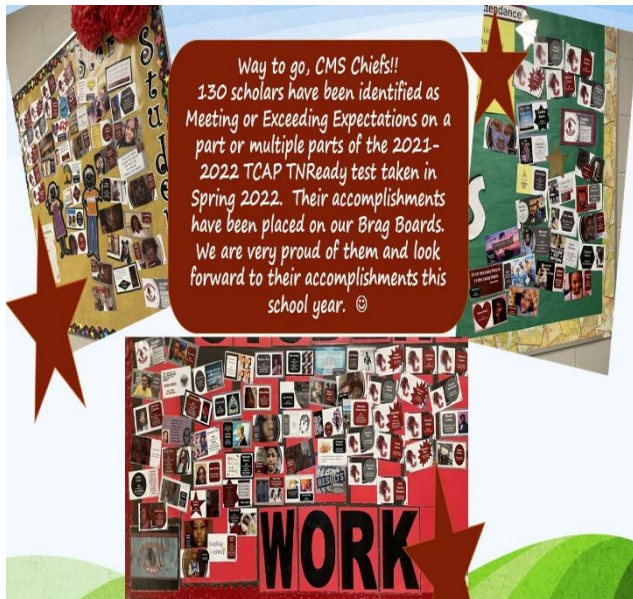




Optional Scholars Newsletter

Quarter 1

Welcome back to another school year in your educational journey! We are thankful you have chosen to be CMS Chiefs and look forward to the accomplishments you will have this 2022-23 school year.



Optional Scholars participate in International Studies, learning about the cultures of others in our world. Our focus countries for the year are:
 6th grade – Greece
 7th grade – South Korea
 8th grade – Equatorial Guinea
 Memphis in May 2023 - Malaysia
 Details for International Projects for 2nd quarter will be shared soon.



CMS received a marquee from our adopters, MLGW! Thank you to our scholars and parents that helped celebrate the unveiling.

For **August's** Lunch and Learn, scholars learned about a Hindi holiday, the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi.

It is a ten-day festival, held to honor the Hindu god of intelligence, Ganesha.



Scholars learned how the Hindu believers celebrate the holiday and why. They also tasted water lily pops and



hibiscus tea. Makayla Stinson (8) shared, "The lotus seed pops were good and interesting. They have the same texture as

popcorn but a different taste. It was unlike anything I have ever had."



Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 – October 15 is the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Craigmont Middle School celebrated with a beautiful display in the hallway leading to the cafeteria that was created by Brissa Femat (8), Lilian Duty (8), Melanie Jimenez (8), Ty'neria Austin (8), Jazmyne Bowen (8), Mariah Claxton (8), Leyiah Crumb (8), and Valeria Perez



Najera (7). Various scholars also participated in the morning announcements sharing about the cultures and traditions of the various countries celebrated in Hispanic Heritage. They are acknowledged in the picture top right.

We will continue to include scholars in announcements through World Wise Wednesdays where scholars may choose any country in the world and share with us about anything they find interesting. Let Ms. Biniakewitz know if you would like to sign up for a Wednesday in Q2, Q3, or Q4! 😊



September's Lunch and Learn also focused on Hispanic Heritage Month. Optional scholars learned about 3 Hispanic inventors.

Claudio Castillon Levano from Peru



invented the neonatal artificial bubble which helps save newborns. Victor Ochoa from Mexico invented the adjustable wrench and electric brakes for trains. Luis von Ahn from Guatemala invented captcha codes which help keep our digital information safe. For a taste, scholars had a choice of 4 flavors of a common Hispanic sucker that is made with chili powder. Scholars also tasted Jumex and could choose either guava or strawberry-banana. "I tried the guava juice and I liked it. It tasted tropical and a little bit like coconut. We had many options but I chose a sucker with the seasoning on the inside. Me personally, I disliked it. It really isn't something I would normally eat," stated Brookelynn Thomas (6).

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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>

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns for your Optional Scholar(s). If you need help with PowerSchool access, please let me know.

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