



## Optional Scholars Newsletter

### Quarter 4 2023 - 24

You have completed another year of your education journey. Now we patiently wait for TCAP scores to arrive and hope they are a true reflection of all you have learned.

Wherever your journey continues, remember you are always a CHIEF. Strive for excellence in all you do.

Thank you for a wonderful school year!

♥ Ms. Bini 😊

CMS Chiefs are International Learners! Chiefs learn about other places and cultures in their daily lessons and every Wednesday

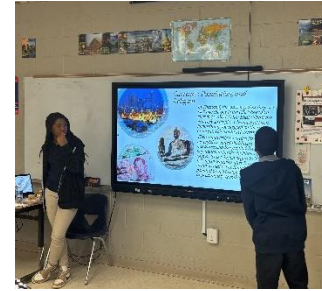
the school participates in World Wise Wednesday. Volunteers choose a topic to share with their peers over the intercom during morning announcements.

Thank you Quarter 4 volunteers:



**K'Den Bowen (7)**– Iceland, **Haleigh Wells (7)** – France, **Cherita Ware (7)** – Djibouti, **Malik Murphy (8)** – Jamaica, **Elijah Sharp (6)** – Israel, and **Makaila Fleming (6)** – Philippines.

A synopsis and images are posted from each World Wise Wednesday in the hall leading to the cafeteria.



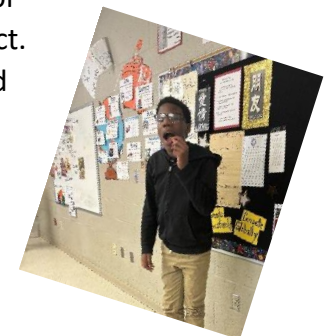
For **March's** Lunch and Learn, **Cherita Ware (7)**, **Haleigh Wells (7)**, and **Kyron Covington (7)** "took" us to Thailand. Did you

know you can be arrested for stepping on or tearing the Thai baht, Thailand's money? Buddhism is the main religion practiced by the Thai. The famous Siamese Twins were from Thailand. They also celebrate a monkey festival but beware of the monkeys, they like to take your things!



Scholars tasted Red Curry Chicken and Thai Tea from Thai Bistro (7140 Stage Rd Ste 102, Memphis, TN 38133). There are many types of curry, but red curry is the most popular in Thailand. Thai Tea is black

tea that is sweetened with condensed milk. The tea can contain cardamom, cinnamon, star anise, and / or vanilla bean extract. Finally, they tasted Bento Squid, a popular seafood snack for the Thai.



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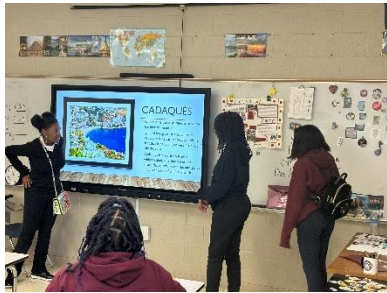
Congratulations to our CMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade Optional Scholar Chiefs!!

Wishing you continued success.

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| Itiya Allison         | Jose Luna            |
| Brandon Armour        | Mariah Martin        |
| Deja Bailey           | Amiyah McNeal        |
| Ashton Bates          | Ismael Munoz-Ibarra  |
| Ruby Castillo         | Diprojit Paul Dipro  |
| Reynaldo Cortes Gomez | Valeria Perez Najera |
| Sebastian Davila      | Toyniko Perry        |
| Morgan Faulkner       | Kaliyah Ross         |
| Jahrea Hawkins        | BreNiah Shaw         |
| Iyanna Hibbler        | Laronda Suggs        |
| Karma Hughes          | Trenity Suggs        |
| Akilah Jeffries       | Hembert Vasquez      |
| Elijah Johnson        | Jaliyah White        |
| Nicholas Johnson      | Charlee Williams     |
| Kirsten Lewis         |                      |



**Shaniya Urquhart (7), Kallie Downey (7), and Chloe Coleman (7)** led April's

Lunch and Learn. They chose to explore the country of Spain. They shared about the city of Cadaques, located on the Mediterranean Sea. Did you know there is an Iberian Lynx and an Iberian Wolf? Both make their home in Spain. Catholicism is the largest religion practiced in Spain. An important celebration is Semana Santa, or Holy Week and Easter.

Scholars tasted Spanish Ham Croquettes (Croquetas De Jamón Serrano), a common appetizer but can also be a main dish in Spain. Spain is known for its olives and the Manzanilla olive is one of its most famous. Scholars tasted these as well as Marias, a common biscuit (cookie). The Spaniards also enjoy chocolate and ColaCao is their mix to make chocolate milk or hot chocolate.



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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Craigmont Middle School hosted its annual International Festival on May 9, 2024. CMS showcased exhibits on five countries. Student ambassadors shared with visitors what they and their peers had explored about the various countries. Visitors also received either a taste or take from each country. We appreciate everyone who came to support our scholars!  
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Each country has either a taste or take for visitors! At China, visitors received a set of chopsticks. In Canada, maple syrup candies were shared with everyone and adults were able to taste poutine. France offered stickers of iconic French scenes. New Zealand is home of the kiwis and a sample of dried kiwi with a New Zealand flag was available. From Rwanda, visitors tried Akabanga Chili Oil on a cracker. The International Festival occurs in May. We cannot wait to see what countries will be explored during the 2024 – 25 school year!

International Festival May 2024	
China	6 <sup>th</sup> grade
Canada	7 <sup>th</sup> grade
New Zealand	8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Rwanda	PBL
France	MIM country

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Our website is a great place to keep up with events at Craigmont Middle School.  
<https://schools.scsk12.org/craigmont-ms>