Thank you to all the students and families that participated in the Pumpkin Character Decorating Contest! They were so creative, unique, and amazing! We appreciate your involvement and abundance of contest entries! Students, faculty, and staff voted on their favorites in three categories and here are the winners!  

**Best Everybody Book:**  
Intermediate: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Harper and Reagan W., grade 5  
Primary: *Scooby Doo Monster Mutt* by: Grayson K.  

**Best Fictional Character Book:**  
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, "Dobby" by Ava L., grade 4  

**Best Graphic Novel:**  
Dog Man by Trevor B., grade 2

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**Units of Study**  
Next month in primary grades, we will be learning about famous authors, and becoming experts in our library neighborhoods. In grade three, we will begin a unit called “Unique You”. In grades four and five, we will be working on reading online as well as navigating Destiny and BCPS Database features. We are so excited about some new book title in our library!  

**Scholastic Book Fair**  
Stay tuned for The Scholastic Book Fair! I know the students can’t wait! We can’t wait for you to visit the book fair as well during the week of American Education Week: November 14th-18th  
If you are interested in volunteering and have completed volunteer paperwork, please reach out to Mrs. McGarry. Thank you.

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**CTES students found last month’s activities on shapes and blind contour drawing very engaging.**

Our classroom **Five Gold Star Rewards System** are paying major dividends and students are cashing in on all their hard work. Because of this classes that earn enough gold stars were able to partake in a special arts and craft activity I had planned for them. Certain CTES students were allowed to construct a bubble wand in class and blow bubbles! Needless to say the students loved it and we had a complete total blast in class together! This activity did wonders to boost school morale!  

Kindergarten and 1st Grade loved both my **Mr. Davis Kids Puppet Show** and **Sesame Street Theme**. The message taught was on the principle of **Humility**. For November we will center class lessons on the **Respect** principle.  

For the month of November we’ll be working on colors and painting. CTES students have been very eager about painting activities. We look forward to displaying our art gallery posters throughout the school this month! This recognition would be most rewarding for the students giving them a greater sense of accomplishment. Wait to you see what these young outstanding artists created!  

November opens a new chapter in the **Learning Tree** between me and my art students. I look forward to the next stage in this adventure.
For the month of November, all grades will be participating in our bowling unit. K-2nd grades will focus on the basic skill of rolling, while learning about aiming and integrating some basic counting skills. 3rd-5th grades will apply strategies and technique to their game while also learning how games are scored. Bowling is great lifetime activity that can be participated in by people of any age or physical condition. AMF Dundalk Lanes would make a great family outing!

While Fall will quickly move into Winter, opportunities to be outside will begin to decrease. Consider indoor activities to keep your child active! As mentioned above, bowling is an excellent way to get some physical activity. Trampoline parks such as Skyzone are another great fitness choice. Indoor rec sports like indoor soccer, basketball, wrestling and dance are provided by Edgemere-Sparrows Point Recreation Council. Finally, YouTube has MANY fitness break videos your child can move along with. Phonicsman Fitness and P.E. with Mr. G are some of my favorites, and ones we have used in our PE program.

If all else fails, bundle up, brave the cold, and head outside for a bit of winter fresh air!

Kindergarten: Students continue to learn the names of and play classroom instruments to the steady beat. We are currently singing songs about autumn.

1st: During the month of November students will begin using symbols to represent written sounds in music!

2nd/3rd: We will begin listening to selections of instrumental music in class and discussing mood—the feeling a piece of music gives the listener. Mood is often expressed through dynamics and tempo. We will review musical terms and begin using them in our weekly lessons.

4th/5th: Students have been working on learning music for the Michael Jackson concert. If they choose to practice outside of our weekly 65 minute music class, music is posted for them to listen to and practice with on Schoology. It is not required, but HIGHLY encouraged to help us have a successful performance.

4th: Students are finishing up the string unit of Exploratory Music. The last two weeks of November we play the Violin using the bow. We have been learning the differences between the Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass.

5th: Students are practicing beginning notes on their instruments. String players are plucking the instrument to make sound through the first concert. They will begin using the bow when they return from Thanksgiving break. The string players will play on the Concert on Nov. 15 2022 at 6:00pm. Band students are still learning to produce sound on their instrument. They will practice together to make one group sound instead of lots of individual sounds.