



November 13, 2020

CLOSE CONTACT TRACING

We need your help! As we continue to work toward solutions to keep as many students in front of as many teachers for as many days possible, one big area of challenge is **Close Contact Tracing**.

While the number of positive cases have not been unexpected or surprised us, the quantity of close contact quarantines has been the most challenging and stressful to our school community. The keys to keeping the number of close contacts small are **quick notification of positive test results** and **minimizing the number of days required to look for close contacts**. We know our best source of information and communication comes from our families because that reporting occurs faster than the health department. Swift parental action has been a huge asset to the district as that allows our teams to quickly take preventative measures. **Here are practical and important ways you can help us reduce the number of close contacts from each positive case:**

1. **Please keep your student at home if symptomatic.** The guidelines are to stay home for 10 days for COVID-level symptoms. Sometimes just taking one day at home will help parents or physicians determine if the symptoms are actually COVID level or not.
2. **If you are considering giving your child a COVID test or are awaiting the results of a COVID test, please keep your child at home until a determination is made and results are provided.** At this time, we ask that you keep your student at home even if you choose to administer a test to your child without symptoms out of an abundance of caution.
3. **If your child has been in close contact with a person outside of the school environment who is positive, please take action and inform the school and keep your child home for 14 days.** The close contact definition is proximity to an infected person for longer than 15 minutes and less than 6 feet with tracing beginning 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms or a positive test. If you know your child is a close contact to an infected person, please take this action even if the Health Department never contacts you to officially identify your child as a close contact. The school will happily accept your parent report of Close Contact and will follow-up by providing digital instruction to your student for the 14-day isolation period.
4. **Immediately inform the school of all positive test results.**

These actions are critical to COVID management at the school and district level. If the “possibly positive” student stays at home until the test results are provided, that eliminates all of those days for close contact tracing because for each positive case, we are required to look back 48 hours to identify close contacts based on the 6 foot/15 minute guidance. Our board policy 6.403 on communicable diseases (<https://tsba.net/maryville-county-board-of-education-policy-manual/#students>) provides directives for “no student with a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either himself/herself or other individuals shall enter or remain in the regular school setting.” **As with the annual flu, the only chance we have to prevent spread is for sick kids and adults to stay home and for everyone to work as a team on proactive strategies.**

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, November 21st - 4th & 5th Grade Basketball Game Away vs Alcoa @ Lenior City Middle School - The Girl's game starts at 12:00 pm and the Boy's starts at 1:00 pm. Come out and cheer on our CGIS Hawks!

Please visit our CGIS website at www.maryville-schools.org/cgis to find information regarding all our activities, clubs, school calendar, classroom information, and more.



The Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! While the Fair will be **exclusively held online** this year, we still plan on making it a fun and joyous experience for our kids. Features include:

- Coulter Grove's own online store, with a large selection of titles, at the right price points
- A Virtual Fair so you can experience the magic of the school shopping experience. Browse titles by grade, meet popular authors, and discover the comfort and joy of our Fair
- Every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly (25% back in rewards!)

Save these dates and view our school's Fair site:

Fair Dates: November 9th - 22nd

Online Store: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/coultergroveintermediate>

(When the fair starts on Nov. 9th, the link will allow you to shop, with proceeds benefiting our school.)

We can't wait to "see" you at the Fair!

If you have questions, please contact Katie Voyles in the Library at katie.voyles@maryville-schools.org.

7th Grade Suicide Prevention Seminar

QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer-3 simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. The students will learn to recognize the warning signs of suicide and how to question, persuade and refer someone for help. It will be age appropriate to students so that they will learn who to turn to for assistance in this situation should it arise. It also follows the B1 information from the Jason Foundation-to Be Aware, Be Able to Identify and Be Prepared to React if this should occur.

Friday, November 20th (Black House students), **Monday, November 23rd** (Red House students), and **Wednesday, November 18th** (Digital Learners students), Deb Skyler, Ed.S. and Director of Family Resource Center will be training and leading student discussions about suicide prevention. She had been QPR trained and a member of the Blount Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Alliance.

Please contact Debbi Waldroop/McKinley Dalton, CGIS 7th Grade Guidance Counselors at 982-6345 ext. 61909 if you have any questions or concerns.

**HELP US CELEBRATE TEACHERS
BY SENDING A THANKFUL
MESSAGE TO THE CGIS STAFF.**



**TEACHING
IS A WORK OF HEART**

NATIONAL EDUCATOR'S WEEK

NOV. 16-20

DEADLINE: MON. , NOV. 16

[Click HERE to send Thankful Messages to our CGIS Staff.](#)



Your generosity and kindness are so appreciated!

A festive Christmas-themed still life. The composition includes a white pillar candle, a gold angel ornament, a gold wreath, a gold beaded garland, a gold star ornament, a gold star-shaped cookie, a gold star-shaped cookie cutter, a gold star-shaped cookie mold, and a gold star-shaped cookie. The items are arranged on a dark surface with white snowflake patterns.

Thank you for selecting an angel off the Hawk Angel Christmas Tree! Your generosity and kindness are so appreciated. Most angel Christmas lists average \$150-\$200, so consider asking a friend or family member to help in the shopping and expenses. Please pick up your angel's shopping list in the school office between Tuesday, November 10th and Friday, November 13th. All gifts should be returned to the school office by Friday, December 4th. Thank you for providing gifts to a deserving child! If you have any questions, contact Stacy Greene at stacy.greene@maryville-schools.org Please review the available angels below and click on the button to sign up.

8th ANNUAL TOYS FOR BLOUNT CLASSIC



**HAWKS
VS.
EAGLES**



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

2020 (Limited Seating)

6th/7th - 6:00 Girls & 7:00p.m. Boys

Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School

**Admission for Adults \$5.00 and
a new toy to donate or a monetary donation.**

**Admission for Students is FREE
a new toy to donate or a monetary donation.**

**Collection Dates before school (11/18-11/20 & 11/23) We will be
collecting toys and/or money before school on each of these dates.**

**Toy suggestions are Baby Dolls, Barbie's, Legos,
Hot Wheels, Sports Balls, and Board Games.**

All donations will be given to Toys for Blount from CGIS and MRIS.

**Toys for Blount County is a Junior Service League project.
Toys are provided to local families along with food from the Empty Pantry.**



After School Art 2020 with Ms. Jaquie



Monster Pillow & Basic Hand Sewing 1

Repeat students can make a stuffy of their choice.

Thread a needle, tie a knot, sew on a button, and stitch a seam.

Tuesdays Nov. 17, 24 Dec. 1 & 8 2:45PM – 4:00PM

\$30.00 includes snacks and supplies. Pathway to Peace Patio.

Class is limited to 12 students. We will only contact you if the class is full.

Return this art form and cash or check made out to CGIS to the office or Ms. Jaquie by Nov. 9

Name _____

Grade _____ Homeroom teacher _____

Known allergies _____

_____ My student will be picked up promptly at 4 in front of CGIS.

_____ My student will go to Adventure Club after art.

_____ My student will walk home

The phone number I can be reached at during this event is _____

E-mail _____

Signed _____