



THE DRAGON'S VOICE

APRIL 2024



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DILIGENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
ATTITUDE
GRIT
OPEN-MINDEDNESS
NO OPPORTUNITY
WASTED

"Beginning is not only a kind of action. It is also a frame of mind, a kind of work, an attitude, a consciousness."

- Edward Said

Mark Your Calendar

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- *April - National Arab American Heritage Month*
 - *4/8 - No School - Solar Eclipse*
 - *Report cards passed out week of April 9th*
 - *4/9 - 10:30am-11:30am - Parent Lead Safe Meeting*
 - *4/15 - 5/3 - OST Testing (Ohio State Tests) Grades 3-8*
 - *4/19 - No School for PreK and Kindergarten Students (PreK & Kindergarten Teacher Professional Development)*
 - *4/24 - Parent-Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal for Students*

TESTING SCHEDULE

- *Early Learning Assessment - Feb. 15 - May 14*
- *AASCD - Feb.26-April 19*
- *Ohio State Testing(OST) - Apr 15 - May 3*



National Arab American Heritage Month

“In April 2021, President Biden declared April National Arab American Heritage Month to recognize the 3.5 million Arab Americans that exemplify “so much of what our country stands for: hard work, resilience, compassion, and generosity.” President Biden is the first U.S. President to issue a proclamation acknowledging Arab American Heritage Month. - U.S. Department of State

National Arab American Heritage Month recognizes the contributions and achievements of Arab Americans to United States history. It is also a time to combat Anti-Arab bigotry and challenge stereotypes and prejudices. There are an estimated 3.7 million Americans with Arab roots, with ancestries tracing from 22 countries across the Middle East and North Africa. Arab Americans are Nobel Prize winners, poets, doctors, actors, entrepreneurs, elected representatives, humanitarians, and more. - U.S. Agency for International Development

Today Arab Americans live in all 50 U.S. states, with two-thirds living in 10 states: California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. One-third living in: greater Los Angeles area, Detroit and New York.

The theme for 2024 is “Celebrating Arab American Resilience and Diversity”.

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1ST ANNUAL HEALING & WELLNESS May 18th 2024

EXPO!

HOSTED BY:  **RevLove Farm**
123rd & Imperial Ave.
Cleveland
44120

- HANDS ON EXPERIENCES
- TONS OF GIVEAWAYS!
- FITNESS DEMONSTRATIONS
- PLAY ZONE
- PAINTING
- CONNECTION TO BIRTHING SUPPORT
- FUN GAMES
- CRAFTING
- ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

More Info: **11am - 4pm**

216.554.5085 COMMUNITY PARTNERS +






DRIVE-THRU PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**4TH WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

Jan 24th	Apr 24th	Jul 24th	Oct 23rd
Feb 28th	May 22nd	Aug 28th	Nov 27th
Mar 27th	June 26th	Sept 25th	Dec TBD

12:00pm - 2:00pm
While Supplies Last

Marymount Hospital
Enter off E. 126th Street
Follow signs and cones

Our Mobile Food Pantry is a FREE
distribution of fresh fruits and
vegetables to promote healthy eating
in our community.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PHOTO ID
MUST HAVE NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH & PHONE NUMBER
ENSURE TRUNK OR REAR SEAT IS CLEAR

Calling All Families
123rd & Imperial Ave.
Cleveland 44120
11am - 4pm
May 18th 2024





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Toddlers



**Pregnant Mom's
& Babies**



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School Agers



Young Adults

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Cleveland children participating in recreation center programs throughout the city is in partnership with the Mayor's office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults.

Lessons going on until May 17!

FREE MUSIC LESSONS

Open to **3rd-12th grade** CMSD students and Cleveland residents.

Lessons Offered:

- Guitar • Keyboard/Voice
- Percussion • Violin

Class Locations:

- 📍 Cudell Rec Center
- 📍 Studio 105
- 📍 Thurgood Marshall Rec Center



Instruments provided for free!

Use the link above to view lesson schedule & register!

For more info, contact Darelle Hill at darelle@arts-inspiredlearning.org.



SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the CMSD website for information on Summer Camp Opportunities. Go to www.clevelandmetroschools.org and search "Summer Camp".



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Legal Aid Cleveland - April 2024 Schedule

Have a legal question? Legal Aid has answers!

Visit a Brief Advice Clinic to chat with an attorney about a problem related to money, housing, family, employment or other issues. This clinic is first come, first served, no appointments needed. (Only questions on civil legal issues, not criminal problems). Please bring all important paperwork with you.

Community Education Events:

Fair Housing Law for Housing Providers

April 3 at 5:30 PM

Are you a housing provider interested in learning more about your rights and responsibilities under fair housing law? Attend this virtual training, presented by the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research and the City of Cleveland Heights. This online event will include a guest speaker from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

[Register today.](#)

Knowing Your Home Educational Series with LakewoodAlive

April 11 at 7:00 PM

LakewoodAlive's "Knowing Your Home" series helps empower residents with information about homeownership, maintenance, and other relevant topics. The April 11 program will include a guest speaker from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland sharing information about landlord-tenant law to help residents understand their housing rights.

Upcoming Legal Clinics:

During April, Legal Aid will host free legal advice clinics throughout our 5-county service area. Those who have questions about civil legal issues are encouraged to come see us at an upcoming clinic:

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 at Lake County Free Clinic

Call 440-352-8686 for an appointment
462 Chardon Street, Painesville

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 at Oberlin Community Services - Cooper Community Resource Center

Call 440-774-6579 for an appointment
500 East Lorain Street, Oberlin

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 at Cleveland Public Library, Memorial-Nottingham Campus

Intake hour 10:00 – 11:00 AM – no appointment needed
17109 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 at Ashtabula Public Library

Call 440-992-2121 for an appointment
4335 Park Avenue, Ashtabula

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 at West Side Catholic Center

Intake hour 10:00 – 11:00 AM – no appointment needed
3135 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 at Greater Cleveland Food Bank Community Resource Center

Intake hour 10:00 – 11:00 AM – no appointment needed
15500 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland

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CMSD - Let's Talk!

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by K12 Insight

Introducing a new way to connect with CMSD.

Let's Talk is a new tool that streamlines communications by directing your questions to the right person within CMSD, helping you get the answers you need, quicker.

Using Let's Talk® is as easy as 1-2-3

1

Go to the CMSD website and click on the Let's Talk® button.



2

Complete the short form and submit your question.



3

You will receive a response within a 24-hour workday.



Your questions are automatically sent to the right person to respond. The Let's Talk system monitors the response to your question/comment to ensure that CMSD staff members are held accountable for timely responses.



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Stay Connected!

Please make sure you are using the LiveSchool app to stay up to date with student behavior. Also, log into Schoology to follow assignment completion. Don't forget to use the free educational applications in Clever, such as Waterford Reading for K-3, Think Central SSO Login for 4-8 Science, IXL for 6-8 Math, Study Island, Edmentum, and Seesaw. If you need help with technology or logging in please contact Ms. Sunny (Ms. Sanisha Grigsby) or Ms. Whitney (Ms. Whitney Dodson) by calling the school or by email at sanisha.grigsby@clevelandmetroschools.org or whitney.dodson@clevelandmetroschools.org.



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- Afterschool programs
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- Academic tutoring
- Food assistance
- Behavioral and mental health services
- Medical, vision, and dental services
- Clothing and Everyday Needs
- Home and Housing

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