Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation (CLF)

- CMIT Elementary School is a **PGCPS** public charter.
- CLF operates the charter.
School Personnel

Principal: Mr. Ronald A. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Principal: Ms. Lesma Watkis
Program Coordinators: Dr. Beverly Donovan
Mr. Fatih Metin
Principal Secretary: Ms. Juliana Derin
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Website: http://cmitsouthes.org
School Number: (240) 767-4820
# Staffing

| Kindergarten Team | Ms. Amy Derfler  
Ms. Cherrelle Curtis  
Ms. Erika Herbert  
Ms. Simone Williams | CARTS Team | Ms. Fatma Ak - Technology  
Mr. Jamal Weldon - Music  
Ms. Liana James - Art  
Ms. Berat Can - Lego  
Mr. Garrett Loomer - Physical Education |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st Grade Team    | Ms. Chanel Brown  
Ms. Terri Gregory  
Ms. Chandler Madison  
Ms. Makhela Libebe | Para Professional Team | Ms. Sade Johnson  
Ms. Eleanor Washington  
Ms. Simone Wainwright  
Ms. Amani Garrett |
| 2nd Grade Team    | Ms. Michelle Phillips  
Ms. Kristen Girch  
Ms. Leah McDonagh  
Ms. Kylie Fleet | Student Support Team | Mr. Andrew Holloway  
Mr. Ricky Agee  
Mr. Eric Summers  
Ms. Latoya Middleton |
| 3rd Grade Team    | Ms. Carmen McTaggart  
Ms. Leah Young  
Ms. Cassandra Crusoe | | |
| 4th Grade Team    | Ms. Damali Lambert  
Ms. Alys sa Pavignano | | |
| 5th Grade Team    | Mr. Victor Hawkins  
Mr. David Rowland | | |
CMIT South Elementary Charter School

Mission
In partnership with students, parents and the community, CLF schools attain educational excellence by providing a rigorous and technology-integrated education for K-12 students with an emphasis on mathematics, science, and information technologies.

Vision
The vision of CMIT Elementary School is to provide multiple opportunities for Prince George’s County elementary school students by developing an early interest in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM). CMIT Elementary School will create expanded learning opportunities, hands-on activities, and course design which are focused on STEAM curriculum that connects real world experiences for Prince George’s County students.
S.T.E.A.M. Focused

The instructional core at CMIT Elementary Charter School consists of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, and the teaching learning environment and processes are designed and implemented to provide scholars with these opportunities as they matriculate through the grades.
School Pledge/School Pride

Tigers R.O.A.R. Pledge

Responsible scholars we are
Obeying all school rules
Achieving our goals
Respectful, Ready, Roar!
Enter the Charter School Lottery

- CMIT Elementary Charter School is a PGCPS Public School.

- Entry into CMIT Elementary School is **only through** application/placement via the lottery process.

- [https://pgcpsmdc.scriborder.com/](https://pgcpsmdc.scriborder.com/)

- Sibling Preference
School Hours

Staff hours: 7:25 am - 2:55 pm
Student arrival: 7:35 am
Breakfast: 7:35 am - 8:00 am
Instruction: 7:35 am - 2:15 am
Front office: 7:55 am
Arrival ends: 8:00 am
Tardy passes: 8:06 am
Student dismissal: 2:15 am - 2:35 pm
Student Population

- Currently 505 students
- There are 4 classes of Kindergarten through third grade.
- Fourth and Fifth have two classes at each grade level.
- Growing 4th grade in the 2021-2022 SY
- Growing 5th grade in the 2022-2023 SY
- Max population will be 624 students
Student-Teacher Ratio & Support

**Our Class size**
- 25:1 in Kindergarten - First Grades
- 26:1 in Second - Fifth grades.

**Class Support**
- Students in Kindergarten to First Grade receive support from a paraprofessional.
- One paraprofessional supports two teachers/classes.
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After School Enrichment

CMIT Elementary South has an After-school enrichment program. This is offered during the school year, and observes all holidays, early closures for emergency and professional development dates set by the school district.

Hours of Operation
AM Enrichment 6:30-7:35
PM Enrichment 3:00-6:00 PM

The program is structured and includes
- Time for homework completion
- Snack/outdoor activities
- Creative activities that include technology, games etc.
Clubs and Saturday Academy

**Clubs**
- Paws Club 3-5
- Social Butterflies K
- Dance Club K-5
- Toastmasters K-5
- Nitro Type/Typing Club 2-5
- Health and Nutrition Club K-5
- Debate Team 3-5
- Music Club K-5
- Lego Robotics
- Student Council

**Saturday Academy**
- Free Tutoring-Enrichment Program on Saturdays.
  - We currently have 74 students enrolled.

50% of the student participate club activities.
Assessments

CMIT South Elementary Uses the Following Tools to Diagnose and Address the Students Needs in 2020-2021

1) Pearson Diagnostic Tests (Math, Science) at the beginning of the School Year;
2) NWEA MAP Growth Tests (FALL, WINTER, SPRING)
   ○ Reading 2nd to 5th Graders
   ○ Mathematics 1st to 5th Graders
3) NWEA Reading Fluency Test for Kindergarteners to 2nd Graders
   (Instead of KRA and DRA)
4) iRead for Kindergarteners to 2nd Graders
5) i-Ready Reading for 3rd to 5th graders.
6) IXL For All Graders (Math, ELA, Science, Social studies)
7) FAST Science Test
Assessments cont’d

In the regular setting school the following are implemented:

1) KRA (Kindergarten Readiness)
2) DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment)
3) TAG (Talented and Gifted) Tests
4) MCAP (State Test on Reading and Mathematics)
5) MISA (State Test for Science)
Communicating with Families

- Parent email
- Weekly Newsletter
- Class Dojo
- PTO website - www.cmitsouthespto.org
- Twitter - @EsCmit
- Instagram - @cmitsouth_es_tigers
- Facebook - @CMIT South Elementary School
Home Visits for New Parents

New parents are extended a home visit by school administration and teachers.
Projects & Trips

- Science Bowl Competition
- STEM Projects (Quarterly)
- STEM Fair
- African American Museum
- Lego/Robotics
- Math Competitions
- Camp Schmidt (5th)
- Class trips coordinated by teachers to enhance mastery of standards across core subjects
- First Lego League
CLF Sponsored Events

- CultureFEST
- First Lego League
- Robotics Competitions
- Black History Competitions
- Math Competitions
Independent Practice

- Independent activities are posted each day/week. Students are responsible for completing assignment.

- Students have been provided resources to use at home to complete classwork and independent activities.

- Independent activities are due the next day unless otherwise directed.

- Prince George’s County Public Schools recommendations for independent activities are to be observed.
Interventions and Extensions

- IXL/iRead
- Saturday Academy
- Special Education
- ESOL
- Speech Therapy
- Counseling Sessions
- Technology Support Team
- Student Support
- SIT/SST Team
- After School Clubs
- Differentiated Instruction
Attendance

ESSA-Chronic absences is now on the school quality improvement index. What does this mean for our school?

Exemplary attendance is a must.

- Parents and families are essential partners in promoting good attendance.
- We expect that parents will set high expectations for exemplary student attendance.

- As early as pre-kindergarten, students who are chronically absent are less likely to read proficiently by the end of third grade and more likely to be retained in later grades. (ESSA policy brief).
Grading and Reporting
CMIT follows the PGCPS Timeline for Grading/Reporting and Scheduled conferences

Students will be graded weekly. Parents can track students real time progress via ScholMAX. Additionally, Progress Reports and Quarter Reports will be shared according to the PGCPS timeline.

Parents will be notified as we go through the school year.

Visit /sign up on the family portal
https://family.sis.pgcps.org
Conferences & Report Cards

- Report Card Dates:
  - Will be published according to PGCPS Calendar

- Parent/Teacher Conferences are available upon request of parents and availability of teacher.

- School-wide conferences and meetings may also be initiated by teachers and/or parents.
Transportation

- CMIT Academy South Elementary School does not operate student buses.
- We do not transport students to and from school
- Our current families use private vans, cars, carpools.
Entering and Leaving our School

- Kiss and Ride and Dismissal utilizes the Cafeteria Entrance at the rear of the building.

- For Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal; the Main Office Entrance will be used to sign students in and out by parent(s)/guardian(s).

- During the COVID time and for the Hybrid model the student entrance and pickup may be different.
Why you should choose CMIT?

- My child is ready to spend quality time for homework & review every night, including weekends.
- My child knows there are high expectations in all classes and on all assignments.
- My child will complete a mandatory STEM Fair project every year.
- My child will abide by CMIT’s uniform policy.
- My child will experience a positive teaching and learning environment.
- My child will know that I am a part of the PTO at CMIT South ES.
- My child will have transportation to and from school.
CMIT PTO

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QUESTIONS/Comments

Please post your questions in the shared Google Document