CMIT South Elementary Open House

CMIT South Elementary
October 14, 2021 @ 6-7 PM
November 13, 2021 @ 1-2 PM
December 16, 2021 @ 6-7 PM
Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation (CLF)

- CMIT Elementary School is a Prince George’s County Public Charter School.
- CLF operates the charter.
School Personnel

Principal: Mr. Ronald A. Miller, Jr.

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Lesma Watkis
                  Ms. Tauheedah Lewis

Program Coordinators: Dr. Beverly Donovan
                      Mr. Fatih Metin

School Counselor: Ms. Deidra Chandler

Principal Secretary: Mrs. Juliana Derin

IT Person: Mr. Asim Demirel

Nurse: Mrs. Linda Marshall

Website: http://cmitsouthes.org

School Number: (240) 767-4820
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|          | Ms. Chandler Madison  
Ms. Amy Derfler  
Ms. Erika Herbert  
Ms. Simone Williams |           | Ms. Terri Gregory  
Ms. Chanel Brown  
Ms. Cherrelle Curtis  
Ms. Makhela Libebe |           | Ms. Michelle Phillips  
Mr. David Rowland  
Ms. Melissa Valera  
Ms. Carmen McTaggart |           | Ms. Leah McDonagh  
Ms. Kylie Fleet  
Ms. Tamara Mathews  
Ms. Rashidah Balagun |           | Mr. Andrew Holloway  
Ms. A. Pavignano  
Ms. Leah Young  
Ms. Cassandra Crusoe |           | Ms. A. McCargo  
Ms. A. Jackson  
Ms. M. Pinkard |
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.
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
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Student Population

- Currently 560 students
- There are 4 classes of Kindergarten through fourth grade.
- Fifth have two classes at each grade level.
- Growing 5th grade in the 2022-2023 SY 600
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.
Curriculum

Common Core
Mathematics
Reading
Science
Social Studies
Health

Creative Arts Block
-Lego
-Makerslab
-Technology
-Physical Education
-Art
-Music
After School Enrichment

CMIT Elementary South has an Afterschool Enrichment program. It 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 AM - 7:35 AM

PM Enrichment 2:35 PM - 6:00 PM

The structured program includes:

- Time for homework completion
- Snack and outdoor activities
- Creative activities that include technology, games etc.
Clubs and Saturday Academy

Clubs (Differs Yearly)
- 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

50% of the student body participates in club activities.

Tutoring-Enrichment Program on Saturdays.
Assessments

CMIT South Elementary Uses the Following Tools to Diagnose and Address the Students Needs in 2021-2022

1) NWEA MAP Growth Tests (FALL, WINTER, SPRING)
   ○ Reading 1st to 5th Graders
   ○ Mathematics 1st to 5th Graders
2) NWEA Reading Fluency Test for Kindergarteners to 2nd Graders (Instead of DRA) (FALL, WINTER, SPRING)
3) KRA for Kindergarteners
4) i-Ready Reading for all graders
5) IXL for all graders (Math, ELA, Science, Social studies)
6) FAST Science Tests for 5th graders
7) OLSAT Test for 1st graders (Talented and Gifted Tests)
8) MCAP State Math, ELA Tests for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.
9) MISA State Science Test for 5th Graders
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
Now Virtual

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

- Science Bowl Competition
- STEM Projects (Quarterly)
- STEM Fair
- African American Museum
- Lego/Robotics
- Math Competitions
- 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 receive grades weekly.
- Parents can track students real time progress via SchoolMAX.
- Additionally, Progress Reports and Quarter Reports will be shared according to the PGCPS timeline.

Parents can register for SchoolMax 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.

● District-wide parent-teacher scheduled conferences

● 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, carpool.
Entering and Leaving our School

- Kiss and Ride Cafeteria Entrance at the rear of the building

- Dismissal utilizes 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).
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 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.
School Tour

360 Walking Self Guided Tour

Guided Video tour
Good

Apple

Icer Cream

Cake

Lolly pops

Cupcake

I like

Eat

At
QUESTIONS/Comments

Please post your questions in the shared Google Document