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**1 PTA/CLES CALENDAR**

- Oct. 13-16 Winter Coat Drive
  - Oct. 14 Market Day Pick-up - 6:30 to 7:30 PM CLES Cafeteria  
CLES PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7pm Media Center
  - Oct. 17 Schools Closed - Professional Work Day  
Marathon Kids Registration Deadline
  - Oct. 31 CLES Halloween Parade
  - Nov. 3 School Closed - Professional Work Day
  - Nov. 4 Schools Closed - General Election Day
  - Nov. 5 Walk & Wheel Wednesday  
Market Day Online Orders Due by 12:59PM
  - Nov. 7 Reflections Arts Program Entries Due
  - Nov. 11 CLES PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7pm Media Center  
Market Day Pick-up - 6:30 to 7:30 PM CLES Cafeteria
  - Nov. 17-21 American Education Week
  - Nov. 20 Thanksgiving Day Baskets - 6:30 to 7:30 PM CLES Cafeteria
  - Nov. 24 & 25 Schools Close 3 Hours Early - Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - Nov. 26 Schools Closed - Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - Nov. 27-28 Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
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**2 WINTER COAT DRIVE - NEXT WEEK OCTOBER 13-16<sup>th</sup>!** Cleaning out the closets this weekend? Please save any winter coats, gloves, scarves and hats for families in HoCo who need them. Collection bins will be located in the CLES Lobby and outside the CLES Front Entrance after school hours. Watch your child's take-home folder for more information. Thanks for your support! Questions? Please contact Andrea Stremmel at [astremmel@gmail.com](mailto:astremmel@gmail.com)

**3 MARKET DAY** - October orders will be available for pick-up on October 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 in the CLES Cafeteria. Please visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or email Mary McDonald at [gcbuilder@verizon.net](mailto:gcbuilder@verizon.net) with any questions.

**4 MARATHON KIDS - Race to Register by October 17<sup>th</sup>** -The registration deadline for Marathon Kids, a program that encourages students to run or walk the 26.2 mile equivalent of a marathon over the course of the school year, in concert with making healthy food choices, has been extended! There is a link to register online at the CLES PTA website on the "After School" page or click here: [CLES MarathonKids 2014-2015](#) . Registration forms are also being sent home. The mileage and fuel log can be found on the website as well.

**5 WALK & WHEEL WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** - Please join us outside to start, and end, the school day with some healthy exercise. Howard County Police crossing guards will be at the Breckonshire Drive/Centennial Lane intersection closest to the CLES parking lot exit between 8 am and 8:45 am and again at 3:10 pm to 3:30 pm.

**6 NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM** - How do you think the world can be a better place? Choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or story, compose a song, take a picture or create a piece of visual art and tell us your interpretation of the theme: "**The world would be a better place if...**" The 2014 National PTA Reflections Art Program information is now on the CLES website [www.clespta.org/reflections](http://www.clespta.org/reflections). For those who are not familiar with the program, it is nationwide Arts recognition and achievement program that welcomes all grades and abilities to explore and be involved with the arts. The deadline to submit your entry is November 7, 2014. We look forward to seeing lots of masterpieces! Please contact Solat ([solatz@yahoo.com](mailto:solatz@yahoo.com)) or Maria ([mashaibrahimova@gmail.com](mailto:mashaibrahimova@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

**7 PTA MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY** -Thank you to the families and staff who have already joined the CLES PTA. We currently have 509 PTA members. If you have not already joined the PTA, I will be collecting forms throughout the school year. You can print a form from the CLES PTA website [www.clespta.org](http://www.clespta.org) or email me, Jessica Esposito, at [jesposito13@gmail.com](mailto:jesposito13@gmail.com) and I will be happy to send a form to you. Dues for the first member are \$10 and each additional member \$5. **If you did not get a copy of this year's directory, sign up today to get your free copy before the extras are gone!**

**8 CLES YEARBOOK- PHOTOS WANTED!** - The CLES Yearbook is being managed this year by Rosalie Naglieri. Karen Collins is co-managing. We hope to have lots of pictures of your child's activities, so please submit any favorite photos from our events so far (Blacktop Playdates, Orientations, Posting of the Class Lists, Dolphin Dash and upcoming Halloween). Pictures should be e-mailed to [plastinos@verizon.net](mailto:plastinos@verizon.net) . It will be very helpful if you identify and date the events. Thank you!

**9 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM COMMITTEE FORMING!** - Please consider joining the Outdoor Classroom Committee! We are looking for team members to work with staff, students, administration, the CLES PTA and the community to gather input and resources to make the CLES Outdoor Classroom a reality. An Outdoor Classroom will be an enriching addition to the CLES campus, as it will provide a space for hands-on, experiential learning as well as bring students outside into the inspiration of nature for class lessons. We welcome anyone willing to help, and value any expertise you may bring! To become part of our Outdoor Classroom Team or for further information please contact Kirsten Boswell, Outdoor Classroom Committee Chair at [kirsten.s.boswell@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.s.boswell@gmail.com) or Julie Desai at [juliedjulied@hotmail.com](mailto:juliedjulied@hotmail.com).

**10 GIANT/SAFEWAY PROGRAMS** - As a fundraising activity, CLES participates in the **Giant's A-Plus Program and Safeway/eScrip Program**. Every time you shop, CLES earns a percentage of your spending. You can choose to designate more than one school or organization. Both programs require you to renew each school year. In order for CLES to receive these funds, you must register your shopping card. A registration form was sent home with your child this week. Please complete and return as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email Adeope Omitowoju at [apinke73@yahoo.com](mailto:apinke73@yahoo.com) Thank you!

**11 BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** - Clip and save your Box Tops for Education. Collection is ongoing and collection bins are located in each Team. Box Tops really add up! CLES receives 10 cents for every Box Top collected and earnings help fund the games used by our students on indoor-recess days.

**12 Meet the BOE Candidates: Sunday, October 12th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

The PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) is hosting a Roundtable Discussion with the Howard County Board of Education candidates. Open to the public, this event will be held at Atholton High School, 6520 Freetown Road in Columbia, Maryland. This is an opportunity for voters to discuss issues about their school community and the Howard County Public School System with the Board of Education candidates in an intimate, small group setting. The format, similar to a "speed dating" event, asks candidates to switch between groups of people in a time-limited rotation, is a novel approach to engage voters with Board of Education candidates in meaningful direct dialogue. For more information and to RSVP please visit: [www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org).

**13 County Executive Candidate Forum - Sunday, October 19th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM** The

PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC) is hosting a County Executive Candidate Forum. Open to the public, the event will be held at Mt. Hebron High School, 9440 Old Frederick Road in Ellicott City, Maryland. The event will provide an opportunity to hear the candidates for county executive discuss issues related to education and for the audience to ask the candidates questions. For more information and to RSVP please visit: [www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org). **What Questions Do YOU Have For the County Executive Candidates?** - Submit the questions you'd like the County Executive candidates to answer at the PTACHC County Executive Candidate Forum that's being held on October 19th. Click this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XW9FQPK>. For more information about the County Executive Candidate Forum please visit: [www.ptachc.org](http://www.ptachc.org)

**14 Maryland Parent Day** - National Assoc. for Gifted Children (NAGC) is having a Maryland Parent Day on Saturday, November 15, 2014 in Baltimore, MD. Registration is required (\$50-95/adult depending on membership status. Please consider attending to gain valuable information about parenting and advocating for gifted students. For more information: <http://www.eventscribe.com/2014/nagc/NAGC-ParentDay.asp>

**15 Math Festival Coming to CHS** - Open to all grade levels! 2nd annual Howard County Math Festival at Centennial High School on Wednesday, November 18th from 6:30 -9:00 pm. The event is free. The Howard County MATH Festival will consist of dozens of demonstrations, activities, and speakers to excite and encourage STEM among Howard County students about the significance and fun of Math and the wide range of Math dependent careers. To find out more, check out the our web site at [www.stemulatingminds.co](http://www.stemulatingminds.co)

**CLES News Express & Dolphin Splash** - Newsletters are published by either CLES or the CLES PTA every other week. If you would like an article to appear in the newsletters being sent home, please submit to Bonnie Sorak at [clesdolphinsplash@yahoo.com](mailto:clesdolphinsplash@yahoo.com), and Jennifer Williams at [Jennifer\\_williams@hcpss.org](mailto:Jennifer_williams@hcpss.org) by **NOON on Wednesday** unless there is a Friday holiday and then the deadline is Tues. **NOON**.