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Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA

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1 - PTA/CLES CALENDAR

- Nov. 11 Market Day Pick-Up - 6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria
PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7pm Media Center
- Nov. 14th NEW- DEADLINE EXTENDED Reflections Entry Due!
- Nov. 17th-21st American Education Week - More Information to follow
- Nov. 18th Spring Fair Silent Auction Meeting - 9:30am Location Below
- Nov. 20th Spiritwear Orders Due!
Thanksgiving Basket Assembly - 6:30-8:00 PM Cafeteria
- Nov. 24th-25th Parent Teacher Conferences - Schools dismiss 3 hours early
- Nov. 26th Schools Closed for Students
- Nov. 27th-28th Thanksgiving-Schools and Offices Closed
- Dec. 3 Walk & Wheel Wednesday
Market Day On-Line Orders Due 11:59pm
- Dec. 8 CLES Band Concert - 7pm Centennial High School
- Dec. 9 Market Day Pick-Up - 6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria
PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7pm Media Center
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 9 CLES PTA Sponsored Winter Dance - 7pm Burleigh Manor Middle School
- Jan. 14-15 CLES Team 1 & 2 Winter Concerts - 2pm Cafeteria
- Jan. 19 Schools Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 26-30 CLES PTA Scholastic Book Fair
- May 29-30 Spring Fair!

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2 - PTA Happenings!

Happy Fall Y'All! - This is the message that greeted our teachers in a Fall Treat provided by our Staff Appreciation Committee this month. Speaking of Fall, the coats have been counted! Our Community Outreach Committee collected 224 coats in the CLES Coat Drive! In addition to that, they also received 23 scarves, 40 hats and 45 pairs of gloves (in addition to a few other winter items)! Thank you so much for your support and donations! CLES pulled together to help

give the gift of warmth to those in our community. In our school, our Cultural Arts Committee brought us "Dr. Recess". This whole school assembly showed our students the importance of being active and living a healthy lifestyle by teaching our students games and activities for recess play. The PTA also provided some new board games, activities & crafts for those Rainy Days when Recess is held indoors. The PTA loves to stay active. Our Health & Wellness and our Safety Committee's brought our students the opportunity to participate in Marathon Kids and the chance to Walk & Wheel to School together. I've got spirit - how about you? We have new Spirit Wear this fall so you can show off your CLES Dolphin Spirit! The PTA supported Mr. Gillespie and his anti-bullying campaign by providing anti-bullying wristbands for all CLES students - Stand Out! Our Reflections Committee gave our students the opportunity to show "How This World Could Be a Better Place." This month, our Parent Volunteers Committee brought parents into our school to help out. We provided volunteers to help the Flu Mist Clinic run smoothly, volunteers to re-shelve books in the Media Center and Classroom Volunteers to help our teachers in the individual Teams. Did you all see Splash, our school Mascot, at the Halloween Parade decked out in that purple cape? Thanks Splash for coming out and celebrating with us! Our PTA Membership & Directory Committee kept us active, involved and in-touch by organizing our PTA Membership Drive and providing our PTA Members with our CLES PTA Directory. Our PTA doesn't stop when school ends, our After-School-Activities Committee has a whole range of classes and activities this fall for our students to enjoy! Just this week, our PTA hosted an evening with the Native Pride Dancers who showed us their American Indian Dance, Drum and Song. In the spirit of giving thanks this November, our Market Day Food Drive made a donation to the Howard County Food Bank of 28 packages of Chicnsteak, 23 orders of corn and 48 pies. Community food drives are the primary source of products for the Food Bank. Our donation will go a long way and help a lot of people. Thank you doesn't say enough! This fall the CLES PTA is thankful for you! Thank you for giving your time, coat or food donation, joining the PTA, coming out to celebrate with our community and supporting our school and PTA!

3 - NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM DUE DATE EXTENDED! - 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...". Rules and entry form information are up on the CLES website www.clespta.org/PTA. For those who are not familiar with the program, it is nationwide Arts recognition and achievement program. Deadline extended to Nov 14th, 2014. We look forward to seeing lots of masterpieces.

4 - BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Keep sending in those Box Tops labels from your household goods and groceries! Just keep an eye out for the "Box Top" label - (we can't accept Labels for Education) - and when you see them, cut them out and throw them into a Ziploc bag. Then send them to school with your CLES student with the student's name and teacher written on the bag in permanent marker. It's that easy! We participate in the Box Top program to earn money to purchase equipment for CLES students to use during indoor recess--and the rewards really add up! So please help us if you can.

To encourage participation, every two months we will pick one winner from **all** students who send in Box Tops. The winner will receive a gift card to Green Row Books on Main Street in Ellicott City, as a thank-you from the PTA. The first drawing will be held on November 7, so please send in your Box Tops ASAP! Thank you to all our Box Top parents and kids!

5 - SPRING FAIR SILENT AUCTION PLANNING MEETING - It is never too early to start thinking about the Spring Fair! We need lots and lots of volunteers to help with the Silent Auction. Don't like to solicit, but still want to help? There are many spots needed to make our silent auction a success. Our first meeting will take place November 18th at 9:30 at Elizabeth Graff's house, 3995 White Rose Way.

We need solicitors of course! But that is not all. Here are some other ways you can help with silent auction:

~Solicitors - as many as we can get!

~Online donations- 2-3 people. Contacting business via email, or online for donations. Many are repeat donors.

~Parent Donations - 2-3 people. Helping to create Parent Donation letter, distributing letters to the parents in early April and collecting the donations.

~After Committee - 1-2 people. Sending thank you's and helping with left over auction items.

~Mailing - 2-3 people Sending out solicitation letters in early April.

~Pick up - 2-3 people. Help to pick up the already donated items in April and May

~MC- 1 person. Day of the fair, talk about the auction items in the gym on a microphone.

If you would like to help in any way, please attend the meeting, or contact Elizabeth Graff at elizabethhgraff@gmail.com or Jessica Esposito at jesposito13@gmail.com

6 - PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The leaves are falling,

The temperature's dropping,

But our hopes are still rising,

That you'll volunteer!

The PTA is still looking for volunteers to help make this a great year at CLES! Use the online form to sign up: <http://goo.gl/Vb75Nv>

7 - C.L.E.S. SPIRIT WEAR - is on the way! Please check your child's folder for an order form for CLES Spirit Wear. There are several options available for showing your school spirit in fashion! All options are available in child and adult sizes and might be just the ticket to check off your holiday gift list. This campaign runs from November 5th to the 20th, so don't miss the opportunity to purchase great looking t-shirts and hoodies (the tie-dyes are beautiful!) with a CLES/Dolphin logo. Sample items will be displayed in the front lobby. Please return checks made out to CLES-PTA in an envelope, attention "Spirit Wear". Please contact Karen Collins at karenlc1000@gmail.com with questions."

8 - THANKSGIVING BASKETS - Mark your calendars! Thursday, November 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM we will meet in the school cafeteria to put together Thanksgiving Baskets. Help us provide Thanksgiving Dinner to families in our community. More details to follow...

9 - YEARBOOK PHOTOS WANTED! Got Halloween Photos for CLES YEARBOOK 2014-15? Please send your spooky shots for the CLES Yearbook should be e-mailed to plastinos@verizon.net. It will be very helpful if you identify and date the events. Thank you!

10 - OUTDOOR CLASSROOM COMMITTEE - Love the Great Outdoors? - The Outdoor Classroom Committee is looking for more folks to help as we move forward with the planning and implementation of this wonderful proposed addition to our school facility. If you have building and coordinating skills, we can put them to good use. Also, let us know if you have a business that would be willing to donate supplies (building, grounds clearing, or even food for feeding hungry volunteers). Please contact the Outdoor Classroom Committee Co-Chairs Kirsten Boswell,

11 - PTA MEMBERSHIP - Join the CLES PTA this month and get a FREE Student Directory! Join quickly before the extra directories are gone! Membership forms are still available on our website www.clespta.org

12 - MARKET DAY - November orders will be available for pick-up on October 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 in the CLES Cafeteria. Please visit www.marketday.com or email Mary McDonald at gcbuilder@verizon.net with any questions.

13 - GIANT & SAFEWAY RECEIPTS PROGRAM - 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 Thank you!

14 - CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "URINETOWN" - Laugh it Up - Don't miss the Centennial High School Theatre Department's fall production of URINETOWN, a satirical comedy musical of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, municipal politics and musical theatre itself. In an attempt to regulate water consumption, Urinetown has outlawed the use of private toilets. The citizenry must use public, pay-per-use amenities owned and operated by Urine Good Company, a malevolent corporation run by the corrupt Caldwell B. Cladwell. Urinetown won four Tony's in 2002. Shows are November 13-15 at 7 p.m. and November 16 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 purchased at school lunches the week of the show or \$12 purchased online at www.seatyourself.biz/chstheatre or at the door while available. Centennial High School is located at 4300 Centennial Lane in Ellicott City, Maryland 21042.

15 - 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>

16 - CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL MATH FESTIVAL - 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 <http://www.stemulatingminds.com>

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