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1 - PTA/CLES CALENDAR

- Dec. 8 CLES Band Concert - 7pm Centennial High School
- Dec. 9 Market Day Pick-Up - 6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria
- Dec. 18 CLES Orchestra Concert - 7pm Centennial High School
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2 Winter Break - Schools Closed
- Jan. 5 Schools Re-open
- Jan. 9 CLES PTA Sponsored Winter Dance - 7pm Burleigh Manor Middle School
- Jan. 12 Interim Reports Issued
- Jan. 13 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 4pm CLES Media Center
- Jan. 14 Team 2 Winter Concert for Parents - 2pm CLES Cafeteria
- Jan. 15 Team 1 Winter Concert for Parents - 2pm CLES Cafeteria
- Jan. 19 Schools Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 20 Market Day Pick-Up - 6:30-7:30pm CLES Cafeteria
- Jan. 22 Schools Close 3 Hours Early - Professional Learning
- Jan. 23 Schools Close 3 Hours Early - End of Marking Period
- Jan. 26-30 CLES PTA Scholastic Book Fair
- May 29-30 Spring Fair!

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2 - PTA Happenings! As the days are growing shorter and the weather is turning colder, our community is staying warm and realizing that we have so much to be thankful for! Our Annual Thanksgiving Baskets, brought to us by our Community Outreach Committee, provided Thanksgiving Dinners to over 25 families in our community. It was a wonderful sight to see our CLES students putting together meals and writing down what they are thankful for this year. Thank you to everyone who donated food items used to fill the "baskets". If you stop by school, make sure to go see the "Thankful Tree" hanging in the CLES Cafeteria that our CLES Students put together during the "Gobble, Gobble, Give" event. Thank you to Mr. Travers for making a tree to add our Thankful Leaves to! Speaking of staying warm, our Staff Appreciation Committee provided a home cooked soup & stew dinner for our CLES Staff during the fall conference days. Did you know that our CLES PTA also supports the Homewood School several times during the year with baked goodies and dinners for conference days? Homewood School, located off of Rt. 108, does not have it's own PTA, so our PTA pitches in to help support their staff. Our Staff Appreciation committee provided lunch to the Homewood School Staff during

conference days and we also provided breakfast goodies that were organized by the PTA of Howard County for a Staff breakfast this week. Did you hear the cracking? Our Cultural Arts Committee brought Geode Cracking Mobile Mining to our Team 1 students. This hands-on activity introduced participants to geology in a fun, safe and interactive way. Team's 3, 4 & 5 were treated to "Pop Quiz: The Math and Science Game Show" assembly where the students got really excited about math and science in "minute to win it" style game. Clip & Save! Make sure to clip & save & send in Box-Tops all winter long. This year all students who send in Box Tops for Education will be entered in a raffle to win a gift card from GreenRow Books. Just when you pull out those boots and mittens, it's time to start dreaming about Spring! The Spring Fair Auction Committee is forming and getting an early start to make this year's auction a huge success. The Spring Fair is a really fun event for the whole school but did you know that it's also our biggest fundraiser of the year? Consider sharing your talents by joining the Spring Fair Auction Committee! Say Cheese! Our Yearbook Committee has already started putting together our annual school yearbook. Your pictures will show what a fun year we have had here at CLES! Information about all of these events, fundraising opportunities and activities can be found on our PTA webpage www.clespta.org. Don't miss a thing! Check in with us often - we are continually updating what's happening here with the CLES PTA!

3 - CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS - We really need you and your baking talents! The annual Holiday Cookie event for the CLES staff is **Tuesday, December 9th**. Please help the Staff Appreciation committee make sure this much anticipated delight is possible. If baking isn't your thing, we also welcome store bought cookies. All the details are included in the following Sign-Up Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0849a4ad28a02-holiday>
If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kwas - juliegerberkwas@yahoo.com

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 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!

5 - YEARBOOK PHOTOS & COVER DESIGN WANTED! - Please send your photos for the CLES Yearbook to Rosalie Naglieri at plastinos@verizon.net. It will be very helpful if you identify and date your photos. Our Yearbook Cover & Art Contest is underway! We are looking for student artists to design the front and back covers of the yearbook. In addition, we want artwork for inside the yearbook. This contest is open to all CLES students! You can enter as many times as you wish but all artwork must be original. Entries must be turned into Mr. Travers by December 23, 2014!

6 - OUTDOOR CLASSROOM COMMITTEE - The Outdoor Classroom Committee is looking for 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, Kirsten.s.boswell@gmail.com & Julie Desai, juliedjulied@hotmail.com.

8 - PTA MEMBERSHIP & DIRECTORY - 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

9 - MARKET DAY - December orders will be available for pick-up on December 9th from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the CLES Cafeteria. Please visit www.marketday.com or email Mary McDonald at gcbuilder@verizon.net with any questions.

10 - GIVE BOOKS & GIVE BACK WITH CLES PTA & GREENROW BOOKS - CLES Friends and Families! Visit GreenRow Books on Main Street in Historic Ellicott City from December

5th-January 5th to Give Books and Give Back! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Reading Is Fundamental and/or LitWorld, organizations whose missions are to spread literacy education, in the name of Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA. Together, we can help spread the joy of reading this holiday season! For more information, email info@greenrowbooks.com

11 - HARBIN FARMS TREE SALE - Once again this year, Harbin Farms is offering a donation for every tree sold to families from our school. They are located at the corner of Bethany Lane & Rt. 99 and will be open from 10-9 Mon-Fri and 9-9 Sat-Sun. They offer fresh cut and live trees, fresh made wreaths (custom orders accepted), live garland, delivery and set up; poinsettias, cider, and jams and jellies (great gifts) are also available. **Santa will be visiting Harbin Farms December 6th** from 12-4. Be sure to mention our school while purchasing your tree this year and a 10% donation will be made to our PTA. If you have any questions call Kim at 443-864-3536.

12 - "IT'S THE SNOWY DAY" AT GREENROW BOOKS - Crafts and activities based on the classic winter tale, The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats on December 9th at 4:30pm. This event is for children 3-8 and costs \$10/child, \$7.50/2 or more children. For more information, visit <http://www.greenrowbooks.com>

13 - CHS PRESENTS "WINTER SPECTACULAR" - Centennial High School's Fine Arts Department proudly presents it's "Winter Spectacular"! Performances include over 120 students in Musical Theater, Chamber Choir/Madrigals, Jazz Band, Orchestra and Dance. The visual art students will have their work on display in the hallways. Come witness the breath and depth of our talented Centennial High School Fine Art teens as we celebrate all of the holidays of the winter season. Last show is December 5th at 7pm in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

14 - ARMY JAZZ AMBASSADOR HOLIDAY CONCERT -The Army Jazz Ambassadors will perform their "Sound the Bells" holiday concert at Centennial High School on December 13th for two shows at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are FREE but you must order them online at <http://www.armyfieldband.com/pages/schedule/sched.html> . As a special treat, The CHS Jazz Band starts the show! This is a fantastic concert. The vocalist and all the musicians are just wonderful and it is a great way to spend some special holiday time with your friends and family.

15 - CHS BOOSTERS CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE - Open Weekends Thanksgiving to Christmas - Saturdays 9am-5pm, Sundays 11 am- 5pm - in the Centennial High School Parking Lot. We have beautiful fresh cut Fraser Firs. Benefits ALL Centennial High School Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities. Senior Citizen Discount of 20% off total purchase price! Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

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