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1. PTA/CLES Calendar

November:

- 11/9: Report Cards Issued
- 11/10: Quarterly Celebrations 9am - K/1 (Invitations Sent Home October 29)
- 11/10: PTA Executive Board Meeting – 7pm CLES Media Center
- 11/10 & 11/11: PTA Trattoria's Restaurant Fundraiser
- 11/11: Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Up Opens
- 11/13: Quarterly Celebrations - 9:00 - 2/3 & 2:00 - 4/5(Invitations Sent Home October 29)
- 11/13: Reflections Deadline
- 11/16-20: American Education Week
- 11/19: Thanksgiving Baskets- Gobble, Gobble GIVE
- 11/23 & 11/24: Schools Close 3 Hrs Early – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/25: Schools Closed – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/26-27: Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

December:

- 12/7: Winter Band/Orchestra Concert - Centennial High School 7pm

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CLES PTA SPIRIT WEAR SALE!- NOVEMBER 9th-20th:

Our Spirit Wear Sale begins November 9th and runs through November 20th. A variety of t-shirts and hoodie sweatshirts are available. We have a fun new logo! Look for flyers in your child's take home folder! There is a website option available for those who prefer the convenience of paying online (a fee will be charged by company). A sample of each product will be displayed in the front office window. A portion of all sales goes to the CLES PTA to fund all the programs and events that the PTA brings the CLES community throughout the year. Contact Karen Collins at karenlc1000@gmail.com with questions.

TRATTORIA'S RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER- NOVEMBER 10TH & 11TH FROM 11AM TO 10PM:

Eat-in or take-out, and portion of your sale will be contributed to the CLES PTA! This restaurant night will benefit the teachers, staff and students of Centennial Lane Elementary School. Trattoria's serves great home-style Italian food and has amazing New York style pizza. It's a great place to come for a family night out. Trattoria's is located in the Dorsey Search Village Center, 4725 Dorsey Hall Road, Ellnicott City (410) 740-9903/9904. Make sure to bring your Fundraising Flyer so that we receive credit for your meal. Flyers will be sent home and are available at www.clespta.org.

2015 NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM – DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015:

Reflections is a national arts recognition and achievement program sponsored by the CLES PTA. No experience is required to participate in Reflections! Choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or story, compose a song, take a picture or create a piece of visual art. Choose the art category you are interested in and create an original piece of artwork based on the theme : "Let Your Imagination Fly" and be recognized as an artist in our community. Reflections information can be found at <http://www.clespta.org>. We look forward to seeing your masterpieces! Please contact Solat (solatz@yahoo.com), Andrea (astremmel@gmail.com) or Geetha (gbraga.spathy@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK: NOVEMBER 16TH - 20TH:

Parents are welcome to visit any day of the week. Please sign in and out in the front lobby and wear a visitor's badge at all times while visiting CLES. There will be "Notes for the Teacher" available if you would like to share with your child's teacher something you enjoyed during your visit. To accommodate the parking needs and student activities, we have suggested the following days as designated visitation days for the teams:

Monday, November 16- Grade 1

Tuesday, November 17- Grades 4 & 5

Wednesday, November 18- Kindergarten & Grade 3

Friday, November 20th- Grade 2

COFFEE & CONVERSATION- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH 9:30 AM – 11:30AM CLES Media Center

Are you new to the school? Is your youngest *finally* in kindergarten? Do you want to volunteer and meet some fellow CLES parents but are not sure where to start? Please join the CLES PTA for coffee and conversation where you can find out about our amazing group and how you can help. We will be meeting Wednesday, November 18th from 9:30am to 11:30am in the CLES Media Center. This is a great time to meet your PTA representatives to see what we do and how it gets done. We have many events coming up including our biggest fundraising event in May - The CLES PTA Spring Fair! There are many specific volunteer opportunities available, some requiring as little as one hour of your time. Every little bit helps! This meeting will take place during American Education Week, so plan on stopping by the media center for some coffee and refreshments, while you are already at the school!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 6:30PM - 8:30PM CLES CAFETERIA

Gobble...Gobble...Give - Join the PTA for a night of family fun as we collect and put together baskets of food for families in our community. On Thursday, November 19th from 6:30 - 8:30 we will be meeting in the school cafeteria to put together Thanksgiving Baskets. Help us provide Thanksgiving Dinner to families in our community. Specific information on how you can help will be sent home in your child's folder soon. Hope to see you there!

PTA MEMBERSHIP:

PTA membership cards and School Directories have been sent home to all families and staff who joined for the 2015/2016 school year. If you did not receive your PTA membership card or directory, please email Jessica Esposito at jesposito13@gmail.com. PTA Membership forms will be accepted through the remainder of the school year. Membership forms are available to print on our website www.clespta.org. If you join now, you can still receive a free copy of the School Directory.

PARENT VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:

Click here to sign up: <http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040545AEAD28A46-parent>

We Need YOU! The CLES PTA needs parent volunteers to help with various programs, activities, and committees. In the past this information was collected via paper form. This year we are gathering volunteers via SignUpGenius. If you can help the CLES PTA in these endeavors, please sign up below. When you sign up, your information will be forwarded to the appropriate PTA Committee Chair. They will contact you directly with detailed information about current volunteer opportunities. Questions? Please contact Melissa Russ (melissa.russ+pta@gmail.com) or Margaret Glyder (glyders@comcast.net). Remember...Your children are the beneficiaries of the CLES PTA!

YEARBOOK PHOTOS WANTED!

Send in your donations of photos from Class List Posting, School Orientations, First Day of School, Dolphin Dash, Movie Night, Halloween and Walk & Wheel Wednesday for the 2015/16 CLES Yearbook! Group photos are preferred over photos with a single student in them. Please keep in mind that photos taken with camera phones don't always have a high enough resolution/quality to reproduce well in the yearbook, so photos taken with a camera will receive priority. Send photos to Heather Guy, our CLES PTA Yearbook Chair, at picodesign@hotmail.com.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Wow, what a start to the year for Box Tops! Over \$400 has been collected by the CLES PTA in Box Tops by YOU! THANK YOU and keep up the GREAT work. Our next raffle for November/December will take place on December 18th. Send in your Box Tops on collection sheets or in a bag with your name on it. Ten valid Box Tops = your name in our drawing. The more you submit, the more chances you have to WIN! Collection sheets will be sent home soon. If you have any questions/comments, please email Mary McDonald at gcbuilder@verizon.net.

COAT DRIVE - SHARE THE WARMTH- THANK YOU:

Many, many thanks to everyone who donated new and used winter coats, scarves, gloves, and hats to the PTA coat drive. Our drive was a huge success! We collected 170 coats, 44 hats, 37 pairs of gloves and 21 scarves! Many families will be keep warm this winter due to your generosity! Thank you again for your donations and continued support of the CLES PTA Community Outreach Committee!

SAVE THE DATE!

CLES PTA'S ANNUAL WINTER DANCE- FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH 7:00PM - 9:00 PM

The Annual Winter Dance will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Burleigh Manor Middle School. Make sure to add this fun event to your 2016 calendar now, so you can join us to hula, limbo, and conga the night away during our Hawaiian Luau dance!