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1-PTA/CLES CALENDAR

- Feb. 5 Report Cards Issued
- Feb. 5 G/T Parent Academy – 7 – 8:30pm Athlonton High School
- Feb. 6 Schools Closed – Professional Learning
- Feb. 9 Science Fair Registration Opens
- Feb. 9-13 “Share the Lovies” – NEW Stuffed Animal Collection/Drive
- Feb. 10 PTA Executive Board Meeting – 7pm CLES Media Center
- Feb. 11 Market Day On-line Orders Due – marketday.com 11:59pm
- Feb. 12-13 PE Dept. “Jump Rope for Heart”
- Feb. 12 Schools Close 3 Hours Early – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 13 Schools Close 3 Hours Early – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 16 Schools Closed – President’s Day
- Feb. 17 Market Day Pick-up – 6:30 – 7:30pm CLES Cafeteria
- Feb. 26 Team 4 – Guy, Pellegrino & Alfuentes – Trip to The Walters Art Museum
- Feb. 27 Team 4 – Strigle & Cheatham – Trip to The Walters Art Museum
- Mar. 2-6 Kindergarten Registration
- Mar. 4 Walk & Wheel Wednesday
- Mar. 10 PTA Executive Board Meeting – 7pm CLES Media Center
- Mar. 11 Market Day On-line Orders Due – marketday.com 11:59pm
- Mar. 13 Science Fair & SF Poster Raffle Deadline
- Mar. 17 Market Day Pick-up – 6:30 – 7:30pm CLES Cafeteria
- Mar. 20 CLES Science Fair – 6:30pm CLES
- Mar. 23-24 Restaurant Nights
- May 29-30 Spring Fair!

- Week of February 9 Volunteer Week 2 Band & Orchestra Week - A
- Week of February 16 Volunteer Week 3 Band & Orchestra Week - B

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2- PTA Happenings – The Groundhog saw its shadow so we'll have 6 more weeks of winter but get that warm feeling inside and Share the Lovies! Next week our Community Outreach Committee will be collecting new stuffed animals for HC General Hospital. Speaking of heating things up, in January, our Winter Wonderland Dance heated up the dance floor with line dances, hula-hooping and fun for all. Our Spring Fair Committee started thinking about times ahead when warmer temperatures and spring is in the air and began planning for this year's fair! Wind, rain, snow and sleet wouldn't keep away the Scholastic Book Fair. If you braved the weather to come out for our annual Scholastic Book Fair – Thank you! Our Cultural Arts committee brought us “The Mystery of the Character Surprise” who visited CLES students to show them that by using character traits they can keep CLES safe and bully free. Say cheese! Keep sending in your photos for this year's CLES Yearbook. Our Yearbook Committee works hard all year putting together an amazing yearbook to display what we've been up to all year long. Speaking of the yearbook, we received 110 submissions for the artwork contest for the CLES Yearbook. Wow!

3- Share the Lovies! - During the week of February 9 - 13th we are collecting **NEW** stuffed animals and plush toys (tags attached) to be donated to Howard County General Hospital. The items will be given to their youngest patients providing some of the comforts of home. Boxes will be in the front lobby during the week as well as during teacher conferences. Please contact Andrea Stremmel with any questions: astremmel@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!

4- Yearbook Photos Wanted! - Seeking YEARBOOK submissions from PARENTS!

We are looking from pictures for any and all events this school year, including band, chorus, winter concerts and winter dance. More pictures give us more opportunities to represent all children, classes and activities! Please identify pictures you send by date/event/persons (when possible) and submit to plastinos@verizon.net

5- PTA Membership - Joining the CLES PTA doesn't mean you are required to find time in your busy schedule to volunteer. It simply means you support the PTA and what it provides for your child's school! **If you did not join the CLES PTA already this school year, join NOW and receive a school directory and a CLES magnet! Email Jessica Esposito at jesposito13@gmail.com for a membership form.**

6- Kindergarten Registration - March 2nd -March 6th - Many volunteers will be needed to help our new parents register their children for Kindergarten. A volunteer sign-up will be coming out later this month. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kay Vandenberg at kvandnberg@aol.com.

7- Box Tops For Education - We collect Box Tops **ALL** year! Send Box Tops into school in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and teacher's name written on it for the chance to win a gift card in the BoxTop raffle!

8- CLES Science Fair – Registration begins 2/9! Fair on Friday, March 20th at 6:30pm

Registration for student projects begins Monday, 2/9. Poster Raffle entries are also being accepted. Deadline for registration and poster submissions is March 13th. For more information; please go to www.clespta.org .

9- School Supplies Sale - On sale May 15th! We are using a new company, School Toolbox. This company allows each parent to customize his or her order and also allows home delivery. Look for more information to come out later this spring. Any questions should be directed to Kay Vandenberg at kvandnberg@aol.com.

10- Howard County Gifted and Talented Parent Academy - Building Resiliency in Advanced-Level Learners
All interested parents are invited to attend the G/T Parent Academy "Building Resiliency in Advanced-Level Learners" at Atholton High School on Thursday, February 5, 2015 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Dr. Angela Housand, Assistant Professor and Gifted Program Coordinator at University of North Carolina Wilmington, will share her expertise. Attaining success requires resiliency in order to overcome challenges along the way. Yet many advanced learners expect to "get the right answer" on their first attempt and once faced with truly challenging situations, give up before trying. This session provides parents with strategies to support high potential youth as they engage in the struggles that lead to meaningful SUCCESS.

11- Jump Rope For Heart – From -Mr. P. and Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Nibbelink:

It is that time of year again for our students to participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Like years past, all students will participate. On February 12th and 13th, all students will participate in jump rope activities during their related arts classes. This will be a fun and exciting time! All students will learn and participate in jumping activities regardless of whether they choose to do the fundraising activity or not. The fundraising envelopes are being sent home this week. This is optional for all students and families. Jump Rope for Heart is a fundraising activity with all proceeds going to help children, communities and schools through American Heart initiatives. With the support of our community, we hope to continue to raise money for the American Heart Association. Thank you in advance for your help and support in making this program successful here at CLES.

12- HCPSS Connect: PARCC Q&A - Tuesday, Feb. 10 at noon

Question & Answer Session on PARCC, an assessment test designed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. Representatives from HCPSS Curriculum and Special Education departments will field questions on PARCC during the Q&A, which will be held: Following the HCPSS Connect format, the Q&A will be online only, viewable live on the HCPSS website or on the HCPSS TV station (Verizon channel 42, Comcast channel 95).

Questions may be submitted before and during the event by emailing connect@hcpss.org or on Twitter using the hashtag #PARCCchat. The Q&A events also will be recorded and available for viewing on the HCPSS website after the event.

13- Money Matters Fair - Saturday, March 14, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Long Reach High School

The Fair will include free activities for the entire family and will focus on such issues as living within your means, **college funding options**, preparing for retirement and caring for aging parents. Workshops, financial planning sessions, tax preparation and a "credit café" where participants can obtain a credit report will be featured. Pro bono financial planners will be available for consultation. Entertainment, refreshments and childcare will be provided. Registration is requested but not required at MoneyMattersFair.EventBrite.com.

14- Teachers are Heroes - ABC2 & MECU sponsor this program highlighting one Maryland school teacher (K-12) each month who has gone above and beyond his or her job description and instilled a lifelong love for learning in Maryland. They will award the monthly selected teachers a \$250 check to use toward classroom supplies along with a plaque acknowledging their achievement. Winners will be highlighted on ABC2 News and abc2news.com throughout the school year.

NOTE: If you nominate a deserving teacher or even re-nominate a teacher who has made a positive impact in your community, you'll be qualified to win two tickets to dine & cruise aboard the Spirit of Baltimore. One winner will be randomly chosen monthly thru June 30,2015.

The online application is found at: <http://www.abc2news.com/teachersareheroes>

Newsletter Submissions - Upcoming publications – 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22. Please send submissions to Bonnie Sorak at clesdolphinsplash@yahoo.com & Jennifer Williams at Jennifer_williams@hcpss.org by NOON on Wednesday before publication date.