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1 – PTA/CLES Calendar Mar. 10 PTA Executive Board Meeting - 7pm CLES Media Center Mar. 10 Market Day On-line Orders Due @11:59pm Mar. 14 Money Matters Fair - 10am - 1pm Long Reach High Mar. 13 Science Fair Registration & Poster Raffle Deadline Mar. 16-20 Change Matters - Benefits Grassroots of Howard County Mar. 17 Market Day Pick-up - 6:30 - 7:30pm CLES Cafeteria Mar. 20 CLES Science Fair - 6:30 CLES Cafeteria Mar. 23-24 **Restaurant Nights** Yearbook Orders Due Mar. 26 Spring Fair Raffle Basket Donations Due Mar. 27 Mar. 27 Schools Close 3 Hours Early - End of Marking Period Mar. 30-Apr. 6 Spring Break Apr. 8 Walk & Wheel Wednesday PTA Executive Board Meeting - 4pm CLES Media Center Apr. 14 Market Day On-line Orders Due @11:59pm Apr. 14 Market Day Pick-up - 6:30 - 7:30pm CLES Cafeteria Apr. 21 Spring Fair Preview Night - 6:30 - 8pm May 29 May 30 Spring Fair - 11am - 3pm Week of March 9 Volunteer Week 2 Band & Orchestra Week - A Week of March 16 Volunteer Week 3 Band & Orchestra Week - B

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<u>2- Yearbook Orders</u> - Orders due March 26, 2015! It's time to order your 2014-15 CLES yearbook! The yearbook is a great keepsake for your child of their years here at CLES. Order forms were sent home or can be found on clespta.org. Please make checks for \$27.45 payable to CLES PTA. Please return to CLES in your child's folder.

<u>3- Yearbook Photos Wanted</u> - In need of pictures from all events! We especially need music, the dance, scouts, Related Arts, KIDS photos and 5th grade photos!!! Please send photos with description to plastinos@verizon.net

<u>4- Yearbook Dedications</u> - Attention 5th Grade Parents – Please send in a short dedication to your student to be included in the yearbook! Include your child's name and teacher. Send dedications to plastinos@verizon.net

<u>5- Market Day</u> – Online order deadline March 10th at 11:59pm. Pick-up March 17th 6:30-7:30pm. Our CLES account number is 9896 and the website is <u>www.marketday.com</u>. All online orders of \$90 or more will receive FREE 4-pack of chicnsteakes, use Promo Code: MARBONUS. All dessert purchases will earn CLES an additional 15%, so place your dessert order today! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mary McDonald at <u>gcbuilder@verizon.net</u>.

<u>6- CLES Science Fair</u> - Registration Deadline March 13th - Science Fair March 20 at 6:30 pm! This popular event gives students a chance to learn about the exciting world of scientific discovery, and to demonstrate their findings to the CLES community. In addition to the student displays, the event will feature interactive learning activities, and all entrants will be eligible for raffle prizes! Entry forms can be found at <u>http://www.clespta.org/science-fair.html</u>. If you have registered but have not received an email response, please contact Deborah Donovan at <u>thosedonovans@aol.com</u> or Mike White at <u>mikeandsusanwhite@msn.com</u> ASAP. If you are able to volunteer as a project reviewer or set-up helper, please contact Deborah or Mike at the email addresses above.

7- Spring Fair Raffle Baskets - Due March 27th!

The Spring Fair Silent Auction Committee is asking for donations to build Team Baskets that will be raffled off at the Spring Fair! Please send your donations, cash or check made out to CLESPTA, in an envelope marked "Spring Fair Basket Donation – Attention Effie Stavlas". This year's basket theme's are:

TeamK – Nerf & American Girl Bitty Baby

Team1 – Lego

Team2 – Money Trees

Team3 – IPad Mini

Team4 – Kindle Fire

Team5 – GoPro Video Camera

<u>8- Box Tops For Education</u> - 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!

<u>9- Change Matters</u> - March 16th - 20th Change Matters is an approved HCPSS initiative that teaches children about homelessness in Howard County, the services Grassroots provides and philanthropy. Students will have the opportunity to donate change to Grassroots during their lunch period. The change collected will go to Grassroots to provide the essential services needed to help the children and families that are homeless in our community. CLES is excited to help make a difference in our community. For more information about Grassroots, please visit <u>www.grassrootscrisis.org</u>

<u>10- School Supplies Sale</u> - **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 <u>kvandnberg@aol.com</u>.

<u>11- Walk & Wheel Wednesday April 8th</u> – Our Spring kick-off was postponed due to all the cold and snowy weather we've been having. Plan to walk and ride your bike to school on April 8th!

12- Ice Skating Show Columbia Ice Rink "Movies and Minions" – March 21st & 22nd

Fun, Family Activity That Benefits Your School! The Columbia Figure Skating Club (CFSC) is proud to present Movies and Minions. Our skaters will enact scenes from favorite movies such as Annie, Grease, Mary Poppins, Frozen, and of course, Despicable Me. Show times are Saturday, March 21st at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. CFSC will donate to your PTA an amount equal to \$2.00 per ticket for each ticket purchased by families in our school. Tickets can be purchased at the Columbia Ice Rink for \$12, located at 5876 Thunder Hill Rd., Columbia, MD 21045 or online at www.columbiaFSC.org. This offer is valid only while tickets are available for sale. To ensure that CLES receives credit for each ticket, please print off the voucher found on the front page of the www.clespta.org website when purchasing your tickets at the rink or bring it to the rink when picking up your tickets at will call the day of the show.

13-Scouting for Food – Bag Dropoff March 7th Bag Collection March 14th

Our local Pack 361 CubScouts will be collecting food for the annual "Scouting for Food" program. The food is delivered to the Howard County Food Bank to assist those in need. Pack 361 will be distributing plastic bags to collect cans and nonperishable food items beginning March 7th. If you are able to donate, please place bags on your porch, or near your mailbox, by 8:30am on Saturday, March 14th. Scouts will pick up the food between 9:00-11:00am.

14- Money Matters Fair - Saturday, March 14th 10am – 1pm 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 <u>MoneyMattersFair.EventBrite.com</u>

15-Coffee & Conversation with BOE - March 19th 7:30 - 9pm

The Board of Education of Howard County will hold a Coffee & Conversation session on Thursday, March 19, 2015, from 7:30–9:00pm at Lake Elkhorn Middle School Media Center at 6680 Cradlerock Way in Columbia. These meetings provide citizens with an opportunity to share a cup of coffee and chat informally with Board members. The meetings are held in various regions of the county but interested persons from throughout the county are invited to attend any or all of the meetings.

16-Centennial High School WorldFest – March 20th 6 - 9pm

Worldfest is festival celebrating the diverse cultures within our community. There will be a gallery walk with displays on cultural activities, food booths with cultural delicacies from around the world, cultural dance classes, dance performances and a fashion show where students will exhibit various cultural clothing. Tickets are \$5 and each food ticket costs \$1. Food & activities are available in the cafeteria from 6-7:30 pm, dance classes will run from 7-8 pm, and the show will occur from 8-9pm. Sponsored by CHS National Honor Society.

<u>17- Teachers are Heroes</u> - 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. The online application: http://www.abc2news.com/teachersareheroes

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