

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA <http://www.clespta.org>
MARCH 23, 2017

MARCH:

3/23

STEM Night

3/31- 4/6

Change Matters - Supports our local homeless shelter Grassroots

APRIL:

4/1-30

Glory Days Restaurant Fundraiser (see more below)

4/3

Quarterly Celebration Invitations go home

4/7

End of Marking Period- 3 hour early dismissal

4/10-17

Spring Break- Schools Closed

4/18

Yearbook Orders Due

4/19

PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - CLES Media Center (All are welcome)

4/21

Quarterly Celebrations for K & 1 at 9:15am

4/21

Battle of the Books at 7pm (More Information to Come)

4/24

Quarterly Celebrations for Gr 2 & 3 at 9:15am, Grade 4 & 5 at 2:15pm

4/24

PARCC Testing Window Opens (More information to come)

4/25

Report Cards Issued

MAY:

5/5:

CLES Family Bingo Night: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m- CLES Cafeteria

5/16

PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - CLES Media Center (All are welcome)

5/25

Simulated Congressional Hearing (5th grade)

JUNE

6/2

Spring Fair Preview Night

6/3

CLES Spring Fair!

*new dates/info added to the calendar have been shown in **blue***

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

CLES STEM NIGHT: MARCH 23 6-8PM: Come participate in hands on activities involving science, technology, engineering and math!

Activities Include:

-Maryland Science Center Engineering Activities: 8 different activities! Design a rocket to launch through the air! Operate real tools to complete simulated operation challenges! Code a maze for a robotic cat! And more!

-21 Bears on a Bridge (Engineering Design Challenge): Can you design and build a bridge that can hold 21 bears? Use the Engineering Design process to find out!

-Help is On the Way! (Engineering Design Challenge): Help! A boat is sinking and it is your job to save as many people as possible. Use the Engineering Design process to design a boat and test to see how many people (pennies) it can hold before sinking. Improve your design to try and save more people!

-Dash and Dot: Use coding to program robots Dash and Dot to complete different challenges!

-Online Coding: Visit our computer lab to explore online coding activities!

2016-2017 YEARBOOKS: Order your Yearbook Online now! The CLES PTA is pleased to announce that this year, we have switched to an online ordering system for yearbooks. Flyers are being distributed to students this week with the online code, or go to: www.strawbridge.net Enter code: 101321 A receipt will be emailed to the address you provide.

ORDERING WILL BE OPEN UNTIL APRIL 18TH! The cost of this year's book is \$25 (cheaper than last year)! Order before 4/18, to ensure you will receive a yearbook. We will not be placing a reorder.

Please note: Due to the time it takes to produce the yearbook, fall portraits are used. If your child is new to CLES, or was not photographed in the fall, he or she will be listed as "Not Pictured". Photo submissions for the book are being accepted until March 31st. Cell phone images can be used, but may print small.

Students can also submit a traditional Haiku to be printed in the yearbook. Create your own Haiku about what you love about CLES, or use one of the following phrases for inspiration:

Always Learning, Touch the Sky, Diving In, Consider the Possibilities, We're on our way, The Adventure Continues, Dolphins in Motion, Our Spirit is Strong

Email Haiku submissions to yearbook.cles@gmail.com BY MARCH 24th and include your student's name, and grade. 5th grade parents: please submit those dedications ASAP to clesdedications17@gmail.com

Questions, photos, Haikus, and concerns if your child wasn't photographed in the fall can be sent to Heather Guy at yearbook.cles@gmail.com

The yearbook is brought to you by the CLES PTA.

SPRING FAIR SPONSORSHIPS:

What is a sponsorship? It is a donation to the PTA that will help offset the costs involved in running the Spring Fair. In exchange for your donation, you will receive various forms of acknowledgement – a professionally made sign above or near the activity sponsored, your name or company name listed in the Spring Fair brochure, and free raffle tickets to win one of the grade-level baskets. It is also possible to donate anonymously, if you wish. Just circle "no" on the sponsorship form where it asks if we have permission to use your name and we will keep your donation private.

Why sponsor?

1. To help make the Spring Fair a successful fundraiser!
2. To help support the CLES PTA and all the activities and events we put on throughout the school year.
3. To see your child's excitement when they see their name on their favorite booth or activity.
4. To promote your business to the local community.
5. It's a great way to support the PTA – especially if you are busy on the day of the fair and can't attend the fair or the auction.
6. To get free stuff! Raffle tickets and wristbands are given, depending on the level of sponsorship!
7. It's tax deductible!!!

How to sponsor? Sponsoring the Spring Fair is easy. Just fill out the Spring Fair Sponsorship form and return it along with your check to school with your child. On the envelope, please write: Spring Fair Sponsorship, Attention Maureen Ritter.

When to sponsor? The time is NOW! Please fill out your form as soon as possible!!! Sponsorship forms are being sent home with children this week and are filling up quickly.

Questions? Please contact Maureen Ritter mritter99@netzero.net with any questions.

PTA BYLAWS: The PTA bylaws are up for resubmission this year. They are available for review for all PTA members and are currently being kept in the front office of the school. Should you wish to look at them, please stop in at the office and take a look. If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to contact me (astremmel@gmail.com). The bylaws will be available until April 6th. Thank you for your continued support of your PTA. -Andrea Stremmel, PTA President

GLORY DAYS RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER- APRIL 1-30: Our next restaurant fundraiser will be hosted at Glory Day in Ellicott City from April 1st until April 30th. YES that is correct! You can stop in to dine at Glory Days any time in the month of April and 10% of your bill will be given back to CLES!

Here is the catch: **You must ask your server for a copy of the itemized receipt (not the charge card receipt). Send your receipt(s) to school in an envelope marked Jessica Esposito/ Glory Days Fundraiser or drop your receipt into the box located in the school's front lobby.**

Bring friends and family and dine as often as you like!

Questions? Contact Jessica Esposito at jesposito13@gmail.com or 410-428-1468

PTA POSITIONS AVAILABLE: Interested in serving on the PTA next year? We have big jobs, little jobs, and jobs in-between. If you would like to hear more about what positions are available, please contact Goldie Morton at goldie.morton@gmail.com

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT - FRIDAY, MAY 5TH: From 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the CLES Cafeteria, CLES will have a Family Bingo Night! Save the date for Family Bingo Night! This event marks the beginning of lots of fun Spring Fair excitement, so wear a red shirt to be entered into the contest for door prizes.

REMINDER FROM THE FRONT OFFICE AND HEALTH ROOM: As we continue into cold and flu season, we want to remind everyone of the procedures for when you have a sick child and an absence occurs. This past quarter, we had many unverified absences for our CLES students. Please remember that written notes are required for any absences and must be submitted within two days of your child's return to school. Students must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before students are able to return to school. Absences without verification are considered truant.

Please send in a note with the following information:

*Date note is written
Student First and Last Name
Date(s) of absence
Reason for absence
Parent Signature*

If your child has been absent and you have not sent in a note, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your support going forward.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR KINDERGARTEN SNEAK PEEK WILL BE MAY 31ST OR JUNE 1ST AT 2PM: This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Kindergarten teachers, hear an overview of the Kindergarten program and for the children to have a 'sneak peek' of the kindergarten classrooms. If you have any questions, please call the front office 410-313-2800.

CHS THEATER PRESENTS HELLO DOLLY!!

Hello, Dolly! and Hello, Centennial Theatre! Join us for this winner of 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, a record held for 37 years. Hello, Dolly! brings to life the charming Dolly Gallagher Levi, matchmaker extraordinaire in turn-of-the-century New York City. When grumpy Horace Vandergelder, the well-known half-a-millionaire, hires her to find him a wife, while his nephew and his two employees all follow him to the Big Apple to try their luck with love, there's plenty of comedy and music - right up through everyone ending up in court!

Don't miss your chance to witness the fun and enjoy the amazing talents of the CHS Theatre cast and crew. Performances **March 23, 24, and 25 at 7pm, and March 26 at 3pm.**

Tickets will be available during lunch March 20-23 for \$10. Tickets may also be purchased online and at the door for \$12. Visit chsheatre.org to purchase online.

MOANA AND ABBA ON ICE (SING INTO SPRING), AT THE COLUMBIA ICE RINK IN COLUMBIA, MD- MARCH 25 & 26 AT 4PM AND 6PM: Tickets are \$15 and only available online. More information at <http://columbiafsc.com/>

MUSTANG LACROSSE CAMP FOR BOYS (Sponsored by the MRHS Boosters): This summer camp will be held at Marriotts Ridge High School in Marriottsville, MD. Ages 7-14. Monday-Thursday, June 26th-June 29th from 9:00 am – 12:30pm. The camp provides an instructional clinic from the beginner to the advanced athlete in a safe and fun environment. Groups will be divided into elementary, middle, and high school levels. Fundamental skills will be taught to the beginner. We will maximize the potential of our intermediate players and challenge the advanced player tactically and technically to master his skills. Enrollment is limited to the first 100 to apply. To take advantage of the Early Bird Special, pay in full by May 19, 2017 and tuition is only \$140. After May 19, the cost is \$155

Who do I contact if I have any questions?

Contact: Ken Senisi Phone #: [\(443\) 668-6903](tel:(443)668-6903) Email: kenneth_senisi@hcpss.org

LEARNING TOGETHER PROGRAM – PRE-KINDERGARTEN : The Waverly Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC) preschool program will be accepting applications for classes for the 2017-2018 school year. These classes include children with and without disabilities. The program’s focus is helping all children develop communication, literacy, math, problem solving, motor, and social skills. Parents of children who will be **3 by September 1 or 4 years of age by September 1** may pick up an application package in the school office beginning February 15, 2017. **All applications must be returned by Friday, March 31, 2017.** A limited number of openings are available for children without disabilities. Children are selected based upon screening information given on the application form and the “Ages and Stages Questionnaire,” as well as observations of the child’s participation in a playgroup. If necessary, a lottery process is conducted. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Whitehead at [\(410\) 313-2819](tel:4103132819) or andrea_whitehead@hcpss.org.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS BY HC DRUGFREE & SCHOOL HEALTH COUNCIL:

--**HC DrugFree “Senior Week: Staying Safe in Ocean City” Programs** Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on March 22 (Atholton H.S.) and March 29 (Howard H.S.)

--**“Building Resilience - A Workshop for Parents on How to Support Your Child’s Mental and Emotional Health”** will be held on Thursday, March 30, from 6-8 p.m., at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center in Columbia. A Community Partnership event between the Health Dept., School System, Mental Health Authority, Community Resources and Services, and HC DrugFree.

--**School Health Council General Meetings** will be held on April 5 & June 7, the Health Department, Barton A&B, 8930 Stanford Blvd, Columbia, MD 21045.

--**“Not My Child” (HC DrugFree & River Hills PTSA) Presentation**, April 5, @ 7 p.m., River Hill High School

--**HC DrugFree’s Medication “Take Back Day”**, April 29, 10-2, at Wilde Lake Village Center, Drive through to drop off all types of medications, including sharps, by HC DrugFree’s office building.

COMMUNITY NEWS: Please visit the Community News and Programs page (<http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs>) on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

**Next PTA Newsletter will go out on [Thursday 4/6/17](#)
Please email Amy Favinger clesdolphinsplash@gmail.com by [Tuesday 4/4/17](#) with any
newsletter submissions**