

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA <http://www.clespta.org>
September 29, 2017

OCTOBER:

- 10/3** Diversity Meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. at Miller Library
10/4 Walk and Wheel Day
10/4 General PTA/GT Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - CLES Cafeteria (All are welcome)
10/5 Fall Pictures
10/6 Movie Night at CLES from 7-9 p.m.
10/9-13 SHARE THE WARMTH Coat Drive at CLES
10/12 Hearing and Vision Screening
10/17 Flu Shot Clinic
10/17 PTA Meeting at 7:00pm – CLES Media Center (All are welcome)
10/19 Hearing and Vision Re-screening
10/19 Spirit Day – Twin Day
10/20 School Closed

NOVEMBER:

- 11/1** Walk and Wheel Day
11/8 PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. – CLES Media Center (All are welcome)
11/9 Reflections Deadline
11/16 Thanksgiving Day Baskets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. – More Information to follow
11/16 Spirit Day – Favorite Sports Team Day

DECEMBER:

- 12/13** PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. – CLES Media Center (All are welcome)
12/22 Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater Day and PJ Day

MARCH:

- 3/16** Science Fair – BMMS at 6-8pm

Any new information will be in color. Information from previous newsletters will be in black

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

PTA Membership:

The deadline for PTA membership is quickly approaching! Please complete your PTA membership form as soon as possible! The membership form was sent home on blue paper on the first day of school in the students' folders. There will be a Membership table at the Back to School nights, so bring cash or check payable to CLES PTA if you would like to become a member at that time! Questions? Contact Maureen Ritter at mritter99@netzero.net

If I have more than one child, do I need to fill out the blue PTA membership form more than once?

Only one form is needed per family. Please put one student name and homeroom on the form in the student section so that PTA cards can be provided to you.

Which family members should join the PTA?

It is up to you how many members of your family you would like to be members of the PTA. You are permitted to have all family members become PTA members but most people typically choose to have one or both parents become members. The first member costs \$10 and each additional member is \$5. As a member, you have a vote at General PTA meetings so having a parent as a member is a good idea.

Will the PTA be providing a directory this year?

Yes! A complimentary directory will be provided to PTA members. The school system collected information from you in a "PTA Directory" section when you completed your Family File. Once the school system releases that information to the PTA, we will quickly distribute the directory to our school community.

Where can I find a blank PTA Membership form?

The blank form can be found at clespta.org. Click on 'Documents' and then 'Membership Form'

Walk and Wheel Day:

Walk-n-Wheel Wednesday - Walk or ride your bike to school! There will be several Walk-n-Wheel events throughout the school year. A Howard County Police crossing guard will be located at the CLES driveway exit closest to Breconshire Road. This event is sponsored by the PTA Health and Wellness Committee.

Reflections:

"**Reflections**", a nationwide Arts recognition and achievement program, is back again: While reflecting on this year's theme ***Within Reach***, choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or short story, compose a song, take a picture, or create a piece of

visual art and tell us your interpretation of the theme. The deadline for submission is November 10, 2017. More information and entry forms will be sent home soon, as well as made available on the PTA website - Can't wait to see what, or who, is ***Within*** your ***Reach!***"

Meet the Diversity Director for HCPSS

October 3 from 7-8:30pm at the Miller Library in Ellicott City. The new HCPSS Diversity Director, Dr. Kevin Gilbert, will speak about his mission, responsibilities, initiatives, and activities. Our schools are a vital hub of our community. He will discuss how to support what is happening with our kids, staff, and administrators in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion

Movie Night:

Friday, October 6th from 7-9 p.m. Save the date to join your CLES friends on the blacktop behind the school for an outdoor movie and free popcorn. The movie will be announced soon and additional information will be communicated closer to the event date. This event is sponsored by the CLES PTA.

SHARE THE WARMTH!!! - PTA sponsored winter coat drive (Oct. 9-13) - Please remember those in our own community and donate any winter wear you have in your closets that you no longer need. We will be accepting coats, gloves, hats and scarves. **All items must be freshly laundered and in wearable condition.** Boxes will be marked in the front lobby for students and parents to drop off items during the school day and will also be placed outside of the school after school hours as well. Items will be collected **October 9-13.** Boxes will also be available at the PTA sponsored movie night on Friday, October 6th to kick off the collection week. Please feel free to contact Renae Kurc (rdkurc@yahoo.com) or Jen Kim (jenandgeoffkim@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns. Thank you for helping to keep our community warm this winter and for making our coat drive a success!

Marker Recycling:

This school year, we have partnered up with Crayola and their ColorCycle program – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy! All around Centennial Lane students and teachers will be collecting used markers [any brand] that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more! There is a collection box in the front lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Benedict, megankbenedict@yahoo.com

Giant A+ Program

The Giant A+ program is a quick and easy way for us to earn free CASH!

Once you are registered, CLES earns CASH every time you use your card. To register: Visit www.giantfood.com and select Savings & Rewards. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You will need your 12 digit Giant Card number and our School ID (00990). We have also sent a flyer home this week if you would prefer us to register for you. Please email Mary McDonald (gcbuilder@verizon.net) with any questions.

CLES PTA Collects Box Tops!

Each Box Top that is submitted to the CLES PTA earns ten cents and all those tops add up. Our school collected over \$1,000 in Box Tops last year alone. Collection sheets and collection baggies with more information will be sent home this week.

Coupons for Box Tops participants as well as a complete list of Box Tops contributors can be found at www.BoxTops4Education.com. If you have any questions, please email Mary McDonald at gcbuilder@verizon.net. Thank you!

Science Fair - Friday, March 16th - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at BMMS - CLES students present their science projects to the community. Contact CLESScienceFair@gmail.com for more info. Sponsored by the PTA.

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 10/26/2017*

*Please email Joy Fishman mikfishman@gmail.com by Tuesday 10/24/17 with any newsletter submissions**