

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA <http://www.clespta.org>
January 2018

JANUARY:

- 01/08 PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Media Center
- 01/08 Restaurant Night at Chipotle from 5-9:00pm
- 01/11 Winter Dance Burleigh Manor Middle School 6:30-8:30pm
- 01/12 **Howard County Delegation Meeting at 10am. See Below for More Information**
- 01/22 Family Fit Night at CLES from 6:30-8:00pm
- 01/24 DEI Open Meeting from 7-8pm at the CLES media center

FEBRUARY:

- 02/11-15 **"Share the Lovies" Donation Collection**
- 02/12 **PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Media Center**
- 02/21 **World Showcase at BMMS**

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

STAFF APPRECIATION:

Thank you to all of the families who generously donated cookies, candy, and other baked goodies to the staff holiday boxes!

Thank you to Sri Paleti, Kristen Morgan, Sri Bala, and Peggy Weintraub for helping me pack almost 100 boxes of treats for the staff. There is no way I would have been able to do it without your help!

HOWARD COUNTY DELEGATION WORK SESSION:

The Howard County Delegation to the Maryland General Assembly will hold a work session, open to the public, on Saturday, January 12, 2019, beginning at 10:00am, in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD, regarding legislation pertaining to the County's public facilities surcharge, school redistricting, the adequate public facilities ordinance (APFO) process, and school construction funding in general. This is a Howard County Delegation work session, not a public hearing. However, members of the public are invited to attend and listen.

Here is a URL for the proposed legislation:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/About-HoCo/State-Delegation/Proposed-Local-Legislation>

Of interest to PTA members are:

Proposed Bill 03-19 which will raise the impact fees charged to developers as a means for getting more funds into the HCPSS Capital budget so they can build capacity into the system for the increased students from new developments. As currently drafted, there is a limitation that funds raised in a given zone must be spent by HCPSS in that zone. Much of the testimony on this bill was to get rid of that stipulation and give HCPSS full control over where such funds are deployed.

Proposed Bill 08-19 of which the text hasn't been published but will focus on REDISTRICTING

Proposed Bill 12-19 which strengthen HoCo's Ethics law by limiting the campaign contributions from developers in certain situations

Proposed Bill 01-19 which will change the BOE from every seat being county wide to having defined districts and two 'at-large' council members. The intent of this bill is to

decrease the cost of campaigning so as to encourage more people to run for a seat on the BOE.

RESTAURANT NIGHT:

January 8th is Restaurant Night at Chipotle in Ellicott City from 5-9:00pm

WINTER DANCE:

Friday, January 11th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Burleigh Manor Middle School Cafeteria. Celebrate the New Year with your friends and family at our free and fun Winter Dance! Dance your winter blues away with music from the DJ and enjoy catching up with friends. All children must have an adult chaperone stay with them during the entire event. We hope to see you on Friday the 11th!

FAMILY FIT NIGHT:

Jan. 22, 6:30-8:00 pm at CLES

CLES and PTA Health & Wellness Committee are pleased to announce our Family Fitness Night, Jan 22nd from 6:30 to 8pm at CLES. Families are invited to join us to be introduced to Yoga, Zumba and Kickboxing in a family friendly environment.

This Health and Wellness event encourages the entire family to join in on the fun! Space is limited so please use the following. Sign-up Genius link: [FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT SIGN UP](#)

FACEBOOK PAGE:

Centennial Lane Elementary PTA has created its own Facebook Page! Please stop by and "like" our new Facebook Page to help stay in the loop regarding meetings and events!

PTA MEMEBERSHIP:

It's not too late to join the PTA for this school year! Please fill out the PTA membership form and send to school with your student in an envelope with your payment. Directories have already been printed and distributed. You will only receive a school directory if there are extra copies available. The form can be found on the CLES PTA website under the "Forms" tab. Questions about membership? Contact Tasmia Haider at clespta2ndvp@gmail.com or 410-412-4420.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE:

Next Open DEI Meeting: Thursday January 24, 2019 from 7pm - 8 pm CLES Media Center

All parents of the CLES community welcome to attend the next Diversity Equity and Inclusion meeting. We will be discussing programming for the coming year and sharing new ideas.

Seeking Volunteers: Are you and your child interested in sharing your heritage with fellow CLES students? The Diversity Equity and Inclusion committee is looking for volunteers to create displays in the front hallway bulletin board throughout the school year. This sharing opportunity may also include an opportunity to speak on the morning announcements. Please email DiversityCLES@gmail.com if interested.

“What Makes Me Special”

The PTA DEI committee is sponsoring a “What makes me Special” art display and open mic opportunity for the students of CLES. Students can submit a written or visual piece and submissions will be on display at the CLES Reading Night -written submissions may be chosen to be read at Reading Night as well. Check your student’s folder for more information and entry forms!

WELCOMING COMMITTEE:

Seeking Volunteers: The CLES Welcoming committee is looking for CLES community members (adults) with experience with the school to volunteer and answer questions at the upcoming CLES social events. Please email CLESWelcome@gmail.com if interested.

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, clesgreencommittee@gmail.com

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 in January 31, 2019*

*Please email Joy Fishman mjkfishman@gmail.com with any newsletter submissions by Wed, January 30**