

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA <http://www.clespta.org>
February 2019

FEBRUARY:

- 02/08** **Deadline for "What Makes Me Special" projects**
- 02/11-15** **"Share the Lovies" Donation Collection**
- 02/12** **PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Media Center**
- 02/14** **Staff Appreciation – Conference Lunch**
- 02/15** **Deadline to nominate your G&T Educator**
- 02/21** **World Showcase at BMMS from 6:30-8:30pm**
- 02/27** **Reading Night at CLES from 6:30-8pm**

MARCH:

- 03/04-08** **Book Fair CLES Media Center**
- 03/13** **PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Media Center**
- 03/15** **Donations for Grade Level Baskets Due**
- 03/19** **DEI Meeting in the CLES Media Center from 7-8pm**

JUNE:

- 06/01** **Spring Fair at CLES**

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

SHARE THE LOVIES:

Feb. 11-15: Share the Lovies - NEW Stuffed Animal/Plush Toy drive!

We will be collecting NEW stuffed animals and plush toys to donate to Howard County Hospital the entire week of Valentine's Day. These will be given to children coming to the hospital to provide some comfort while they are getting treated. Boxes labeled Share the Lovies will be in the lobby for the duration of the collection week. Thank you in advance for your contribution! Please contact Jen Kim (jenandgeoffkim@gmail.com) or Tracey Herzberger (tdherz@verizon.net) with any questions.

GIFTED AND TALENTED COMMITTEE:

The annual HCPSS Educator Recognition Program sponsored by the Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee (GTAC) celebrates educators who demonstrate exemplary commitment to the needs of advanced-level learners and/or the Howard County G/T Education Program. **Now through February 15**, families and students have the opportunity to recognize a G/T Resource Teacher, content or classroom teacher, or administrator who has enriched the educational experience of advanced-level learners.

○ The form to submit a letter of recognition is here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc59NBTccdtGwQM6pAxAWoDNqb2LjWV61EiMQA_jyo9HAUD0g/viewform. A link to this form can also be found in the HCPSS News and on the GTAC website.

○ ALL educators who have a letter of recognition submitted on their behalf will be honored, and all families who submit a recognition letter will be invited to attend the annual GTAC Educator Recognition Event on April 2, 2019, at 7 p.m. at Reservoir High School.

○ Students and/or families can also email general positive comments about the G/T Program overall to hcpssgtac@gmail.com

STAFF APPRECIATION:

The PTA will be providing the staff with a lunch on Thursday, Feb 14th. We will be sending out a sign-up genius for anyone who is interested in contributing a dessert to the lunch.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE:

1. February is Black History Month - DEI committee is looking for student volunteers to speak on the morning announcements about Black History Month. Interested volunteers should contact diversitycles@gmail.com
2. Friday February 8th - deadline for submission of projects for the What Makes Me Special project

What makes me special? The PTA is sponsoring a "What Makes Me Special" event in conjunction with our annual CLES Reading Night which will be held on Wednesday, February 27th from 6:30 - 8 pm. The term "What makes me special" was chosen to give our children the opportunity to express who they are and allow us to celebrate what makes us all unique and how embracing our individualities bring us closer together as a community. Forms detailing information about the event can be found on the PTA website <http://www.clespta.org/>. If your child wishes to participate, the actual written and/or visual pieces should be submitted as follows by **February 8th**.

- Written submissions (poem, story, essay, etc.) can be emailed to **diversitycles@gmail.com** or handed in to the student's teacher
- Visual pieces (drawing, painting, collage, etc.) should be submitted to the student's teacher. If any special handling is required, please email the committee at **diversitycles@gmail.com**
- Video submissions should be uploaded to a USB/thumb drive and given to the teacher in a bag or container. If other files are on the drive, please label the file "What Makes Me Special". Drives will be returned after the event

Please be sure their name is on their project.

Entries will be on display during parent teacher conferences on February 14 & 15 as well as during Reading Night. Students who submit a writing piece may be asked to read their submission during Reading Night if they are willing and wish to do so and will be contacted by the committee to confirm their interest.

We hope many children are willing to share what makes them special with their community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions.

3. Reading Night - Wednesday, February 27th from 6:30 - 8 pm at CLES. The school sponsored event will feature student entries and performances from the PTA/DEI sponsored "What Makes Me Special" program.
4. Tuesday March 19th 7-8pm CLES media center DEI meeting

All members of the CLES community are welcome to attend! Come see what the fastest growing PTA committee is all about. We get to know our community through sharing stories and collaborative efforts to make our school more culturally aware.

WORLD SHOWCASE:

Thursday, February 21st from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Burleigh Manor Middle School

BMMS & CLES Students and their families are invited to come celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our families and the diverse cultures that make up our community! This night is for our whole school community and a great opportunity to showcase your talents.

How can I be a part of the World Showcase? Consider contributing a dish for the food tasting - sign-up to perform in our talent show - make a display board to teach about an area of the world you or your family comes from – donate your time to help with set-up, clean-up – volunteer during the showcase

Here is the link to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044daaae2eab9-world5>

We would like all students and parents to be a part of the World Showcase! Currently – we are looking for coordinators to help with food and the talent show portion of the event. Please contact Sylvia Bank at sylviacb@yahoo.com or Margaret Glyderat glyders@comcast.net or Andrea Stremmel at astremmel@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to join our World Showcase team.

SPRING FAIR:

Grade Level Baskets: The CLES Spring Fair is on June 1st! Our GRADE LEVEL THEME BASKETS are always a HUGE success so we have decided to continue the tradition. These baskets will be raffled off at the Fair and anyone can win!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are asking each family to make a monetary donation to the team baskets. We are suggesting \$10 per family but we are happy to accept any amount. Please send in your donations (cash or Check Payable to CLES PTA) in an envelope marked “Spring Fair Basket Donation - Attention REMY CHAPPELL.” Please also indicate your team #.

The only exception to monetary donations is for Team Two. Team two families can send cash or checks, gift cards or lottery tickets.

PLEASE return all donations to school by: Friday March 15th.

For those of you unfamiliar with the raffle baskets, here is how they work. Each year the families from all six teams at CLES donate cash or requested items to support our team baskets. The donations are then used to put together several amazing baskets.

Previous years' basket themes have included: Nerf toys, American Girl dolls, Legos, a Money Tree, an iPad, a Kindle, a Go Pro Video Camera, Beats headphones and more!!! These baskets are then raffled off at the Spring Fair. Anyone can win. Raffle tickets can be purchased both prior to the Spring Fair and on the day of and your child can put their raffle tickets in any or all raffle boxes. They are open to anyone wishing to participate.

Thank you so much for supporting the CLES Spring Fair!! Join us on Friday, May 31st for the family preview fun night. Not only will there be entertainment and giveaways but you may begin your bidding on silent auction items and place your raffle tickets in the raffle boxes for your chance to win. The fun will continue on June 1st when the Spring Fair kicks into action. Enjoy the games, rides, entertainment and so much more. It's a weekend of family fun you won't want to miss!

If you have any questions please contact Remy Chappell at Remybrooke@hotmail.com

Thanks for your support!

BOOK FAIR:

CLES PTA DINO-MITE Scholastic Book Fair - March 4th - 8th

Get ready to "STOMP, CHOMP and READ" at the "DINO-MITE" Scholastic Book Fair! Mark your calendars for March 4th-8th and plan to visit the Book Fair, which will feature a huge selection of books and more!! All students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during school hours and there will be several Family Fun evening events as well, for parents and friends to shop. A portion of all sales goes to purchase CLES Media Center books and to help fund PTA events throughout the year. More details coming soon!

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 Kimberlee Wilson at clesptapresident@gmail.com.

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 on February 28th*

*Please email Joy Fishman mjkfishman@gmail.com with any newsletter submissions by Wed, February 27**