

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

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

MAY 25, 2017

MAY:

- 5/22-26: Stuff The Bus (School Supply Drive)- see below
- 5/25: Simulated Congressional Hearing (5th grade)
- 5/30: Music Showcase at CHS 7pm
- 5/31: Volunteer Brunch- CLES Media Ctr at 9:30am
- 5/31: Kindergarten Sneak Peek at 2pm
- 5/31: Cake and Community at 4:30pm

JUNE

- 6/1: Kindergarten Sneak Peek at 2pm
- 6/2: 5th Grade Picnic
- 6/2: Spring Fair Preview Night
- 6/3: CLES Spring Fair!
- 6/5: Spirit Day- Tie Dye Day
- 6/6: PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - CLES Media Center (All are welcome)
- 6/7: Walk and Wheel Wednesday—LAST ONE!
- 6/7: K Picnic and end of year program- 9:15am
- 6/8: 2nd Grade Picnic
- 6/9: 1st Grade Picnic
- 6/9: 5th Grade Closing Ceremony at CHS- 4:45pm (Students arrive at 4:15)
Reception immediately after
- 6/12: 3rd Grade Picnic and 4th Grade Picnics 1-3pm
- 6/13: Half Day for Students
- 6/14: Last Day of School for Students- Report Cards Mailed Home

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

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

STUFF THE BUS! - MAY 22-26TH: CLES PTA will be holding a school supply drive to collect school supplies for students in Howard County. This drive is done in conjunction with the PPW's of Howard County as well as the local organization Prepare for Success (<http://www.prepareforsuccess.org/>). Items needed include backpacks, marble composition books, pocket folders, single subject spirals wide, wide loose leaf filler paper, 1 1/2" - 2" 3-ring binders, dividers, colored pencils, crayons, colored markers, highlighters, pencils, glue sticks, blunt scissors, pencil bags, erasers, and rulers. **All items must be brand new.** Look for the school bus box in the front lobby of the school during the week of the drive. Watch your child's backpack for more information. Please contact Jen Kim (jenandgeoffkim@gmail.com) or Renae Kurc (rdkurc@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Thanks so much for your help in making sure all Howard County students are prepared for success in the 2017/18 school year!

FAIR FRIDAYS ARE BACK!! May 26th and June 2nd! Get excited for the fair and wear red!! Have your child wear red on these Fridays and be entered to win raffle prizes, including the grand prize: A spring fair wristband!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: The PTA sponsored school supply sale is here! Skip the hassle of heading to the store to search for school supplies and order complete 2017-2018 school year kits by grade directly from the School Toolbox. The online sale has started on www.schooltoolbox.com, the kits ship directly to you home, and a portion of the sales benefit the PTA! Fliers with pricing and ordering information have been sent home. For questions contact Toni Salter @ tonisalter8@gmail.com

PARENT VOLUNTEER BRUNCH- MAY 31: Mark your calendars! Our annual Parent Volunteer Brunch is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 from 9:30 to 11:30am in the media center. The staff at CLES appreciates all that you do for us, so please be our guest! Eat, Drink, and Enjoy!

CAKE AND COMMUNITY: Please come join CLES staff at 4:30 p.m. on May 31st in the gym to celebrate and honor our retirees and staff departing from CLES. You're invited as we wish find farewell to our staff members retiring and transferring at the end of the year: Mrs. Devries, Mrs. Howell, Mr. Parlette, Mrs. Ricketts, Ms. Bates and Mrs. Wilson.

SPRING FAIR UPDATES: The Spring Fair, our biggest fundraiser of the year, will be held this year on June 3rd from 11-3. Come to the fair and enjoy games, rides, inflatables, food, silent auction, live auction and more!! All Spring Fair Proceeds go to fund all the wonderful activities the PTA provides. Examples include: Dolphin Dash, Science Fair, Cultural Arts, Movie Night, Teacher Appreciation and more! The fun starts on Friday June 2nd for Preview Night at 6:30-8. Come pick up your tickets, dance to the DJ, and start bidding on Silent Auction Items! Hope to see everyone there! If you have any questions about Spring Fair, please contact Kristi Pistner at kpistner@aol.com or Elizabeth Graff at elizabeth.h.graff@gmail.com

CLES SPRING FAIR YARD SIGNS: The CLES Spring Fair Committee needs your help. We are looking for families that live on a main street throughout our neighborhood that are willing to have a spring fair yard sign put in their yards. If you would be willing to have yard signs placed in your yard for a few weeks leading up to the fair, please contact Mary Wright at marylandwright@yahoo.com. Thank you!

SPRING FAIR VOLUNTEERS – WE NEED YOU! The Spring Fair is on June 3rd and we need lots of volunteers to make this fundraiser a success. There are volunteer opportunities from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd as well as volunteer needs on the Friday before the fair. Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/CLESFair2017> and sign up for as many slots as possible. Middle and high school student volunteers are welcome! This is our primary fundraiser and we have more than 250 volunteer slots to fill so please sign up TODAY! Questions? Contact Bridget Littlefield (bridgetl@verizon.net) or Christine Fritz (christinecfritz@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support and hope to see you at the Spring Fair!

SPRING FAIR TICKER ORDERS: Parents, Spring Fair is almost here! Take advantage of pre fair pricing by ordering tickets now. Forms can be found on the website: www.clespta.org

WALK AND WHEEL! Our last walk and wheel day of the year will be held on June 7th. Come and enjoy the nice weather by biking or walking to school. Police Crossing will be available on Centennial and Breconshire. Hope to see you there!

FROM PRINCIPAL WADSWORTH: Thank you to all the families that responded to our survey on communication, school environment and general feedback. We will be reviewing the responses, and determining any changes based on the needs of our community. We appreciate your collaboration and input. If you have not had a chance to respond, please feel free with the following link: goo.gl/forms/aWQRXOnna75a7c3y2

REMINDERS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE:

-If your child is participating in a Howard County Parks and Recreation after-school program, please send in a note with the change in dismissal prior to the start of the program.

-If you are moving or going away on an extended leave, please contact the front office at [410-313-2800](tel:410-313-2800).

PTA POSITIONS AVAILABLE: We are still looking for people interested in serving on the PTA for the 2017-1018 school year. We have small jobs and big jobs. Please email Goldie Morton at goldie.morton@gmail.com if you are interested. We would love to have you!

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. [If you haven't had a chance to sign your rising kindergartener up for the sneak peek you can do so here:](#)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4aa5ad28a2f94-rising>

INCOMING KINDERGARTENER LUNCH: Incoming kindergarteners will be able to have lunch with the current kindergarten class on **Tuesday June 6th**. The lunch will be at 11 am in the CLES cafeteria. More information will come out in May.

FIDGET SPINNERS, CUBES, ETC- KEEP THEM HOME:

At CLES, we have a school rule prohibiting children from bringing toys and games from home. This is to cut down on the number of distractions from learning. Sometimes these items also cause problems between students. The same is true for game cards such as Pokémon. Some students say they only take them out for recess, but there are many who take these items out at other times. The rule is still in effect and it covers a wide range of items that may cause a distraction or a problem in school.

The most recent issue has been with the new spinning fidgets and cubes brought from home. These are also classified as "toys" and should remain home. If needed due to an IEP or 504, fidgets are provided by teachers for those students who need them. We determine the fidget and supply it.

Any toys brought to school and taken out of the backpack during the school day will be held onto by the teachers until the end of the school day, at which point they will be returned to the children. For students who repeatedly bring toys to school, parents may be asked to come to school to retrieve these toys.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping your students thoughts on their academic program.

CLES Administration

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR:

Friday, September 1:

Kindergarten Student Orientation, 9:00 - 10:00 am

New Student and Parent Orientation Grades 1-5 - 10:30-11:00 am

Open House – 11:00-12:00 pm

Monday, September 5: Labor Day/Schools & Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 6: School Opens for Students

Monday, September 18 – Back to School Night : 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Grades 1, 2 & 3

Tuesday, September 19 – Back to School Night: 6:30-8:00 pm, Grades K, 4, 5 (*GT joins the 4th and 5th Grade BTSN Sessions)

UPCOMING CLES LITTLE DOLPHIN PLAYDATES (FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS):

- May 31st, Wednesday, 2:00 PM - Kindergarten sneak peek at CLES - sign up required via sign up genius link provided at registration
- June 1st, Thursday, 2:00 PM - Kindergarten sneak peek at CLES - sign up required via sign up genius link provided at registration
- June 3rd, Saturday, 11:00-3:00 PM - Annual CLES Spring Fair - please stop by to play games, rides, raffles etc. This is a FUN event for families. We will have a Little Dolphin booth - stop by for stickers, scavenger hunt etc. Tickets and wrist bands will be available to purchase at the fair or the kindergarten sneak peek.
- June 6th, Tuesday, 11:00-11:30 AM - Little Dolphin lunch with current kindergarten class in CLES cafeteria - please bring your child's lunch
- June 11th, Sunday, 3:30-5:00 PM - Play date at Font Hill Wetlands - 3520 Font Hill Dr.
- July 9th, Sunday 3:30-5:00 - Play date at CLES playground

- July 23rd, Sunday, 3:30-5:00 - Play date at Howard County Conservancy - 10520 Old Frederick Road
- August 13th, Sunday, 3:30-5:00 PM - Play date at CLES playground
- August 20th, Sunday, 3:30-5:00 PM - Play date at CLES playground
- August 27th, Sunday, 3:30-5:00 PM - Play date at CLES playground

CURRICULUM CORNER: Looking for support in ELA and Mathematics - Links below to HCPSS and CLES resources:

Language Arts Resources: The Language Arts Committee would like to share a few screencasts of websites we feel would be beneficial for you and your children to use. Click directly on the link to learn more about these resources.

RAZkids tutorial: Current students in grades K-2 have access to this wonderful site to work on reading and reading activities to keep skills sharp!
<https://vimeo.com/170210936/3664eb0e3d>

Mackinvia tutorial: A wonderful resource of ebooks, audiobooks and databases. An app is also available for mobile devices!
<https://vimeo.com/170204252/1b7c93d335>

Typing tutorial: Fun games and activities to get your child typing with accuracy and speed <https://vimeo.com/170211868/1c2602d3dd>

ABCYa: spelling games tutorial - A focus on spelling using fun online games
<https://vimeo.com/170215852/8b85f3b1ec>

Additional Resources for ELA and Mathematics

Have questions about PARCC? Want to see some sample tasks? Go to PARCC online: <http://www.parcconline.org/>

** Want quick access to curriculum for ELA and Math? Go to the HCPSS website for great resources! <http://www.hcpss.org/academics>

HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM - KINDERGARTEN, HERE WE COME! is a 45-60 minute class for children entering Kindergarten this fall. The class features stories and activities to help mark that important first day, including boarding a real school bus. Registration is required. Cosponsored by Friends of HCLS and Howard County Public School System. Call your local branch to register. For more information see the HCLS website: <http://hclibrary.org/classes-events/kindergarten-here-we-come/>

STEMulating MINDS: is hosting the 5th HoCo STEM Festival on June 4 from 1-5 in the brand new Science and Technology Building at HCC. This is a free, fun event. In its first four years, the Festival has drawn thousands of students and parents to explore the wide world of STEM. Elementary School students and their parents have been the largest segment of the attendees. This year, the Festival serves as a roadshow for the newly organized Million Women Mentors-Maryland program that encourages girls to follow STEM as a career path.

FROM CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL:

Come to Centennial High School's first annual Walk-A-Thon for Wishes hosted by the Centennial Make-A-Wish Foundation Club on May 13! This 5K walk at Centennial's track will feature fun games and events. Participants can come anytime between 9-11 AM to walk. All proceeds directly benefit Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic.

Buy your tickets ONLINE here: <http://centennialmakeawish.weebly.com/> at the "Registration" tab.

CENTENNIAL EAGLES SOCCER CAMP: For boys and girls ages 9 to 14 -July 31 - August 3rd - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Steven Baxter, 410-598-6753_orsoccercoach27@hotmail.com

MARRIOTTS RIDGE GIRLS LACROSSE CAMP Looking for a way to get outdoors this summer, enjoy the sport of lacrosse, learn something new, improve your skill, be social and have lots of fun? Consider attending the **Marriotts Ridge Girls Lacrosse Camp** June 26-29th(M-Th) from 8:00-11:30. Our philosophy is to provide an instructional clinic to increase fundamental stick skills, improve game sense, raise

confidence, and spread the love of the game in a safe, and fun environment. If you are new to the sport we love introducing girls to the sport. There will be a wide variety of players and we will separate based on age and skill level. Pass it on and join in on the fun! MRHS Mustangs Lacrosse Camp is the place to be :) Visit www.mrhs-boosters.com to sign up! Early Bird Special ends on May 19th. Any questions please contact Coach Amanda Brady at amanda_brady@hcpss.org

RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS CAMP: Come out to Reservoir High School for sports camp the week of July 17-21. The camp is designed for rising 2nd-9th graders and features different sports every day. Last year we played: flag football, soccer, capture the football, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, tennis, modified softball, team handball, scooter games and many many others. The camp is designed so that each sport/activity lasts roughly 1 hour, so campers will have the opportunity to play many different sports each day. Phil Ranker runs the camp and teaches Physical Education at Lime Kiln middle school. He has coached multiple sports at the high school level (currently girls soccer at Reservoir HS, previously lacrosse and basketball). Please visit <http://rankerssportscamp.weebly.com/> or email phillip_ranker@hcpss.org for any questions.

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

FUTURE EAGLES LACROSSE CLINIC: April 10th 2017 @ Centennial High School 4PM - 6PM. Free clinic for Elementary and Middle school aged children. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to experienced players. Current Centennial Women's Lacrosse players will be running the clinic for the next generation of Eagles. Included in instruction will be the fundamentals of stick skills, game play, and fun games.

What you will need:

- Lacrosse stick - Goggles - Mouth guard - Water bottle

Please RSVP to bethany_cunha@hcpss.org.

THE HIGH FLYER BASKETBALL SCHOOL: will be offering two sessions of basketball camp this summer from June 19 - 23 and from June 26 - 30. Please note that the sessions will be held at Long Reach High School due to construction at Centennial High School. The camp will be held from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm . More information can be found by calling James Hill at [410 - 905 - 7556](tel:410-905-7556) .

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

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

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 6/8/17](#)
Please email Amy Favinger clesdolphinsplash@gmail.com by [Tuesday 6/6/17](#) with any
newsletter submissions**