



CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA <http://www.clespta.org>
SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

SEPTEMBER:

- 9/12: Professional Learning Day - Schools closed for students
- 9/13: PTA Meeting – 7pm – CLES Media Center
- 9/16: Dolphin Dash – 6pm Field & Playground Areas (Information below and more to come)
- 9/19: Spirit Day - Patriotic Day - Wear red, white and blue
- 9/20: Back to School Night GRADES 3-5: 6:30 – 7:30 (Related Arts will be available 6:00-6:30 in the cafeteria or their classrooms)
- 9/21: Back to School Night GRADES K-2: 6:30 – 7:30 (Related Arts will be available 6:00-6:30 in the cafeteria or their classrooms)
- 9/29: GT/PTA Budget Vote – 7pm – CLES Cafeteria

OCTOBER:

- 10/5: Walk and Wheel to School Kick Off (Information below)
- 10/7: Individual Pictures
- 10/10: Spirit Day - Twin Day (Dress like someone you know)
- 10/12: Yom Kippur - Schools and Offices Closed
- 10/14: PTA Movie Night – 6:30 - CLES Playground
- 10/16: Let's Go HoCo - Community 5 K and Fun Run (Register - <http://www.hcpss5k.com/>)
- 10/20: PTA Meeting – 7pm – CLES Media Center
- 10/28: 9:15 Halloween Parade/ Celebration - Fields behind CLES
- 10/31: Professional Learning Day - Schools closed for students

NOVEMBER:

- 11/2 Walk and Wheel to School
- 11/4 End of Marking Period
- 11/10 PTA Meeting – 7pm – CLES Media Center
- 11/17 Thanksgiving Baskets – 6:30 – 8pm – CLES Cafeteria

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

5TH GRADE PARENTS: Be on the lookout for information to coming home regarding 5th grade t shirts in the next week. This will be your one and only opportunity to order this keepsake!

PTA MEMBERSHIP FORMS: Due Friday, September 16

DOLPHIN DASH! **Friday, September 16th from 6 - 8 p.m.** Join CLES families for our annual welcome back event and fun run for each grade. By grade level, the students will run a designated route around the field. Then, families can spread a blanket and enjoy a picnic dinner, while listening to dance music 'til the sun goes down. Dessert, DJ, and glow sticks are compliments of your CLES PTA. Make your life easier and **PRE-ORDER** pizza for your dinner that evening - look for a flyer in a news alert and in your child's folder with the pizza order form. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Christine Fritz at christinefritz@yahoo.com

PTA MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: There has been a little confusion with the blue PTA Membership and Student Directory Form. Hopefully, the information below will help to clarify things for you.

-In the past, the PTA has used one form to collect PTA membership and student directory information and payments. As you know, the school is not permitted to post the class lists which was a resource we used to pre-fill the membership/directory forms with your contact information. We decided to move forward with the PTA membership drive separate from the directory and have since found out a new way to obtain directory information.

-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 an adult name as the first member. Additional members can be adults or students. 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? The county collected information from you in a "PTA Directory" section when you completed your Family File. The county intends to release that information to the PTA in early October in order for us to distribute a 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'

-When is my PTA Membership form due? Please fill out and return your form as soon as possible! It was a busy first week of school, so the official due date for the fall membership drive is being extended until **Friday, September 16.**

-Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to be flexible with new county requirements!

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING: Centennial Lane Elementary PTA will partner with a variety of restaurants in our community to raise funds for our school. Mark these Restaurant Nights on your calendar:

Wednesday, 9/14 at Yogi Castle, from 5:00 to 10:00 (25% of sales go to CLES)

Thursday, 10/20 at Papa Murphy's, all day (20% of sales go to CLES)

Monday, 12/5 at Tino's Italian Bistro, all day, (10% Of sales go to CLES)

*Flyers will be sent home a few days prior to each Restaurant Night as a reminder!
Thank you for your support! Questions? Contact Jessica Esposito at
jesposito13@gmail.com

WALK AND WHEEL WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 5TH CLES PTA Event - Walk & Bike to & from school on Wednesday. A Howard County Police crossing guard will be located at the CLES driveway exit closest to Breconshire Road. Light refreshments for parents in the cafeteria that morning. Please join us!

GIFTED AND TALENTED ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GTAC): The Gifted and Talented Education Program Overview will be held on Monday, October 10th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Hammond High School. All parents are invited to attend a presentation and Q&A session of a comprehensive overview of the G/T Program offerings for elementary, middle, and high school levels.