

# **CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH**

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

## **SEPTEMBER:**

- 09/18** Spring Fair Recap Meeting (address see below)
- 09/20** PTA Meeting at 7pm Media Center
- 09/21** Spirit Wear Forms Due
- 09/21** PTA Membership Forms Due
- 09/21** Dolphin Dash at CLES 6-8pm
- 09/24** Staff Appreciation – Fall Treat

## **OCTOBER:**

- 10/04** DEI Meeting 11-1pm at Tous Les Jours
- 10/05** Movie Night at CLES at 6:30pm
- 10/10** Walk and Wheel Day
- 10/10** PTA Meeting/GT Meeting/It's Academic Meeting 7pm Cafeteria
- 10/16** PTA Meeting at 7pm Media Center
- 10/17** G/T Program from 7-8:30pm at Howard High School
- 10/26** Staff Appreciation – Harvest Treats

## **NOVEMBER:**

- 11/09** Diwali Lunch for Staff provided by DEI Committee
- 11/14** Walk and Wheel Day
- 11/19** Staff Appreciation – Conference Luncheon for Staff

## **UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:**

### **PTA Membership:**

The CLES PTA's annual membership drive is underway!

The CLES PTA provides significant classroom enhancement funding, sponsors assemblies, hosts the Science Fair, coordinates numerous social events including Popsicles on the Playground, the Dolphin Dash, Winter Dance, Spring Fair, and so much more! These programs would not be possible without your support.

PTA Membership forms were sent home last week. Look for the blue form in your child's folder! Please return the form to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, September 21, 2018.

The PTA Membership Form can also be downloaded from the CLES PTA website under Forms at <http://www.clespta.org/forms.html>.

Questions about membership? Contact Tasmia Haider at [tasmiahaider@gmail.com](mailto:tasmiahaider@gmail.com) or 410-412-4420.

### **Spirit Wear:**

Spirit Wear is here and ready for order! Order forms went home Friday so make sure you're checking folders! There is something for everyone...long sleeve, short sleeve, sweatshirts, red for spring fair Fridays and tie dye for tie dye spirit day in the spring. Order by Sept 21!

### **Dolphin Dash**

Bring your family to the CLES PTA's Dolphin Dash on Friday, September 21st from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on the blacktop and field behind the school for our annual back-to-school event. Students will gather by grade level for the fun run (kindergarteners go first!). Dancing with music from the DJ, free ice cream and a free glow stick will be offered later in the evening. The event is a great opportunity to reunite with friends and make new friendships! See you at the Dash!

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:**

Thursday October 4, 2018 - 11am - 1 pm Open DEI meeting at Tous Les Jours 9380 Baltimore National Pike #111, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Please consider joining us for an informal gathering of the CLES Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee. Hear about programming that we have planned for this year and offer new suggestions for the committee. All members of the CLES community are welcome. Note: Our next meeting will take place in the evening.

Friday November 9, 2018 - Diwali Lunch

The Diversity Equity and Inclusion committee will again be serving lunch to the administration and staff at CLES to celebrate Diwali. Email [DiversityCLES@gmail.com](mailto:DiversityCLES@gmail.com) to get involved

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](mailto:DiversityCLES@gmail.com) if interested.

### **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](mailto:CLESWelcome@gmail.com) if interested

### **Spring Fair Meeting:**

There will be a Spring Fair Recap meeting at Elizabeth Graff's house on Tuesday September 18th at 10am (3995 White Rose Way) All are welcome to attend this meeting! If you would like to hear the recap, are interested in how the fair runs or if you would like to know what Fair Volunteer opportunities are available this year, please feel free to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Graff at [Elizabeth.h.graff@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.h.graff@gmail.com)

### **Movie Night:**

Movie Night: All CLES Students and their families are invited to join the CLES PTA on Friday, October 5th evening for an outdoor movie. The PTA will set up a big screen on the blacktop in the back of the school and provide complimentary popcorn & glow sticks (limited quantities)! Seating opens at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m.

### **Howard County Gifted and Talented Program Parent Academy.**

HCPSS families interested in the Gifted and Talented (G/T) program are invited to attend and learn about a comprehensive overview of the G/T Program offerings at the elementary, middle, and high school level.

Date: Wednesday, October 17th  
Time: 7-8:30 PM

Place: Howard High School, 8700 Old Annapolis Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

**Staff Appreciation:**

In Oct, we will celebrate the fall season with Harvest Treats for the staff. A sign-up link will be sent out next month asking for families to donate some of their favorite fall treats for the staff to enjoy.

**PTA Bylaws:**

Are you interested in learning the ins and outs of your PTA? You can now find our bylaws on the PTA website under the forms tab. <http://clespta.org/index.html>

**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.

**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](mailto:megankbenedict@yahoo.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 October 2018  
Please email Joy Fishman [mjfishman@gmail.com](mailto:mjfishman@gmail.com) with any newsletter submissions\**