

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

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

OCTOBER:

- 10/01** **Green Committee Meeting at 7pm in Media Center**
- 10/04** **DEI Meeting 11-1pm at Tous Les Jours**
- 10/04** **Last Day to Order 5th Grade T-Shirts**
- 10/05-10/12** **Coat Drive**
- 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 in Media Center**
- 10/17** **G/T Program from 7-8:30pm at Howard High School**
- 10/24** **Squisito Restaurant Night 4pm-9pm**
- 10/26** **Staff Appreciation – Harvest Treats**

NOVEMBER:

- 11/09** **Diwali Lunch for Staff provided by DEI Committee**
- 11/13** **PTA Meeting at 7pm in Media Center**
- 11/14** **Walk and Wheel Day**
- 11/15** **Gobble, Gobble, Give – Thanksgiving Baskets**
- 11/19** **Staff Appreciation – Conference Luncheon for Staff**

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

PTA Membership:

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Help your child's school and become a member of the PTA today!

The CLES PTA Membership form due date has been extended to October 5, 2018! Don't miss your last chance to sign up for membership and receive a copy of this year's student directory.

The Membership form with the updated due date went home this week to only the youngest and only child of each CLES family. Look for a blue form in your child's folder. If you do not have the form, the "PTA Membership Form" can also be downloaded from the CLES PTA website under Forms at <http://www.clespta.org/forms.html>.

Please return the form and the membership fee in an envelope marked "Membership" to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, October 5, 2018.

Questions about membership? Contact Tasmia Haider at clespta2ndvp@gmail.com or 410-412-4420.

PTA Meeting:

A General PTA Meeting will be held in the Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 10th at 7pm. The PTA Budget will be presented for approval and ALL PTA members are invited to vote. These are largely your dollars at work so please plan to attend! If you are not already a PTA member, a membership form is available at clespta.org. There will also be a presentation on the GT and It's Academic programs.

Fifth Grade T-Shirt:

The Deadline of 5th grade signature T-shirt campaign and order is Thursday, Oct 4th. The winner of the campaign design will receive a free T-shirt. Thank you for supporting the 5th grade team! Any questions, call Yi Lee @ 443-252-2354 or email: xdoslee@gmail.com

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 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 if interested.

Coat Drive:

SHARE THE WARMTH!!! - PTA sponsored winter coat drive (Oct. 5th-12th) - Please remember those in our own community and donate any winter wear you have in your closets that you no longer need. We will be accepting coats, gloves, hats and scarves. All items must be freshly laundered and in wearable condition. Boxes will be marked in the front lobby for students and parents during the school day and will also be placed outside of the school after school hours as well. Items will be collected October 5th-12th. Boxes will also be available at the PTA sponsored movie night on Friday, October 5th. Please feel free to contact Jen Kim (jenandgeoffkim@gmail.com) or Tracy Herzberger (tdherz@verizon.net) with any questions or concerns. Thank you for helping to keep people warm this winter and making our coat drive a success!

Restaurant Night:

Please join us for our next Restaurant Night at Squisito on October 24th from 4pm-9pm. Squisito has tons of excellent pizza, pasta and salad options and a portion of the proceeds will come directly back to support programs at CLES! It's a win-win!

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

Green Committee:

Please join the Green Committee on Monday, October 1st at 7pm in the Media Center for our first meeting of the year. We will be discussing our plans for this year and will

have many ways for parents [and students] to get involved. Not a member? Not a problem! All are welcome! Please email Megan Benedict with any questions, clesgreencommittee@gmail.com

Kindergarten Volunteering:

Kindergarten Parents: Please consider volunteering to help our students during their school day. Use this link to sign up for an open volunteer time slot: <https://tinyurl.com/cleskindergarten18> If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher or email Christine Fritz at christinecfritz@yahoo.com.

Movie Night:

Movie Night - Please join your CLES PTA on Friday, October 5th evening on the blacktop behind the school for an outdoor movie! Bring your own chair or blanket, and relax under the stars for a fun and free evening. The PTA will provide free popcorn! Movie selection will be announced on Tuesday, October 2nd. If you have any questions or want to volunteer at this event, please email Christine Fritz at christinecfritz@yahoo.com.

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 later this 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

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 October 26 2018*

*Please email Joy Fishman mjfishman@gmail.com with any newsletter submissions**