

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

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

October 26, 2017

OCTOBER:

- 10/27 Orders due for 5th Grade T-Shirts
10/31 Halloween Parade – 2 p.m. CLES Field

NOVEMBER:

- 11/1 Walk and Wheel Day
11/3 Last Day to Order Spirit Wear
11/7 G&T Meeting on College Admissions 6 p.m. at Howard High
11/8 PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. – CLES Media Center (All are welcome)
11/10 Reflections Deadline
11/13-17 American Education Week
11/14 Coffee with the PTA from 10:15-11:15 a.m.
11/16 Thanksgiving Day Baskets from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
11/16 Spirit Day – Favorite Sports Team Day

DECEMBER:

- 12/13 PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. – CLES Media Center (All are welcome)
12/22 Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater Day and PJ Day

MARCH:

- 3/16 Science Fair – BMMS at 6-8pm

Any new information will be in color. Information from previous newsletters will be in black

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

Reflections:

Happy Fall from the Reflections Committee -
Please do not forget to turn in your child's artwork by November 10, 2017.

Everyone will receive a certificate and a category ribbon just for participating!! Other awards include medals, checks up to \$75 for state level winners, scholarships up to \$800 for national winners, and much more! Just imagine what could be WITHIN REACH, and let your masterpiece come to life, there's nothing to lose, but much to gain!

"**Reflections**, a nationwide Arts recognition and achievement program, is back again: While reflecting on this year's theme **Within Reach**, choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or short story, compose a song, take a picture, or create a piece of visual art and tell us your interpretation of the theme. The deadline for submission is November 10, 2017. More information and entry forms will be sent home soon, as well as made available on the PTA website - Can't wait to see what, or who, is **Within** your **Reach!**"

Submission Form: <http://www.clespta.org/style/forms/form17.pdf>
Rules: <http://www.clespta.org/style/forms/officialrules17.pdf>

Spirit Wear:

Spirit Wear is here and ready for order! 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 today!" Website: <https://cles2017.itemorder.com/sale>

Fifth Grade T-shirts - Updated information!!!:

Attention 5th Grade Parents!

The order forms for **5th grade signature t-shirts** are due on Friday, October 27. **Please take a moment to fill out the form - whether you would like to order one or not.** This is very important because we want to make sure that every student who would like a shirt is included in the order. Once the order is placed, we cannot get additional shirts due to the custom nature of the shirt. Less than half of the students have returned their forms at this point. Please return the forms as soon as possible. Once we have all the forms, we can place the order and the students can begin wearing their custom t-shirts!!!

What is the 5th grade signature shirt?

This year's shirt will be a royal blue/light blue twist tie dye shirt. On the front will be a logo designed by a student that includes a dolphin, CLES/Centennial Lane, and the year 2018 or '18. The student who designs the winning logo will win a free shirt! On the back will be a large "Class of 18" with every student's signature within the numbers 1 and 8. This is a wonderful keepsake!

While it is not required to purchase a shirt, this shirt is often worn by the 5th grade students throughout the year at such events as the winter dance, field trips, the 5th grade photo in the spring, and at the end of year picnic/fun day.

The t-shirt samples are in Mrs. Manlove's classroom and were shown to the students during lunch. These shirts are from a different company than the spirit wear. The Youth Large measures approximately 17.5" wide x 23" long. The Adult Small measures approximately 16.5" wide x 27" long. Hopefully this will assist you with sizing decisions. If you already sent in your form and need to make a change, please email mr Ritter99@netzero.net.

Both the order form (with a color image of the shirt) and the logo design information can be accessed at CLESPTA.org under the "Forms" tab.

Any questions?

Contact Maureen Ritter at mr Ritter99@netzero.net

Parent Academy on College Admissions:

The Howard County Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee will host a Parent Academy on College Admissions. All are welcome to attend. November 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Howard High School.

Coffee with the PTA:

Are you interested in getting more involved with the CLES PTA? Are you interested in knowing what volunteer opportunities are available this year? Please join us Tuesday November 14th at 10:15-11:15 in the Media Center to discuss volunteer positions available, or we will just be able to talk about what the PTA does. It is during American Education week, so stop by while you are already at the school! There will be coffee and donuts! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer but can't make the meeting, please contact Elizabeth Graff at Elizabeth.h.graff@gmail.com

Gobble Gobble Give! - Thanksgiving baskets:

Each grade will be assigned a food item (list following) to contribute to the Thanksgiving baskets, which will be going to those in need in our community to help celebrate Thanksgiving. Bring the food item(s) and join us in the CLES cafeteria on Thursday, November 16 to help assemble the baskets. Children will also have an opportunity to share what they're thankful for on the Thankful Tree as well as make cards to add to the baskets and to give to their teachers. This is a great opportunity to get involved as a

family and work alongside other CLES families! If you'd like to contribute but cannot attend Gobble Gobble Give, we will also be collecting items that week (**from 13th-16th**) leading up to the event. Look for the boxes in the front lobby. Thank you for helping to make this event a success! Please feel free to contact Renae Kurc (rdkurc@yahoo.com) or Jen Kim (jenandgeoffkim@gmail.com) with any questions.

Kindergarten - Canned Green Beans & Corn

1st - Stuffing and Gravy

2nd - Cranberry & apple sauce

3rd - Pie Crust (box mix) & Canned pie filling

4th - Boxed Muffin & Bread Mix

5th - Instant Potatoes & sweet Potatoes (canned)

PTA Membership:

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. Each member family will receive a school directory. We will print only the number of directories needed, so be sure to send your membership form to school with your child as soon as possible! The form can be found on the CLES PTA website under the "Forms" tab. Questions? Email Maureen Ritter at mr Ritter99@netzero.net

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

Giant A+ Program

The Giant A+ program is a quick and easy way for us to earn free CASH! Once you are registered, CLES earns CASH every time you use your card. To register: Visit www.giantfood.com and select Savings & Rewards. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You will need your 12 digit Giant Card number and our School ID (00990). We have also sent a flyer home this week if you would prefer us to register for you. Please email Mary McDonald (gcbuilder@verizon.net) with any questions.

CLES PTA Collects Box Tops!

Each Box Top that is submitted to the CLES PTA earns ten cents and all those tops add up. Our school collected over \$1,000 in Box Tops last year alone. Collection sheets and collection baggies with more information will be sent home this week.

Coupons for Box Tops participants as well as a complete list of Box Tops contributors can be found at www.BoxTops4Education.com. If you have any questions, please email Mary McDonald at gcbuilder@verizon.net. Thank you!

Science Fair - Friday, March 16th - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at BMMS - CLES students present their science projects to the community. Contact CLESScienceFair@gmail.com for more info. Sponsored by the PTA.

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 11/30/2017*

*Please email Joy Fishman mjkfishman@gmail.com by Wednesday 11/29/17 with any newsletter submissions**