

CLES DOLPHIN SPLASH

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

OCTOBER:

10/30 **DEI Meeting from 7-8pm at CLES Media Center**

NOVEMBER:

11/09 **Diwali Lunch for Staff provided by DEI Committee**

11/09 **Reflections Entries Due**

11/13 **PTA Meeting at 7pm in Media Center**

11/14 **Walk and Wheel Day**

11/14 **Crowd Management Training from 10-12pm at Fire and Rescue
Headquarters**

11/15 **Gobble, Gobble, Give Thanksgiving Baskets from 6:30-8pm at CLES**

11/19 **Staff Appreciation – Conference Luncheon for Staff**

DECEMBER:

12/5 **Restaurant Night at Squisito from 4-9pm**

12/13 **PTA Winter Social at 7pm at Glory Days**

UPCOMING PTA EVENT DETAILS and INFO:

Facebook Page:

Centennial Lane Elementary PTA has created its own Facebook Page! Please stop by and “like” our new Facebook Page to help stay in the loop regarding meetings and events!

Gobble, Gobble, Give:

Gobble, Gobble, Give! - Thanksgiving baskets - Thursday, November 15th

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 15 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 12th-15th**) leading up to the event. Look for the boxes in the front lobby. Thank you for helping to make this event a success!

Kindergarten - Canned Green Beans & Corn

1st - Stuffing & Gravy

2nd - Cranberry & Apple Sauce

3rd - Pie Crust (box mix) & Canned Pie Filling

4th - Boxed Muffin & Bread Mix

5th - Instant Potatoes & Canned Sweet Potatoes

Please feel free to contact Tracey Herzberger (tdherz@verizon.net) or Jen Kim (jenandgeoffkim@gmail.com) with any questions.

Reflections:

REFLECTIONS is a national competition involving exploration of Arts in Education where students can choose one (or more) of 6 categories: **Dance, Film, Literature, Music, Photography, and Visual Arts**. Every year a new theme, this year's: **Heroes Around Me**. Entry forms and guidelines were sent home with students recently. Completed Entry Forms and project can be placed in the Reflections box in the school's lobby. Last day to drop off is Friday, **November 9th**. Each participating student gets a certificate and a ribbon. Those moving to the County level will receive a medal (CLES had the highest number of participating kids to make it to County level)!!

Below are all the links you will need - for questions please email: clesreflections@gmail.com.

Who is your superhero??"

Entry Form Template and Reflections General Rules:

<http://clespta.org/reflections.html>

Guidelines For Each Specific Category

<http://mdpta.org/documents/Appendix3RulesSheetsforSixArtsAreas.pdf>

Special Artist Division Rules;

<http://mdpta.org/documents/Appendix4SpecialArtistDivisionRules.pdf>

Safety Committee:

The PTA is looking for volunteers to become certified crowd managers. Volunteers are needed so that CLES is in compliance for events like the Winter Dance and the Spring Fair. All you have to do is attend a two hour training on November 14 from 10am-12pm. Your certification will be good for three years. Please follow the link to sign up:

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Fire-and-Rescue/For-The-Community/Crowd-Manager-Safety-Seminar>

Once training is complete please contact Andrea Stremmel (astremmel@gmail.com) so your name can be added to the list of certified crowd managers.

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

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee:

Next Open DEI Meeting: Tuesday October 30th 7pm - 8 pm CLES Media Center

All parents of the CLES community welcome to attend the next Diversity Equity and Inclusion meeting. We will be discussing programming for the coming year and sharing new ideas.

Friday November 9, 2018 - DEI Community will sponsor a lunch for the CLES staff and teachers celebrating Diwali.

Please contact savithaenner@gmail.com if you are interested in contributing a dish.

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.

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.

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.

Staff Appreciation:

There are two upcoming events for staff appreciation. On Nov 19th, the PTA will be providing lunch for the staff. In Dec, the PTA will be treating the staff with boxes of cookies and other goodies. We will need both bakers and helpers to assemble all the boxes. More information will be sent out later this month.

Walk and Wheel Day:

Walk-n-Wheel Wednesday on November 14th - 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, clesgreencommittee@gmail.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 November 29, 2018
Please email Joy Fishman mjfishman@gmail.com with any newsletter submissions**