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1. PTA/CLES Calendar

September:

- 9/14 Rosh Hashanah-Schools and Offices Closed
- 9/15 PTA Executive Board Meeting – Budget Mtg. – 7pm CLES Media Center
- 9/18 Fall Individual Portraits
- 9/18 Dolphin Dash – 6pm - 8pm CLES Field & Playground Areas
- 9/23 Yom Kippur-Schools and Offices Closed
- 9/29 PTA General Meeting/Gifted & Talented Parent Meeting
- 9/29 Tino's Restaurant Fundraiser – 11am to 10pm

October:

- 10/1 Interim Reports Sent Home
- 10/2 Schools Closed – Professional Learning Day
- 10/7 Walk & Wheel Wednesday
- 10/13 PTA Executive Board Meeting – 7pm CLES Media Center
- 10/15 Movie Night
- 10/16 Schools Closed – Professional Work/MSEA Convention
- 10/30 Schools Close 3 Hrs Early – Professional Work Day

November:

- 11/4 Walk & Wheel Wednesday
- 11/10 PTA Executive Board Meeting – 7pm CLES Media Center
- 11/16-20 American Education Week
- 11/19 Thanksgiving Baskets
- 11/23 Schools Close 3 Hrs Early – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/ 24 Schools Close 3 Hrs Early – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/25 Schools Closed – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/26-27 Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

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2. PTA Membership and Directory Forms – Deadline Extended! – Due Wednesday 9/16: Thank you to the families and Staff who have already joined the CLES PTA this school year. If you missed the deadline, you are in luck! We will continue to collect forms until next Wednesday, September 16th. You may print forms at www.clespta.org. Membership fees are \$10.00 for the first member and \$5.00 for each additional member. If you wish to be included in the school directory, you must complete the form ASAP. The directory is FREE for PTA members, and \$10.00 for non-members. Please send in your form and membership dues in an envelope by next Wednesday! Questions? Please contact Jessica Esposito at jesposito13@gmail.com or 410-292-1003.

3. Dolphin Dash: Friday, September 18 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 christinecritz@yahoo.com

4. Marathon Kids: Exciting Changes this year!!! For the last several years, the PTA Health and Wellness Committee, working with the PE teachers, has sponsored the Marathon Kids program at CLES. This program encourages kids to be active and make healthy food choices. There are some exciting changes to the program this year: 1) Marathon Kids participants will be encouraged to run/walk the equivalent of 4 marathons over the course of the year, and kids are awarded prizes throughout the year after completion of each marathon, and 2) The program will be more structured this year, with kids being part of running clubs, rather than having the program done mostly outside of school.

With this new structure, we are looking for people to serve as coaches for the running clubs. We'll divide the participants into groups so each running club has a manageable number of kids. We can have as many kids register for Marathon Kids as our coaches can accommodate, up to 250 kids total. We are aiming for a kick-off at the Dolphin Dash.

With the new format for the program, we are working out how we will structure it at CLES. If you're interested in being a coach or just have questions, please contact Eileen Singleton (eileenmgs@gmail.com). You don't need to be a runner or have experience coaching, Marathon Kids will provide the structure; you just need a desire to motivate kids to get up, get active, and have fun!

5. Tino's Restaurant Night: Tuesday, September 29th 11am – 10pm - Tino's Italian Bistro off Route 108 (near the Centre Park Giant) will host ONE fundraising day in support of the Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA. Tino's will donate 10% of all proceeds, which include all carry-outs, delivery, dine in, etc. for the entire day (11am-10pm). No flyer is needed. Tino's Italian Bistro, 8775 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045; 410-730-TINO (8466); <http://tinositalianbistro.com>

6. Box Tops For Education: The CLES PTA will once again be collecting Box Tops for Education. We will be collecting them either on collection sheets that will go home soon, or in ziplock bags with your child's name and homeroom teacher listed on the bag. Do whatever is easiest for you, just send them in. Every 10 Box Tops submitted will enter your child's name in a raffle for a \$10 gift card! We will pull 3 winners on October 29th, so submit as many as you can. Please contact Mary McDonald at gcbuilder@verizon.net with any questions. Thank you!

7. FROM THE HEALTH ROOM: *HEARING AND VISION SCREENING- We need your help*

On October 14th all day & November 2nd in the morning, Hearing and Vision Screening will be held for all 4 year old Pre-K students, Kindergarteners not previously screened in PK, 1st grade students and any other students referred by their teacher or parent. If your child wears glasses, please be certain they wear them on screening day. We are in need of 3 volunteers for each half day of screening. Re-screening will be held on November 2nd, during which one volunteer is needed for each half day on that date. The hours will be from 8:45 until 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00 each day. Your assistance is needed to escort children from the classroom to the screening area. Please call the health room at 410-313-1710 if you can help.

8. Market Day: Market Day was a grocery fundraiser that has been at CLES and run by your PTA for many years. Unfortunately, Market Day made the decision to close as of June 27th, 2015. At this time, none of the Market Day products are being offered through any other retailer. It has been a pleasure to be your Market Day volunteer. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at gcbuilder@verizon.net. Thank you all for your support of our Market Day fundraiser! It would not have been as successful as it was for our school without YOU!

9. Girls on the Run: Beginning September 16 through December 9th, all girls in grades 3 - 5 have the opportunity to participate in Girls on the Run (GOTR). GOTR is a program for girls in which they train for a 5k run as well as learn about healthy eating and what they can do be healthy both inside and out. Register at: <http://www.gotrcentralmd.org/get-involved/register-your-girl>! If you have any questions, please contact Cameron Krause at cameroncaudill@gmail.com or 443-472-2182.

10. Annual GT Parent Academy: October 22nd 7-8:30pm at Howard High School. Providing Howard County parents an overview of the GT Education program in the Howard County Public School System

*Newsletter Submissions - Upcoming publications for the fall are: 10/9, 11/6 and 12/4.
Please send submissions to Amy Favinger at clesdolphinsplash@gmail.com & Jennifer Williams at Jennifer_williams@hcpss.org by NOON on Wednesday before publication date.*