Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

September 26 - 6:00-7:30 pm
Fall Family Fun Night

September 30 - October 4
Coat Drive

October 1
Spirit Day

October 2
Walk to School Day

October 10 - 11
Fall Break - No School

October 18
End of 1st Grading Period

October 25
PTO Fall Parties

October 29
Picture Retake Day-AM

November 5
Spirit Day
Vision Screening - Gr 1, 3, 5

November 9 - 11-2
PTO Cherry Blossom Festival

November 11 - 8:30
Veteran's Day Program

November 19-26
Book Fair

November 21 - 4-7 pm
Book Fair Evening Event

November 27-29
Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 23 - January 6, 2020
Winter Break - No School

January 20, 2020
Martin Luther King Day - No School

February 17, 2020
President's Day - No School

April 3 - April 10, 2020
Spring Break - No School

May 28 - 8:30 am
5th Grade Recognition Program

May 28
Last day of School

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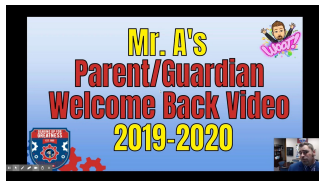|	
~NEW~ **Walk To School Day**	Everyone is invited to participate on **October 2nd** in our Walk to School Day. Click on the <u>flyer</u> to read all about the details.
~NEW~ **News from the Nurse**	As you are getting ready for the fall season and realize that your child has outgrown their sweat pants, leggings and gym shorts, please think of donating them to the nurse's clinic. We are looking specifically for sizes 4-6x. We could also use new packages of children's underwear. Thank you. Angie Mace, RN
~NEW~ **BOOK RENTAL is now DUE**	In an effort to reduce time, money, and paper, parents can now pay their children's textbook rental through a secure website, QuickPay™. With a few simple mouse clicks, parents can view assessed fees, any outstanding balances, and pay for multiple children at Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) in a single transaction. Parents will no longer have to send payments with their children. **How do I use Student QuickPay?** 1. Log in to the Parent Portal 2. Click on **Resources (on the left-hand side) and then Textbook Payment** You can pay online via electronic check, debit card, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.) The school's office will still accept cash, check, or money order payable to **Carmel Clay Schools Bookrental**. *Payments are due by October 31, 2019.*
~NEW~ Hamilton County **Kids Coats**℠	Hamilton County Kids Coats needs new or gently used, <u>clean</u> coats, mittens, gloves, hats and boots for kids. All sizes- Infants to 6XL. Place your donated items in boxes at the entrance of Cherry Tree Elementary September 30th – October 4th. Visit **HERE** for more info & volunteer opportunities.
~NEW~ **Youth Wrestling League**	Carmel USA Wrestling Club is hosting an annual fall program for elementary and middle school aged athletes. **Youth Wrestling League** is for Grades K-4, and **Middle School Preseason Wrestling League** is for Grades 5-8. Participants are placed into separate teams and assigned to individual coaches. Fall Leagues are not only a great place to introduce young student-athletes to the sport of wrestling for the first time, but also an environment even an experienced wrestler can grow and learn. More information and registration can be found here: https://www.carmelusawrestling.org/fall-leagues

~NEW!
Ghost and Goblins

On **October 26th** - that's a Saturday - at 9:00 a.m. in the morning, there's a great activity happening at the high school for all of you who like to run; walk; dress-up in Halloween costumes; and make money for your school. It's the **11th Annual GHOSTS & GOBLINS 5K/2K** held by the Carmel Education Foundation (the people that raise money so our teachers can do neat projects).

This event is for all of you serious runners out there as well as the folks who just like to take it easy and walk. You can go 5K or 2K, and your whole family can join in the fun. You don't have to dress up, but safe costumes are welcome to add to the festivities. It's a scenic tour through the Arts and Design District. There are prizes for the fastest runners and the best costumes, and you get "treated" at a Wellness Fair with snacks at the end.

But wait - maybe the best thing about this event is that, just by participating, you will earn dollars for Cherry Tree! The elementary school in Carmel that gets the most students and staff to sign up will win the "Top Participating School" trophy.

Go online and register at www.CarmelGhostRun.com for the 5k/2k. We look forward to seeing our Cherry Tree friends at this event.

~ INFO~
Back To School Message From Mr. A

Click on the link to listen to a 'welcome back' message from Mr. A! Learn about some of the exciting initiatives going on at Cherry Tree this year!

Family Fun Night TONIGHT!

Fall Family Fun Night is **TONIGHT!** This event is free of charge - bring the whole family! A hot dog tailgate dinner is provided. Enjoy an inflatable obstacle course, football throw, face painting, gaga ball, carnival games, music, free raffle giveaways and more! No RSVP necessary.

Bring your own camping/bag chairs or picnic blanket for seating. The event will be held in the north parking lot/grassy area in front of the 3rd-5th grade playground. Please plan to park in south lot. This is a great way to meet your child's classroom friends and unite as a Cherry Tree community!

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~NEW~ **Casino Themed Adult Night Out - Save the Date!**	Save the date for this year's PTOcasino themed adult night-out! It will be on Thursday, March 12. More information will follow!
~NEW~ **Classroom Fall Parties**	Fall Parties will be on **Friday, October 25th**. This year we will include a service project for each class. If you have questions, reach out to your child's room parent. Happy Fall!
Random Acts of Kindness Committee	*Introducing Random Acts of Kindness: Embracing the joy and spontaneity of giving!* Random Acts of Kindness, a new committee within PTO this year, is fueled by a passion to serve! Our drive is to purposefully invest in the infinite value of our CTE staff who give tirelessly of themselves to the families of Cherry Tree. And we would love your strengths to be a part of this engine! If you have a heart to give and a 30-minute window here or there throughout the year to help with coffee carts, donut deliveries, candygrams, notes of gratitude and other ways that say THANK YOU to the ultimate team of kindness -- the Cherry Tree staff -- we welcome your sincerity, we value your time, and we thank *you!* *Look for more communication about Random Acts of Kindness, and ways to participate, through your 2019-2020 Room Parents and our PTO Website*
~NEW~ **Elf Workshop Volunteers Needed!**	It's Christmas in September and Santa is still looking for many more elves to help with this year's Elf Workshop (December 3-5 from 2:35-3:30 pm). You don't need to be crafty to help. You just need to be willing to work with a little glitter and glue to help students create their holiday masterpiece. We're in particular need of more craft teachers. If interested, please email your name & phone number to CTEElfWorkshop@gmail.com. Please note that volunteers do not have to work each day of Elf. *As an added bonus, they are able to register their student(s) for an Elf Workshop craft before registration opens to the school.* Registration begins next month, so get your name in now!

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~NEW~ Calendar Updates

A working calendar for this school year events has been posted on the PTO website. Please note that dates are subject to change, and we will post updated versions as events are added.

CTE Spiritwear

Online shopping for spirit wear remains open! Now is a great time to get yourself or your students long-sleeve tees or sweatshirts as we are looking forward to the cooler months! Shop www.ctespiritshop.com to show your Patriot Pride this school year.

Box Tops WINNER!

THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS

Mrs Brodbeck's class won the box top competition! Don't forget to keep clipping box tops for our winter competition and keep scanning your receipts to earn box tops digitally!

In addition to clipping Box Tops (View list of participating products **HERE**), you can download the Box Tops for Education app which will scan your receipt and automatically earn cash for our school. (Find out more about the app and download it **HERE**).

At this time the school can earn for both clipped and electronically submitted Box Tops. So keep clipping those Box Tops and scan your receipts!

Cherry Blossom Festival 2019 is BACK

SAVE THE DATE! The 2019 Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 11am-2pm.

This is a great opportunity to help with fundraising while promoting your business is to be a Cherry Blossom Sponsor. If interested, please email cherryblossoomCTE@gmail.com or call Sara Elitriby at 317-514-4494.

We need several parent volunteers to help make the Cherry Blossom Festival a success- email Sara Elitriby at cherryblossomCTEvolunteers@gmail.com if interested in volunteering.

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~NEW~ **Wellness Wednesdays**	Once per month during lunch, thanks to the generosity of Kroger, students will have an opportunity to try a unique fruit or vegetable. Participation is voluntary, but we always invite students to try it out! ** If your child has food allergies, Nurse Angie Mace is aware and will let volunteers know if your child should avoid what is offered.
~NEW~ **Media Center Volunteers Needed!**	Do you enjoy organizing and sorting? Then working in the CTE Media Center is a perfect volunteer opportunity for you! We are especially needing help in the afternoons. If you are interested, please email Melissa Putts at melissaputts@yahoo.com
common sense media	We continue our great efforts at Cherry Tree to raise productive and safe digital citizens! Please see the linked family resource from Common Sense Media. These are great resources! Control Your Phone. Don't Let It Control You
~ INFO~ **Stopit App**	Click on the link for the newest "Stopit App" information. The code to use is **CTECARES**