# Cherry Tree Chatter

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## Upcoming Events at CTE:

**November 17th-30th**
*Scholastic Book Fair*

**November 25th-27th**
*Thanksgiving Break (No School)*

**December 1st**
*Spirit Day*

**December 2nd**
*Late Start ~ 8:35 Tardy Bell*

**December 18th**
*Quarter 2 Ends*

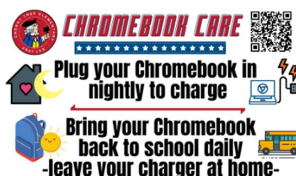**December 21st-January 4th**
*Winter Break (No School)*

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### ~ NEW~
### Charge your Chromebook

**Make sure you charge your chromebook each evening and don't forget to bring your chromebook to school each day!!**

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### Chromebook Care

CHROMEBOOK CARE

Plug your Chromebook in nightly to charge

Bring your Chromebook back to school daily
-leave your charger at home-

Please be advised that students will begin bringing home their Chromebooks each night, starting Monday, November 16th. Chargers should remain at home. A video will be sent out for students and families to review best practices on handling their Chromebooks. We suggest families choose a specific 'home' for their student's Chromebook, where it can be charged and brought back ready for use the next school day.

Please visit the Canvas Parent FAQ Page or Virtual Learning Support websites for additional support.

Please review the below Chromebook FAQ's for more information on how to care for your Chromebook.

Chromebook FAQ's

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| **Inclement Weather Days Info** | With the success of our virtual learning programs' implementation across all grade levels, we plan to replace school closures with Inclement Weather Days. Students will be engaged in approximately 2-3 hours of virtual learning on these designated days. Learning will be asynchronous, meaning students will not follow a schedule along with a teacher or take part in live lessons. Students may complete assignments as time and support allow during the day.<br><br>Teachers will post office hours on their Canvas homepage. Office hours will not begin earlier than 9:00 a.m. During these hours, teachers will be available to answer real-time questions through the inbox feature built into Canvas. Teachers will monitor the Canvas inbox throughout the day during school hours. |
| **Weather Delay Info** | Winter weather is around the corner, so please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our updated procedures. We will still operate with a traditional 2-hour delay when needed to ensure safe transportation in the morning for our students. However, due to the later start times for secondary schools, we will also have a new 1-hr delay schedule as an option.<br><br>Delays will be announced via email, Carmel Clay Schools social media, and the local news. We also recommend receiving emergency communication on your cell phone. However, you must opt-in through our website to begin receiving these texts or calls. |
| **2019-2020 (last year) Yearbooks for Sale** | We have a limited supply of the 2019-2020 yearbooks available for sale.  If you did not purchase a yearbook last year and are interested please send $16.00 (either cash or check made payable to Cherry Tree Elementary) in an envelope with your students first and last name to the front office.  Yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis.<br><br>*Yearbook purchasing information for 2020-2021 will be sent out at the beginning of second semester.* |
| **~ INFO~**<br><br>**Late Start Calendar** | Click on the link below to see calendar dates for late starts.  On late start days school will begin at 8:35 am.  Bus routes will arrive 40 minutes later.  Please log on to your Parent Powerschool Portal for exact pick up times.<br><br>Late Start Calendar Dates<br><br>ESE (Carmel Parks & Recreation Student Enrichment Program) will offer a Late Start Program for all CTE Students.  Pre-registration is required.  Click on the link for registration instructions.<br><br>ESE Late Start Program |

## ~ NEW~
## QPR Training

Register now for our Parent QPR training on 12/1. Question Persuade Respond (QPR) for Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program is a free training to help parents detect and respond to anyone emitting suicide warning signs. For info and registration: https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/student-services/qpr-training-program
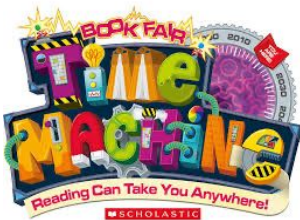
## GRAND-person's update

**Mail your Grandperson a Donut!**
While we will miss sharing a donut in person with our Special Grandperson's this year, we found a way to safely send them a donut! A donut card came home earlier this week with your child that he/she can decorate and mail to their Grandperson's! It will also share pertinent information about the virtual CTE Book Fair that runs **November 17th-30th**. Grandperson's and books - that's a winning combination!

## Scholastic Book Fair

Do your kids seem to have a little extra TIME on their hands in 2020?! Would your family like to be TRANSPORTED to another year?! Want to ESCAPE with a good book?! You are in luck! The 2020 Scholastic Book Fair is going completely ONLINE to accommodate our CTE families this year! From **NOVEMBER 17th-30th**, discover new books with your kids. We have some fun activities planned in conjunction with the Book Fair. So get ready! There's no better TIME to READ, so let's hop in our TIME MACHINES and let our imaginations TRAVEL to new adventures!

Check out our Scholastic Cherry Tree Elementary site at
https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cherrytreeelementaryschool .

**Online shopping started 11/17.**
Every purchase supports our school's Media Center!

*Free shipping for book orders over $25. All books will be delivered straight to your door.

## ~ NEW~
## Staff Profiles

The PTO knows that as the holiday season approaches, families think about ways to show appreciation for our fantastic Cherry Tree staff members. We have posted a list of their favorite stores, restaurants, hobbies, and more. This "My Favorite Things" can be found on the PTO site.
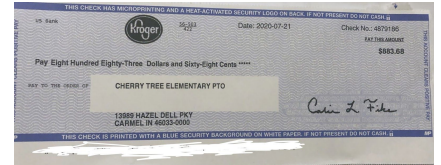
## Easy Ways to Support Cherry Tree

As we enter *holiday shopping season*, make sure you link your Amazon account to Cherry Tree Elementary! Login to your Amazon account > Under Accounts & Lists > Choose Your AmazonSmile. For every purchase you make Amazon donates a percentage to Cherry Tree!

Thinking about *Thanksgiving* meal prep? Kroger has a community rewards program as well! Login in to your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add Cherry Tree from the list of organizations. Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.

Pictured is an image of a check we received from Kroger Community Rewards in July totalling $883.68! In October of this year we received another check for $783.26! Linking your cards only takes minutes and the rewards are great!!

## November Wellness Week

Check out the Wellness Week November challenge & get your student entered to win a prize! The challenge is sure to make your Thanksgiving table a holiday hit! ENTER HERE!

## Wednesday Bakers

Winter break is very near,
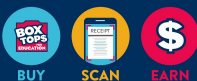so let's spread some holiday cheer!

Sign-Up to be a Wednesday baker,
whip-up 2-dozen goodies with sweet flavor.

Individually wrap those bundles of yum,
and our CTE staff will not leave a crumb!

Sign-Up to bring 2-dozen individually wrapped homemade or store-bought goodies to support CTE Staff.

## Box Tops

If you haven't, please download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. *If you are struggling to remember to scan your receipts, go to the communication settings under your account and set up scan reminders, you can customize them to match your shopping routine!*

You can view a list of participating products here:
https://www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page

Your earnings may seem small but together they add up and help the PTO support our Cherry Tree teachers and students!

## Spirit Wear for Gift Lists!

It's Gift List Time!
Don't forget CTE spirit wear when thinking of your kids or ideas for the grandparents!

Check out www.ctespiritshop.com for long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirt and even adult styles!

## POPs Wants YOU!

**POPS** is an energetic group of male parents/guardians that plan, support and volunteer at various CTE and PTO events throughout the year. It's flexible and fun - all are welcome and no cost to join!

Email David Glenn with questions or to sign up at dglenniu@gmail.com.
Don't forget: you must have a criminal history check (CHC) on file *A link to the online CHC application and more information can be found on the CTE PTO website at https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-cte/volunteer.*

## ~ INFO~
## Media Center Volunteers Needed

Hello all parents of Patriots!! Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity at school this year? The media center is looking for volunteers to help the kids and Mrs Lima. Volunteer hours for the morning are either 8 -10am or 9 -11am. Our greatest need will be in the afternoon from 11:40-1:40pm when the kindergartners and first graders will be in the Media Center.

For more info you can email Melissa Putts at melissaputts@yahoo.com, Megan Droste at medroste@gmail.com or simply click on the google form to submit your request to volunteer. Thank you!

## Treasurer's Report

Learn more about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE by visiting the PTO's budget documents on our website. The monthly report can be found HERE under the Treasury Summaries.

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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

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## ~ INFO~
## Stopit App

Click on the link for the newest "Stopit App" information. The code to use is **CTECARES**

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## ~ INFO~
## Carpool

All thank you for your work in making carpool efficient and safe! You can reference the procedures here:

Morning

Afternoon

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## ~ INFO~
## CCS Covid Page

**Find all CCS Covid information HERE**

**CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS**
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

**Please ask yourself these 4 screener questions:**

1) In the last 24 hours have you had a fever or chills and/or taken medication for a fever? (If you are unsure, please utilize a thermometer for an accurate reading. A temperature of 100.4 or higher constitutes a fever according to medical professionals)

2) Do you have COVID-19 symptoms such as new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, sore throat, diarrhea/vomiting, or loss of taste or smell?

3) In the past 14 days have you been in close contact (was within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes without protective equipment) with a person known/suspected to have COVID-19 and/or have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?

4) Have you or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19 and are still awaiting test results?

**If the answer to question #4 is YES---Please do not send your student(s) to school.**
**If you or anyone in your household is being tested or waiting on results, your student MUST quarantine until results are received.**

**~ NEW~**
**4-H Exploration Night**



4-H is an experiential program for youth in grades 3-12 (mini 4-H for grades K-2) that is delivered by Purdue University Cooperative Extension. 4-H stresses "Learning by Doing" and cultivating life skills such as cooperation, leadership, decision-making, and responsibility through hands-on projects in over 60 different subject areas. 4-H welcomes young people of all beliefs and backgrounds while giving youth a voice to express who they are and how they can make their lives and communities better. Nearly 1,800 youth from Hamilton County are currently involved in 4-H and close to six million kids and teens worldwide and that is because 4-H has pivoted and adapted to today's changing world by providing a platform to promote individual growth by learning, doing and engaging."

Explore 4-H at one of 2 different events at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. To register https://bit.ly/4HExplorationHamCo  or to learn more about 4-H puext.in/hamco4h.

4-H Exploration Night-Explore the gift of 4 -H

 Register at https://bit.ly/4HExplorationHamCo

December 2, 2020

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  (come anytime)