



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

March 8th-19th

I-Read 3 Testing Window (3rd Grade Only)

March 8th-12th

Food Service Appreciation Week

March 10th

Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

March 12th

End of 3rd Quarter

March 17th

Wednesday Bakers

March 19th

Last Day to Order a Yearbook

March 24th

Late Start-School Begins at 8:30 am

March 30th

Spring Pictures-see below for info

April 2nd-April 9th

Spring Break-No School

April 15th

Spring Trivia Night Fundraiser-6:30pm

~ NEW ~



Mrs. Pertile, School Nurse

All, please welcome Mrs. Pertile to CTE! Mrs. Pertile will begin at CTE on 3/22. You can learn more about Mrs. Pertile below.

Hello! My name is Ashley Pertile. I grew up in Martinsville, Indiana and graduated from DePauw University in 2003. I played volleyball at DePauw and I am a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. My husband, John (a Carmel grad), and I were married in 2010 and lived in Broad Ripple. I went back to school for nursing at Marian University and began my nursing career in the NICU at Community North Hospital in 2013. I also worked as a nurse at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana before becoming a school nurse for Ascension/St. Vincent. As a school nurse, I have worked at Guerin Catholic High School, where I also coached volleyball, and at Zionsville High School. We currently live in Carmel and have two children at Cherry Tree, Jude (2nd grade) and Claire (kindergarten). I am very excited to be at Cherry Tree and looking forward to getting to know more of the CTE community!

~ NEW ~

Extra Masks



Please make sure that your student has an extra mask or two in their backpacks everyday. The front office is running low on replacement masks.

~ NEW ~
**5th Grade
Music Classes**



**Headphones
Needed**

Attention all 5th Graders!

Please see the below message from Mrs. Moody:

Hi parents,
This is Mrs. Moody the music teacher at CTE and I am preparing for my upcoming maternity leave. With the substitute they will be bringing their Chromebooks to music class and need a pair of headphones. So please make sure your child has a pair that they keep in their desk at school and can bring to class.
Thank you!
Mrs. Moody

~ NEW ~
**Spring Pup
Running**



Attention 4th & 5th Graders:

Spring Pup Running registration is open! Register before April 1st.

There will be 3 Meets at Northview Church. The spring season will be a Cross Country season. No practices after school will be scheduled. Runners will practice independently or with a Parent-Led pack. Please click on the link below for registration information.

[Pup Running Info Letter](#)

~ NEW ~
**Girls on the
Run**



Girls on the Run teams are now forming!

Give your girl the opportunity to connect, grow and thrive. Girls on the Run establishes lifelong healthy habits and installs critical social-emotional skills at a time when girls need it the most. Girls on the Run is more than a running program it combines both social-emotional learning and physical activity. Practices begin March 15th.

Click on the link for more information or to register.

[GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION](#)

~ NEW ~
**BUY YOUR
Yearbook**

Yearbook Orders are due Friday, March 19, 2021

It's time to order your 2020-2021 Yearbook. Order forms will go home with students on Friday, 1/8/21. You can order using the form or you can order online.

To order online click on the link <https://inter-state.com/yearbook> and use code 53209Z. Cost for the yearbook is \$16.00. Checks should be made payable Inter-State Studio.

Please order before March 19, 2021.

~ NEW ~
**Spring Picture
Day**



SPRING PICTURE DAY: TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

Spring Picture Day is coming up on Tuesday, March 30th! Only those students who preorder will be photographed.

Order online at <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry>. The order code is 57563CF.

Paper order forms will not be sent home. If you would like your student's picture taken, please make sure to order online prior to picture day.

~ NEW ~
**Message for
incoming Clay
6th Graders
from the Clay
PTO**



Hello future Clay 6th Grade families and welcome to Clay Nation!

We are so excited for your family to join us at Clay Middle School next year. We know that moving to a new school (especially during a pandemic) can be overwhelming, so we wanted to take a minute to introduce the Clay Middle School PTO and share some information about a few things you can do to get ready to join Clay.

When your child attends Clay Middle School, you are automatically a member of the PTO. Our goal is to support the teachers, staff, and students, so our school can be an exciting and fantastic place for our kids to learn and grow.

Stay in the Know

Sign up for the Clay PTO Newsletter [here](#). This newsletter is sent monthly to share what's happening at Clay. We will include you on the list after the 20-21 school year, beginning in August 2021. In the same form, you can share what volunteer role(s) you are interested in within the school. We'd love to have your help!

Like and Follow-Here are a few social media handles to follow to get started:

- [Clay PTO on Twitter](#)
- [Clay Middle School on Twitter](#)
- [Clay PTO on Facebook](#)

Gear up! Spirit Wear until March 17

We are selling spirit wear for our newest Clay Middle School students through March 17th. We will deliver it to your home school for your 5th grader before spring break. Order [here](#).

In the meantime, if there is anything we can do, information we can provide, or anyway we can help, please reach out to us at claypto.16@gmail.com. We are happy to try to answer your questions from a parent perspective or direct you to the right place.

Have a great rest of the school year!
Clay Middle School PTO Executive Board

~ INFO ~

**Kindergarten
Registration
Begins January 19th!**



Carmel Clay Schools' kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year will be available beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Students must be at least five years old by August 1, 2021, to start kindergarten in August 2021.

When registering children, parents/guardians will need an official birth certificate (not a hospital record) and proof of residency. Proof of residency consists of a rental agreement, purchase agreement, closing documents or deed, and a utility (electric or gas) statement. Please note that immunization records must be submitted to the school by the first day of instruction. Those records may also be scanned and uploaded online, dropped off at the school, or sent by a doctor's office.

Specific questions regarding kindergarten registration and programming should be directed to your child's school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to have students enrolled by Friday, March 5, 2021.

Our new registration site and instructions will be available via the [Carmel Clay Schools' website](#), starting Tuesday, January 19.

~ INFO ~
Carpool



New Year Reminder!

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

[Morning](#)

[Afternoon](#)

~ INFO ~



**Late Start
Calendar**

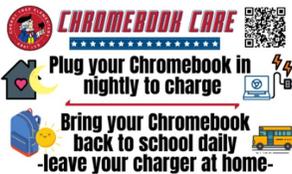
Click on the link below to see calendar dates for late starts. On late start days school will begin at 8:35 am. Bus routes will arrive 40 minutes later. Please log on to your [Parent Powerschool Portal](#) for exact pick up times.

[Late Start Calendar Dates](#)

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.

[ESE Late Start Program](#)

**Chromebook
Care**



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

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](#)

**Parents'
Virtual Trivia
Night**



**Time to get your tickets for the
2021 Parents Night "Out" Virtual Trivia Night!**

Thursday, April 15 | 6:30pm

Click the link for Tickets and Event Sponsorship opportunities:

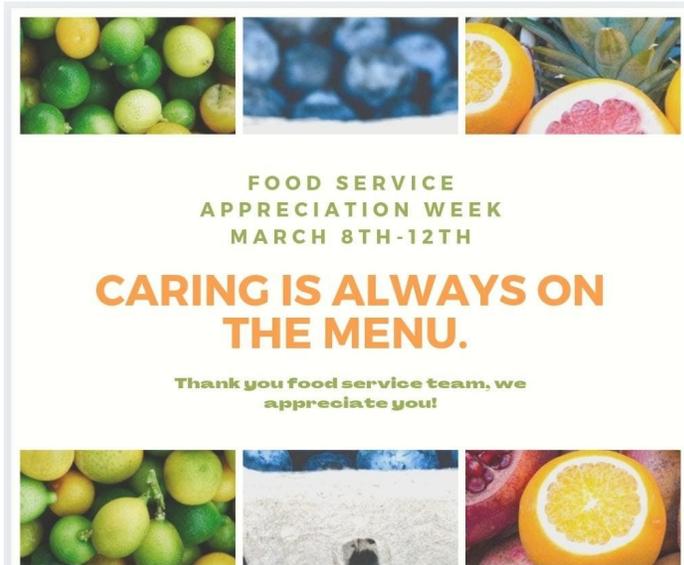
<http://qtego.net/qlink/cherrytreeschool>

Committee Callout: If you'd like to join a committee, please email

CTEFundraiser@gmail.com

Full Details at the end of Chatter!

**Food Service
Appreciation
Week
March 8-12th**



**Parents and
Pastries
at home**



Mark your calendars for Parents and Pastries *at Home* **Wednesday, March 10.**

Since we cannot join our kids at school this year, we want to encourage you to have a planned, sit-down breakfast together at home on Wednesday, March 10 (a late start day).

Sprouts Cooking School has provided us with a fun recipe to try (click [here](#) to download).

Please share a photo and use the hashtag **#ctefamilybreakfast2021**

**LEGO Club
Challenges
Week 5 & 6**



This week's virtual Lego Club Challenge is to build a Lego pet. (Your pet can be modeled after a real or imaginary one - get creative!) This challenge begins Monday, March 1st and ends Sunday, March 7th.

Please send an image of your creation to cteptopatriotlegoclub@gmail.com by 5:00 pm March 7th and include the name and teacher of your builder(s). By sending in a picture, you grant permission for the PTO to share this image on its social media channels, in the Chatter, PTO website, or other avenues.

Next Week's Challenge is to build a maze out of Legos. Can you roll a marble through it?! This challenge begins Monday, March 8th and ends Sunday, March 14th. Please send an image of your creation to cteptopatriotlegoclub@gmail.com by 5:00 pm March 14th and include the name and teacher of your builder(s).

At the end of March, one builder (or team of builders) will be randomly selected to win a \$25 gift card to the Lego Store! Ready, Set, Build! (If you won in February, you may not win in March. Still send your pictures in, though! We love to see what you can build!)

Congrats to Olyvia W. in Mrs. Rice's class for winning the February Challenge!

Wellness Week



Craft a kite & get your student entered to win a \$25 gift card to MICHAEL'S!
[ENTER HERE!](#)

Box Tops



Thank you to those that sent in Box Tops! Remember, Box Tops is moving away from the old clipped Box Tops so 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 our 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>

We received \$342 from Box Tops from the first semester. We would love to exceed that amount for the second semester so please download the app and scan those receipts. It's an incredibly easy way to help support our Cherry Tree teachers and students!

Spirit Shop Still Open!



There is plenty of inventory left and even some styles on sale! Spirit items make great gifts for birthdays or incoming Kindergarteners!

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

Small Business Owner?



We'd love to hear from our Cherry Tree families who own businesses so we can connect with you about opportunities with the Parents Night Out Event and more!

Complete this form to share with us about your local business.

<https://forms.gle/Pnjbxq6xY5zR6ubX6orms.gle>

Easy Ways to Support Cherry Tree



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!

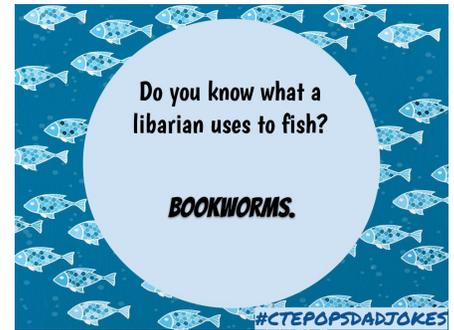
Kroger has a community rewards program as well! Login in to your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add Cherry Tree from the list of organizations. Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.

In October of this year we received another check for **\$783.26!** Linking your cards only takes minutes and the rewards are great!!

POPs Wants YOU!

Introducing **DAD JOKES** from our CTE POPS! We hope this fun weekly share brings a smile to your face!

Interested in hearing more about joining our amazing group of Patriot Dads? Email David Glenn with questions or to sign up at dglenniu@gmail.com.



~ INFO ~ Media Center Volunteers Needed



Hello all parents of Patriots!! Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity at school second semester? 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! *Background check required*

Carmel Tree Plenish Project



Eastern Redbud Eastern White Pine Tulip Poplar

Get a Tree Planted in Your Yard for Only \$5!

We will Deliver & Plant the Trees or you can Pick them up on April 17th
Order as Many Trees as You Would Like

Help offset CHS's use of 12.3 Million Sheets of Paper Each Year!

Carmel's Tree-Plenish Project is the #1 Largest in the Nation!

Request Tree(s) before March 17th!
<https://www.tree-plenishevents.org/carmel>



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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.



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!

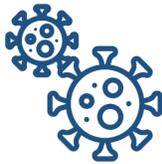
[Control Your Phone. Don't Let It Control You](#)

Find all CCS Covid information [HERE](#)



**CARMEL CLAY
SCHOOLS**
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

~ INFO ~
**CCS Covid
Page**



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.**

~ INFO ~
Stopit App

Click on the [link](#) for the newest "Stopit App" information. The code to use is **CTECARES**

TICKET SALES NOW OPEN!

CHERRY TREE PTO PRESENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT "OUT"

virtual TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, April 15 | 6:30 pm

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT TO HELP RAISE FUNDS THAT DIRECTLY SUPPORT OUR VALUABLE TEACHERS & SCHOOL-WIDE PROGRAMS!

TICKETS:

- Parent Team (4-10 people) \$250
- Individual Tickets \$40
- Teacher Team (4-10 people) Free
(Paid for by our sponsors)

Team tickets include a team SWAG BAG! Dropped off to team captain's house prior to the event

Team members do NOT need to be at the same location for the event. We will use virtual breakout rooms.

Individual tickets will be placed on a virtual team.

TICKET LINK:

[HTTP://QTEGO.NET/QLINK/CHERRYTREESCHOOL](http://qtego.net/qlink/cherrytreeschool)

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR SPONSORSHIP & PRIZE GIVEAWAY INFORMATION!

For more information, email CTEFundraiser@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

Event Sponsorship \$500

Includes a Trivia Team (4-10 people) OR Sponsor a Teacher Team
Team swag bag

Sponsor logo featured on event website, social media, school wide newsletters, and trivia host's virtual background.

Ability to add business promo items/goodies with your company info/logo for the team swag bags.

Event + Trivia Round Sponsorship \$1,000

Only 4 Trivia Round Sponsors available. Will receive all items listed above as the event sponsor in addition to acknowledgment during the round as sponsoring the round by our event host.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPONSORING,
EMAIL CTEFUNDRAISER@GMAIL.COM

PRIZE GIVEAWAY

There will be prize giveaway opportunities after each Trivia Round including great school excitement packages and items donated from the community!

To purchase tickets in advance or to see the auction items, visit:

[HTTP://QTEGO.NET/QLINK/CHERRYTREESCHOOL](http://qtego.net/qlink/cherrytreeschool)

If you are interested in donating items, please email CTEFundraiser@gmail.com