



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE

February 4th

Last Day to Register for Science Fair

February 7th-11th

National School Counseling Week

February 9th

Late Start

February 10th

5th Grade Valentine's Day Class Parties

February 11th

K-4th Grade Valentine's Day Class Parties

February 16th

Wellness Wednesday

February 16th & 17th

Science & Engineering Fair

February 16th & 17th

Marco's Pizza Dine for Dollars

February 21st

President's Day - No Classes

Important Carpool Information!



With the potential for winter weather, please remember: Car rider drop off starts each morning at 7:15 a.m.; the tardy bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Ideally, we welcome students into the building by 7:40 a.m. to allow them to be in class for a 7:45 a.m. start. The end of the day dismissal begins at 2:25 p.m. daily.





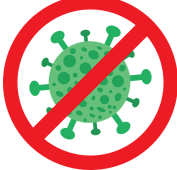



A new city ordinance now restricts using neighborhood streets near school property as a school drop off alternative. This can cause traffic congestion and the potential for unsafe traffic movement around children where there is no additional supervision off school property. If you are using a car to get children to/from school, please follow the procedure to bring them in/pick up on school property in the lot to the east of the school/facing Hazel Dell Pkwy.






We do our best each day to keep the line moving in an efficient way. You can help by having students ready to exit the car upon arrival, pulling all the way down in the morning to allow more cars to drop off and by having all students exit the passenger side of the car for safety. Thank you for your partnership in helping us welcome and safely deliver home 700+ students each day.


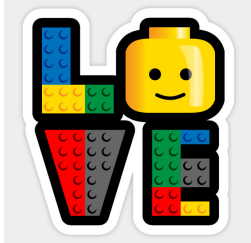
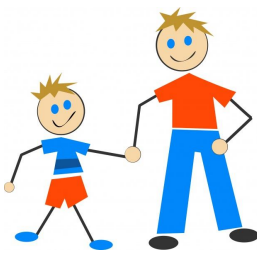

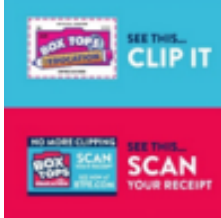
Bikers & Walkers





Please remember that students who walk or ride their bikes to school will not be able to enter the building until 7:35 a.m. With the colder, darker mornings we want to make sure that children are not standing outside for long periods of time. **Thanks so much for helping keep our CTE kids safe!**

<p>Reminder for Bus Riders</p> 	<p>Due to reduced bus routes and seats, students are not allowed to ride the bus home with a friend. It is recommended if students are getting together after school that they be picked up in the car rider line or dropped off directly at their friend's house by a parent/guardian.</p>
<p>Mask Reminder</p> 	<p>Please send your child(ren) to school with a mask and if you can, pack one or two extra in their backpack(s). We do have extras available in the office but our supply is dwindling. Thank you for your help with this!</p>
<p>Chromebooks</p> 	<p>Please remember to charge your Chromebooks every night! They are a very important part of our daily routine and need to be charged and ready to go at the beginning of each day.</p>
<p>Attendance</p> 	<p>Remember to please call us and let us know if your child will be absent or arriving late to school. Call 846-3086 and press 1 for attendance.</p> <p>Please make sure to leave to the reason for the <u>late arrival</u> or <u>all day absence</u></p>
<p>Covid Related Illnesses</p> 	<p>When reporting a Covid related illness, please email our school nurse at apertile@ccs.k12.in.us and leave a message on our attendance line. Please make sure to include a return to school date in both messages.</p> <p><i>*Return to school dates must be based on the new district guidelines.*</i></p>
<p>Lost and Found</p> 	<p>Don't forget to have your child check the Lost and Found often! We have a lot of new items already. Most of the items are sweatshirts and water bottles.</p> <p><i>**Please label all items such as coats, water bottles, jackets, and hats for the rest of the school year so they can be returned if found!</i></p>
<p>Parking Reminder</p> 	<p>With the cold weather our carpool line is getting longer every day. Please remember that if you are visiting the school or picking up your child early, we need to keep the front and bus parking lots clear. You are free to park in the staff lot (north side of building).</p>
<p>The CTE Science and Engineering Fair!</p> 	<p>Don't forget to register for the Cherry Tree Science & Engineering Fair by this Friday, February 4th.</p> <p>The Cherry Tree Science and Engineering Fair is ready to make its return after a two year break! This year's fair will be February 16th and 17th. The 2022 science fair registration form is now live at http://bit.ly/ctesciencefair</p>

	<p>K-2 and 3-5 information packets (PDF) are linked on the online registration form. Check these out for answers to all your science fair questions. The direct links to download the information packets are https://bit.ly/sciencek2 and https://bit.ly/science35</p>  <p>If you have any additional questions, please email Mr. Hegnauer at jhegnaue@ccs.k12.in.us</p>
<p>PTO Leadership Opportunities for 2022-2023 School Year</p> 	<p>Each year, the CTE PTO utilizes more than 50 parents/guardians to fill its Executive Board, General Board and other leadership positions. Without volunteers, the amazing offerings at CTE are just not possible.</p> <p>Please consider supporting the CTE PTO and our CTE Teachers & Staff by learning more about the positions and telling us which ones you'd like to learn more about.</p> <p>https://forms.gle/CaMd2kbA79bGvDA3A</p>
<p>2nd Semester Volunteer Opportunities</p> 	<p>The PTO needs your time and talent for 2nd semester events and activities! Please complete this form to show your interest and the corresponding committee will contact you with details. This is a great way to engage with students and show your support to our teachers. <i>Don't forget - a satisfactory criminal history check is required to volunteer.</i></p>
<p>-NEW- National School Counseling Week</p> 	<p>Celebrate our amazing school counselor and behavior therapists the week of February 7-11! They provide support and teach valuable skills to our students helping them to be successful in school, please show your appreciation for all of their hard work.</p>
<p>Valentine's Day Parties</p> 	<p>Valentine's Day Parties are just around the corner!</p> <p>Fifth grade party will be held on Thursday, 2/10, from 1:20-2:20pm to accommodate the BizTown field trip on Friday. Kindergarten-Fourth grade parties will be held on Friday, 2/11 with Kindergarten 11:30-12:30, second grade 12:20-1:20pm, and the remaining grades will be held from 1:20-2:20pm.</p> <p>Students should plan to distribute Valentine's to classmates during the party times. <i>*Please note: Valentine's cannot contain any food items, including candy.</i></p>

<p>-NEW- Marco's Pizza Dine to Donate Fundraiser</p> <p>EAT DOUGH RAISE DOUGH</p> <p>Feb. 16th, 2022 (A-L), Feb. 17th, 2022 (M-Z) 11:00am - 9:00pm</p> 	<p>Eat Dough! Raise Dough! Mark your calendars for a fundraiser with MARCO's PIZZA! Wed., Feb. 16th (A-L) and Thur., Feb. 17th (M-Z)</p> <p>Order lunch or dinner by calling or go online www.marcos.com from 11am-9pm, and let them know you want to support Cherry Tree Elementary!! CTE will earn 20% from each order!</p> <p>https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-cte/fundraising/shop-dine-events</p> <p>14641 Gray Rd Westfield, IN 46033 (317) 581-1200</p>
<p>Coming Soon - Lego Club!</p> 	<p>Cherry Tree LOVES Legos! We're excited to share that the PTO will be once again hosting a virtual Lego Club for all students who would like to participate.</p> <p>This year's challenges will run from the week of Valentine's Day to the week of Spring Break. Challenges will be announced ahead of time via the Chatter and the PTO's social media.</p> <p>Winners will be selected at random to win a Lego-tastic prize! We can't wait to build together!</p>
<p>POPs</p> 	<p>POPS is always looking to add more male figures to our roster. There are fun upcoming events to help with and get together to be part of.</p> <p>Join us on GroupMe and/or email David Glenn at dglenniu@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Yearbook Orders</p> 	<p>Order your yearbook from Lifetouch today! Simply go to www.ybpay.com and enter code 14483122 to make your selections. Order deadline is March 25, 2022.</p>
<p>Box Tops</p> 	<p>Box Tops are a simple way to support Cherry Tree! Just download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! Box Tops donates \$0.10 for each participating product you buy and there are always new bonus box tops opportunities! Having trouble remembering to scan your receipts? Set a customized scan reminder through the app that fits your shopping schedule!</p>

<p>Simple, No Cost Ways to Support Cherry Tree!</p> 	<p>If you haven't yet, make sure to link your Amazon account to Cherry Tree Elementary! On the Amazon app, go to programs and features, click Amazon Smile and choose "Cherry Tree Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Inc." as your charity. To link your account on a computer, simply log into your Amazon account through amazonsmile.com, select our organization and shop through the Amazon Smile website. For every purchase you make Amazon donates a percentage to Cherry Tree!</p> <p>Kroger has a community rewards program as well! Log into your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add the Cherry Tree Elementary PTO from the list of organizations. Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.</p> <p>These are simple ways for friends and families to support the Cherry Tree PTO at NO COST! Last quarter the PTO received \$740 from these programs, they are an integral part of our fundraising efforts and we encourage everyone to take a couple minutes to link their accounts! Thanks for your support!</p>
<p>PTO General Board Meetings</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who was able to join our Jan. 24th General Board meeting of the PTO. If you missed it, the minutes are located online.</p> <p>Save the date for our next meeting where we will vote on the 2022-2023 slate for PTO leadership as well as the 2022-2023 budget.</p> <p>Monday, May 16 10:45-11:45 Hosted virtually via Zoom</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> 	<p>Learn more about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE.</p>