



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE

December 17th
End of First Semester

December 18th - January 3rd
Winter Break

January 4th
Students Return to School

January 4th
Spirit Day

January 15th-21st
Winter Family Fun Week

January 24th
PTO General Board Meeting, 10:45 a.m.
Meeting will be held virtually - Zoom link available in January!

Mask Reminder



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!

Chromebooks



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.

Attendance



Just a reminder 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.

Lost and Found



Are you looking for something? We just might have it!!! We have **SO** many items accumulated on our lost and found tables in the cafeteria. If your child is missing a jacket, lunch box, water bottle or any other random treasure please have them check out our growing collection.

***It's always a great idea to label any items brought from home so we can help locate the owners when they go missing.*

Bus Riders



Please remember that due to Covid guidelines students may only ride their assigned bus. At this time, students are not allowed to ride other buses home with friends.

Car Pool Line



With the weather changing our carpool line is getting longer everyday. Please remember that if you are visiting the school or picking up your child early, we need to keep the front parking lot and our bus parking lot clear. You are free to park in the staff lot (north side of building).

Bikers and Walkers



Please remember that students that walk or ride their bikes to school will not be able to enter the building until 7:35. 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!

-New- PTO General Membership Meeting



The next Cherry Tree PTO General Membership meeting (open to all CTE parents/guardians as you are ALL members of the PTO!) is **Monday, January 24th at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom**. The link to join the meeting virtually will be available the week before the meeting. It will be a great meeting - we welcome our CTE Instructional Interventionist/Coach, Jennifer Conley, to discuss the great new curriculum being taught at CTE this year.

-New- 2nd Semester Volunteer Opportunities



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.

<https://forms.gle/wch8TrDH6cCTBoaT9>

This is a great way to engage with students and show your support to our teachers. Don't forget - a satisfactory criminal history check is required to volunteer.

-New- Winter Family Fun Week Scavenger Hunt

This year, the Winter Family Fun Night will turn into a week-long Community Front yard Scavenger Hunt! We hope this will allow you to spend quality time with your family and neighbors, having fun and getting creative! The Scavenger Hunt will take place the week Family Fun Night was originally scheduled, January 15th-21st. Your child will bring home a large sheet of paper and directions on Friday, January 14th.



Spirit Wear SALE!



CTE Spirit Wear BLOWOUT SALE - 30% off EVERYTHING*

Limited Inventory! T-shirts, Jerseys, and Accessories.

This is your **LAST CHANCE** of the year to purchase spirit wear!

**Automatically calculated at checkout*

CTE Staff Favorite Things



Looking for a way to show your child's teacher(s) you appreciation or to celebrate this holiday season? Check out a list of their favorite things on the Cherry Tree Website under the PTO link.

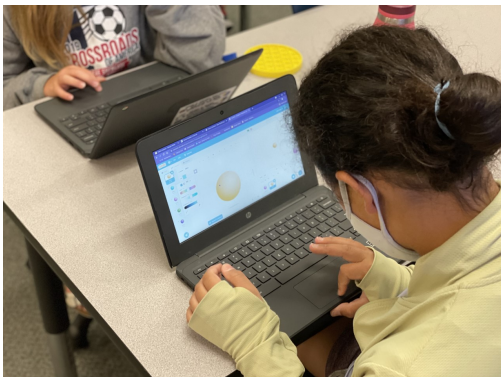
Steam Lab Update

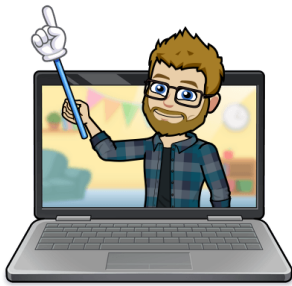


From the STEAM Lab...

Life is never dull in the CTE Innovation Lab! Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have recently completed our PLTW (Project Lead the Way) computer science curriculum projects. The coding and computer design work our students produce continues to be very impressive. Have your student show you around the www.scratch.mit.edu website sometime and show off their coding skills. Next up for our older students will be digging deep into our engineering standards. 3rd graders will be exploring forces and interactions. 4th graders are beginning to explore energy conversions, and our 5th graders are preparing themselves to immerse themselves into the world of robotics.

Our phenomenal K, 1st, and 2nd graders have been continuing to explore and collaborate in our lab space to develop their engineering and design skills through our weekly engineering challenges. We are lab and design thinking masters now and are ready to take on some greater engineering challenges. Our Kindergarten engineers are now building and experimenting experts which will come in handy as we are now starting to make a splash (literally) with our sinking and floating design unit from our curriculum partners at PLTW. The fantastic 1st graders are going to be building and exploring the engineering principles





surrounding the human skeletal system. Finally, our super 2nd graders are ready to take off as they explore the science of flight and glider design.

Life and learning is busy and exciting (as always) in our CTE STEAM program.

Fail forward,

Mr. H

The CTE Science and Engineering Fair!



Save the date! 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>

The 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>



If you have any additional questions, please email Mr. Hegnauer at jhegnaue@ccs.k12.in.us

Holiday Lights Recycling!



Carmel Clay Schools
Holiday Lights Recycling Drive

Bring in your unwanted strands of holiday lights

November 29th – January 6th

Place in the collection box

Please help keep our planet green!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING DRIVE

Are your burned-out holiday lights leaving you down in the dumps? Are you thinking of replacing your old holiday lights with new energy efficient LED lights? Make your spirits bright and help make our planet "green" by keeping those old strands out of the landfill.

The CCS Green Team and Carmel Utilities are proud to sponsor the 10th Annual Holiday Lights Recycling Drive November 29th – January 6th. A box will be located at the school during this time to collect any discarded holiday lights. Lights will also be collected at White's Ace Hardware 731 South Rangeline Road. Each strand is almost 100% recyclable (no garland, wreaths or trees - lights only!) Over four tons of holiday lights have been recycled by Technology Recyclers through our efforts which keeps our landfill a little lighter!

Holiday Lights Recycling

Nov 29-Jan 6

We all have those strands of lights that burn out on our trees and decorations every year. Please consider donating them to the **Carmel Clay Schools Holiday Lights Recycling Drive**.

Lights will be collected in the front office until **January 6th!**

Lifetouch & Shutterfly Fundraiser



It's Holiday Card Time! Cherry Tree PTO is thrilled to announce a new fundraising opportunity with Lifetouch and Shutterfly. With their help, we've created a custom online storefront where you can shop the extensive Shutterfly collection and for every purchase made, Shutterfly will donate 8% to our organization.

It's easy to support us:

1. Visit our [Shutterfly Storefront](#)
2. Click through to start shopping!
3. Purchase thoughtful gifts and keepsakes for friends, family and especially yourself.
4. That's it! For every purchase made, 8% of the proceeds will go toward helping our organization.

You can even use applicable Shutterfly discount codes to save on your entire order. Feel free to share this website with your friends and family - the more orders made through our Storefront, the more our organization earns!

Easy Ways to Support Cherry Tree



Holiday Shoppers! 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](https://www.amazon.com/smile), select our organization and shop through the Amazon Smile website. 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 the Cherry Tree Elementary PTO from the list of organizations. **Kroger** donates a percentage of your spending to our school.

Media Center Volunteers Needed



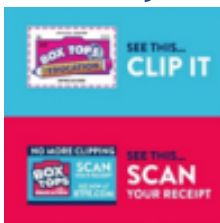
The media center is looking for volunteers to help the kids and Mrs. Lima.

There are three shifts available per day, 8-10am, 9-11am and 11:40am-1:40pm. Morning shifts are usually responsible for checking in and shelving books, and the afternoon shift helps kindergarten and 1st grade find and check out books.

If interested please follow this link to complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/PYBuiWbviDySjtbM9>

For more info please email Megan Droste at medroste@gmail.com or Melissa Putts at melissaputts@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Box Tops



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!

POPs



POPS = Parents of Proud Students

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.

Join us on GroupMe (https://groupme.com/join_group/70805123/32a43VnY) and/or email David Glenn at dglenniu@gmail.com

Yearbook Orders!



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.

Treasurer's Report



[Learn more](#) about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE.