



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE

January 15th-21st
Winter Family Fun Week

January 24th
PTO General Board Meeting, 10:45 a.m.
Virtual via Zoom - join [here!](#)

January 26th
Late Start

February 1
Spirit Day

Important Carpool Information!



With the arrival of January and the potential for winter weather, please remember: Car rider line starts each morning at 7:15 a.m. with the tardy bell ringing 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

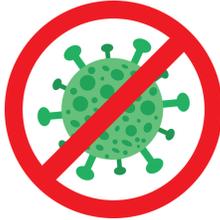


Please remember that students who walk or ride their bikes to school will not be able to enter the building until 7:35 a.m. With the colder, darker mornings we want to make sure that children are not standing outside for long periods of time. **Thanks so much for helping keep our CTE kids safe!**

Reminder for Bus Riders



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>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 late arrival or all day absence</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>Looking for something? Remind your students to check the Lost and Found! Items not picked up by January 31st will be donated.</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>PTO General Membership Meeting (Zoom)</p> 	<p>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 by clicking here.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Additionally, we will be voting on an update to our Bylaws that allows the PTO to approve the budget in the spring instead of waiting until the fall of the current year. An overview and proposed changes can be found here.</p>

PTO Leadership Opportunities for 2022-2023 School Year



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.

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.

<https://forms.gle/CaMd2kbA79bGvDA3A>

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. 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.**

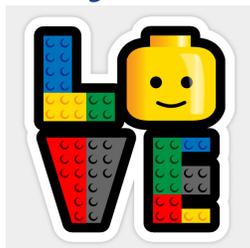
Winter Family Fun Week Scavenger Hunt



Thanks to all who participated in the Winter Family Fun Scavenger Hunt! We hope you had fun with your family and neighbors while on the search!



-NEW- Coming Soon - Lego Club!



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. 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.

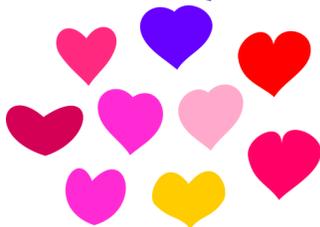
Winners will be selected at random to win a Lego-tastic prize! We can't wait to build together!

-NEW- Wellness Wednesday



Wellness Wednesday is starting the new year off by turning our focus to our mental health. Last week during each lunch hour, students participated in a mindful meditation moment. By taking a few minutes to focus on our breathing, relax, and stretch a bit, our student body was ready to tackle the remainder of the week with clear minds and focus! Students also got to sample JICAMA, a root vegetable from Mexico and Central America! Ask your student if they tried it and what they thought.

**-NEW-
Valentine's Day Parties**



Valentine's Day Parties are just around the corner!

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. Second grade party will be held from 12:20-1:20pm, and the remaining grades will be held from 1:20-2:20pm.

Students should plan to distribute Valentine's to classmates during the party times. **Please note: Valentine's cannot contain any food items, including candy.*

**-NEW-
Random Acts of
Kindness**



We would be a MESS without our amazing custodial team members! The Random Acts of Kindness Committee treated each of them to a gift card to McAllister's to show our appreciation for going above and beyond every day. We are so grateful to have such an amazing group, thanks for making everything sparkle at CTE!

**The CTE Science and
Engineering Fair!**



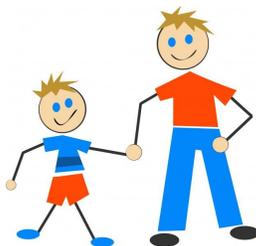
Save the date! The Cherry Tree Science and Engineering Fair is ready to make its return after a two year break! **This year's fair will be February 16th and 17th.** The 2022 science fair registration form is now live at <http://bit.ly/ctesciencefair>

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

POPs



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.

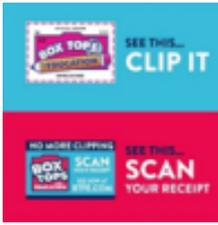
Join us on [GroupMe](#) and/or email David Glenn at dglenniu@gmail.com.

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.

Box Tops



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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.