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CHERRY TREE CHATTER

KEY DATES

September 22

Boosterthon 'Fun Run'
Finale Event

September 24

Grade Level Playdate:
Fourth Grade

September 28

Fall Family Fun Night

October 1

Grade Level Playdate:
Fifth Grade

October 2-6

School Custodian &
Maintenance Staff
Week

October 3

Spirit Day

October 4

Late Start
Walk to School Day
PTO Bakers

October 9-13

Fall Break - No School

October 16-20

National School Bus
Safety Week

October 16

Upcoming Elf Workshop
crafts on display

October 18

Late Start

For announcements, updates, and reminders for CTE activities,
follow Cherry Tree PTO on social media!

[Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

For a working calendar of
events, please click [HERE](#).

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, FROM 6-7:30PM

CTE North Parking Lot

Hotdog Dinner, Tropical Sno, Face Painters,
Carnival Games, DJ, & Giveaways!

Join us for a chance to meet your child's friends, connect with
the Patriot community, and enjoy family time for all ages!

Please click [HERE](#) to volunteer or make an event-related
donation! Event volunteers must have a current criminal
background check on file.

CTE GRADE LEVEL PLAYDATES

Please join us for a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with others in your grade!

All events held from 4:00pm - 5:00pm at the
Cherry Tree Primary Playground

- Kindergarten: August 20th
- First Grade: August 27th
- Second Grade: September 10th
- Third Grade: September 17th
- Fourth Grade: September 24th
- Fifth Grade: October 1st





BOOSTERTHON

It's the final countdown!

Our Cherry Tree Fun Run is tomorrow!
Tonight is the last night for donations
before our event!

Remember to get a good night's rest, wear
your grade level shirt and athletic shoes,
and bring a water bottle tomorrow!

Thank you for supporting our school!



COATS FOR KIDS

The weather will soon be turning chilly,
and our students go outside for recess
anytime weather permits.

If your child is in need of a winter coat and
you are facing financial strain, you can
register for an appointment to pick out a
coat for any child in need in your home
by visiting [this link](#).



SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear will be available for pick
up at Fall Family Fun Night 9/28.
Be sure to stop by the Spirit Wear
table and pick up your order.



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday, October 4th.

This is a late start day, and we will be
meeting behind Starbucks/next to
Pizzology near Hazel Dell & Main St. at
7:45 am for students and families who
would like to walk together as a group.



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

We had our very first
Wellness Wednesday of the year!
The kids were excited to understand some
fun facts about the Five Senses.
A couple facts we learned were: our nose is
always smelling even when we are asleep,
and smell, along with taste, is the strongest
of the senses to trigger memories.
We used our nose to smell a few scents
and learned certain smells may help us
calm or give us energy.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer
(background check required)



ELF WORKSHOP



Elf Workshop is coming!

Nov. 29th, Nov. 30th, & Dec. 1st

2:30 – 3:15pm at CTE

Elf Workshop is a fun after school experience for Cherry Tree students, where they will be given an opportunity to learn and create a craft, led by a parent volunteer as the "teacher."

Stay tuned for more information! Signups open Oct. 30th.

GRANDPERSONS NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Grandpersons Night Open House will be held on November 20th from 4-6pm.

PTO BAKERS

Help us treat CTE teachers and staff to baked goods each month through CTE PTO Bakers!

Homemade and bakery-purchased items welcome.

Sign up [HERE](#)



TREASURER'S REPORT

The current [Treasurer's Report](#) is available, as well as previous reports. Learn how your PTO dollars were used to enhance students' experiences at CTE.

Budget for the 2023-2024 school year can be viewed [HERE](#).

2023 – 2024 PTO SLATE

Click [HERE](#) to view the PTO Slate for the Executive and General Board for the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you to all parents who are willing to fill these roles!



STUDENT BELONGINGS

Please remember to label your student's personal belongings, such as coats, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc.

VOLUNTEER

We need your support! Cherry Tree PTO needs your time and talent to make this Fall's events and initiatives successful!

Parents and grandparents, please fill out the Google Form below to indicate interest in volunteering this Fall.

You will need to complete and pass a background check prior to volunteering. If you have any questions, please e-mail the PTO at cherrytreeppto@gmail.com

[VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM](#)



CTE MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT

Have you signed up for the optional [Cherry Tree Directory](#)?

If you are already a member, please update your child's teacher!

Once you create a Membership Toolkit account, you will have access to the directory and upcoming calendar events.

This is a free, optional directory for all Cherry Tree families.

SMALL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you own a small business?
CTE wants to support you!

Click [HERE](#) to add your business to our CTE small business directory!

CCS OPERATING REFERENDUM

What is the **OPERATING REFERENDUM?**

First passed in 2010, the Operating Referendum provides additional funds for teachers and programs. Carmel Clay Schools is asking voters for a renewal of the current \$0.19 rate that generates around **\$25 million annually**.

Search 'Referendum' on our website to learn more!

Questions? Email us at referendum@ccs.k12.in.us



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ASCENSION CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS STUDENT THERAPY SERVICES

Ascension behavioral health partners with Carmel Clay Schools to provide on-site counseling services and skills training to children and families. Services are provided all year (including school and summer breaks).



Ascension



Parents can call Ascension directly at 317-338-4951 to register and schedule your child with one of our licensed school-based counselors.

Ascension therapy services are administered through Ascension Stress Center and billed to the family's insurance. Financial assistance options are also available.

EASY, NO COST WAYS TO SUPPORT CHERRY TREE



Cherry Tree PTO is thrilled to announce a fundraising opportunity with 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. Plus, you can even use applicable Shutterfly discount codes!

Please feel free to share this website with friends and family!

<http://cherrytreepto.shutterflystorefront.com/>



Kroger has a community rewards program!

Log in to your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add Cherry Tree Elementary PTO from the list of organizations.

Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.

This is an easy no-cost way to support Cherry Tree!
Register for these programs today!



CHERRY TREE REMINDERS



PARKING

A new city ordinance now restricts using neighborhood streets near school property as a school drop off alternative. 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.



CARPOOL

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.



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. In addition to being charged it is very important they are brought to school each day. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer loaner computers to students who forget them at home.

*Also, please remind your students to treat them with special care. We have seen an increased number of broken devices, and we are very limited in our inventory of replacement Chromebooks.



ATTENDANCE

Cherry Tree Elementary is now using School Dismissal Manager to report absences (both in advance and same-day), late arrivals, and appointments. This online tool is preferred to phone calls. Visit www.schooldismissalmanager.com.



SUPPORT CHERRY TREE

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!

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.

These are simple ways for friends and families to support the Cherry Tree PTO at **NO COST** and they are an integral part of our fundraising efforts. Thanks for your support!



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Be sure to label your student's personal belongings, such as coats/jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc. If an item is missing, please be sure to have your student check the Lost and Found!

