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CHERRY TREE CHATTER

KEY DATES

October 27

Classroom Fall Parties

October 30

Elf Workshop Signup
Opens

November 1

Picture Retakes
Club Pictures

November 2

Half Day:
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

November 3

No School:
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

November 10

Veterans Day Program

November 13-17

All Books for Change
Collection Competition

November 15-21

Scholastic Book Fair

November 20

Grandpersons' Night
Open House

November 22-24

No School:
Thanksgiving Break

Nov 29 - Dec 1

Elf Workshop

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](#).

BOOSTERTHON REWARDS



As a reward for meeting our Boosterthon goal, students
had fun turning Principal English into a human sundae!



Mr. Smith's class raised the most for Boosterthon, so his
students got to cover him with silly string!

CLASSROOM FALL PARTIES

Room Parents have been selected and will be coordinating classroom volunteers for the fall party on October 27th. Kindergarten will have their party at 11:30am, 2nd grade at 12:20pm, and all remaining grades at 1:30pm.



The fall party will include an iced & sprinkled cookie from CCS Food Services. The cookies are manufactured in a peanut/tree nut free facility.

Nutrition information is available [here](#).

Students with food allergies/restrictions on file with Nurse Pertile will receive the substitute snack Made Good soft baked mini cookies unless Nurse Pertile receives confirmation they should NOT receive the substitute snack. Substitute snack information is available [here](#).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

November 15th – 21st

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming!
Get ready to empower your reader
with book choice.



Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Join us – sign up [here](#).

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

November 10th, 2023

Please make sure to add your Veteran friends & family to the Cherry Tree Veterans Day slideshow.

[NEW Veteran for Slideshow](#)

If you have any edits to last year's slides, you can submit those as well.

[Previous CTE Veteran Pictures](#)

If you have changes to the existing slides, please email them to veteransdaycte@gmail.com

Please invite your Veteran friends & family to attend the program. Coffee & refreshments will be served after the program.

Please RSVP by Friday, October 27th.
[Veteran Ceremony RSVP](#)

GRANDPERSONS NIGHT

November 20th, 4–6pm

Invite your Grandpersons to accompany your students to Cherry Tree for this very special event evening event!

Activities will include games & crafts in the cafeteria & gym. Treats will be provided, and the Book Fair will be open for shopping!



Want to help?

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AA9AA2EA5FC1-44823048-grandpersons>



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 October 30th. Keep a lookout in your email! Cost: \$5 per student

We still are in need of helpers to assist students as they learn the crafts!

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer!

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](#).

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](#)



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

We learned all about healthy bones! 🦴

How our bones hold us up or we'd be slime and how our bones help create our blood! The kids danced to Dem Bones and got to know Mr. Skeleton! 🦴



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

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!

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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SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

- **Work in a professional environment with a flexible schedule you control**
- **Positively impact the education of students in your own community**
- **Have the ability to select your preferred school site**
- **Daily Rate is \$80- \$90**



For more information, contact Kelli Hackett at
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Visit our website

www.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!



STUDENT BELONGINGS

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!

