



PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION

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CDS PRO MEETING NOTES **NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who joined us for our second PRO meeting of the year and had the added opportunity to engage with Occupational Therapist [Amanda Simmons](#) during her fascinating presentation. We've attached some of her resources below.

In addition, Dr. Mary's spotlight on our children's ongoing "dot" art project encouraged us all to take a look at the mural CDS students have been creating, inspired by the best-selling children's book, [The Dot, by Peter H. Reynolds](#). Take a peek at it next time you're on campus!

And, while we continue to work Full STEAM Ahead toward our [Annual Fund](#) goal, the CDS community can also look forward to the many exciting PRO events coming up in November and December. We hope to see you at some of them, as well as at our next PRO Meeting on January 10, 2024!

Thanks,

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ADULT SENSORY PROFILE ([Adult Sensory Profile.pdf](#))

Key Upcoming Dates

- **November 7th:** 9 a.m. Book Club Discussion with Dr. Mary and Dr. Rene on *The Importance of Being Little* [RSVP Here](#)
- **November 8th:** Santini's McLean Deals on Meals Fundraiser
- **November 9th:** [Staff Appreciation Luncheon](#)
- **November 10th:** NO SCHOOL
- **November 13th-December 1:** [Adopt-A-Family Holiday Gift Drive](#)
- **November 22nd - 24th:** FALL BREAK
- **November 28th:** Child's Play Fundraiser 6-8 pm
- **November 30th:** Holiday Party (adults only) 7-10 pm [Purchase Tickets Here](#)
- **December 20th-January 2nd:** WINTER BREAK
- **January 10th:** PRO Meeting 7 pm

STAFF APPRECIATION

- **November 9th:** Staff Appreciation Luncheon catered by El Tio. If you are able to help with set up or cleanup, [please let us know!](#)
- Co-Chairs: Nicole Sandoz (nikkisandoz@gmail.com) and Lindsay Tharpe (lindsay.tharpe@gmail.com)

PHILANTHROPY

- **November 13th - December 1st:** Adopt-A-Family Holiday Gift Drive
 - We are supporting 8 families through Fairfax County's Adopt-A-Family program for the holidays. Look out for wish lists from your class PRO reps the week of 11/13. Gifts must be unwrapped and will be collected at morning carpool **Thursday 11/30 and Friday 12/1**.
 - We have [several volunteer opportunities here](#). Our immediate need (ideally by 11/6) is help pulling shopping links for the wish lists. If you have some time over the next few days, please sign up and we will get back to you with a wish list to use. Thank you!
- Co-Chairs: Jamie Hurwitz (hurwitz.jamie@gmail.com), Jess Farrell (jesparfven@gmail.com), and Meg Griffin (meggriffin212@gmail.com)

SOCIAL

- **November 30th 7-10 pm:** Holiday Party to include DJ, Photo Booth, and Live Auction for 3 items: Head of School for the Day, Name the Carpool Circle, and Name a Tree. We look forward to seeing you there in your finest Roaring 20s ensembles! Book your babysitter now. [Purchase your tickets](#) today!
- Co-Chairs: Irina Bassiur (irinabassiur@gmail.com), Stephanie Fay (stephecon@gmail.com), and Samantha Ofori (sccalloway@gmail.com)

FUNDRAISING

- **November 8th 3-9 pm:** Don't just order dinner, order dinner for a great cause! We've partnered with Santini's in downtown McLean to receive a 10% kickback on orders placed between 3-9 pm. When ordering, *mention the CDS Fundraiser*. [Order Here](#) from the McLean location.
- **November 28th 6-8 pm:** CDS Shopping Event at Child's Play Toy Store in McLean. CDS receives 10% of all sales that evening. Invite your friends to socialize and do some early holiday shopping sans kids!
- **Minted Holiday Cards:** SAVE 20% and [Minted](#) donates 15% to CDS. Enter the promo code FUNDRAISECOUNTRYDAY at checkout!
- **Additional Fundraising Opportunities:**
 - **Mabel's Labels:** Go to [Mabel's Labels](#) and type in Country Day School (McLean) in the search bar. Remember to label every glove/hat/scarf!
 - **Giant:** Get all your Thanksgiving groceries with the best bag! Every time you purchase the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at our designated Giant Food during the month of November, they contribute \$1 to benefit CDS. The Designated Giant is 1454 Chain Bridge Road in McLean.
 - Co-Chairs: Sarah Imhoff (sarah.imhoff35@gmail.com) and Joanna Gonzales (joanna.gonzales86@gmail.com)