

January 2019

Important Dates

FEBRUARY 5

PTO Meeting
6:30–8:00 p.m., Music Rm

MARCH 4–8

NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

MARCH 27

Corl Street Expo
6:00–8:00 p.m., TBA

MARCH 29

NO SCHOOL

Spirit Days

JANUARY 25

Think warm by wearing
beach/Hawaiian clothes!

FEBRUARY 1

Wear a jersey or sports
shirt to celebrate the
Superbowl!

FEBRUARY 14

Wear pink or red to
celebrate Valentine’s Day!

**Giant A+ School
Rewards Program**

Register your BonusCard at
Giant and earn A+ Points
that become cash for our
school at the end of the
academic year!
[giantfood.com/school-
rewards/](http://giantfood.com/school-rewards/) (school ID# **21412**).

Rewards To Date:

\$297.74



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From The Principal

Reminders to Parents

Please remember that children should be dropped off at the corner of Metz and Osmond Streets in the morning and walk down the path to the walkers’ door past the bike racks. **Parents may not park in the teachers’ parking lot.** There are signs posted on either side of the entrance to the teachers’ parking lot alerting other drivers not to park there. If your child will be arriving late to school, you may stop briefly in the bus lane by the current main entrance to bring your child into the building to sign in. We are still a work in progress and there may be construction vehicles in the alley or by the main entrance. Please use all necessary precautions to stay safe.

Dress Appropriately for Winter Recess

This is a gentle reminder that we will have recess even if there is snow on the ground, as long as the real-feel temperature is 10–19 degrees (at least 15 minutes outside) or 20 degrees or above (30 minutes outside). Your children should have coats, gloves, hats and boots with them every day—plus snow pants, if they want to slide—and layer their clothing to ensure that they are warm enough at all times. Everyone will be going outside! Also, please note that if there is a two-hour delay, we do not have recess that day.

—Charlotte Zmyslo

Duck Donuts Mini-THON Fundraiser



The State College Area High School’s annual Mini-THON fundraiser is going on now through January 31! Mention the high school anytime you make a purchase at Duck Donuts and 10% of your sale will be donated to the Mini-THON for the Four Diamonds Fund.

Corl Street Expo, March 27—Save the Date!

The 2019 Corl Street Expo will be held on **March 27**, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Student projects will be displayed during the day and in the evening. *Stay tuned—more information is coming!*

From The PTO President

Playground Committee, Open PTO Positions, and More!

There are a lot of exciting things happening at our school with students starting in their “new” building! We’ve been hearing about all the amazing things our kids are drawn to, like the apparently really snazzy new bathrooms. Along with a lot more space and more cool features of the school, there are also plans to integrate important elements to the new playground.

You all should have received the e-mail from Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Vernon Bock about the process regarding playgrounds in the school district. To quote Mr. Bock: *“We are collaborating with an innovative design team from Metcalfe Architecture and Design, who specializes in ‘play spaces that combine physical, visual, and experiential elements to make engaging social spaces.’ Although we have plans to update all of our elementary playgrounds, we will be prioritizing Corl Street, Spring Creek, and Radio Park because they are currently under construction. Our goal is that these spaces will be ready to provide new play opportunities for students this fall. To ensure consistency across the district, we’ve established a playground task force consisting of parents, faculty and staff from each elemen-*

tary school, a sixth-grade teacher from each middle school, principals, district administrators, and board members. The role of the task force is to interface with the design team from Metcalfe and provide feedback regarding the process and schematic design options.”

Stay tuned for more on the playgrounds! I will update the PTO at our next meeting, which is **Tuesday, Feb. 5** at 6:30 p.m. at the school. As always, free childcare will be provided.

Speaking of the PTO, there are a few positions either open or soon to be open that I hope you will consider. We need a co-chair for the Cougar Cat Run. There is a very clear list of tasks and a timeline to help and of course many volunteers who help make this happen. The co-chair would just be helping the chair track and accomplish the needed tasks and help us have yet another successful, fun-filled event. Our terms for PTO treasurer and secretary will be ending at the end of this fiscal year so if you are interested in either position, please let me know. We will also be discussing this more at the PTO meeting and possibly updating our bylaws to allow for longer position terms. Enjoy your February and let me know if you have any questions or feedback.

—Jennifer Pencek

Box Tops for Education

Are you—or your friends and family—throwing money in the trash? You could be if you are not checking your packaging for the “Box Tops for Education” symbol. Each of these is worth 10¢ for our school! Just clip them off the packages and send them to school with your child.



So far this year we have earned **\$237.60** from box tops. In previous years we have earned \$750.00. To reach this goal again, we only need each student to bring in 21 box tops. The deadline for our next submission of box tops is **March 1, 2019**. Happy clipping!

PTO Sunshine Fund

The PTO Sunshine Fund is available to members of the Corl Street community who are experiencing financial need. It can help with the costs of things like:

- School supplies
- Winter clothing

- Musical instrument rentals
- Yearbooks
- Intramural activities

Contact Mrs. Zmyslo (cmz12@scasd.org) or School Counselor Jessica Zorger (jrz16@scasd.org). **All inquiries are confidential.**