

NOVEMBER 2018

Important Dates

NOVEMBER 21
NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 22–26
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Holiday

NOVEMBER 29
Picture Retake Day
7:30–9:30 a.m., All-Purpose Room (APR)

DECEMBER 4
PTO Meeting
6:30–8:00 p.m., APR

Spirit Days

NOVEMBER 20
School Spirit Day—
wear Corl Street clothing
or maroon and gray!

DECEMBER 7
It's getting chilly! Wear
your favorite sweatshirt
today!

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/ (school ID# 21412).

Rewards To Date:
\$158.09



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From The President

Serving others a great lesson for us all

I just love this time of year—the weather is getting more crisp and the holidays are in full swing. I am beyond looking forward to my mother-in-law's Thanksgiving stuffing, especially the container of stuffing she is sure to send home with my family after an amazing meal and time with our loved ones.

But along with stuffing—and it really is amazing, just saying—I also love the focused time on service, whether it is serving others through a meal or helping those in times of need. My husband and I make it a point to talk with our sons about various ways to help others through the year. We collect needed items for Centre Safe (formerly the Centre County Women's Resource Center), which helps families in crisis, especially families impacted by issues like domestic or sexual violence. We also talk with them about how to show kindness to each other and others and how we can all learn great lessons from mistakes we make. This is a wonderful time of year to do some reflecting and to figure out what we would like to improve. It's also important to remember all of our blessings!

I have enjoyed serving you all as PTO president and being involved in our school community. I would love to see more families coming out to the monthly meetings and making sure a variety of voices are heard on issues. I know life can feel hectic, but if more people are able to make it to meetings we can connect more as a community and work together on issues that impact our school. Our next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4 in the All-Purpose Room. As always, free childcare is provided.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat, always feel free to reach out to me (j06374@yahoo.com) or to other PTO officers. Thank you for helping to make our school an amazing place for our children, staff, and families!

—Jennifer Pencek, PTO President

SweetFrog Fundraiser—November 15

Stop by SweetFrog Premium Frozen Yogurt (281 Northland Center, in the Giant Plaza near Radio Park Elementary) anytime on Thursday, November 15! Bring in the flyer that was sent home or tell your cashier that you support *Corl Street Elementary* and 15% of your purchase will be given back to the school!

From The Principal

Do Not Pass School Buses With Their Lights Flashing!

Beyond the obvious dangers to our young students, do you know the legal penalties for passing a school bus with its lights flashing and stop sign out? **Is it really worth the couple of minutes you might gain?** No matter how much of a hurry you are in, you *must* stop and wait as a school bus unloads and loads students. Please know that the school buses have exterior cameras and can capture your license plate number, as well as vehicle make, model, and color, so you are not home free if there are no patrol cars around. **Please do your part to keep**

our children safe! It has been an eye-opener for me these past few weeks when we have had the buses stopping on Corl Street to drop children off in the morning and pick them up in the evening. I am amazed that one of the most basic rules you need to have learned in order to pass a driving test for your license is not heeded... and not just at Corl Street.

- **5 points on your driving record**
- **\$250 fine**
- **Loss of your driver's license for 60 days**

Construction Update

Just to let you know, we are getting closer to moving into the newer section of our school building! Even with all of the weather disruptions, the crews have worked diligently to keep the project on time. I have been at the school on a Saturday or Sunday and I have seen them working. When the daylight lasted a lot longer, the crews were here very late. The building is now under roof and some areas are heated. Stairways leading to the upstairs are done which makes it easier for the workers to access the second level (they were using ladders previously). More and more inside work is being done. We are scheduled to move all of the teachers' boxes and teaching materials during the late afternoon of December 21 and over that weekend. The school will be turned over to the asbestos removal firm to finish the rest of the work (including the closet spaces and windows) prior to renovation/construction beginning on our current side. Please know that the traffic pattern for drop-off and pick-up will change to the back of the building off of Osmond Street. The whole front will be fenced off and the modular buildings will be removed. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to winter break. Stay tuned!

—Charlotte Zmyslo, Principal

Scholastic Book Fair Wrap-Up

Many thanks from the PTO Book Fair Committee to all of you who supported our Scholastic Book Fair! During our All For Books coin drive we collected **\$905.30**. This means that Scholastic will donate 905 books to children in need, and we used ALL of this money to purchase books for each classroom library and for our school library, and to give many students the opportunity to shop at the book fair. During our three-day fair we sold **\$6,160.52** in books. Our profit is **\$3,445.82** in Scholastic Dollars, which will be used to purchase books for our library in the coming year! Thank you to all the folks who volunteered their time to help us support our students, classrooms, and library!



Happy Thanksgiving!