



Corl Street Chronicle

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Save the Date:

- 10/3 PTO Meeting
- 10/6 Favorite Color Spirit Day
- 10/17 PSU Spirit Day
- 10/18 Donuts for Dads
- 10/18, 19, 20 Book Fair
- 10/19-20 NO SCHOOL Parent Conferences
- 10/25 Picture Day

Free Soil from the Garden Committee

The Corl Street garden is going to be bulldozed when they start construction this fall. I believe the current construction plan includes a proposal for a tiered pollinator garden along the small hill that connects the upper playground to the lower playground, but it is uncertain if there will be any room or desire to occupy any of the remaining green space for a vegetable garden. The PTO will need to cross that bridge when construction is finished. In the meantime, we need to figure out what to do with all of the garden supplies that we have now!

I have space to store the garden boxes that were built last year until the PTO decides if they want them back or not. There is beautiful soil in all of the garden boxes, and I'd like to offer that soil up to any Corl Street families that might want it for their person-

al gardens at home. (Families that are interested in obtaining soil must first weed their own area of the CS garden and shovel out the soil they desire. I highly recommend weeding an area a day or two after a rain as the weeds come out much more easily.) I have offered the tools in the shed to Mrs. Hooper in case she would like to use it with the pollinator garden in the future. I believe Mr. Warren will be finding a new home for the garden shed. If Mrs. Hooper doesn't care for the tools, a CS family could hold on to them, or we could offer them to another elementary school's PTO for their vegetable garden. So feel free during the month of October to dig up some soil and take it home!

Thanks for your support,
Susan McCormick

sweetFrog Fundraiser—Monday October 9

Go to sweetFrog Frozen Yogurt any time on October 9 and help the Corl Street PTO. Present the coupon and the PTO gets 15% of the total. Coupons were sent home a few weeks ago, but are also available on the Corl Street Parents Facebook page.

Add Your Family to the Corl Street Family Directory

Do you ever wonder how to get in touch with other Corl Street families for homework help, play dates, or birthday parties? Every year the PTO provides a paperless and paper directory to the Corl Street families. We need your help. Don't worry— this is not a huge commitment. If you are a returning family, you will receive an email from corlstreetelementary@gmail.com. This email will contain a link that you will follow to confirm your information. If you are a new family, go to join.myschoolanywhere.com and enter code: 2311185 and follow the instructions. You must do this by September 30th to be included in the paper directory. If you have any questions please contact Pamela Trout at pamdaletrout@gmail.com

President's Points:

My oldest daughter started middle school at Park Forest this year. Although I remember the bus as being the least pleasant part of my middle school experience, Maya loves it—there are 15 sixth grade Corl Street graduates who ride bus 73 with her. She described arriving at PFMS on the first day of school: “We all got off the bus and stood there in a big circle. No one knew how to find the sixth grade wing. But then Miles said, ‘I think I know. Follow me!’ and we all followed him in a line. He led us up and down hallways until we finally found our area of the school.”

I have heard from other parents of middle schoolers that the Corl Street kids tend to stick together more than the kids from other elementary schools. Perhaps this is because of the relatively small number of kids in each grade, or because the Corl Street teachers incor-

porate free play time and group projects that allow the children to get to know and depend on each other. Regardless of the cause, I am delighted that our students have such a safe and secure base from which to continue their educations.

My youngest son started kindergarten at Corl Street this year—as I hear him talk about his new classmates I can’t help thinking about all the years he will spend with these kids. The girl with whom he plays superheroes on the playground may be the girl who helps him with his locker combination on the first day of middle school; the boy who he races at track every day might sit with him on the bus to middle school. I’m going to enjoy watching these kids grow up together at Corl Street.

- Terrill Salter

Bike Safety Reminders

We’ve been having terrific weather to start the school year, perfect to ride a bike. If your child is one of the many enjoying a bike ride to and from school, please keep in mind the following safety rules:

- 🔔 Always wear a helmet, and bring the helmet into school.
- 🔔 When on school grounds, get off the bike and walk it to the rack.
- 🔔 On the crowded sidewalks closer to school (and anywhere for that matter) be aware of all the walkers — who often don’t hear bicyclists coming from behind.

PTO Committee Help Wanted

Do you want to help out at Corl Street, but find it hard because you work full time or never got your clearances? We have the perfect opportunities for you! The following committee chair positions require little time commitment and are very flexible.

Penn Skates: Organize a Corl Street night at Penn Skates.

Time requirement: making one (!) phone call to secure a date and showing up at Penn Skates that evening. This event usually takes place from 4 - 7 pm on a Saturday in February...but it won't if we don't have someone to organize it!

Hospitality: Send out a sign-up for PTO meetings and act as a liaison to new families.

Time requirement: approximately one hour a month.

Bylaw Committee: Review and revise the PTOs bylaws. This can be done alone or with the PTO president. Some experience serving on boards would be helpful.

Time requirement: Approximately three hours over the next three months

Upcoming Spirit Days

Spirit Days return to Corl Street on many Fridays this year.

Fri. Oct. 6: Wear your favorite color so that your new friends can learn something new about you!

Tues. Oct. 17: Go Penn State! Wear blue and white or Penn State gear today!

Fri. Oct. 27: Wear a hat to celebrate the start of the World Series.