



Corl Street Chronicle

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Save the Date:

✦ 6/12 Field Day Bingo

✦ 6/14 Last Day of School

✦ 8/24 Ice Cream Social

Last Day of School—Jun 14.

With the cancellations last month, the new last day of school is Wed. June 14. It will be a half-day.

Picking Up Trash in a Wetland

By: Isabella Matts, Louise Schiano, Tegan Crowe

In our second grade class, we have been learning about wetlands and how they are in danger. This inspired us to go out and make our world a better place. One April afternoon, we went to Westerly Wetlands to pick up trash. There was more trash there than we thought there would be. After about an hour, we collected over two bags! We decided to make a graph of the garbage we found. We found two soda cans, four glass bottles, three Weis coupons, 20 candy wrappers, 30 cigarettes, and much more. We hope our readers learn from our experience that whenever you think about throwing your trash on the ground--*Don't!* It gets buried and unless people are willing to go clean it up, garbage will destroy the web of life.

PTO Chairpersons Needed

The PTO needs volunteers for the Penn Skates and Hospitality chairs. If you would like to know more or volunteer please contact a PTO officer below.

Field Day Bingo

Field Day Bingo is on Monday June 12 from 9-11:30am. Field Day offers many events: tug of war, ring toss, sack races, and many more. The kids have a blast trying out the events, filling out their bingo cards and running around. We need lots of parent volunteers to help the kids and make sure the many activities are successful. If you have your clearance, please consider volunteering. Contact Kristie Witmer for more information.

PTO Elections

At the May PTO meeting, two new officers were elected: Emma Jane Rose - Treasurer and Michelle McMullen - Secretary. Thanks go out to the outgoing Treasurer Rachel Unger and Secretary Lisa Jimenez for their dedication.

2017-2018 PTO Officers

President: Terrill Salter

Vice President: Jen Reutzel

Secretary: Michelle McMullen

Treasurer: Emma Jane Rose

Advisor: Charlotte Zmyslo, Principal

President's Points:

I took my youngest child to visit the Corl Street kindergarten classrooms last week. He will be our first kindergartener at Corl Street, so this was a new experience for all of us. I'd assumed the current kindergarteners would be elsewhere when we visited to keep things simpler, but they were all waiting for us on the rug when we arrived. A neighbor girl called my son over to sit with her and held his hand while they listened to a book about friendship. After the story, the experienced kindergarteners eagerly showed the future kindergarteners around the room. One boy helped my son make a flower crown; someone else showed him where the painting area was. Rather than making the event too chaotic, the mix of ages created a welcoming experience for all the new kids.

This underscores one of the things I love about our school: in addition to getting to know their classmates and

teachers, students at Corl Street form connections with students and adults from all over the school. The book buddy relationship is just one example of this—throughout the year, my daughters talk about which books and topics their book buddies are interested in, and interact kindly with the smaller girls when they meet them around town.

The web of relationships at Corl Street also extends to adults. . . at least once a week, my kids will tell me a story or anecdote about an adult at the school I don't know. . . "Ms L---- shared the best pineapple with the class at lunch today!" or "Mr. C---- brought his puppy to recess today." All these aides, subs, and paraprofessionals help enrich our kids' school days and form a vital part of their community.

- Terrill Salter

Teachers Appreciate Teacher Appreciation Week!

The PTO box was full of thank-you notes from teachers for the events and treats they enjoyed during Teacher Appreciation week. Thanks to Emma Rose-Smith and her committee for making the week so memorable for our teachers!

From the delicious treats to the beautiful flower pot to the relaxing massage. . . you really know how to spoil us. Please know that my true gift is getting to teach every one of your kids! --Paije Davis, Librarian

Thank you for the amazing week of treats and kindness. Every day was fantastic and fun! Corl Street parents are the BEST! --Kate Hooper

Thank you so very much for an outstanding Teacher Appreciation Week! We certainly felt appreciated! It was amazing to walk into the lounge and be treated to a scrumptiously fresh bagel, refreshing fruit and a cup of wonderful, steamy coffee! Wow—what a blessed way to start the week. --Donna Kon-dash

Color-Cycle Your Used Markers

Thank you to everyone who has ColorCycled markers already this year! ColorCycle is a sustainability initiative designed by Crayola to repurpose used markers. We'll be continuing to collect any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands – that are ready to be discarded through the end of the school year. As a reminder, this program is for **MARKERS ONLY** (please don't send in pens, crayons, etc). Students should deposit the markers in the collection bin in the main hallway under the quilt hanging on the wall (look for the ColorCycle sign). Thanks again! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.