



Corl Street Chronicle

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Save the Date:

- 10/17 Community Meeting on Elementary School Planning Options—MNMS
- 10/19 Donuts for Dad
- 10/20-21 No School—Parent Conferences
- 10/20-21 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/26 Corl Street Picture Day
- 11/1 PTO Meeting
- 11/4 No School
- 11/11 Movie Night—Corl Street APR

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair begins Wednesday October 19th. All proceeds go to purchasing books for our school and classroom libraries!

Donuts For Dads: Wednesday, October 19th from 7:30-8:30 am. This event is for the whole family! Visit the Book Fair before school and enjoy a donut and coffee.

Student Preview & Sale: Wednesday, October 19th is your child's time to walk through the book fair with their teacher to preview books and complete a wish list for

him or herself. Students are welcome to purchase books on this day if they want to bring money from home.

Book Fair Open during Conferences: On Thursday, October 20th & Friday, October 21st the Book Fair will be open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 pm.

Volunteering at the Book Fair: As with all our events we need volunteers. A Sign Up Genius will be sent out in advance.

Box Tops Reminder

Our first due date for Box Tops submissions is October 31st. They can be placed in the Corl Street PTO box located across from the school office or given to your child's teacher. See what brands provide Box Tops by going to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>.

There is also a new app for your phone that you can use to redeem Box Tops, which could get up to \$.30 per box top. Set up a profile and link to Corl Street Elementary. After you buy groceries, check off which offers apply and take pictures of your receipt. You can still submit the paper Box Tops as you would normally.



- Jackie O'Hara

The Principal's Interest

For any child to be successful in school, s/he needs to be in attendance as much as good health allows. However, there are always extenuating circumstances. If your child needs to be absent from school, please remember that all excuses need to be sent to school within 3 days of your child returning to class. If not, those absences will be considered unexcused.

- Charlotte Zmyslo

President's Points:

The Corl Street PTO recently purchased four new picnic tables for the playground. Last Tuesday morning my husband and I went to the school to assemble the tables. The fifth grade was in the middle of recess when we arrived. Several boys left their football game and came over to investigate. They opened the first box and eagerly got to work. They thought the ratcheting screwdriver was one of the neatest things they'd ever seen. "How much do you think this would cost on EBay?" one boy asked.

Meanwhile, I was pulling weeds on the site of the picnic tables. There were dozens of very tenacious dandelions as well as a few tomato volunteers.

A whistle sounded. The fifth-grade boys finished assembling the first table just in time—they proudly turned it over and ran inside. Moments later, the third-graders

emerged. This time, it was the girls who helped with assembly—four of them lined up and screwed the benches onto the next table. Meanwhile, third-grade boys came over to see what I was doing in the dirt. Within minutes, ten boys were using spades and cultivators to attack the weeds. Dirt flew everywhere and kids proudly showed off the long roots they were able to excavate. While they worked, they told me stories of their own gardens at home and displayed particularly impressive worms and grubs they found.

Before the end of their recess, the third-graders had pulled up every weed and assembled the second picnic table. Eight of them carried it into place, then sat down and tested it out. Those kids will always feel a sense of ownership about "their" new picnic tables.

- Terrill Salter, President

Cougar Cat Roundup

Congratulations Corl Street! The Cougar Cat Run was a huge success because of you. Together our students raised \$21,616.81 and ran 366.2 miles! That's like going from Westerly Parkway to Westerly, Rhode Island! The weather cooperated, the kids ran and many people showed up to cheer them on, including the State High cheerleaders!

Thank you to all Corl Street friends and families for your support. The money will fund field trips, school events, author visits, and more. Please don't forget to send in your extra silly bands! We'll recycle them for next year's event.

- Cougar Cat Run Committee

Upcoming Events

Movie Night at Corl Street

Movie Night returns to the Corl Street APR Friday, November 11th at 6pm. Bring a blanket and have some popcorn. Movie to be announced, but family-friendly of course.

Five Guys Fundraiser

Corl Street will have a fundraiser at Five Guys Burgers and Fries on Thursday, December 8. The school will get 15% of all sales between 5-8pm.

Author Douglas Florian to Visit Corl Street

Thanks to our generous PTO, Corl Street will be hosting another Author Visit this year. Poet-Artist Douglas Florian will be coming on Wednesday, November 9. During his presentation, Florian will illuminate the entire process of creating a book, using humor and audience participation to generate excitement and understanding. He will also relate different aspects and elements of poetry, such as rhyme, rhythm, wordplay, and alliteration. Finally, he will finish with a large-scale drawing demonstration and answer any questions the students may have.

Students may bring in any of Florian's books to be autographed. Look in your youngest child's backpack for a detailed note about this, as well as the required book inscription forms. Books and forms are due to the CS library by Monday, October 31.

Feel free to contact Paije Davis if you have any questions about the author visit. More information about Douglas Florian and his books can be found on the CS Library website.