

Corl Street Chronicle

A publication of the PTO | April 2015



Spring
is in the air!

Dates to Remember

April 2-6 - Thurs.-Mon. - No School

April 8 - Wed. - PTO monthly meeting
6:30pm; Corl Street APR

April 10 - Fri. - Corl Street Spirit Day
wear Corl Street clothing or
maroon and/or gray

April 17 - Fri. - Blue/White Spirit Day
wear blue and white clothing for
PSU's Blue/White game

April 24 - Fri. - Corl Street Spirit Day
wear Corl Street clothing or
maroon and/or gray

May 4-8 - Mon.-Fri. - Teacher
Appreciation Week

PSSA Testing Schedule for grades 3-5:

April 13-17 - English Language Arts
(Reading and Writing)

April 20-24 - Math

April 27-May 1 - Science (4th grade only)

Dear Parents & Teachers,

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered for PTO committees and events over the past few months. Our PTO is strong due to all your efforts. To continue our traditions we need volunteers to fill in as committee chairs, members, and officers. **We have a few committees that need chairs for the coming 2015-16 school year: newsletter, yearbook, author's visit, and 5th grade party.** If you have any questions and/or are interested in chairing one of these committees, please let me know.

Karen Moser

PTO President

kdmoser63@gmail.com



Book Exchange

It's time to start spring cleaning, and what better way to clean up than to go through your kids' books. **Once again we are collecting used children's books for the Corl Street Book Exchange to be held on May 13th.**

Children can bring in their used books that they would like to donate. Students will visit the book exchange on May 13th where they can then choose a book to keep that is 'new' to them. As an added incentive the two classes that donate the most books will receive an extra recess with a special treat.

The book exchange is a great way for students to share their love of reading with others. More information will be sent out soon.

Kristy Witmer kristywitmer@gmail.com

Save the Dates!

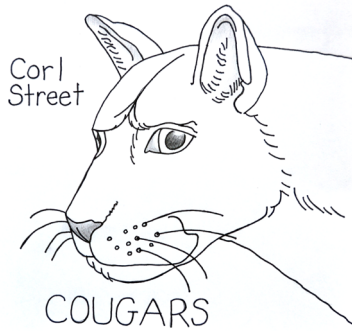
Family Movie Night: May 15
Featuring *Big Hero 6*; Details in the May newsletter.

Field Day Bingo: June 8
A form will be sent home in May for people to sign up to work the event and/or donate juice boxes and fruit snacks.



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation week will be May 4-8. In honor of our teachers, the Corl Street PTO will be sprucing up the teachers' lounge (paint, furniture, organizing, etc.) and providing breakfasts for teachers Monday through Friday mornings. We will also put together three baskets with supplies for their bathrooms (hand soaps, lotions, etc.). A Signup Genius will be emailed later in the month asking for parent contributions to the breakfasts and baskets. *Cathy Taylor cathy.hughtaylor@icloud.com*



A New Corl Street Cougar design..... Coming to a T-shirt Soon!

The PTO Spirit Sale Committee invited all Corl Street employees to participate in the 2015 Spring Spirit Sale T-Shirt Design Competition by creating an original design to showcase Corl Street Spirit! Six designs were submitted and anonymously displayed in the art room for all students to vote on their favorite design.

The design (*shown above*) with the most votes was submitted by 2nd-grade teacher Mrs. Lee McGann. This design will be used exclusively as a one-color imprint on the apparel sold during the upcoming Spring Spirit Sale. Stay tuned for more information on this sale later this month.

The Spirit Sale Committee wishes to extend thanks to all the employees who participated in submitting a design – Mrs. Bierly, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Chmela, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Metzel, Ms. Ramey, and Mrs. Iwinski (room 17 paraprofessionals); Mrs. Shoffner (1st-grade teacher), Ms. Packard (art teacher), Mrs. Hooper (5th-grade teacher), Mrs. McGann (2nd-grade teacher); and Ms. Weissmann (counselor). In addition, a huge thank you and a tremendous amount of gratitude to Ms. Nicole Packard for coordinating efforts with the employees, displaying the designs, and providing the opportunity for students to vote during her class time.

If you have any questions about the competition or the upcoming spirit sale, please contact Rachel Unger, Committee Chair, at runger12@gmail.com or 814-206-8987.

STAY Connected

If you would like to receive PTO messages, you can subscribe to the PTO list serve. Just follow these simple steps:

Send an email to the following address: cspto+subscribe@scasd.org. The subject of the email should be "Subscribe" and in the body of the message, enter "subscribe cspto". You will receive a verification email. You must reply to the verification email. The sender will receive a "successfully subscribed" message.

The Corl Street PTO has a Facebook page. Become a friend, join the discussion and stay up-to-date on school issues, news and events: www.facebook.com/groups/CorlStreetPTO/.

HAVE YOU HEARD?!

Open House Summer Champs Camp Registration evenings for families of students in reading or math club (Title I or RtII) and select Learning Support students will be held at Park Forest ES on April 7 and Mt. Nittany ES on April 21 from 6:00-7:30 in the All Purpose Room. Food and drinks provided. Summer Champs Camp is June 22-July 30, M-Th, 8:30-12:00 at Mt. Nittany ES. Transportation provided.

SCASD's next Straight Talk Session for parents will be held April 21, 2015 at Mount Nittany Middle School Auditorium. The topic will be Child Sexual Abuse. No registration is required for adults, and you may register children for free children's activities and homework help by contacting Connie Schulz at ces11@scasd.org.

Terrill Salter won the raffle at the March PTO meeting Her prize was a \$10 gift card for Qdoba. Attend the next **PTO meeting on Wednesday, April 8** for your chance to win!

The Spirit Sale Committee raised \$265 selling water bottles and t-shirts during Expo! Great job!





I am excited to announce this year's winners of Corl Street's 5th-Annual Peace Week Bookmark Contest (in no particular order):

Samantha Wrbican (3rd grade)

Anna Witmer (5th grade)

Katy Liu (5th grade)

Sarah Ross (3rd grade)

Elsie Umbel (3rd grade)

Carson Roth (5th grade)

Grace Witmer (3rd grade)

Tegan White (kindergarten)

Preston Chapman (5th grade)

Sophia Bills (5th grade)

Cora Bierly (kindergarten)

Nadya Kronin (4th grade)

Stop by the school to see all of the entries hanging in the hallway! Everyone did a beautiful job illustrating what peace is and how to help keep Corl Street a peaceful and bully-free school.

Congratulations to everyone who participated! *Mrs. Paije Davis (Librarian)*

Creature Collaboration

Earlier this year, kindergartners from Mrs. Ross' class drew imaginative creatures during art with Miss Wassom. During a brief video interview, the students were asked to state three characteristics that make their creature special. Next, Corl Street parent, Danielle Crowe, asked her advanced photography students at State High to use the Corl Street students' drawings and videos to create their own version of the kindergartners' creatures using Photoshop. A reception showcasing the students' work was held in mid-March.



top: Kindergartner Jon Whitbread's creature (purple, green and blue) featuring laser eyes, horns and 3 mouths.

bottom: High School Senior Stan Pinchuk's reimagined version using Photoshop.

