



Corl Street Chronicle

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Dates to Remember

- Nov. 7 - Fri. - **Corl Street Spirit Day**
wear Corl Street clothing or
maroon and/or gray
- Nov. 12 - Wed. - **PTO monthly meeting**
6:30 pm; childcare available
- Nov. 14 - Fri. - **Red, White & Blue Day**
(Wear patriotic colors to support
Veterans Day on Nov. 11th.)
- Nov. 21 - Fri. - **Corl Street Spirit Day**
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- Nov 26- Dec.1 - **NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving holiday Enjoy!

Dear Parents & Teachers,

Thank you to the Corl Street Elementary Community for your support of our Book Fair! It was great to see our students so excited about reading.

During our All For Books spare change drive we collected \$1,491.77. With this money we're able to donate \$1491 books to children's charities that get books in the hands of children that don't have them. Also, we used the money to give gift certificates to teachers to purchase books for their classrooms.

Our Book Fair total sales were \$6,762.15, our profit is \$3514.12 in Scholastic Dollars to be used to purchase books for our library.

Thanks again for all your support!

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DONUTS WITH DADS

A special thank you to our volunteers and to Weis Markets and Giant Food Stores for their help in making Donuts for Dads a fun and tasty way to kick off the Book Fair!



Thank you Movie Night organizers!

About 60 kids and their families gathered to watch The Lego Movie last month at the High School South Bldg. Numerous cups of popcorn were eaten as well as 140 packs of gummy snacks!

Special thanks to Alan Kimel for running the popcorn machine all evening and to the State High athletics department for providing water.

Watch for information about another movie night in the spring!

WANTED DODGEBALL CHAIRPERSON

The 5th-Annual Corl Street Adult Dodgeball Tournament committee needs someone to step up to the plate. If you have participated in the past, you know how much FUN is in this FUNdraiser. Don't let it fall to the wayside!

A binder has been created with step-by-step guidelines to pull off this one-of-a-kind event. but you can put your own stamp on it too! And, you won't be alone. Typically, the dodgeball committee is full of help. For more information about the tournament contact Michele Rowland at rowlandmm@gmail.com. To volunteer for the position, contact Karen Moser at kdmoser@gmail.com.

REWARD: FUN



TREES!

At its October meeting, the PTO voted to purchase five trees to be planted behind the school in the upper and lower playground areas. Two trees will replace those that were cut down earlier this fall. Lori Smith, a parent from Lemont Elementary School, attended the meeting and presented a tree planting initiative which hopes to get all of the elementary schools in the district to plant trees in playground areas to provide shade for students during the hot part of the school day. The types of trees to be planted will include native species that are fast growing and provide dense shade. -Our PTO will pay for two-thirds of the \$600 cost of the trees. The school district will pay one-third.



How does PTO spend our money?

The year is off to a great start! Since the beginning of the school year, our PTO has deposited close to **\$XXXXXX.XX**. Our biggest fundraiser, the Cougar Cat Run, raised over \$18,000.00! We have also received checks from last year's Giant Rewards Program and the Target Red Card program totalling close to \$1180.00.

The following is a breakdown of where the PTO money has spent money thus far*:

Ice Cream Social: \$393.32

5th-grade field trip to Fort Roberdeau: \$293.93

Kindergarten field trip to Way Fruit Farm: \$258.00

Seed Kits for 1st and 2nd grades and Playground Painting Reimbursement: \$439.32

PTO Meeting Childcare and Raffle Gift Cards: (\$60.00 + \$20?)

Printing Costs: \$19.44 (update?)

Tree Planting: \$400? (would we put this as spent yet?)

*Scholastic Book Fair and Movie Night: expenses not yet reported

At the October meeting, the PTO voted to allocate \$250.00 to every teacher to be used for classroom supplies. With this allocation, teachers can purchase items for their classroom throughout the year, submit receipts to the PTO treasurer, and then be reimbursed by the PTO up to the \$250 allotment.

Several big-ticket expenses are still to come this year including: the Author Visit, The 3rd- and 4th-grade trip to Harrisburg, the 5th-grade trip to Philadelphia, Teacher Appreciation Week and the 5th-grade party. The PTO has budgeted \$10,500.00 for these activities.

For more information about the 2014-15 PTO budget, visit the PTO page found under site shortcuts on the Corl Street homepage.

HAVE YOU HEARD?!

Corl Street students ran a total of 360.5 miles during the Cougar Cat Run. That's 1,717 laps around the sidewalk track behind the school! Way to go!

SCASD's **Straight Talk Parenting Series** presents educational programs that help parents and caregivers to recognize, understand, and deal with potential problems that can surface during a child's developmental years. The topic of this month's free seminar is Eating Disorders. It will be held at 7:00 at Mounty Nitany Middle School on November 18. For more information, visit www.scasd.org/StraightTalk.

Lisa Jimenez was September's lucky winner of a \$10 gift card for Irvings Bagel Shop. Lina Chung won October's PTO meeting raffle, a \$10 gift card to Ollie's. Join us at our next meeting on November 12 for your chance to win!

What's the **BUZZ** at Corl Street?



If you've taken a walk in the playground of Corl Street, then you may have seen the new pollinator garden. The garden is a fifth-grade service learning project. The fifth graders had some expert help from Sally McMurphy and Pam Ford, Penn State Master Gardeners, to create a satellite garden of The Snetsinger Butterfly Garden.

We are one of the many schools to now have a pollinator garden. Why is it important to have a pollinator garden? The garden will attract many pollinators including bees, hummingbirds, moths, and many more. The pollinators help the native plants to thrive and grow. The garden will be a learning experience for the whole school. The fifth graders will be going around the school and teaching younger grades about what pollinators do and why they are important. Also, the garden will become a teaching space for other grades.

The Master Gardeners in charge of helping us will be coming in every once in a while to help us work on the garden. Sally and Pam have already helped the fifth grade learn about native plants and how invasive species harm native species.

The garden is filled with wonderful native plants. The fifth grade planted Blue Mist Flowers, Rudbeckia Fulgia, Golden Alexander, Purple Coneflower, Violets, Swamp Milkweed, New England Asters, Aromatic Asters, Virginia Mountain Mint and Blue Vervain. We will add Anise Asters, more violets and Golden Ragwort.

Who is a Pollinator? A pollinator supports native plants, like bees and hummingbirds. They make a lot of food grow and make species of plants grow in population.

What Does a Pollinator Do? A pollinator carries pollen from one plant to another helping the plants to reproduce.

Why Do We Need Pollinators? We need pollinators because they help make lots of our food possible to eat. Over 80 percent of our plants need to be pollinated. That means that without the pollinators we wouldn't have over 80 percent of our plants! Think of that. As you can see, pollinators are very important.

Our garden could use your help too! To create a habitat we need leaves (crushed if possible). We already have some spread so we don't need too much more, but the more you have the better. We plan to put a rock border around the garden. If you have large rocks then plan to bring them in. We don't need them quite yet, but if you have them don't get rid of them. Also, we are not expecting boulders to be sent, but they should be large but not giant. If you do end up helping we would appreciate it a lot.

submitted by fifth-graders Ava Bierly, Carson Roth, Kate Rowland and Matthew Staniar



STAY Connected

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Send an email to the following address: listserv@listserv.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. After you do, you 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.

Corl Street has parent representatives to answer your questions! If you feel in the dark about Corl Street events or news, please feel free to contact Dee Patel (grades K-2) at deep129@live.com or 717-343-5776 or Vanessa McLaughlin (grades 3-5) at butterflynessa5@gmail.com or 814-234-1899.