



## The Colt Connection September 8, 2024

### Mark Your Calendars

#### September

Wednesday, September 11 - PTO Restaurant Night Fundraiser @Rita's in NE 5pm-8pm

Thursday, September 12 - Picture Day

Friday, September 13 - School Spirit Day - Wear your Leeds Gear or School Colors

#### Welcome Back to School Event

If you haven't had the chance to provide us some feedback regarding our Welcome Back to School Event, please take a moment to do so. Click [HERE](#) to access the form.



**PTO Reminder** - If you haven't already joined the PTO, join today for only \$5. The PTO is raffling off Hershey Park tickets for those who join.

#### Blue Home Communication Folders

Please do not forget to check your child's blue home communication folder each day for important information coming from the teacher and/or school. Thank you!!

#### Community Resources

If you are in need of any community resource, please check [here](#) for an excellent list of resources or contact our school counselor, Mrs. Angie Morgan at [amorgan@ccps.org](mailto:amorgan@ccps.org) or 410-996-5401 ext.32036

📎 North East Library Outreach September 2024 Flyer.pdf - Caseworkers will be available at the North East Library to assist with various behavioral health and financial needs

**Free Back to School Immunization Clinic** on September 23rd at the Cecil County Health Department

📎 2024 BTS flyer.pdf

**Volunteers Needed:** We need your help! Our school is looking forward to having volunteers support the work that happens in our schools. Please fill out [THIS](#) form to indicate your interest and a member of our team will follow-up with you about attending a volunteer training session. Please reach out with any questions!

**NEEDED** - We are looking for a parent/guardian representative for Leeds Elementary School to sit on our School System's Textbook Review Committee. The charge of the Textbook Review Council is to review and endorse textbooks and e-books that serve as textbooks, recommended by the textbook selection

committee before final presentation to the Board of Education. If you are interested in serving this year on the Textbook Review Committee or have any questions, please contact me at [criser@ccps.org](mailto:criser@ccps.org)

**Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee: New Year, New Topics!** Please join us for our first SECAC meeting of the year. September 26, 2024, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Administrative Services Building 900 North East Road. We want to hear from you!

### Signing In At Leeds as a Visitor

At Leeds, we use the Raptor Visitor Management System. A major component of school safety is knowing who is in our building at all times. The Raptor while also providing an even more the school building, visitors will be asked to be scanned or manually entered into the check against a national sex offender offenders are not entering our buildings. We birth, and photo for comparison with the information on the ID with any other agency



system will better allow us to track visitors streamlined sign in process. Upon entering present a valid state-issued ID which may system. The Raptor system will run a database to ensure that registered sexual will only record the visitor's name, date of national database. We will not share any or authority.

This system also allows us to build in custom alerts such as custody restrictions. Once entry is approved, we will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. If the visitor does not have a driver's license, the school staff member can ask to see another form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system to check for sex offender status and for any custom alert that has been created. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork. The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and the Raptor visitor management system provides a consistent way to more closely monitor access to our school buildings.

### What is the purpose of implementing PBIS at a school?

PBIS is designed to promote a range of positive behaviors by defining expectations for conduct. If a student fails to meet these standards of behavior, the PBIS framework offers a pathway to address and correct the problem behaviors.



This week our students learned about our Colt Code of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. They were provided expectations for each location in the building such as their classrooms, bathrooms, lunchrooms, special area classes, playground, bus, etc. As students show the Colt Code, they are recognized with Colt Points, individually or as a class. Once Colt Points are collected, students are rewarded and their names or classrooms are displayed in the hallway. If your child is in Grades Prek, K, 2-5, you will be able to see your child's progress on the Class DoJo app. Grade 1 students will be using Colt Cards in the class to keep track of their points.

In the past our school has celebrated those students staying in the Green Zone. The Green Zone was a designation for those students who have no Office Referrals or Bus Suspensions and no more than 3 Minor Incident Reports. This year, we are moving away from this system. Instead our school will come together each marking period to

celebrate our school community together. Special events will be provided as part of our celebration. Past events included blow up obstacle course and a Reptile Show. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

## CLASS DOJO

This year, teachers in PreK, K, 2, 3, 4, and 5 have selected to use "Class Dojo" for rewarding attendance and our Colt Code behaviors (Respectful, Responsible, and Safe) in their classrooms. This is a FREE program we are using - if you sign up with YOUR child(ren), you will be able to see how they are doing each day! It is a program many of our staff and students are excited to use!

Here are the classes in the lead for the most families signed up:

Mrs. Krummel - 85%

Mrs. Higgins - 85%

Mrs. Smolka - 78%

Mrs. Strycharz - 76%

We are trying to get 100% of our families to enroll. The first class to reach 100% will receive additional time out at recess with Mrs. Riser and Mr. Moon. IF you are asked to purchase anything, PLEASE DECLINE! If at any point you are asked to buy or pay ANYTHING, just click "not now" when enrolling. The county has paid for the program! To sign up as your child(ren)'s parent/guardian, please [CLICK THIS LINK](#) and follow the prompts. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mr. Moon at [wmoon@ccps.org](mailto:wmoon@ccps.org).

**Picture Day is This Week** - Picture Day information is coming home tomorrow in students' Communication Folders. You may pay online or send a check made out to Strawbridge Studios in the envelope. To purchase a picture package online go to [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) and enter code FM459860.

**FUNDRAISER INFORMATION-** Leeds is now doing their fundraiser - help out Leeds as we work to replace old and out of date SmartBoards (used in most of classrooms to assist with learning) and events for the students throughout the year by supporting our fundraiser.

If you'd like to register to sell to your family and friends, use this QR code to register, click PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION and use our ID number - 20101. You can email friends and family directly, share information online through Facebook and Instagram, and even buy some for yourself!

- Our LES Top seller will win a \$50 gift card.
- All students who sell 15 items will be invited to lunch with Mrs. Riser & Fluffy, the LES bunny!
- All students selling 10 items will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win awesome prizes including a bowling party or a Sky Zone Jump Party!
- There are fabulous prizes for EVERYONE who sells at least TWO ITEMS!

The FUNDRAISER ends on Tuesday, September 24th - items will be delivered on Wednesday, November 6th! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Moon.

Packets were just distributed to everyone so please make sure you look for it and check it out. **Ready to get started?** [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) [View Brochure Here](#) We appreciate your support of this fundraiser, as it provides much needed funds.

Check out these great INCENTIVES! <https://joecorbi.com/prizes/>



## This Week's Menu:

Monday 9/9/23	Tuesday 9/10/24	Wednesday 9/11/23	Thursday 9/12/24	Friday 9/13/24
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chicken Patty Sandwich	Cheesesteak Chicken Patty Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sub	Orange Chicken Chicken Patty Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sub	Chicken Taco Chicken Patty Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sub	Mickey's Cheese Pizza Chicken Patty Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sub

## Here are Some Pictures During the Past Week



## A Final Note from the Principal

What an exciting and successful first week it has been here at Leeds! As we wrap up our first few days back, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and share some highlights from the week. Our students have shown tremendous enthusiasm and kindness as they've adjusted to new classrooms, teachers, and routines. It's been wonderful to see friendships rekindled and new ones formed. The energy throughout the rooms has been nothing short of contagious, setting the tone for what will surely be a fantastic school year.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers and staff, who have gone above and beyond to ensure a smooth and welcoming start for all of our students. Their dedication to creating a nurturing and engaging environment truly shines through.

As we move forward into the school year, please remember the importance of communication. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you again for being part of our wonderful school community. Together, we are building a positive and enriching experience for all of our students. Wishing you all a restful weekend!



*Mrs. Kelly Riser*

Proud Principal of LES