

# Cumru Kidbits

A Newsletter of the Cumru Elementary School PTO

Fall 2024

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## PTO Meetings

All Cumru PTO meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. They are held in the Cumru Cafeteria. We always welcome new people and new ideas. The PTO is your connection between home and school. Please join us at the upcoming meetings listed below!

October 10, 2024

November 14, 2024

December 12, 2024

## Kidbits Online

Full-color versions of *Cumru Kidbits* are available on the Cumru page of the district web site: <https://ce.gmsd.org/parent-teacher-organization-pto>

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## Thank You, Cumru PTO For Our New Playground!

Cumru students are enjoying the wonderful new playground equipment that was installed on the western side of Cumru during the summer. This new equipment represents hundreds of hours of work by our Cumru PTO members who raised \$30,000 to join the GM School District and make this installation possible. Thank

you to all of the Cumru families who supported multiple fundraisers over the last several years with both their time and finances. It is a wonderful thing to see the enjoyment of Cumru students as they use the new equipment every day!



(Above): Jaxon Matthews (4-Hy), Alexander Place (4-Hy), Cataleya Rosario (4-B), and Josephine Shipley (4-W) enjoy recess on Cumru's new playground equipment.

(Right) 3rd Graders D'Leyah Jackson and Ava Johnson (3-T) show the ramp access to the new equipment.



(Left) Cumru students visit in an assembly with author, Holly Garner.



(Left) Students participate in Cumru's first ever "Storywalk."



(Above) 1st Grade teacher, Miss Emily Gumpert, draws Leo using directions from: (Left) Stephanie Miller, illustrator; Holly Garner, author; and Happy.

On September 27, 2024, Cumru students and staff participated in an interactive assembly with author, Holly Garner and illustrator, Stephanie Miller. Their new book, "Letters from Leo," offers wise advice from Leo the dog who helps children who are experiencing challenging situations. In anticipation of the visit, students participated in an outside "Storywalk" with their class. This great activity and the assembly were organized by Mrs. Marcy Sweigart, Cumru's librarian.

More Cumru News online at: [www.gmsd.org](http://www.gmsd.org)



**Mr. Brian Cote**  
**Cumru**  
**Elementary School**  
**Principal**



# *From the Principal's Desk*

One of Cumru's primary goals is to support the learning of all students, ensuring that each child receives a personalized and inclusive education. Our school will continue to promote an environment that encourages intellectual curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. By recognizing and appreciating the unique strengths and opportunities of each student, we can create a learning experience where every student is empowered to pursue their passion, purpose, and path.

In addition to academics, we are continuing our focus on creating a sense of belonging for our students. At Cumru Elementary, we instill the following three expectations in our students in all areas of our school day to support our students so that they value themselves and others.

1. Take Care of Yourself
2. Take Care of Others
3. Take Care of our School / Community

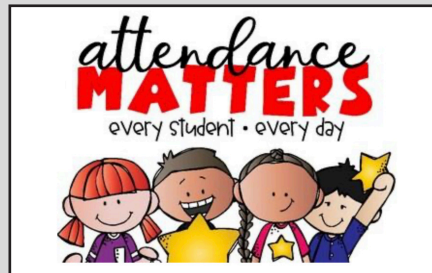
**Please Help Your Child Succeed in School!**

**Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early. School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Starting in Kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. It is important to start to build this habit in preschool so that our students learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Thank you Cumru parents for helping your child to fulfill Cumru's Motto to "Be Here, Be You, and Belong."



## **Cumru's Annual Fabulous Fall Festival**



**Saturday, October 19, 2024**

**11:00 - 2:00 (Rain or Shine)**

**Sponsored by the Cumru PTO.**

**Come and enjoy a great time with games, food, fun and  
the Cumru Pumpkin Contest!**

## ***Be a Part of The Cumru PTO***

Hello Cumru Families,

We are off to an exciting start this school year. Our PTO meetings will be every second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Cumru Cafeteria. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to meet other Cumru families and to help brainstorm ways to support Cumru and our children. Your involvement is appreciated at whatever capacity you can give at the time. If you have any questions about opportunities to help, or general questions about the PTO please don't hesitate to reach out to Amanda at [Awalters221@gmail.com](mailto:Awalters221@gmail.com) or on our FB Page Cumru Elementary PTO.



# Life Around Cumru



(Above) Grace Gruber ( 2-C) wears her Cumru Birthday Crown to our September Town Hall.



(Above) Mrs. Arnold's Kindergarten students enjoy a freeze pop break on a hot August afternoon.



(Above) The beginning of the 24-25 school year brought new monthly "Town Hall Meetings" to Cumru. In the pictures above, Cumru celebrates our September Birthday students and staff. (Left) Miles Wagner and Gabriel Garcia (3-R) are recognized with a positive behavior award at the September Town Hall.

## Cumru Celebrated International Dot Day

(Below) Zoey Brown (K-McG) uses her Dot Day creativity.



(Above) Third grade students from Mrs. Turtell's class create art work inspired by dots.



(Right) Third graders line the hallway for our special "Dot Day Song" morning announcements.

(Below) Students from Mrs. Westover's 3rd grade class work together as a team to build 3 dimensional marshmallow shapes.



(Below) Miss Dzon's first grade class participates in Cumru's outside "Storywalk."



(Above) 4th Grade students are serenaded by GM High School students who came to share their enjoyment of music and talk about the reasons why they chose the instrument they play in the band or orchestra. Cumru 4th graders will be making this decision soon.



(Above) Mrs. Radwanski's third grade class begins the year with a "three-ific" third day of school.

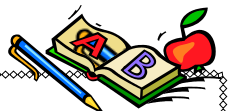
## Cumru's Mission

All Cumru students will:

**GROW:** in character

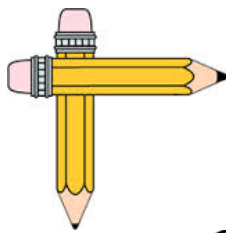
**FLOURISH:** in a safe environment

**SUCCEED:** in achieving high academic standards





# Calendar of Events



## OCTOBER

- 10 Cumru PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Cumru Cafeteria/ Virtual Link
- 11 In-Service PM - Student Half Day Elementary Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.
- 14 County-Wide In-Service Day No School for Students
- 19 Cumru's Fall Festival 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 21 Board of School Directors' Voting Meeting, Ed Center, 7 p.m.
- 31 Halloween -Student Half- Day Halloween Celebration Grades K-4 Details to be announced. Elementary Dismissal at 11:45 a.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 11 Cumru's Veterans Day Program 9:30 am
- 12 Cumru Picture Retakes
- 14 Cumru PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Cumru Cafeteria/ Virtual Link
- 18 Board of School Directors' Voting/ Curriculum Meeting, EC, 7 p.m.
- 25-26 No School for Students Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:10-8:30 p.m.
- 27 In-Service Day - No School for Students
- 28 - 29 Holiday - No School

## DECEMBER

- 2 Holiday - Thanksgiving No School
- 3 Return to School
- 12 PTO Movie Night
- 3-13 Cumru Holiday Shoppe
- 12 Cumru PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Cumru Cafeteria/ Virtual Link
- 16 Board of School Directors' Voting/ Curriculum Meeting, EC, 7 p.m.
- 23 In-Service Day - No School for Students
- 24-31 Holiday Break - No School

## JANUARY

- 1 Holiday Break - No School
- 2 -3 In-Service Day - No School for Students



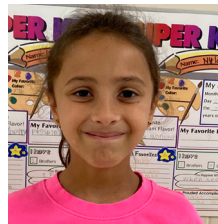
## Kids Corner: Writing Across The Curriculum

### My Favorite Things?

By Cumru's 2nd Graders

My name is Finley. My favorite book is "Pete the Cat." I have one brother, 1 sister, and six pets. My favorite sport is basketball.

My favorite ice cream is mint.



My name is Hudson.

My favorite hobby is crafting. I have four sisters and four brothers. My favorite school subject is writing. I am happiest when my cousins are here.



My name is Charleigh. My favorite sport is field hockey. My favorite food is cheeseburgers. I am happiest when I am on a road trip.

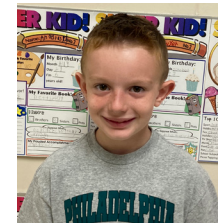


My name is Janalees. My favorite movie is "Encanto." My favorite hobby is to play with cats. My proudest accomplishment is helping people.

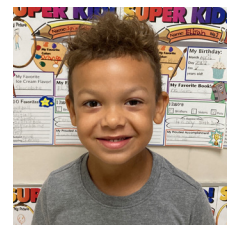


My name is Jayce. My favorite food is ramen noodles. I am happiest when I am at home. My proudest accomplishment is getting the platinum on Minecraft PS4 Edition.

My name is Wren. My favorite book is "Upside Down Magic." My proudest moment was getting the Good Citizenship Award. I am happiest when I am with my friends and family.



My name is Rylyn. I am seven years old. My favorite ice cream flavor is chocolate. I am happiest when I'm practicing ninja moves.



My name is Mayson. I am seven years old. My favorite food is pizza. My favorite holiday is Christmas. I am happiest when I see my friends.

## UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE CUMRU PTO IN 2024-2025

THE Cumru PTO is looking forward to several future events this year

Keep an eye out for flyers details to come home closer to the events.

**Holiday Shoppe 12/3-13**

**December Movie Night 12/12**

**Skateaway Night 1/12**

**KISS Dance 2/1**

**Bingo Night 3/7**

**Fun Run 5/5**

