



The Colt Connection October 13, 2024

Mark Your Calendars

October and November

Wednesday, October 16 - Unity Day - Wear Orange

Thursday, October 17 - The Great American Shake Out (Earthquake Drill at School)

Friday, October 18 - **Schools Closed** - Teacher Professional Development Day

Monday, October 28 - Gr 2 Field Trip to Longwood Gardens

Monday, October 28-November 1-Red Ribbon Week

Wednesday, October 30 - Gr 5 Field Trip to Fair Hill Nature Center

Thursday, October 31-November 6 - Annual Book Fair

Friday, November 1 - PTO Fall Fest- 5:30-7:30pm

Tuesday, November 5 - **Schools Closed**

Wednesday, November 6 - Joe Corbi's Fundraiser Pick Up- 4-6pm

Friday, November 8 - Veteran's Day Celebration at 9:15am

Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

Wednesday, November 13- KINDNESS DAY

Tuesday, November 19 - Parent Workshop - Writing, Spelling, Handwriting, Oh My! Dinner provided.

Wednesday, November 20 - Grandparents Breakfast at 8:00am

Monday, November 25 - Our Annual Turkey Trot

Wednesday, November 27-29 - **Schools Closed** - Thanksgiving Break



SCHOOL INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Title I Update

We are thrilled to share an update about our school's journey with the Maryland State Department of Education! As a Targeted Title I school, we have been dedicated to providing a large group of students with the resources and support they need to thrive academically. This year, we are taking a significant step forward as we work to transition into a Schoolwide Title I program.

What Does This Mean for Our School?

Transitioning to a Schoolwide Title I program allows us to expand our efforts to support all students, not just those who are targeted. With this new structure next year, we will be able to enhance our educational strategies, increase

our funding opportunities, and implement comprehensive programs that benefit every child in our school.

How Will This Benefit Our Students?

1. **Broader Access to Resources:** With increased funding and support, we can provide more educational materials, technology, and enrichment programs that engage all students and cater to their individual learning needs.
2. **Improved Teaching Strategies:** Our teachers will have access to professional development and resources that will enhance their instructional practices, ensuring that they can meet the diverse needs of our students.
3. **Family and Community Engagement:** We are committed to strengthening our partnership with families and the community. This program encourages greater involvement and input from you, our valued families, in shaping our school's educational environment.
4. **Focused Support Programs:** We will continue to implement additional support services, such as tutoring and mentoring programs, which will help all students achieve their academic goals.

Looking Ahead

As we embark on this exciting journey, we encourage your continued support and involvement. We will be hosting information sessions and workshops throughout the year to keep you updated and engaged in this transition. Your feedback and ideas are invaluable to us! Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Together, we can ensure that all our students receive the quality education they deserve.

School Improvement Update

As we dive deeper into the school year, we want to take a moment to update you on our School Improvement Planning process and share how we will keep you informed every step of the way.

Our Progress So Far

This year, our team has been hard at work developing a comprehensive School Improvement Plan focused on enhancing student achievement and fostering a positive learning environment. Here are some key areas we have been addressing:

- **Data Analysis:** We've been reviewing student performance data to identify strengths and areas for growth. This helps us tailor our strategies to meet the specific needs of our students.
- **Collaborative Goal Setting:** Teachers, staff, administration, and parents have come together to set clear, actionable goals. These goals aim to improve academic outcomes, enhance student engagement, and support social-emotional learning.
- **Community Input:** We value your insights! We have been gathering feedback from parents and community members through surveys and meetings, ensuring that our plans reflect the needs and priorities of our school community. We will continue to do this throughout the school year.

Keeping You Informed

We believe that open communication is key to our success. Here's how we will keep you updated on our

School Improvement efforts:

1. Regular Newsletters: Look for updates in our newsletters, where we will share progress on our goals and highlight specific initiatives. Next week, we will be sharing our Plan Highlights.
2. Parent Workshops: We will host workshops throughout the year to share strategies and resources that you can use at home to support your child's learning.
3. Open Forums: We will hold open forums and meetings where you can ask questions, provide feedback, and engage in discussions about our School Improvement Plan.
4. Dedicated Webpage: We will create a section on our school website to provide ongoing updates, resources, and relevant information regarding our School Improvement efforts.

Your partnership is vital to our success, and we appreciate your ongoing support. Together, we can create a thriving educational environment for all our students. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

The Internet and School Impact - We have seen several instances of "social media games" that are not appropriate for school occurring recently such as "If you move". Please share with your child that these are NOT school appropriate and the activities are NOT to be done in the building. Many of these activities involve name calling, pouring water on each other, and they will result in discipline being administered here at school. Thank you for being a very important member of our team!

ANTI-BULLYING POSTER CONTEST

The CCPS Annual Anti-Bullying Contest has begun. Submissions need to be turned in to Mrs. Morgan by November 8th. This year's prizes are Choice of: AirPods, FitBit, Chromebook, TI81 Calculator, Tablet
A contest winner will be selected at each level (elementary, middle, and high) Find more information by clicking this [LINK](#) or see the attached flyer.

Parent Workshop - The Office of Multilingual Education will be offering virtual (zoom) parent workshops twice a month on Tuesdays starting on October 15, 2024. Time: 10 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. [Flyer](#)

RED RIBBON WEEK - To learn more about this year's Red Ribbon Activities, please click the [LINK](#).

Holiday Assistance - Our school is beginning to gather information on who may need assistance this holiday season. We work with many community organizations and would like to help as many families as possible. Please complete this [FORM](#) by Friday, October 25, 2024 if your family needs our support. If you have any questions, please reach out to our school counselor, Mrs. Morgan(amorgan@ccps.org) We will contact families about assistance sometime after the first week of November.

PTO Corner:

Our annual Fall Fest is coming soon. It is scheduled on Friday, November 1st. For more information about this event, click [HERE](#) or see the attached flyer.

We are looking for volunteers to help us at our Fall Fest by setting up their trunks for our treaters. To see information on how you can help, click [HERE](#) or see the attached flyer.

Boo Grams: Don't forget to fill out and return your Boo Grams by October 17th. If you need a Boo Gram form, click [HERE](#).

READING BUDDIES - Cecil County Public Library has launched a Reading Buddy Program. They have trained volunteers that are scheduled to meet weekly and provide one-on-one reading practice. They have 11 volunteers trained and ready to read with your child at the Elkton Branch. If you are interested, please view the English Flyer [HERE](#) and the Spanish flyer [HERE](#).

Reading Information: [October ELA Express](#)

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 or 410-996-5401 ext.32036

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

 [2024 BTS flyer.pdf](#)

MEDICAID benefits: If your child previously received Medicaid benefits please remember that there is no longer an automatic renewal. You can find more information on how to renew your child's benefits [HERE](#).

Leeds' Food and Nutrition Weekly RAFFLE - We will be starting a weekly **raffle** held on Monday's for the students who have taken one or more lunches from our amazing Food and Nutrition staff in our cafeteria. Students who get a lunch the week before will be entered in a raffle to win a **PRIZE**. The more days you buy lunch the more chances you have to win :) **REMINDER - Free lunch for ALL students- everyday!**

We will also start **STICKER DAY FRIDAYS!** If you get a sticker (that we provide) under your tray- you get to pick a prize from the prize bin!

Finally, We will begin selling snacks on 10/28!!!!!!!

This Week's Menu:

Monday 10/14/23	Tuesday 10/15/24	Wednesday 10/16/23	Thursday 10/17/24	Friday 10/18/24
Chicken Nuggests Corn Dog Ham & Cheese Melt Cheese & Cracker Bento Box	Meatball sub Corn Dog Mozzarella Sticks Cheese & Cracker Bento Box	Orange Chicken Corn Dog Hot Dogs Cheese & Cracker Bento Box	Walking taco Corn Dog Yogurt Box Cheese & Cracker Bento Box	SCHOOLS CLOSED

A Final Note from the Principal

Celebrating Our School Community!

This year we will be celebrating our students, staff, and families throughout the school year. It's important to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students, staff, and families! Our school is a vibrant community filled with creativity, hard work, and support. Whether it's a student mastering a new skill, a teacher inspiring their class, or a family volunteering their time, every contribution makes a difference.

This week we celebrated the achievements our fourth and fifth graders made in last SPRING's MCAP, our state's reading and math assessments. We celebrated them in the gymnasium as grade 3 students cheered them on. You will find a list of students below who reached the level of proficient or advanced and those students who made improvements from gr 3 to gr 4 (only for gr 5 students)

Improvement in Reading from Gr 3 to Gr 4 -Cecilia, Adeling, Skylen, Christopher, Bailey, Heidi, Leilani, Riley, Isabella, Haven, Morgan, Jocelyn, Morgan, Wayne, Lillian, Colton, and Stella

Improvement in Math from Gr 3 to Gr 4 - Kaylee, Adeline, Skylen, Austin, and Christian

Proficient or Advanced in Reading on the Grade 3 Assessment - Desmond, Loki, Omega, Drake, Mackenzie, Jameson, Declan, Warren, Eleanor, Payton, Mason, Nathan, Daniel, Case, Sonni, Shantay, Marshall, Wyatt, Mavis, and Charlotte

Proficient or Advanced in Math on the Grade 3 Assessment - Desmond, Brinley, Loki, Omega, Drake, Mackenzie, Declan, Warren, Eleanor, Payton, Mason, Nathan, Daniel, Case, Marshall, Wyatt, and Charlotte

Proficient or Advanced in Reading on the Grade 4Assessment -Cruz, Cecilia, Brantlee, Margaret, Kaylee, Caleb, Emma, Adeline, Sailor*, Christopher, Alivia, Leliani,, Camdyn, Kaitlyn, Kylie, Lilyanna, Tyler*, Micah, Morgan, Skylar, Wayne, Colton, Stella, and Christina

Proficient or Advanced in Math on the Grade 4Assessment - Benjamin, Brantlee, Sailor, Christopher, Alivia, Leilani, Riley, Camdyn, Tyler*, Micah, Skylar, Wayne, and Colton

*Denotes an Advanced Score on the Assessment

Another celebration I would like to celebrate this week is **Staff Service Recognition**. Thank you to these individuals who help to make Leeds great! Mrs. Allie Siebold (10 yrs), Mr. Larry Harris (20 yrs.), Mrs. Karen Long (20 yrs.), Mrs. Tracey Callanan (25 yrs.) and Mr. Bill Moon (25 yrs).

Let's continue to uplift and recognize one another as we move through the school year. We look forward to sharing more stories of our collective successes in the coming months! Thank you for being an essential

part of our amazing school community!

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out.



Mrs. Kelly Riser

Proud Principal of LES