



## The Colt Connection October 20, 2024

### Mark Your Calendars

#### October and November

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 31st - There's Nothing Scary About School Improvement!

Parent Meeting @9am in the cafeteria. [FLYER](#) [RSVP Form](#)

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 [FLYER](#)

**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 Budget Development** - This year we are receiving about \$27,000 after paying for a Title I Resource Teacher. We would like your input as to how we should spend the money. Please click [HERE](#) to provide your thoughts on how the money should be spent to support our children.

**School Improvement** - As stated in our update last week, we will continue to communicate our School Improvement efforts throughout the school year.

#### Keeping You Informed

Newsletter Communication:

- This week we submitted our School Improvement Plan to our Director of Elementary Education.

We are attaching our [plan highlights / Spanish Version](#) and our [Leeds Elementary School Dashboard](#).

- Community Input: We value your insights! We would like feedback from parents and community members through surveys to ensure that our plan reflects the needs and priorities of our school community. After reading the Plan Highlights and School Dashboard, please take a moment to complete this [survey](#).

School Improvement Forum:

- We would like to invite you to an upcoming meeting where we can explain our School Improvement Plan to parents in person. Here is the [Flyer](#). During this time you can ask questions, engage in discussions, and provide feedback. A gift basket will be raffled off and any student whose parent attends will get a spooky treat at lunch. Please let us know if you are able to attend by completing this [RSVP form](#).

Parent Workshops:

- Mark Your Calendars!! We will be having our first parent workshop on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:00-7:00pm with dinner being provided at 5:00pm. Our topic that evening will focus on word study and writing. We will share strategies and resources that you can use at home to support your child's learning. More information coming soon.

**Book Fair Help Still Needed** - We are still looking for help at the following times: Friday, November 1st 1:15-2:00 and 2:00-2:45. We also need help with setting up the Book Fair on Wednesday, 10/30 starting at 2:00. If you are available to help, please reach out to Mrs. Faulkner at [lmfaulkner@ccps.org](mailto:lmfaulkner@ccps.org)

#### **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.

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

#### **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.

We are looking for donations of candy for our Trunk-or-Treat event as well as cakes/cupcakes for our Cake Walk. If you'd be willing to donate candy and/or a cake/cupcakes, please click this link <https://forms.gle/fcXFMQAJhupgyQ1P6>. If you have any questions, feel free to email Mr. Moon at [wmoon@ccps.org](mailto:wmoon@ccps.org). Thank you for your continued support!

**Reading Information:** [October ELA Express](#)

**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 10/21/23	Tuesday 10/22/24	Wednesday 10/23/23	Thursday 10/24/24	Friday 10/25/24
Grilled Cheese Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Yogurt Box Pizza Crunchers	Rotini with meat sauce Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Yogurt Box Mozzarella Sticks	Orange Chicken Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Yogurt Box	Chicken Tacos Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Yogurt Box Corn Dog	Pizza Party (variety of choices) Hamburger/ Cheeseburger Yogurt Box

**Veterans' Day Celebration:** Please click [HERE](#) for more information about our celebration at school. A paper copy will be coming home with students as well.

**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

**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](#).

**Looking for Something to Do:** Check out this event [YES Spooktakular Fall Festival](#) ([Spanish version](#))

**TOT RECESS** - This Wednesday between 2-3pm, join our Family Resource Center for some fun at the North East Park. Check out this [FLYER](#) for more information.

**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](#).

## **A Final Note from the Principal**

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to share some highlights from our recent Professional Development Day for teachers and staff this past Friday.

Our dedicated team engaged in a variety of workshops focused on enhancing instructional strategies, integrating technology into the classroom, and promoting social-emotional learning. These sessions were designed to equip our educators with the tools and knowledge necessary to support your children's growth and success.

We believe that ongoing professional development is essential in ensuring that our staff remains informed about the latest educational practices. This commitment ultimately benefits our students by fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our students.

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



*Mrs. Kelly Riser*  
Proud Principal of LES