The Colt Connection
April 6, 2025

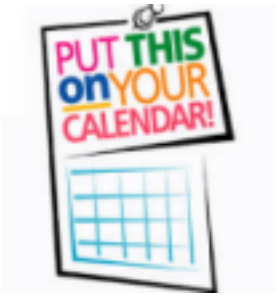
Mark Your Calendars

April

Monday, April 7th - Dean of Students Appreciation Week - Wear Orange and Black
For Mr. Moon

Tuesday, April 8th - Running Club begins for those accepted into the Club

Thursday, April 17th - Tutors Appreciation Day - Wear Purple for these Amazing Ladies AND
PTO Restaurant Fundraiser - Tropical Smoothie AND
Early Dismissal - 1:30pm



Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21st - School Closed for Spring Break

Tuesday, April 22nd - Schools Open for An Inclement Weather Make-Up Day AND
Earth Day - Wear Green to show our appreciation for our planet Earth

Tuesday, April 29th - Donuts with Grown Ups PreK, K, and 1

Wednesday, April 30th - Wacky Wednesday - Wear as many colors and patterns as you can

MAY

May 8th - Cherry Hill Middle School Incoming Gr 6 Information Meeting at 6PM

May 9th - Fun and Fitness Day (May 16th Rain Date)

May 15th - Gr 4 & 5 Spring Concert (Band, Orchestra, and Chorus)

May 26th - Memorial Day - School Closed

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Chorus sing the Star-Spangled Banner at the Aberdeen Ironbirds game

Once again this year, our 4th and 5th grade chorus have been invited to sing the National Anthem prior to the 7:05 p.m. game. Tickets ware $13 a piece - additional information about tickets will be going home this week. After the game, stick around for a wonderful fireworks display!

Donuts with Grown Ups PreK - 1

Click here for more information.

End of the Year Awards Ceremonies - Gr3 June 9th @10:45AM, Gr1 June 10th @9:15am, Gr2 June 10th@10am, Kindergarten June 10th @ 2PM, Gr4 June 10th @ 2:45PM, PreK June 12th @10:30am

Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony - June 13th @ 9:30am

Family Math Night Information



April 9, 2025 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Sessions:

5:00-5:30 - (Grades 3-5) MCAP Informational Meeting for Parents

- Learn about the MCAP ELA and Math Test that students will take in May
- Topics covered will include the topics that students will be tested on, types and number of questions, sample problems, tips & tricks from teachers, test taking vocabulary and strategies of how to prepare your students to rock this test!
- Childcare will be provided for this session on the outdoor playground (weather permitting)

5:30-6:00 - (Grades 3-5) Keeping Math Alive in the Summer (cafeteria)

- Visit stations where you will create math games and resources intended to keep kids' math brains working throughout the summer months in order to avoid the summer slump! If you have other students in PreK-2, you will also be able to complete those stations during this time.

5:00-6:00 - (Grades PreK-2) Keeping Math Alive in the Summer (cafeteria)

- Visit stations where you will create math games and resources intended to keep kids' math brains working throughout the summer months in order to avoid the summer slump! This session is an hour long, but you can come and go as you please.

Please RSVP by returning the form below by **April 2, 2025** or scanning the QR code above.

Math Flyer Links

Spanish Translation of Math Night Flyer

PTO NEWS

Hershey Park Ticket order - Due this Friday, April 11th

This is a sweet deal that you don't want to miss. You can order Hershey Park tickets that are good from April 5, 2025 through January 4, 2026 for only $45 a piece (ages 3+). Tickets are normally $89.95. Please complete the attached flyer and turn it in no later than Friday.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe Spirit Night - Thursday, April 17, 2025

Are you looking for a reason not to cook? Go to Tropical Smoothie Cafe in Elkton anytime of day on Thursday, April 17th. Leeds will get 20% of purchases. You must show the attached flyer.

Denny's Spirit Night - Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Mark your calendar for a new Spirit Night at the Denny's in North East (attached to Flying J).

This Week's Menu:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Cheese Chicken Patty Bento Box	Meatball Sub Chicken Patty Bento Box	Orange Chicken Chicken Patty Bento Box	Chicken Taco Chicken Patty Bento Box	Stuffed Crust Pizza Fish Sandwich Bento Box

Community Resources

- Here is the April ELA Express
- 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.
- 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
- **Brightpathcecil.com**
- SECAC Meeting, Thursday, 10 April 2025 @6pm, Frank Kros will be sharing his knowledge and experiences regarding **"Rethinking ADHD: What Works, What Doesn't, and Why."** The Meeting Room of the North East Library, located on the first floor at 485 Mauldin Ave, North East, MD 21901. We hope to see you there!
- My Family Matters: Parenting Workshop, "Establishing Routines"- Wednesday, April 16th @ Conowingo Elementary School from 5:00-7:00

A Final Note from Mrs. Riser, Principal

Supporting Students This Spring: Balancing Outdoor Activities and Schoolwork

As spring blooms and outdoor activities become more enticing, it's natural for students to feel the pull of fresh air and sunshine. With sports, family outings, and other seasonal events now in full swing, parents may find it challenging to ensure their children stay focused on schoolwork. However, spring doesn't have to be a season of compromise; with a little planning and creativity, it can be a time to balance fun with learning. Here are some ways parents can continue to support their students as the weather warms up.

1. Establish a Flexible Routine

With longer days and more outdoor activities, flexibility is key. Help your child create a routine that accommodates both school responsibilities and time for outdoor play. For example, establish a "homework hour" in the early afternoon or before dinner, so students can enjoy their evening activities guilt-free. A consistent, but flexible

schedule can help them stay on track without feeling overwhelmed.

2. Make Learning Part of Outdoor Adventures

The outdoors is a natural classroom! Encourage students to incorporate learning into their outdoor activities. Whether it's counting steps while hiking, observing wildlife for science, or bringing along reading material for a quiet moment in the park, there are endless ways to tie academics to outdoor fun. Parents can even use weekend outings as a chance to explore nature and discuss topics they're currently studying in school.

3. Encourage Physical Activity as a Reward

Physical activity is important for mental and physical health, and it can also be a motivator for academic success. Encourage your child to finish their homework or projects before heading outside for their favorite sport or playtime. Rewarding effort with a well-earned break can help instill a sense of accomplishment and reinforce the importance of balancing responsibilities and relaxation.

4. Stay Connected with Teachers and School Events

As spring sports and extracurriculars ramp up, parents should stay connected with teachers to ensure students aren't falling behind in their work. Attending school events, parent-teacher conferences, and keeping up with assignments can help maintain a strong support system for your child. Additionally, encourage open communication with your child's teacher about any challenges they may be facing in balancing school and outdoor activities.

5. Embrace Learning Outdoors

If homework or projects allow, take the classroom outside! Studying on the porch, in the backyard, or even at a nearby park can make learning feel less like a chore. Studies show that spending time outdoors can boost concentration, creativity, and overall well-being, making it a win-win for both academic and personal development.

By creating a balance between outdoor adventures and school responsibilities, parents can help their children thrive academically while also enjoying all the joys that spring has to offer. Together, we can make this season one of growth, learning, and fun!