The Colt Connection
May 4, 2025

Mark Your Calendars

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

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

May 13th - PTO Restaurant Fundraiser - North East Denny's

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

May 26th - Memorial Day - School Closed

May 30th - PTO End of the Year Carnival

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Teacher Appreciation Week: Celebrating Our Everyday Heroes

This week, we take a moment to celebrate the heart of our school—our teachers. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated, compassionate, and inspiring educators who go above and beyond every day to support, encourage, and guide our students. Their impact reaches far beyond the classroom, and we are incredibly grateful for the difference they make.

There are many simple, meaningful ways students and families can show appreciation this week. A heartfelt note or drawing from a student, a kind email from a parent, or even just a sincere "thank you" in the hallway can go a long way. Helping your child be respectful, prepared, and positive in class is another great way to show teachers they are valued and respected.

Let's make this week special by showing our teachers how much they are appreciated, for all they do, and for who they are.

KUDOs to the Staff

Each week, Mr. Moon puts out an update and includes a KUDOs section for our staff to say "thanks" or "good job" to our faculty. And now I would like to include YOU - the families of Leeds. If you or your child(ren) like to give a shout out to any of our faculty and/or staff, please email your KUDOs to Mr. Moon by Thursday evening to wmoon@ccps.org. No KUDOs are too large or too small - and the staff will love seeing and hearing from our students and our families!

Career Day 2025 Leeds Elementary will have a Career Day on **June 6**. We would like to present a variety of careers to our students. If you are interested in sharing information about your career or know someone who would be willing to help, please complete this form by **May 18**th.

MCAP Testing - Grade 4 and 5

This week, our fourth and fifth-grade students will take the required state assessments. Grade 4 is scheduled on Monday and Tuesday to take the math assessment. Grade 5 is scheduled on Monday-Thursday to take the English language arts assessment.

To help your child(ren) prepare for these days, please help them to:

- arrive to school on time
- have a good breakfast (or pick one up at school)
- get a good night's sleep
- dress comfortably

We are working on several fun activities for our students participating in testing each day.

Fun and Fitness Day Information

It is hard to believe that Fun and Fitness Day is this week. Our event takes place at school on Friday, **May 9th.** In the event of inclement weather, we will use the rain date for Fun & Fitness day on Friday, **May 16th**. We will make a decision about weather cancellation on **Thursday May 8th and notify parents**. This has always been a successful event at Leeds Elementary and we look forward to another great day this year.

In the morning, students will report to their classrooms and ALL visitors must sign in at the sign in table on the blacktop beginning at 8:45 a.m. **The first event begins at 9:30 a.m.; grades PK-2** will start their morning round of Fun and Fitness day. Grades PK-2 will finish activities at 11:20 a.m. All grades will be taking lunch with their classroom teachers outside **OR** in the cafeteria. (please check with your child's classroom teacher for specific lunch times). At **12:30 p.m. grades 3-5** will start their afternoon round of Fun and Fitness day. Grades 3-5 will finish activities at 2:20 p.m. If you are attending, please park in the grass field on the hill to the right of the school.

If you wish to sign your student out for dismissal or to leave the school grounds, please do so with the homeroom teacher. A student who is signed out cannot be signed back in.

The cafeteria will provide lunch for students only. If you plan to attend the event, feel free to bring a lunch and eat with your student and their class. **Please do not leave school grounds with your student for lunch**.

Please make sure that your student is prepared for the day with appropriate clothing for activity and for the weather. **Students should come prepared by bringing a water bottle to school and wearing sneakers**. Students will receive their Fun and Fitness Day t-shirt on the day of the event. We recommend that students wear sunscreen and if they would like to wear sunglasses or a hat they may, but their sunglasses and hat are their responsibility.

Children's Mental Health Matters Week May 5th-9th

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week aims to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and well-being, and to advocate for the need for services and supports that help children and families. The week emphasizes early diagnosis and treatment of mental health conditions, which can have a significant impact on a child's development and future.

Join our Community



PTO NEWS

Sponsor a Teacher's Lunch-There's Still Time

Teacher Appreciation Week is this week. We would like to purchase lunch for each teacher at our school. If you would like to make a donation, click the following link https://app.99pledges.com/fund/teacherapp4 to sponsor a teacher's lunch.



Each year during Teacher Appreciation week the PTO caters lunch for our amazing teachers and staff.

If you would like to sponsor lunch, please use this link . The suggested amount is $10 however, donations can be made in ANY amount. The suggested $10 donation will cover the cost for 1 teacher or staff member to receive lunch plus a few small treats during the week.

This fundraiser is always a big hit. It is an easy way to show your appreciation without going out to the store or going shopping.

Teacher appreciation week is May 5-9.
Please make your donation by Sunday May 4th.

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).

End of the Year Carnival

Mark your calendars for May 30th, when our End-of-the-Year Carnival, sponsored by our wonderful PTO, will take place. Stay tuned for more information.

This Week's Menu:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mozzarella Sticks Chicken Nuggets Bento Box	Meatball Sub Chicken Nuggets Bento Box	Orange Chicken Chicken Nuggets Bento Box	Chicken Taco Chicken Nuggets Bento Box	Stuffed Crust Pizza Chicken Nuggets Bento Box

Community Resources

- Please add the following CCPS 2025-2026 Enrollment Poster to your parent newsletter and website. English Poster Spanish Poster
- 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.
- Please continue to share **Brightpathcecil.com** with parent/guardians through your parent newsletter
- My Family Matters: Parenting Workshop, "Establishing Routines"- Wednesday, April 16th @ Conowingo Elementary School from 5:00-7:00
- 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!
- **Mental Health Matters Family and Community Event-** May 9th at EHS- 5:00-7:30- this event is free to all CCPS students, families and Cecil County community members and will feature Keynote speaker Dave Raymond, the original Phillie Phanatic. The event will also include free food, a resource fair and different activities for families to engage in together.
- May ELA Express

A Final Note from Mrs. Riser, Principal

I want to extend my deepest thanks to our amazing school community for the kind words, thoughtful gestures, and warm wishes shared on Principal Appreciation Day. I loved seeing everyone in their Disney wear! I am truly touched by your support, and I am so incredibly lucky to be a part of this wonderful, one-of-a-kind school. Every day, I'm reminded of how special our students, families, and staff are—and I feel so grateful to lead a community that works together with such heart and purpose.

I'd also like to give a special shoutout to the amazing teachers who joined our community at the past CCPS School Readiness Fairs: Tracey Callanan, Alison Higgins, Bill Moon, Kelsey Montras, Natalie Nixon, and Emily Thomas.

Your time, energy, and warm smiles helped make new families feel welcome and excited to join us next year. We had such a great time meeting our future students and sharing what makes our school so special.

Thank you all for making this school not just a place of learning, but a true community!