The Colt Connection
May 11, 2025

Mark Your Calendars

MAY

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

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

May 16th - Fun and Fitness Day

May 23rd - School Spirit Day - Wear Colts Gear or Blue and White

May 26th - Memorial Day - School Closed

May 30th - PTO End of the Year Carnival

JUNE

June 6th - Career Day and Chorus Sings at the Ironbirds Game

June 9th - Gr 3 End of Year Awards - 10:45am

June 9th - North East Middle School Incoming 6th Grade Meeting at the Middle School - 5pm

June 10th - End of Year Awards - Gr. 1 9:15am, Gr. 2 10am, Kindergarten 2pm, Gr. 4 2:45pm

June 12th - Pre-K promotion 10:30am and Early Dismissal Day 1:30pm

June 13th - Last Day of School; Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:30am and Early Dismissal Day 1:30pm; Record Cards Issued

SCHOOL INFORMATION AND UPDATES

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 3 and 5

This week, our third and fifth-grade students will take the required state assessments. Grade 5 is scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday to take the math assessment; Grade 3 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.

2024-2025 Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be delivered to classrooms THIS Friday, May 16th. It will be up to the teacher's what time of the day they are passed out.

If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, yearbooks are $20 a piece and will go on sale in the main office on Friday morning, May 16th. Yearbooks are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional yearbooks will be available at Fun & Fitness Day. We will have a report of who has already purchased yearbooks to avoid confusion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Moon.

Fun and Fitness Day Information

Fun and Fitness Day will now occur this Friday, May 16th.

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, 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 child and their class. If your child is eating in the cafeteria, there is not enough room for parents or family members to eat in the cafeteria.

Please make sure that your child 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.

Tik Tok Concern

A dangerous social media trend called the "Chromebook Challenge" is encouraging students to insert objects like paper clips or pencil lead into the USB ports of their school devices. This can cause fires, toxic chemical releases, and property damage. Parents please talk to with your child(ren) about the seriousness of these actions. Students who intentionally damage school property will face disciplinary action and be fined for repairs.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe and preventing participation in this dangerous challenge.

PTO NEWS

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). You must take the flyer to the restaurant so we can receive the benefits as a fundraiser. Flyer

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
Chicken Drumstick Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Sub	Cheesesteak Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Sub	Orange Chicken Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Sub	Nachos Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Sub	Pizza Rippers Cheese Quesadilla Turkey Sub

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
- 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 am thrilled to share some exciting news that marks a major milestone for our school: **Leeds has successfully transitioned from a Targeted Assistance Title I School to a School-Wide Title I Program**, with full approval from both the county and state levels!

This accomplishment represents a significant step forward for our school, as it allows us to **extend the benefits of Title I services and supports to *all* students at Leeds**, not just those who were previously identified for targeted assistance. With School-Wide Title I status, we will have greater flexibility in how we use federal funding, enabling us to implement comprehensive programs, interventions, and strategies that benefit every student and support our school's mission of academic excellence for all.

This achievement would not have been possible without the incredible dedication and hard work of our **Title I Transition Team**, who have spent the past two years diligently planning, preparing, and ensuring our school met all the criteria required for this transition. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each member of this team for their commitment to making this vision a reality.

-Bill Moon, Dean of Students
-Angie Morgan, School Counselor
-Natalie Nixon, Title I Resource Teacher
-Emily Thomas, SE Building Coordinator
-Jenn Brady, Gifted and Talented Teacher
-Kelly Strycharz, Math Content Support Teacher
-Lori Williams, Reading Content Support Teacher
-Tracey Callanan, Technology Support Teacher
-Allie Siebold, Phys. Ed. Teacher
-Judy Gibson, Attendance Secretary
-Jenn Berkey, Parent

We look forward to the opportunities this new designation brings and to continuing our journey together toward greater success for every learner at Leeds.