

# Cumru Kidbits

A Newsletter of the Cumru Elementary School PTO

Fall 2025

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## PTO Meetings

All Cumru PTO meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Cumru cafeteria. We always welcome new people and new ideas. The PTO is your connection between home and school. Please join us on:

October 9, 2025  
November 13, 2025  
December 14, 2025  
January 8, 2026

## Kidbits Online

*Cumru Kidbits* is also available on the Cumru page of the district web site: [www.gmsd.org](http://www.gmsd.org)

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## A New Front Learning Area Blooms at Cumru

Thanks to the partnership and financial support of the Cumru PTO, the GM Education Foundation, and the Governor Mifflin School District, Cumru began the 2025-2026 school year with a brand new learning area taking shape in the front of our school. This area, which will continue to develop and change as the school year progresses, will open up for students in the spring. This will allow the plants and landscaped areas to have a chance to take root and grow into the space before hundreds of students begin to use it. The new area will be versatile and provide both space for students to enjoy outdoor lunches, as well as to engage in cooperative learning activities. We are looking forward to the shade that the new trees will provide and the opportunity to grow things in our new raised flower beds. This project was a true community effort, and we very much appreciate the

many hours of hard work that our GM grounds team provided to install the area, as well as the financial support of our Cumru PTO and the GM Education Foundation. Thank You!



(Shown Above:) Cumru's new outdoor learning area was installed over the summer of 2025. Evelyn Trainor (3-R) displays some of the first flowers to bloom in the new area.



# Cumru Elementary Celebrates Dot Day



(Above:) Rosie Johnson and Rosalie Vega (3-W) display a Dot Day Mural that was a collaborative effort by Cumru's 3rd graders.  
(Above Right) Leighana Sensenig (1-H) performs the Dot Song.



*(Middle Section): Students perform the Dot Day song during the in-person morning announcements held in honor of "Dot Day"!*



*(Above): Students from Mrs. KB's 1st Grade Class show their dot day class mural.*

## Be a Part of the Cumru PTO!

Hello Cumru Families!

We're off to a winning start this school year! Our Mum Fundraiser was a hit – we sold 473 mums!

Keep your eyes out for our next fundraiser with The Egg Roll Lady – you won't want to miss it!

Mark your calendars: Cumru's Annual Fall Fest is set for Saturday, October 11 from 11 AM – 2 PM. We'll have our pumpkin contest, food, games, a Taekwondo Demo, special visits from our local first responders, and much more! Cards will be sent home with students over the next few days.

The PTO still has a few open positions – check out our Facebook page and Class Dojo for more info. Remember, PTO meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM in Cumru's cafe. Questions? Please email [cumru.pto@gmsd.org](mailto:cumru.pto@gmsd.org).

Many thanks to our amazing staff, parents, and students for helping us kick off the year strong. Together we win!

We have the following positions filled. When the Secretary is voted on in October I will send you that info as well!

Jess Lodek, President

Tatiana Alvarez-Thomas, Co-President

Quaderah Ballard, Vice President

Lindsay Thompson, Treasurer

## Cumru's Annual Fabulous Fall Festival



October 11, 2025  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm



This is a Cumru Elementary PTO-sponsored event that you will not want to miss!



# Life Around Cumru



(Above) Life abounds in the Cumru Courtyard. The students from Mrs. Cirulli's class had a great time making new friends including butterflies, frogs, and turtles of all sizes. Pictured Above: 3rd Grader, Dylan Briosi and 2nd Graders - Emerson Hawley, Lilah Uberti and Grayson Torres.



(Above and Left Below) Students from Miss Fluke's and Miss Cregar's 2nd grade classes enjoy releasing some of the butterflies that hatched in their classrooms.



(Right) Mr. Hyneman's 4th Grade class snaps a picture on the first day of school.



(Right) Kindergartener, Emery Boyer (K-Keim) displays how easy it was to fill her bag with apples on a field trip to Weaver's Orchard.



(Left) Charlie (3-T) and Declan McQuillan (1-H) arrived back to school on August 18th to find this yard sign welcoming them back to an exciting new year of learning.



(Above) Audrey Lesagonicz, Hayden Harris, and Jayde Reedy display their class banner at Cumru's Opening Assembly.

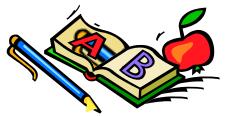


(Above) Class Banners made by Mrs. Westover's 3rd Grade and Kindergarten.

(Right) High school band and orchestra students present instrumental demonstration to Cumru 4th graders.



(Left) On October 3rd, Cumru held a Pep Rally to celebrate GM as well as to honor the recipients of the My Jersey, Your Impact awards. To the left, High School Senior, Addison Alexander presents her "Jersey" to Mr. Charles Marley, her 2nd grade teacher. Also honored were Mrs. Kim Bolles, Mrs. Cyndi Stevens, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jablonski.



# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

- 10 Early Dismissal - Elementary 11:45 am
- 11 Cumru Fall Festival 11:00 am -2:00 pm
- 13 In-Service Day No School for Students.
- 20 Board of School Directors' Voting/ Curriculum Meeting, EC, 7 p.m.
- 31 Halloween -Student Half- Day  
Halloween Celebration Grades K-4  
Details to be announced.  
Elementary Dismissal at 11:45 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 11 Cumru's Veterans Day Program
- 12 Cumru Fall Picture Re-Take Day
- 12 End of 1st Trimester
- 12 GMMA Meeting GMIS Music Room 7pm
- 13 Cumru PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 GMMA Craft Fair 9:00 -3:00 at GMIS
- 17 Board of School Directors' Voting/ Curriculum Meeting, EC, 7 p.m.
- 24-25 No School for Students  
Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 26 In-Service Day - No School for Students
- 27 - Dec 1st Holiday - No School

## DECEMBER

- 2. Return to School
- 11 Cumru PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
- 15 Board of School Directors 7:00 p.m.
- 22-23 In-Service Days -  
No School for Students
- 24-31 Holiday Break - No School

## JANUARY

- 1 Holiday Break - No School
- 2 In-Service No School for Students
- 5 School is in Session
- 8 Cumru Pto Meeting 6:00 pm



### When I Got a Kitten

byArianna Wargo (4-W)

One day when I was at home, we decided to go to Goodwill. My life changed after that day. It was the day I got a cat! There was a lady at Goodwill giving her cat away. The cat had brown, black and gray fur. We named her Stella. We took her home. I held her. She started playing around. We made dinner at home so we could watch the kitten. Our big cat licked the kitten. It was so cute! Today, the kitten is 5 months old. She looks a lot bigger. She is also still playful.



# Together We Win



## Team Cumru! Grade Level Cheers!

### Kindergarten Cheer

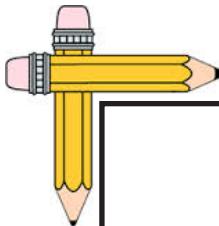
Clap and Stomp and Shout Hooray!  
We're So Glad We're in Grade K.

### 2nd Grade Cheer

We are 2nd Grade. Yes, It's True.  
Learning, Growing, All we do.  
Side by side, we do our part.  
Helping hands with caring hearts.  
Teamwork - strong, proud and true  
2nd Grade - Let's Go, Woohoo!

### Third Grade Cheer

Third Grade Teamwork  
That's what we do.  
Solving problems, me and you.  
3rd grade is great; we're on a roll.  
Teamwork and learning - that's our goals.



(Above) Team Fream - 3rd Grade

### 1st Grade Cheer

We are 1st graders at Cumru.  
We have something to say to you.  
1st Grade, 1st Grade is so cool.  
It's the Best Grade in the school.  
1st Grade, 1st Grade is so fun.  
We want to shout it to everyone!  
1st Grade, 1st Grade is so neat!  
We're excited! Let's stamp our feet.  
1st Grade, 1st Grade likes to play!  
Now let's go, hip hip hooray!  
Hip Hip Hooray!

### 4th Grade

Let's go 4th Grade  
Let's Go!  
Let's Go 4th Grade  
Let's Go!

## Kids Corner: Writing Across The Curriculum

### Journal Entries by Mrs. Lavigna's 2nd Grade Class THIS SUMMER....

I went to a hotel with my mommy. Then I slept at the hotel. The next day, I went to a waterpark, and I went on the water slide and the pool. by Adeleia Laws

Me and my friends went to a baseball game, and there were fireworks. Boom! Boom! by Chris Iswalt

