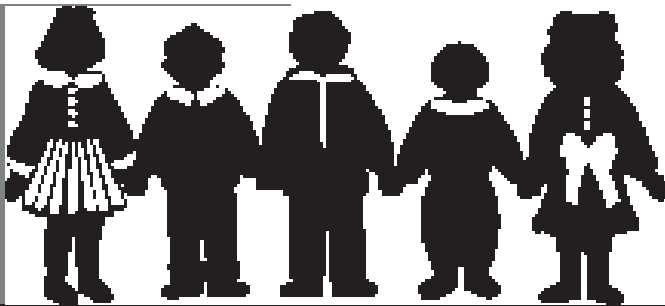




Cumru Kidbits

A Newsletter of the Cumru Elementary School PTO

Spring 2026

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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 in

September, 2026

Kidbits Online

Cumru Kidbits is also available on the Cumru page of the district web site: www.gmsd.org

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Cumru Celebrates Biodiversity Earth Day

On April 24th, Cumru celebrated Earth Day with 7 standards-based stations focused on the theme of Biodiversity! Students were busy earning about the plants and animals in 6 different biomes. They also worked hard to weed and mulch the Cumru Courtyard Habitat area. Our library hosted museum animal displays and hands on discovery tables. The PTO sponsored our Eyes of the Wild program with live animals as one of the stations. Thank you to the PTO as well as the many parent volunteers and high school students who helped to make this exciting day possible.



(Above and Left): Students working and learning at the hands-on Earth Day stations.

Cumru 4th Graders Raise Trout to Release in Wyomissing Creek!

(Right) This spring, the 4th grade classes of Mrs. Hathaway and Mr. Hyneman raised 154 rainbow trout from eggs that they received as part of a program sponsored by "Trout Unlimited." Students learned about the lifecycle of the trout as well as what they eat. They also learned how to check the chemical levels in the tanks to keep them healthy. The project culminated with a trip to the Wyomissing Creek in Mohnton to release the trout.



More Cumru News online at: www.gmsd.org

Cumru's Unless Team Earns Honorable Mention

This year, the Cumru Bird Gang proudly represented Cumru Elementary in the Philadelphia Zoo's UNLESS Contest by raising awareness and taking action to help protect bald eagles and barn owls. Throughout the year, students learned from wildlife experts at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary and the Carbon County Environmental Education Center, built owl nesting boxes for the Rabbit Run Riparian Buffer, completed a community cleanup, and organized a schoolwide Pajama Day fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, the team raised over \$1,700 to support local wildlife conservation efforts. Their hard work and dedication earned them a spot in the UNLESS Contest Finals at the Philadelphia Zoo, where they received an Honorable Mention award. The students showed incredible teamwork, leadership, and passion for making a difference in both their school and the environment.



Above Right: Unless Team Members - Felicity West, Gentry Seidel, Archer Flory, Gotham Heckman, Hudson Bermudez, Blaire Hadden, Kennedy Boyer, Josh Feick, Elijah Jaramillo, Wren McCarty, Rosie Johnson, Yariel Arias Teran, Eloise Ledig, Lauren Hoelscher, Charleigh Lodek, Cheyenne Ziegler

(Right) Rayden Torres Collado, Ryam Collado Torres, and Migbelee Gonzalez-Cruz with their Earth Day memory seedlings from the Cumru PTO



Together We Win

Be a Part of The Cumru PTO!

Hello Cumru Families!

Spring has been very busy as the PTO sponsored, coordinated, or hosted events such as T-shirts and popsicles for field day, a teacher appreciation week full of special treats, a family BINGO night that was well attended, the Eyes of the Wild live animal program that is part of Cumru's Earth Day celebration, the 4th Grade performance of "The Princess and the Pea," and a fundraiser that encouraged Mr. Cote to "Kiss a Cow." The Cumru PTO offers so many exciting opportunities for students and their families, please consider getting involved. Check out the PTO 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.

Jess Lodek, President
Tatiana Alvarez-Thomas, Co-President
Becky Iswalt - Secretary
Quaderah Ballard, Vice President
Lindsay Thompson, Treasurer

(Right) Mrs. Keiffer-Blatt's first graders enjoy eating their field day popsicles provided by the Cumru PTO.



Life Around Cumru

2026 Field Day



2026 Field Day



(Above) Mrs. KB's Class at the Water Balloon Toss
(Left) Ella Chorro Cruz 2-D in Sack Race
(Left Top) Caroline Weidel 1-H sprints in the Wacky Water Relay Race.



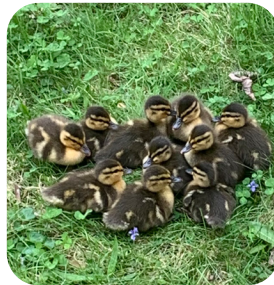
(Above) Mrs. Hathaway's Class wins the 4th Grade Tug-of-War competition.



(Right) Miss Weise's 4th Graders rest on the hill as they watch and wait for their turn in the Tug-of-War competition.



(Above) Mrs. Keim's Kindergarten class enjoys the nice weather and the Kindergarten playground.



(Above) 9 baby ducks were born in the Cumru Courtyard.



(Above) Miss Dzon's 2nd Grade Class takes a break at the Lehigh Valley Zoo
(Left) Xavier Amparo-Acosta, Emma Espinal Nazario, and Manny Ortega visit the ostrich.



(Right) 2nd graders, Emerson Hawley, Amara Wenrich, and Olivia Yoder act out the song, "Listen to the Water" during the GM 2026 Learning Expo.



(Left) Nolan Flores (2-F) displays the ceramic pot that he made for the Cumru Art Show.



(Below) Miss Cregar's 2nd Grade class sells homemade popcorn at Cumru's Open House to support the Animal Rescue League.

Calendar of Events

June

15 Board of School Directors' Voting/
Meeting, EC, 7 p.m.

August

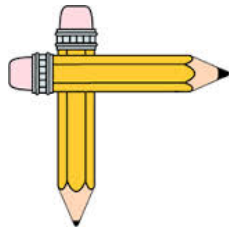
24 First Day of School for Students

September

4 In-Service Day - No School for Students
7 Holiday - Labor Day No School

October

10/9 In-Service Day PM - Early Dismissal
for Students
10/12 In-Service Day - No School for Students
10/28 End of Quarter One
10/30 In-Service Day PM - Early Dismissal
for students.



Kids Corner: Writing Across The Curriculum

Fun Facts About Whales By Jayce Kramlich 3-Fream



Did you know that narwhales are whales and not fish? Different whales eat different foods! For example, sperm whales eat squids. Did you know that whales drink eight billion ounces of water per day? The whale's body and size makes it the largest animal ever. Blue whales are the largest whales at 94 feet long and weighing one hundred and sixty-two tons! Whales can travel up to three thousand miles, and whales also sing their blow holes. What other facts might you want to learn about whales?

The Princess and the Pea

Performed by the 4th Grade Classes of Cumru Elementary School

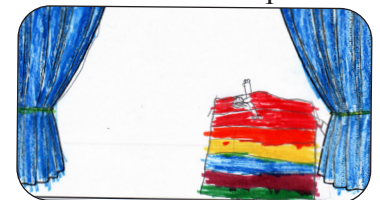


My Favorite Part of the 4th Grade Play



The fourth grade play was fun!
My favorite part was seeing the
princess.

By Zlata Paskar 1-Gumpert



The fourth grade play was
awesome! My favorite part was
when the maid was rolling on the
bed. By Henry Groff 1-Hoelscher



Congratulations, 4th Grade on a job well done. Here is the link for anyone who would like to watch the play.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LvyBRC7Ex0cp7nTIj4_xWPCjUeR7d92I/view?usp=sharing