



Chippy Chatter

Charles Carroll Elementary School PTA

Nov./Dec 2011

Important Dates

Thurs. Nov. 17th

PTA Monthly Meeting
CCES Media Center 7PM

Wed. Nov. 30th

Panera Coupons
Orders & Money **Due**

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 2^{&3}

Kids Holiday Shop
Time TBA

Fri. Dec. 9-12

Five Below Fund-raiser week

Sat. Dec. 10th

Breakfast with Santa
Westminster Applebee's
8-9 & 9-10 AM

Thurs. Dec. 15th

PTA Monthly Meeting
CCES Media Center 7PM
Reflections entries DUE

**PTA Monthly Meetings
are the 3rd Thurs.
of every month!**

FREE CHILD CARE!

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President's Message

Our CCES PTA has much to be thankful for!

So far this year we have had a successful Fun Run fund-raiser and a rocking Halloween event. We have shared fun facts about two decades of our school's history on the morning announcements. We are once again



giving a FREE book to every student on their Birthday.

We are especially thankful for our volunteers! There is A LOT planned for the upcoming months and we need your help to make our events a success. Everyone is busy during the holidays, so it helps when we can spread the work so no one gets overwhelmed!

In this Newsletter you'll find info about our current Fundraiser () our upcoming holiday events () and how to be included in our Chippy Directory Update () just in time to snag holiday invitations and cards! There is also info. about Reflections, our 90th Anniversary, and more!

We hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday and we are looking forward to the next two months!

Please read me!

It has come to our attention that many families are missing PTA announcements and notices. We have chosen to print this months' newsletter to reconnect to our school community. PLEASE NOTE that after this newsletter we will again be distributing info via Alert Now (paper copies will be distributed to those that have requested them from the school.) This not only saves paper, but MANY volunteer hours.

It also allows us to get info to you much more quickly. PLEASE take a moment to review the Alert Nows you receive. We work hard to keep the information in them quick and topical, which is why you may receive multiple Alerts in a day. Please consider the title of the message before you delete!

Charles Carroll School - 90th

Current plans: PTA Members will receive a 5% discount on all Spirit Items this year. This is a possible logo! Please give your feedback at chippypta@gmail.com!

Plans continue for a Time Capsule and school landscaping projects. ***If you are a landscaper or contractor who can donate your time or materials please contact Kelly*** at chippypta@gmail.com or 410-346-7106 ASAP so we can present an accurate plan to the school administration and Central Office!



Community, Commitment, Excellence

SAVE THE DATE: We will hold an Alumni Homecoming the afternoon and evening of Friday, May 18th. Stay tuned to this section for more specific information as the date of the event approaches! Alumni should contact Bonnie (Haines) Kreamer at 410-346-7824 or bjkream@gmail.com.

FREE \$\$ Spotlight:

(Each month check here for info on our Free \$ Programs!)

Grocery Card Programs

Our PTA can earn \$\$\$ when you shop!

PLEASE NOTE: In the past we have collected information from families and had a volunteer work with the stores. MOST STORES NOW PREFER INFO ENTERED ONLINE. We are asking families to complete their own sign up if possible. If you need help, you may use the form available at our website to send us your info.

Participating Stores:

Safeway - sign up through escrip.com and choose Charles Carroll Elementary (With Safeway, you can also register credit cards so that we can earn points at additional businesses, like Starbucks!)

Weis - sign up online through weis.com.

Food Lion - our school code is #211472 and we sign up through foodlion.com.

Kennie's - Sign up in the store.

The 4th Annual Breakfast with Santa

The 4th Annual Charles Carroll PTA Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 8:00-10:00am at Applebee's in Westminster.

This is an **ALL YOU CAN EAT** breakfast with pancakes, syrup, butter, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea & soda! Kids will have the opportunity to visit Santa. Pictures with Santa may be purchased & each child will receive a free gift!

We will be holding two seatings - one from 8-9 am, and one from 9-10 am. Ticket prices are: \$10/adults, \$7/grades K-5, \$3/pre-k & under. Please make your checks payable to the Charles Carroll PTA. DO NOT send cash.

Purchased tickets will be held for pickup at the door upon arrival the morning of the event. Receipts will be sent home with your child. Please purchase your tickets early as seating for this event is limited!!! Thank you for supporting your CCES PTA!

Order forms were sent home in early Nov. If you need another order form, contact Cathy Steffans at cathyspta@aol.com

Panera Coupon Money DUE!!!!

Panera coupon strip orders and payments are DUE **Nov. 30th**!
Please send ---If possible - a single check made to CCES PTA
Contact us at chippypta@gmail.com with questions!

Five Below Fundraising Week

From **Fri. Dec. 9-16th** Five Below will give CCES PTA 10% of all purchases made when you mention our fund-raiser. This is a great way for CCE families and their friends to support us by buying stocking stuffers and small gifts they need for the Holiday season. Please pass on this opportunity to friends and families! A reminder flyer will be sent home in late Nov.

Players Discount Cards

Players has given us a limited number of discount cards. The price for these cards is \$10
Discounts included on the cards are:

- Batting Cage Rentals \$10 off 1 hr, \$5 off 30 min.
- Birthday Party Discounts: 1st party - 10% off, 2nd party - 15% off, 3rd party (and any party thereafter - 25% off) (bonus - 2nd and subsequent parties receive 1,000 extra redemption tickets)
- Lock-ins: \$5 off each lock in ticket
- Combination Packages: \$2 off double play, \$3 off triple play, \$4 off home run package (bonus - 20 free arcade tokens when you spend \$75 or more on combo packages)

If you would like to purchase a card, send a check for \$10 payable to the CCES PTA in to the office. Be sure to include your child's name and Homeroom Teacher.

CCES Community Updates:

Please submit information about Community Events/Concerns by the first Monday of the month to chippypta@gmail.com – all community postings will be approved by CCES Administration .

Little Chippys Before/After Care:

September marked the launch of the Little Chippy Community Action Group Project #1. The group took a vote and trash pickup was deemed the most important community contribution that we could make to CCES. We had a blast picking up trash and scouring the CCES campus looking for interesting finds and gunk that doesn't belong! We even collected some cool rocks to paint and decorate as a reminder of our commitment to the Charles Carroll Community! If you have a Chippy that wants to learn more about the fun things happening at Little Chippys before and after care, please contact Nicole Church at [443-812-6368](tel:443-812-6368).

REMEMBER – if you need child care due to early dismissals, school closures, or holiday errands, Little Chippys offers affordable drop in rates!

Find us on Facebook:

Please **“LIKE”** our Charles Carroll Elementary PTA **Fan Page** on Facebook.
(For administrative reasons, we do not answer friend requests :-)

The 2011-2012 Chippy Directory Update

The PTA provides the Chippy Directory so that CCES families can contact one another. (The school is prohibited from providing contact information for students to their classmates or parents.) This is a great way for your children to contact others with homework questions, to ask them over for an afternoon to play, or to send out invitations for a birthday party. If you would like to be included, or need your entry updated, please complete the form below or e-mail the information to chippypta@gmail.com. You may fill out as much of the information that you want printed. Only families that are listed in the Chippy directory receive a copy of the directory. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Steffens at 410-346-7393. Please provide the information by November 22nd. We plan to distribute this update in mid December. Student(s) Name(s) and Teacher(s) for 2011-2012:

Parents Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address _____

National PTA **Reflections** Fine Arts Program

This program is open to all students, Pre-K to 5th Grade. Every student who participates will be recognized. Some students will represent our school on a state wide level. Some students may even achieve national recognition!

To Participate students must: Create a project based on the theme "Diversity Means..." in **as many** of the six program disciplines as they would like!

For more information, and discipline specific rules please return the form below!
Returning the form does NOT require participation.

Please contact Kelly at chippypta@gmail.com or 410-346-7106) with any questions.

Reflections 2011-2012 - "Diversity Means..."

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

I wish to participate in the following program(s).
(PLEASE CIRCLE ANY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN!)

Literature

Visual Arts

Photography

Film Production

Music Composition Dance Choreography

Please return interest from by Tues. 11/22/11 - Completed Projects Due Dec. 15th