



Chippy Chatter

Charles Carroll Elementary School PTA

October 2011

Important Dates

Fri. Oct. 14th
Fun Run Money **Due**

Family Night at Players
6-9PM

Thurs. Oct. 20th
PTA Monthly Meeting
CCES Media Center **7PM**

Fri. Oct. 21st
Roy Rogers Restaurant
Fund-raiser: **Time TBA**

Fri. Oct. 28th
Halloween Party
6:30-8PM

Mon. Nov. 14th
Texas Road House
Fund-raiser **4-9PM**

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

FREE CHILD CARE!

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President's Message

Things are really swinging into gear for the CCES PTA!

This month we hope all of our families will join us for our annual Halloween event! (pg. 4) This is a huge night for our school community, and we will be inviting alumni to visit to help kick off our Anniversary celebrations.

It's also time for us to start thinking about FUNDRAISING! Students should be collecting their final pledges from Fun Run. (pg. 3) 100% of the profits from Fun Run support our school's technology. But, we need funds for our other good works as well. These include school day cultural arts programs, teacher reimbursements, play day and 5th grade moving up, geography bee, science fair, and all the fantastic family events we sponsor. Check out the info in this newsletter for how you can help support our General Fund! (p. 2,4)

But it's not just all about us! We are participating again this year in our Military Service Project. (pg. 3) As the Holidays approach this is a great way for CCE students to help others.

We continue to try and keep you up to date on all PTA business. All families that asked to be included in the Chippy Directory should have received their copy the last week in Sept. Missed out on this opportunity? Contact chippypta@gmail.com for more info on being included in our winter update to the Directory. Thank you for your patience as we continue to update our website.

I want to give a special thank you to all the parents who volunteered before and during Fun Run! Thanks to their help the kids and staff had a great experience!

As always we welcome your input! I look forward to seeing you all around the school this fall!

Seeking CCS Alumni!

We want all Alumni to help us celebrate Charles Carroll Schools' 90th Anniversary. If you are, or have information about an Alumni, please contact Bonnie Kreamer at bjkream@gmail.com OR 410-346-7824

Charles Carroll School - 90th

Honoring our past, supporting our present, protecting our future!

Current plans: We will be debuting our new Spirit Wear/Items in November. Plans currently include a special T-shirt design, car magnet, and a series of Cat's Meows miniatures featuring 3 different versions of Charles Carroll School. These commemorative wood cut outs make a great gift for CCS Alumni this Holiday Season. PTA Members will receive a 5% discount on all Spirit Items this year!

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!

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!

FREE \$\$ Spotlight:

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

We define Free \$ programs as those that earn our PTA money or materials through the recycling of used materials or contributions from a business where families make purchases.

Sunny D Book Spree

Send in labels from Sunny D jugs 16 oz. or larger OR the shrink wrap used to group individual bottles.

20 labels = 20 books for a CCE Classroom!

This promotion ends 11/15

Market Day Corner

(Each month check here for picks from our families that support the PTA by purchasing from Market Day!)

Sheri Bonner-PTA 1st VP, Market Day Chair, Mom of Alyssa (3) and Emily (5)

Favorite item: Chicken Steaks

Serve with: baby baked potatoes and frozen corn

Meal cost per person: \$2.53

Sheri likes this item because: This is a quick meal for my family. You can move the chicken steaks from freezer to oven without thawing them. Serving them with sides from Market Day makes preparing the meal so easy even daddy can do it!

Additional info: Chicken Steaks are FREE with a \$90 order in November!

General Meeting Info!!!

Does your CCES student love art, writing, photography, dancing, playing an instrument or singing, or making flip cam videos? The Reflections Fine Arts Competition is a chance for them to shine on the STATE and possibly NATIONAL level. Join us at the Oct. Meeting to review the theme and rules for this prestigious contest!

Wondering how much the Fun Run earned? Want to know how it will be spent? Join us at the PTA meeting for this important info!

Thanking Our Troops

As mentioned in our newsletter last month, we plan to send care packages to at least 4 personnel serving overseas at the beginning of November. **We are going to collect items at our general meeting in October, during our Halloween event on October 28th, and at school the week of Oct. 31st -Nov. 4th.** This is a nice way for our school community to do something for someone that is making a big sacrifice to defend our freedom.



IDEAS

Some ideas on some items that would be appreciated are: nice smelling lotions, toothbrushes, DeBrox ear cleaner, small packages of tissues and small packages of handwipes. Crystal lite to go, pringles, cookies, peanut butter crackers, and pre-paid phone cards are always popular.

Other suggestions are decks of cards, a good bag of ground coffee, flavored creamer (non- dairy), AA batteries, 123 batteries (for flashlights), and Propel packets for water bottles. More ideas include beef jerky and gum. If your child is interested in making any pictures or cards, please feel free to send those in as well. They really enjoy the personalized touches, and we had some fantastic letters, pictures and poems last year.

There are quite a few restrictions for packages sent to military personnel. We cannot send any pork products, or anything with alcohol (like hand sanitizer), or aerosols. When a care package is sent, if there are magazines, there can be no advertising for liquor or anything that could be considered sexually suggestive. They are very strict about this, and regular magazines could have these items in them.

If you have a family member on active duty that you would like to include in our project, please contact Cathy Steffens (cathyspta@aol.com) or [410-346-7393](tel:410-346-7393). This can also include government/contract employees that are on tours of duty overseas as well. We feel this is a good way for our kids to do something for someone that is making a big sacrifice to defend our freedom.

If you send items to school with your child, please mark them: Military Service Project, Attn: Cathy Steffens PTA.

Fun Run Money DUE!!!!

Please send Fun Run Money to school with your student by October 14th. For security purposes we recommend Checks ONLY be sent. If possible a single check made to CCES PTA should be sent. Contact us at chippypta@gmail.com with questions!

The Halloween Event is coming!!!!

Join us at CCES on Fri. 10/28 from 6:30-8PM for our annual Halloween event.

Students (and grown ups) should come in costume to this popular night! There will be snacks, games, trick or treating, and a raffle.

Information was sent home last week about volunteering and donations.

If you have questions, contact Lisa Dorman at lisdorman@verizon.net or 410-346-8079

HELP NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with kids and families, attending social events, and making plans that effect your community? Than the CCES PTA needs you!

We will have open positions on our Executive Board next year. We would love to offer interested candidates "on the job" training THIS school year.

Please contact us if you are at all interested!

Find us on Facebook:

Please "LIKE" our Charles Carroll Elementary PTA Fan Page on Facebook.

(For administrative reasons, we do not answer friend requests :-)

Panera Coupons available in November:

We will be participating in the Panera Coupon Fund-raiser again this year.

Look for more information on this fund-raiser coming later this month!

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:

Space is still available for your little chippy! There are packages to fit all budgets and needs. Full time, Part time, and Drop in care are offered. Full time care consists of Mon. - Fri. both mornings and afternoons. Morning only care is \$55 for a Mon.-Fri. Schedule, and the afternoon only is \$65 for Mon.-Fri care. Drop in rates are \$7 per hour. If you were enrolled in the Before/After care program last year, you will qualify for the CCES 90th Anniversary rate of \$90 per week for full time care. If you have a need for a schedule that is more tailored to your family, please contact Nicole Church to learn more about rates and schedule availability – Cell: 443-812-6368, Center Phone: 410-346-7206, or at littlechippys@verizon.net