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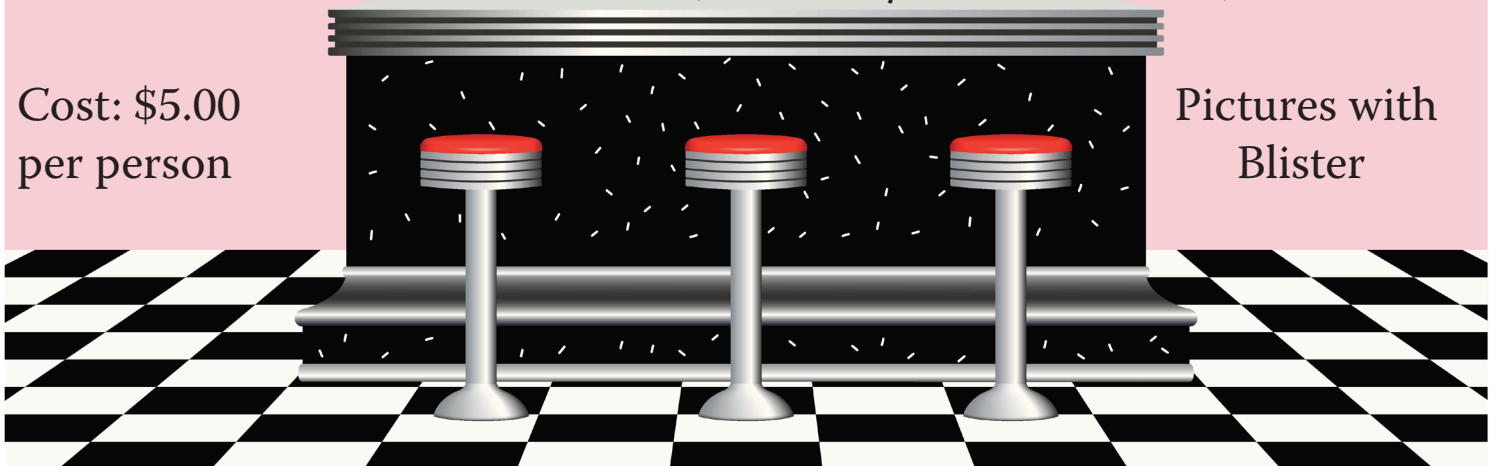
COLLIERVILLE ELEMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for our 8th Annual Pancake Breakfast served by CES faculty and staff.

Where: Collierville Elementary Cafeteria When: Saturday, February 25, 2017
Time: 7:30-10:30 A.M. (Come early to avoid the rush!)

Cost: \$5.00
per person

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 8	Send items for Food Pantry
February 9	Parent Teacher Conference
February 10	No School
February 14	Move Your Feet to the Beat
February 16	CES General PTA Meeting
February 17	All Pro Dad Breakfast
February 25	Pancake Breakfast
March 2	Community Reader Day
March 13-17	Spring Break
March 24	All Pro Dad Breakfast
March 28-30	Spring Pictures
April 5	Send items for Food Pantry
April 14	No School
April 29	Fair in the Lair
May 26	Last Day of School

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE, AND TRUANCY

Attendance: The Tennessee State Compulsory Attendance Law requires that pupils of legal age attend school unless special circumstances arise which temporarily excuses the student from attendance.

Absences: Absences shall be classified as either excused or unexcused as determined by the principal or his/her designee. A written statement within two (2) school days of the student's return to school shall be required from the parent or guardian explaining the reason for each absence.

Tardiness: Students are expected to be at school and in all classes on time. Students arriving on campus after school has started are required to check in at the office. Excessive tardiness can result in a child being reported as truant.

Please remember to have students to school on time. When possible, please schedule appointments before or after school to prevent loss of instructional time. Anyone found guilty of truancy can be fined by the court. (TCA 49-6-3007)



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BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR COLLIERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

PTA Objectives

1. To promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community, and place of worship.
2. To raise the standard of home life.
3. To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
4. To bring into closer relation the home and school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
5. To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

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Mark Your Calendars

FAIR IN THE LAIR

April 29, 2017

10:00am - 2:00pm

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McConnell's Message

As I write this, our week of The Great Kindness Challenge is coming to an end, and it reminds me what a special mix of curiosity, kindness and empathy our Little Dragons exhibit each and every day. As educators, we are blessed to work with children every day, but in particular, we are blessed to work with your children every day. We work very hard to provide a challenging academic curriculum and to ensure that all students are learning each day, but I am so proud that we also take the time with one another—faculty, staff and students alike—to focus on developing a culture of respect and kindness.

“Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love.”

--Lao Tzu

We are also excited to be moving so seamlessly through our digital learning journey. Just yesterday our district technology team deployed iPads to each of our 4th and 5th grade students; I look forward to sharing great examples with each of you about the ways that we are able to increase engagement and personalization of learning as a result. We are tentatively planning a ‘portfolio night’ sometime in May so that 4th and 5th graders can show off some of their great work through digital portfolios. Stay tuned!

Of course, we have some other exciting things planned for the next couple of months, including Parent Conferences on February 9th, a PTA Meeting on February 16th (1st graders will perform!) and our annual Pancake Breakfast on February 25th (details in another article in the Dragon Flyer). Also, February 10th is a District Learning Day for teachers, so there is no school for students on that day. We hope that you'll join us on Thursday, March 2nd for the district-wide Literacy Night at Collierville Middle School. Several CES teachers will be sharing their love of reading and tips for engaging your little ones, regardless their level of reading independence. And don't forget about Daylight Savings on March 12th and Spring Break March 13th through 17th.

As always, thanks to each and every one of you for the ways that you and your children enrich my life each day. I look forward to finishing this year with the energy and enthusiasm that we started.

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Best,

Melissa

Melissa McConnell

Principal



Presidents Corner

Welcome to the second semester Little Dragon Families!

Here we are about half way through the 3rd quarter of the 2016 - 2017 school year. Time is flying by; I hope everyone is hanging in! The second semester brings lots of exciting things that involves the CES PTA. We still have the Food Pantry collections and two more All Pro Dad meetings but we are also looking forward to Community Reader Day, Fair in the Lair and Memphis in May Day just to name a few. Please check the CES PTA Facebook page and continue to watch your child's folder for notices regarding all PTA Spring events. You will not want to miss a thing!

Along with the second semester events comes the time to start finding new volunteers for the 2017 - 2018 CES PTA Board. If you have been looking for a way to become more involved at Collierville Elementary, here is your chance. In this issue of the Dragon Flyer is a PTA interest form. Please read over the form, think about the positions, think about your strengths and what you can bring to our board, fill out the form and send it into your child's homeroom teacher. Volunteering for PTA is a great way to support Collierville Elementary's faculty & staff but even better that that is supporting all of our Little Dragons. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to shoot me an email, president@mycespta.org, and I will be glad to talk to you an answer whatever I can. The PTA is a great group of men & women that work hard but we also have a lot of fun! Think about it...

Please pencil in our Spring Fundraiser for Saturday April 29, 2017. Our Fair in the Lair will be from 10:00 - 2:00, rain or shine, at CES. We will have a carnival, food, a book fair, baskets to auction please a couple other surprises we have up our sleeves. You do not want to miss it! All the money raised at Fair in the Lair goes into our Impact Grant Program which is money that goes right into the hands of our CES teachers. Watch for more information to come later.

We are off to a great start the semester and I am sure it will only get even better with all of the great things we have planned. I can't wait to see you at everything that will be going on between now and May!

See you soon-

Leslie Bond

CES PTA President



Thank you Dads, Granddads, & Mentors!!!

CES All Pro Dads is off to a great start this year! Our first two meetings in October and December saw record numbers of dads and kids attending. They were able to meet the Grizz from the Memphis Grizzlies in October and even celebrated with All Pro Dads: Christmas Edition in December. We will have two All Pro Dad Events coming up this spring semester. The first will be Friday, February 17th at 7:30am in the CES cafeteria. Join us for a special guest speaker, Jason Curry, who will inspire both kids and dads to give all they've got in every aspect of their lives. This is one meeting you don't want to miss! Then, mark your calendars for March 24th for our last meeting of the 2016-2017 school year! As always, don't forget to RSVP for both meetings at www.allprodadsday.com/3033. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Your CES All Pro Dad Team,

All Pro Dad Team Captain, Jason Holmes - jholmes208@gmail.com

All Pro Dad PTA Board, Sunday Holmes & Kira Durham - allprodad@mycespta.org

Got ideas for a great speaker or program? Contact one of the All Pro Dad Team members!

COLLIERVILLE FOOD PANTRY

Little Dragons.....

Now is the time to give back to our community and help the Collierville Food Pantry!

Collierville Elementary will again be collecting non-perishable food items and toiletry items for the Collierville Food Pantry. Suggested items of need are:

- peanut butter
- saltine crackers
- brown paper bags
- shampoo, soaps, toothpaste
(travels size and full size)
- can goods, fruit, meat, veggies
- boxed food items, muffin mix, mac n cheese, etc.
- toilet paper

Dates of collection are:

- February 8, 2017 & April 5, 2017

Collierville is very lucky to have a local food pantry. Let's pull together and help others in need!

HEY DADS!

Dads & Kids, Join Us At



ALL PRO DAD®
Dad's Day

"All You've Got - Every Day"

All Pro Dad's Breakfast

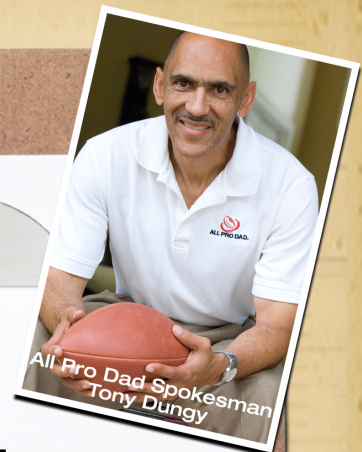
Friday, February 17 at 7:30am

**Don't miss special speaker -
Jason Curry**

as he inspires us to "Finish Empty"!

Be sure to RSVP at www.allprodadsday.com/3033

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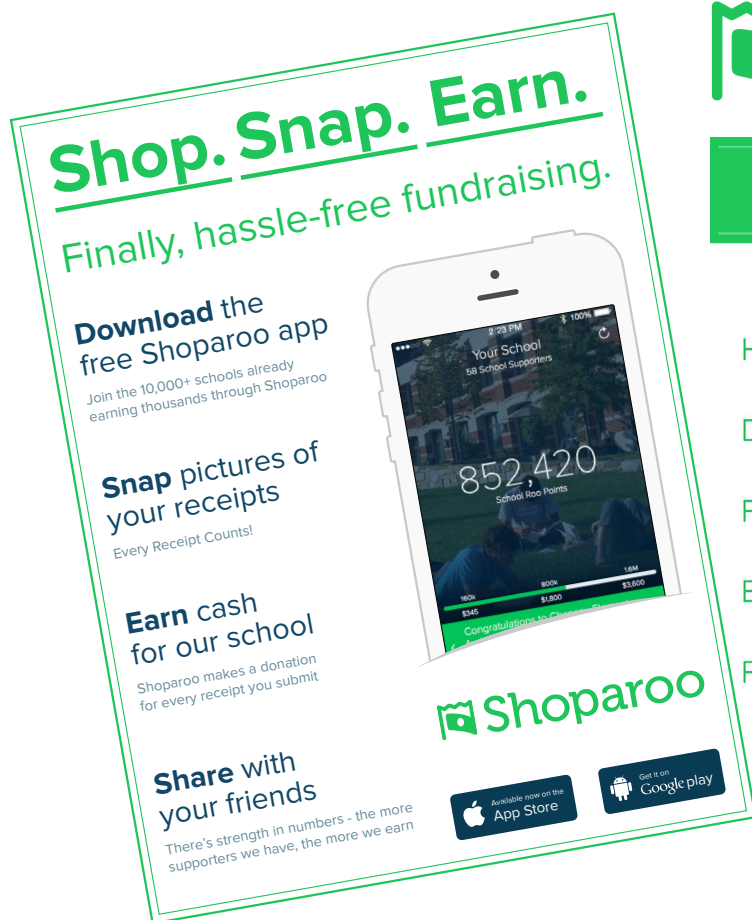
GIVING BACK THROUGH KROGER

Follow these simple steps to register your Kroger Plus Card to give back to CES-PTA.

1. Go to Kroger.com.
2. Create an account or Sign-in.
3. Register your Kroger Plus Card with your account.
4. Click on "My account."
5. Under "Account Settings" select "Community rewards,"
6. Under "Find your organization" search for Collierville Elementary 1 PTA.

After that you are ready! Now when you swipe your card you are automatically giving back to Collierville Elementary School.

You must re-enroll each year! Please check to make sure you're currently enrolled!



Shoparoo

There are so many fundraisers out there.

Why Shoparoo?

Hassle-free	Just shop, snap and earn our way to money for our school.
Different	No more cutting, collecting, or selling door-to-door.
Fun	Grade Competitions are a proven way to raise money and school spirit simultaneously.
Effective	Over 7,000 schools nationwide are using Shoparoo to earn thousands.
For everyone	From PTA/PTO members to teachers, students, parents, and grandparents...anyone and everyone loves using Shoparoo!

SPRING BOX TOP CONTEST

The Spring 2017 Box Top contest has officially begun! Please send your box tops to your classroom through Wednesday, February 8. Once again, the winning class in each grade will win an ice cream sundae party and the overall winning class will also win a pizza party. This will be our final contest for the school year. Please remember to discard any expired box tops and send in your box tops in groups of 50. Separate the bonus box tops and send them in together.

CES earns thousands of dollars from this program every year and we appreciate your support!

For more information on the Box Tops program, including information on the new Bonus App, please visit the website at btfe.com. If you have any questions, please contact beautification@mycespta.org.

Mary Urrutia/Banita Reed

Box Tops and Beautification

SAVE UP THOSE BOX TOP\$!

Participating in the Collierville Elementary Box Tops program is one of the easiest ways to support CES. All money earned from the Box Tops program goes directly to the school. Small amounts can really add up! Last year we earned over \$3,500.

Here are some tips to help support the Box Tops program:

- ✂ Check expiration dates!
Please discard expired Box Tops. We will not get credit for these.
- ✂ Clip on the dotted line. With the tens of thousands of Box Tops we receive, this makes handling easier and helps us save on postage.

✂ Count your labels into groups of 50 and put them in Ziploc baggies or envelopes. If you don't have 50, write how many you have for easier counting.

✂ Send in any Bonus Box Tops separately

✂ Have friends and family collect for you too!

First time subscribers can sign up to get the Box Tops email newsletter. You'll receive coupons for Box Tops products, free sample offers, and Bonus Box Tops offers. Just go to BTFE.com/signup to get started and enter our school ID number 157619.



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PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS

Looking for a way to become more involved at CES? Serving on The CES PTA is a wonderful way to help our students, teachers and school! A form will be sent home soon in your child's take home folder asking for nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the 2017-2018 PTA Executive Board. A list of responsibilities for each position will be provided on the back of the nomination form. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in one of the four positions, please fill out the form and send it back in with your child. Our Nominating Committee will contact you concerning your interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

Respectfully submitted,

Kittie M. Loynachan

CES PTA Parliamentarian



Announcing the First Annual Collierville Elementary Alumni Scholarship



THE DRAGON DOZEN SCHOLARSHIP

Collierville Elementary and Collierville Elementary PTA are proud to announce the first annual Dragon Dozen Scholarship. A \$500.00 scholarship offered to a Collierville High School Senior that has been a dragon from Kindergarten through the 12th grade. Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors that this scholarship is now available. The senior can get the application from the Guidance Office at CHS or request one by email from the CES PTA (president@mycespta.org).

We are very excited to offer this scholarship and cannot wait to find out who our first recipient is going to be. The recipient will be honored at the 5th Grade Farewell Lunch in May.



2017 - 2018 CES-PTA Volunteer Form

As a parent/guardian, your involvement in the CES-PTA is vital! The CES-PTA is a direct link between our children, their teachers and the school administration. Our goal of “ensuing community support for quality public education” could not be met without the wonderful parents of CES. If you wish to make a difference, we have exciting opportunities for you.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the CES-PTA Board next year. If you have an interest in volunteering to be involved with the PTA, please complete the form below and return it to CES. Below are the various positions on the CES-PTA Board:

Beautification/Box Tops
Dragon Wear
Fund Raising Sponsor
Legislative
Special Events

Communication
Family Engagement
Health & Safety
Membership
Volunteer Coordinator

Cultural Arts
Fund Raising Event
Hospitality
PR/Historian

If you have any questions or would like a complete description of each area, please contact Leslie Bond, president@mycespta.org.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to your participation in your PTA.

— — — — — Please detach and return to school. — — — — —

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you are interested in volunteering **to chair and/or to serve** on one of the above committees, please enter the CES PTA position below in order of preference.

	Interested in Chair	Interested in Serving
1		
2		
3		

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