

Dragon Flyer



COLLIERVILLE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
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January 2019

KEEPER OF THE FLAME

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 4	Spelling Bee
Decemeber 21	Last Day 1st Semester 1/2 Day
January 7	First Day 2nd Semester
January 15	General Membership Meeting
January 21	MLK Day No School
February 15	Parent Teacher Conference 1/2 Day
February 18	Presidents Day No School
February 23	CES Teachers Pancake Breakfast
March 1	Community Reader Day
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 21-22	Muffins with Mom



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CES Mission and Vision

COMMON MISSION

Collierville Elementary strives to provide a secure environment which challenges students academically and allows them to be confident, self-directed learners and leaders.

BELIEFS

Several components must exist in order to maintain an exemplary school which develops a secure and challenging learning environment. Faculty and staff at Collierville Elementary provide a learning environment which is conducive to developing the intellectual, physical, and emotional potential of each student.

Collierville Elementary stakeholders understand that all students can learn, and thus are responsive to the unique learning styles of every student. Therefore, Collierville Elementary establishes high expectations of all students in order to maintain levels of understanding. Collierville Elementary is a learning community, where educators reflect upon teaching practices for the purpose of professional growth and the continued enhancement of quality instruction.

SHARED VISION

Collierville Elementary understands the importance of a school/community

connection that is conducive to a high performing academic environment. Collierville Elementary views stakeholders as colleagues, with whom collaboration is vital in order to establish clear purpose and direction in maintaining an exceptional school. This collaboration fosters shared decision-making and encourages participation from all stakeholders. Collierville Elementary is built upon research-based data driven decisions. Internal and external communication ensures alignment of policies and procedures to maintain the development of the school as a community of learners and leaders.

A NOTE FROM MR. SALYER

The Little Dragon Family,

We are halfway there! It's hard to believe the school year is almost half-way complete, but we've already had so many great experiences with Back to School Night, Dragon Dash, and student performances at PTA meetings just to name a few. We hope everyone has a Happy Holiday and enjoys time with friends and family.

We are continuing to add former Collierville Elementary School Little Dragons to our Hall of Fame. Starting in January, we will have a form on our school website for you to submit names of former Little Dragons that you believe are deserving of this honor. We already have nine names and biographies on the wall going into the cafeteria from the main part of the building that were collected and voted on by our PTA, staff, and students last year. We want our students to see people who were where they are now and went on to achieve their dreams to remind them that they too can do what they are willing to work for. The form to submit names will be published on our school website, Twitter, and PTA Facebook account. Please help us spread the word!

As is typical for this time of year, we have some students that are dealing with colds, flu, and fever.



If your child is sick, we ask that you please keep them home to help us keep our school as germ free as possible. Last year, the state of Tennessee Department of Education decided that any student who is out of school for ten percent of the school year for any reason (excused or unexcused) would be classified as chronically absent. That means that any child that misses 17 days of school this year would fall under this classification. We still want you to keep your child home when they are sick, but we ask you make an extra effort to make sure that when your child is healthy, they are here at school. If your child misses

school, they are given their assignments but there is no way to make up the hours of teaching they have missed. For more information on chronic absenteeism, please go to <https://www.tn.gov/education/student-support/chronic-absenteeism.html>.

I am always a phone call or email away. I try to frequently post and share some of the great things going on at school on the CES Twitter account. You can follow us at @CESLittleDragon.

Every Dragon. Every Day.

Tyler Salyer

Calling all CES Alumni - - - Dragon Dozen Scholarship

The Dragon Dozen Scholarship is awarded annually to two Collierville High School seniors by the Collierville Elementary School PTA. This year, the CES PTA will be offering two \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarships will be paid directly to the University to which the applicant will be attending.

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements to be considered for the Dragon Dozen Scholarship:

- » Be a Dragon for their entire educational career K-12 (CES, CMS and CHS).
- » Provide three letters of recommendation: two recommendations from teachers and one from another source (volunteer work, coach, church, etc.).
- » Write a 300 word essay on "What it means to be a Dragon."
- » Turn in application by Friday, March 22, 2019.

For additional information or a scholarship packet please see the guidance counselors at CHS or email president@mycespta.org.

A Message from the President

Hello Little Dragon Parents & Students -

First and foremost I want to thank each and every person who contributed to our fall fundraiser. It amazed me to know that the amount raised (\$48,172.32) was raised 100% by the little dragons. ALL funds raised stay in the school and are used for PTA sponsored events and items needed throughout the school to make CES a better school. This year we awarded the students with The Greatest Show – a Magic show. We hope the students enjoyed the performance – it was well deserved by all.

As we look into 2019 we have many exciting PTA events coming up. Community Reader Day held in March is always a fun day for the students at CES. Should you know a leader in the community who would be willing to read to a class, please put them in contact with Sarah Parker, Special Events Chair (specialevents@mycespta.org). Moms, your day is coming up too - - Muffins with Mom will be held on March 21st & 22nd. And don't forget April 13th is Fair in the Lair, our spring fundraiser. Circle that day on your calendars because you won't want to miss out on all the auction items, fun fair games and yummy fair food. We have been working some new auction ideas this year that you will want to bid on!!

I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Once a Dragon, Always a Dragon

Milly Mount

CES-PTA President



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.

!!!!!!Lunch Update!!!!!!

Starting this year, parents wanting to eat lunch with their child will need to enter and sign in through the front office. For safety reasons we can no longer allow anyone to enter directly through the cafeteria. Parents are welcome to park in the front of the school or may park in the side or back parking lots and walk around to the front.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hello everyone, we are so excited to be back with our little dragons! We will be in need of volunteers to work in the health room, cafeteria, copy room and the library. Please consider sharing some time with us. We'd love to see you! If you or someone you know would like to help out, please contact Melissa at volunteercoordinator@myCESpta.org for more information, or simply fill out the form below. Thanks so much!

Melissa Bollinger

Volunteer Coordinator

Name: _____

**Email or
phone:** _____

**Areas of
interest:** _____

Availability: _____

Child(ren)/grade(s)/teacher(s): _____

DRAGON DASH WRAP-UP



We would like to thank everyone for their participation in this year's Dragon Dash. This was CES's greatest year to date. Without the support of our students, parents, teachers and faculty we would not be able to do all the wonderful things that we do for the school and the faculty. This year we raised a total of \$48,172.32. Congratulations Little Dragons.

Also a special shout out to the greatest Principal around Mr. Salyer, and we think Maroon looks good on you.



Overall Winners:

First Place	Thomas Turner	Grade 4	Bell
Second Place	Max Ashdown	Kindergarten	Ricketts
Third Place	Joshua Williamson	Grade 1	M Greene

Grade Level Winners:

Pre-K	Charlie Williamson
Kindergarten	Cayden Sanders
1st Grade	McKenzie Dixon
2nd Grade	Carson Joyner
3rd Grade	Devan Oliver
4th Grade	Imani Mercadal
5th Grade	Haley Prather Riley Prather

Class Winners per Grade:

Pre-K	Freeman	\$1,050.00
KK	Ledbetter	\$1,965.60
1st	Norton	\$1,480.25
2nd	Cobb	\$2,138.32
3rd	Barchak	\$1,095.00
4th	Bell	\$2,120.00
5th	Chandler	\$1,300.53



2018 CES Spelling Bee Representatives

<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Gilbert	Colton Cordell	Evey Nelson
Holt	Mason Newman	Allye Scruggs
Dormayer	Daniel Singleton	Michael Tonnahill
Barchak	Piper Williams	James Freed
Graham	Spencer Pullen	Anne- London Roberts
Haycook	Ireland Watts	Payton Young
<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Simpson	Madilynne Wagner	Luke Bramucci
Vick	Maryssa Ryan	Taylor Artiles
Bell	Juan Perea	Joelle Miller
McGuire	Sophia Godinez	Riley Slattery
Wilemon	Nathan Braniff	Cooper Lockhart
Williamson	Jake Lauber	Hudson Snell
Freeland	Dalton Locke	Isabel Plunkett
<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Chandler	Ethan Long	Makenly Snoddy
Munier	Myles Jones	Bobby Maness
Marks	Emma Gresham	Pax Schildmeier
Young	Ian Carnes	Jaylen Penson
Floyd	Owen Tyler	Clark Whitsell
Scherffius	Kelryn Gibbard	Derek Tolentino



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!



SAVE 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!

Welcome back and keep collecting those Box Tops!

Stacey Lauber
Beautification/Box Tops




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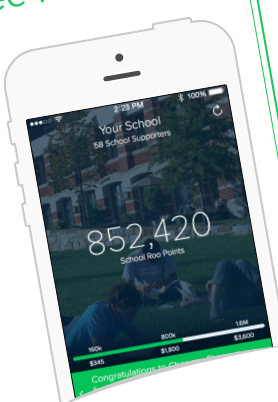
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2018 HOLIDAY PARTIES AT COLLIERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Holiday parties will take place Thursday, December 20th. See the list below for each grade level time and door to enter:

Time	Grade	Door to Enter
9:30-10:15	2ndGrade	Outdoor Classroom Doors
10:15-11:00	4thGrade	Doors near Cafeteria Loading Dock
11:00-11:45	3rdGrade	3rd Grade Hall
1:15-2:00	1stGrade	Doors near Cafeteria Loading Dock
2:00-2:45	5thGrade	Outdoor Classroom Doors
2:45-3:30	Kindergarten	Kindergarten Doors

Be sure to send in the RSVP form which will be sent home in your child's folder for any adult attending.

Notes to Remember:

- Please park in the rear of building.
- Due to limited classroom space, we respectfully ask that siblings **DO NOT** attend.
- Arrive no more than 15 minutes before party time.
- If you have a party later in the day, please return 15 minutes before that time.
- We ask that **NO** children be checked out after the parties.

Please Welcome Mr. Bret Ford CES New Plant Manager

Please help us extend a warm welcome to Mr. Bret Ford, the new CES Plant Manager. Our beloved Mr. "Ronnie" retired as of October 31st after many wonderful years of serving our little dragon family.

Mr. Ford comes to CES as a long time Collierville resident. He is a graduate of Collierville Schools, attending Tara Oaks starting in the second grade. In college he studied automotive mechanics and worked as a volunteer firefighter. His career path then lead him to major in emergency medicine. After obtaining his EMT and Fire certificates he was hired full-time as a firefighter by the city of Piperton. His most recent career lead him to the City of Collierville where he served as a Fire Inspector.

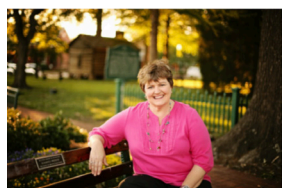
Mr. Ford has been married to his high school friend, Stephanie, for three years and they have a two year old beautiful baby girl named Ellison.

It was after much deliberation and prayer with his wife that he left the fire service after 11 years to now call CES his new home.

We are extremely excited to welcome Mr. Ford to the CES Little Dragon Family. If you see him around campus stop and give him a warm welcome.



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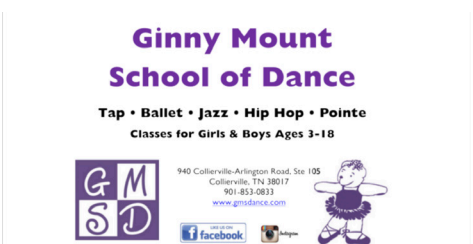


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