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Book fair - April 12th and 13th

New this year ONLINE Auction

Look for complete Fair in the Lair guide in the April May Dragon Flyer

### IMPORTANT DATES

Canned Food Drive February 6 February 15 Parent Teacher Conference 1/2 Day February 18 Presidents Day No School CES Teachers Pancake Breakfast. February 23 February 26 **CES General PTA Meeting** Community Reader Day March 1 March 11-15 Spring Break Muffins with Mom March 21-22 Race for the Ville April 6 April 13 Fair in the Lair April 19 Good Friday No School April 22 No School - Professional Development Day



#### **CES Mission and Vision**

#### **COMMON MISSION**

Collierville Elementary strives to provide a secure environment which challenges students academically and allows them to be confident, selfdirected 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,

I hope this finds you doing well and having a great semester! We are moving right along and working with each and every student to achieve their fullest potential. If you have not already, now would be a great time to wash all coats, gloves, hats, etc. Overall, our school has done an excellent job staying healthy, and we all want to keep it that way. Finally, thank you for making sure your child is at school when they are able and taking them to the doctor when you have concerns.



We are proud to announce our Teachers of the Month for this school year. These are teachers who display excellence in all they do and have been nominated by their peers. For January we have Mrs. Andrea Young, for February we have Mrs. Sarah Dormayer, for March we have Mrs. Julie Haecker, and for April we have Mrs. Libby Green. Our Teacher of the Year will be honored in May and is Coach Muse. We are grateful to have so many fantastic teachers at CES, and we want to congratulate those that won for this school year.

It has been so cold outside! I know that often times kids go from the house to a car that's parked in a garage without thinking they need a coat. We are asking you to please make sure they always bring one to school. Unless it is below freezing, they will still go outside for recess and possibly stand outside for dismissal as well. I know firsthand that kids put up a fight about not wanting to bring or wear a coat, but this is life skill that we must teach them in order for them to keep themselves and everyone they come in contact with healthy. If you are in need of a coat for your child, please contact me or one of our school counselors.

We are currently accepting names for additions to the CES Hall of Fame. Our goal is to fill the wall going into the cafeteria from the main part of the building with people who went to CES and have gone on to do something great. 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 set their mind to. The form to submit names is on our school website, Twitter, and PTA Facebook account. Please help us spread the word!

This has been the first year that CES has ventured into the world of competitive robotics. We are excited to announce that our robotics team, led by our STEM teacher Ms. James, has done so exceptionally well that they qualified for the state competition taking place in Brentwood, Tennessee later this year. Congratulations to the parents, students, and staff that have spent so much time making this program a success!

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

### A Message from the President

Hello Little Dragon Family and students -

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and came back to school in January ready to tackle the second semester head on. February is a month usually dedicated to LOVE.....love for one another......love for that special person in your lives.....and love for our children, your children, the Little Dragons.

Stop for a minute in your busy lives, I did this also, and think about why you LOVE that your child is a Little Dragon. Here is my list, in no particular order:

- The dedicated teachers & staff that go above and beyond for our children in the classroom on a daily basis
- Seeing teachers, faculty, administration show up at my children's ball games and dance shows to support them on the weekends
- The technology our Little Dragons are exposed to at CES and learn through OK sometimes this is a little frustrat ing when they know more about the IPad than we do! Haha Thanks Mrs. Scruggs;)
- Our school the physical structure It's a beautiful school with amazing murals painted on the walls by our tal ented art teachers it's a welcoming environment for Elementary age children
- The volunteers, parents like you who are reading this right now, that show up to work in the cafeteria opening ketchup packets, or spend 30 minutes once a week reading to a class, or wrestle with the copier making copies for the teachers so they don't have to waste their planning period doing so
- The PTA for the hardworking board members who with generous donations from families and community members are able to provide opportunities to the Little Dragons such as Community Reader day, Memphis in May day, Spelling Bee, and Walk/Bike to school day just to name a few.

These are just a small sample of items that came to my mind. I could go on and on about our wonderful school but I challenge you to think of why you LOVE that your child is a Little Dragon. The next time someone asks what school your child attends be sure to follow up with one of your reasons why.

Ask your Little Dragon(s) why they LOVE being a Little Dragon(s). You never know what they may say.....maybe it's Pizza day in the cafeteria, maybe it's Tuesdays when their class has recess on the soccer field, maybe it's because Mr. Finley wears a unicorn hat at PBIS assemblies.

Keep Saturday April 13th circled in your calendars – It's Fair in the Lair. You don't want to miss this fun day at CES.

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.
- 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.



# COLLIERVILLE ELEMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JOIN US FOR OUR 10TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST SERVED BY CES FACULTY AND STAFF.

WHERE: COLLIERVILLE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

TiME: 7:30-10:30 A.M.

(COME EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH!)

COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON

Order forms will be sent home with your students weekly folder. Also you can purchase tickets at the school.



### Collierville Elementary School presents



### Saturday, April 13th 10:00am – 2:00pm

### **Collierville Elementary School**

590 Peterson Lake • Collierville, TN 38017

### Come out with your family and friends for a day full of games, food and fun!!!

- Carnival Style Games
- Face Painting
- Hatchling's Playground
- Basket & Silent Auction
- Art Auction

- Book Fair
- Food
- Fun

#### And so much more!

Additional information and punch card order forms coming home in early April.

To volunteer contact Susan Gyura at fundraisingevents@mycespta.com.

To sponsor an event or donate to the silent auction contact Tiffany Essary at fundraisingsponsorship@mycespta.com.

### Please join your child for

# Massins With Mom

Where: CES Cafe

When: March 21st and 22nd

Time: 7:30a.m.

Who: Moms\* and Children

\*If mom is not available, another adult may attend with a student.

Start your day with delicious muffin and put a smile on your child's face. CES PTA will serve FREE muffins, coffee, juice, and milk in the cafeteria!

To RSVP look for a flyer coming home in folders questions contact Kristen Hawkins, familyevents@mycespta.org

#### Here's the Buzzz from the 2018-2019 Spelling Bee!!!!

The Bee took place Tuesday, December 4 at Town Hall. Classroom winners from grades 3-5 all participated and did an excellent job!

Congratulations to our overall winners!!

1st Place- Jake Lauber(4th grade- Mrs. Williamson)

2nd Place-Myles Jones (5th grade- Mrs. Munier)

3rd Place- Nathan Braniff (4th grade- Mrs. Wilemon)

Special thanks to goes to......

Megan Jackson, Pronouncer

Maureen Fraser, Sponsor

Sherry Douglass, Jennifer Ragland, and Lori Finney, Judges







### 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.

### 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

Welcome back and keep collecting those Box Tops!

Stacey Lauber
Beautification/Box Tops



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### FAIR IN THE LAIR SILENT AUCTION

Our annual Fair in the Lair Auction is coming up on April 13th at Collierville Elementary School. Last year we raised \$8,490 at our auction thanks to the generosity of our bidders and people like you who donated items. This year we are hoping to raise even more money to provide Impact Grants to our amazing teachers!

Would you consider donating to our auction?

\* Items

\* Gift Card

\* Certificate for Service

If you are interested in donating to this year's silent auction please contact Tiffany Essary at fundraisingsponsorship@mycespta.org or Amanda Cantrell at parliamentarian@mycespta.org

Something new for this year we are taking our auctions online!



#### 2019 - 2020 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 Executive 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 four positions on the CES-PTA Executive Board:

## President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

If you have any questions or would like a complete description of each area, please contact Amanda Cantrell, parliamentarian@mycespta.org.

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

	Executive Board Positions	Have you had any experience with a PTA?
1		
2		
3		

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