

The Colt Connection January 14, 2024

Mark Your Calendars

January

Monday, January 15 - Schools Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

Thursday, January 18 - Spirit Day - wear your favorite winter sweater

PTO meeting at 5:00pm in the media center

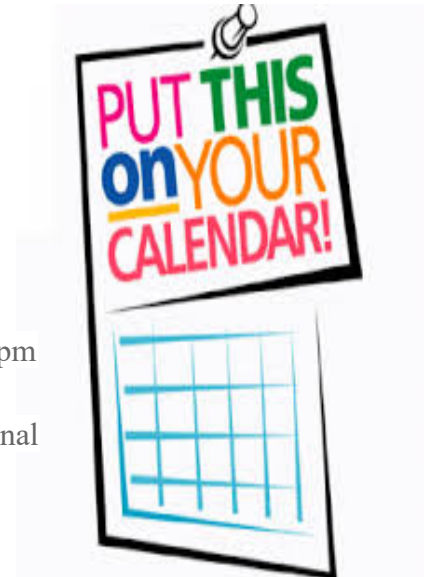
Friday, January 19 - NEW DATE - Donuts with Grown Ups - PreK-1 at 8am

Thursday, January 25 - Leeds Math Night w/Free Pizza Dinner for Families at 5:30pm

Friday, January 26 - Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

Tuesday, January 30 - North East Feeder Pattern Parent and Community Informational Meeting @ North East Elementary School

Tuesday, February 6 - PTO Pat's Pizza Restaurant Fundraiser



This Week's Menu:

	15	16	17	18	19
No School	ENTREE Pizza Rippers Chicken Drumstick w/ Biscuit VEGETABLE Mashed Potatoes Baby Carrots w/ Dip House Salad FRUIT Assorted Canned Fruit BEVERAGE Assorted Juice	ENTREE Orange Chicken w/ Rice Spaghetti w/ Meatballs VEGETABLE Corn Fresh Vegetable House Salad FRUIT Assorted Fresh Fruit Fruit Ice	ENTREE Nachos Hot Dog VEGETABLE Baked Beans Baby Carrots w/ Dip House Salad FRUIT Assorted Canned Fruit Assorted Fresh Fruit	ENTREE Mickey's Cheese Pizza Corn Dog VEGETABLE Green Beans Baby Carrots w/ Dip FRUIT Assorted Canned Fruit Fruit Ice	

Inclement Weather Make-up Days

Due to schools being closed last Wednesday, schools will now be open on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Please make adjustments to your calendars.

If there is an additional inclement weather day causing schools to be closed, schools will be open on Friday, May 24, 2024.

The third inclement weather day will be Asynchronous instruction.

The fourth - ninth inclement weather days will be Synchronous instruction.

What does Asynchronous and Synchronous instruction mean?

★ Asynchronous instruction will be provided by the teachers for the students to work on independently, at home, at their own pace, and at the time that's best for the families.

Teachers will provide a schedule of Office Hours to support students with questions or concerns virtually. Work will be accessed by students in grades 2-5 through Schoology. Students in grades PreK-1 will be given paper packets to complete.

★ Synchronous instruction will have teachers instruct students online through Zoom. These sessions are four hours long and are a mix of students receiving instruction from the teacher and the students completing work independently.

How is attendance taken?

→ Students who participate in Schoology/Zoom and/or complete the assigned work are marked present.

→ Students who do not participate will be provided Make-up work.

How will my child join sessions through Zoom or access Schoology?

- Using a device at home
- Using a Chromebook issued from school where a Chromebook user agreement has been completed.
- The school will send needed Chromebooks home with the A/C adapters to be used on virtual days and then brought back in the next school day.

Looking for Behavioral Health Resources

[Cecil County Behavioral Health Resources](#) - this is a list of mental health providers within Cecil County. The list includes services provided, whether or not the provider accepts Medical Assistance, and contact information.

[Behavioral Health Provider List](#) - this resource includes information on behavioral health resources both within Cecil County and surrounding areas.

Ready to Read Act Letters

K-1 - Students will complete the middle of the year Acadience Reading K-6 benchmark. Results will be reported to families at the end of marking period 3. The purpose of this assessment is to monitor your child's development in reading, to identify students needing additional help, and to guide the teacher's classroom instruction. Both Kindergarten and Grade 1 teachers are implementing Foundations this school year. Foundations provides an explicit approach to reading and spelling with phonics. Students who score below the Foundations Unit Tests receive re-teaching of specific skills. In addition all students meet with a Chapter One tutor throughout the week.

Grades 2-5 - Students will complete the middle of the year Acadience Reading K-6 benchmark beginning in January. Results will be reported to families at the end of marking period 3. The purpose of this assessment is to monitor your child's development in reading, to identify students needing additional help, and to guide the teacher's classroom instruction. For the interim, students in Grades 2-5 will continue receiving differentiated reading instruction.

Free Vision Screening

Cecilton Lions Club is coming on Tuesday February 6th to provide free vision screenings to PK, K, and 1st grade students. If you DO NOT want your child to be screened, please return the refusal form to Nurse LeeAnna. Thank you!



Yearbook Sales

Each year we create a yearbook of "the year that was", and this year we will continue with the 2023-2024 version of the book.

In an attempt to streamline the entire process, ALL sales for yearbooks, patron ads and 5th grade baby pictures will be ONLINE with payments accepted ONLY via SchoolCash. Here is the link for [SchoolCash](#)

You may purchase a yearbook for \$20 - this yearbook will be in color and will feature each child who is enrolled in the school PRIOR to March 1st.

Patron ads, a way to say "way to go" to your favorite LES student(s) are also on sale for \$3.00 per ad. Families with students in 5th Grade may also share a baby picture to include in the book for \$3.00 each.

If you would like to purchase a yearbook, a patron ad, and/or a 5th Grade Baby Picture to be included in this year's yearbook, please click the appropriate link and fill out the pertinent information on the form.

PreK- 4 [FORM](#)

Gr 5 - [FORM](#)

After filling out the form, please be sure to go to SchoolCash and pay for your items BEFORE you submit.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Moon at wmoon@ccps.org and I will be happy to respond to your questions.



Green Zone Parent Volunteers

Please complete this [FORM](#) if you would like to assist us with our next Green Zone Celebration on January 30. We have several silly Minute to Win It Challenges that we will be playing in the gym. If you volunteer, you will most likely be asked to run one of the challenges. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Morgan at amorgan@ccps.org or 410.996.5070. Thank you for your help!

A Final Note

Last week I began talking about how to advocate for our school and our school system. One of the ways I discussed was speaking at public forums such as our Board of Education Meetings and/or County Council Meetings. If this is something that interests you, I would love for you to attend the North East Feeder Pattern Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at North East Elementary School starting at 5:30pm. Or if you are looking to find out more information about the schools, elementary and secondary, in our feeder pattern, I urge you to spend dinner with me and the other principals of those schools. It will be time well spent. You can RSVP by completing this [FORM](#).

A huge shout out to those parents, guardians, and family members who have already RSVPed.

If you have any questions regarding this dinner meeting, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs. Kelly Riser Proud Principal of LES

