



## The Colt Connection January 21, 2024

### Mark Your Calendars

#### January

Tuesday, January 23 - County Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 24** - Cecil County Public Schools Board of Education Meeting - Budget Development - 5pm

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

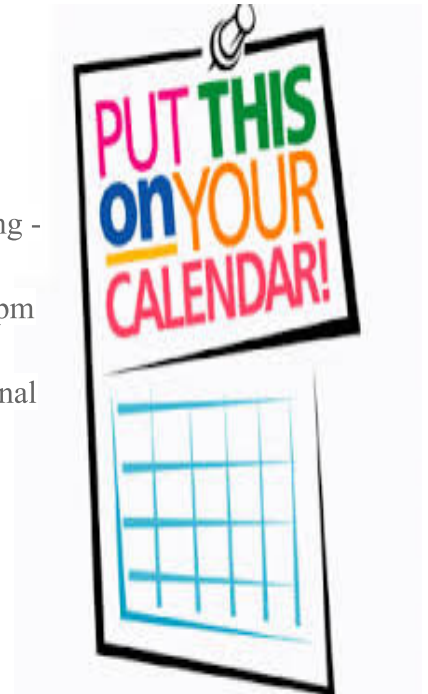
Tuesday, February 6 - Donuts with Grown Ups: PreK-1 at 8am

Tuesday, February 6 - PTO Pat's Pizza Restaurant Fundraiser 4pm-9pm

**Tuesday, February 12 - Schools Closed**

Friday, February 23 - School Wide PJ Day for meeting our Turkey Trot Goals

Friday, February 23 - PTO Movie Night



#### This Week's Menu:

22	23	24	25	26
<b>ENTREE</b> Chicken Nuggets Pizza Crunchers <b>VEGETABLE</b> Corn Fresh Vegetable <b>FRUIT</b> Assorted Canned Fruit Assorted Fresh Fruit	<b>ENTREE</b> Stuffed Crust Pizza Rotini & Italian Meatsauce w/ Bread <b>VEGETABLE</b> Broccoli Baby Carrots w/ Dip House Salad <b>FRUIT</b> Assorted Canned Fruit <b>BEVERAGE</b> Assorted Juice	<b>ENTREE</b> Mozzarella Sticks w/ Sauce Piggie Stick w/ Syrup <b>VEGETABLE</b> Tater Tots Fresh Vegetable House Salad <b>FRUIT</b> Assorted Fresh Fruit Fruit Ice	<b>ENTREE</b> Nachos Turkey Sub <b>VEGETABLE</b> Baked Beans Baby Carrots w/ Dip House Salad <b>FRUIT</b> Assorted Canned Fruit Assorted Fresh Fruit	<b>ENTREE</b> Mickey's Cheese Pizza Cheesesteak <b>VEGETABLE</b> Green Beans Baby Carrots w/ Dip <b>FRUIT</b> Assorted Canned Fruit Fruit Ice



## Budget Work Session Wednesday, January 24, 5:00 PM

SUPPORT  
OUR  
SCHOOLS

**CCPS Reviews Plans for UNPRECEDENTED Multi-Million Dollar Budget Reduction:** On Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 5:00 PM, the Board of Education will review a budget overview for the upcoming fiscal year. This projected multi-million dollar reduction in spending will impact programs and positions across our district. Please feel free to join in person at 201 Booth Street or stream online at this link: <https://www.ccps.org/Page/3651>

# Chat and Chew

WITH THE PRINCIPALS

Please join us for a Chat and Chew with  
North East feeder pattern principals.

Learn about the North East feeder  
pattern and the CCPS budget process.





**Leeds**  
**Elementary School (PTO)**  
**Family & Friends Night!**



**Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Dine In or Take-Out only (no deliveries)**

**Pat's Select of North East will donate 20% of proceeds**  
**raised on the date listed above to benefit the**  
**Leeds Elementary School (PTO)**

**Present this coupon at time of order at Pat's Select,**  
**\* 2305 Pulaski Hwy, North East, MD (410)287-5050**

**Not valid with any other offer or Pat's Specials**

### ***Parent 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.



## 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](mailto:amorgan@ccps.org) or 410.996.5070. Thank you for your help!

## A Final Note (Or Two)

We made it through our first Virtual Inclement Weather Day this past week. I want to thank all the teachers for their time and effort in preparing activities for students to participate in and the office hours they provided while the buildings were closed. This allowed our students to continue their learning. I also want to thank our amazing families for transitioning into this "new" type of Snow Day. We appreciate supporting your children in completing the activities. As a reminder, students need to bring back their activity packets to be counted present for the day. Students who were provided Chromebooks must bring them back to school on Monday.

Finally, I urge families to either attend the Budget Work Session this Wednesday in person or view it online at 5pm. I want to make sure all my families understand what is set to happen with items such as staffing/class sizes and programs if we receive Maintenance of Effort funding for a fourth year in a row from our County Government. #KnowledgeIsPower #FullyFundOurSchools #Funding4ourFuture

Have a wonderful week.

*Mrs. Kelly Riser*

Proud Principal of LES

