



The Colt Connection February 25, 2024

Mark Your Calendars

January

Thursday, February 29 - Leap Day School Spirit - Wear Green to Leap into Fun

Thursday, February 29 - CE Hornberger's Public Budget Hearing 2/29 at 6PM

Friday, March 1 - Attendance Dance Party

Monday, March 4 - Schools Closed for Professional Development

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK March 5- March 8

Tuesday, March 5- Read your Shirt Day (Wear a shirt with words)

Tuesday, March 5 - Leeds Reading Night at 5:30PM

Wednesday, March 6 - Run to a Good Book-Wear sweatshirts/sweatpants/comfy clothes

Thursday, March 7 - PJ DAY with a special activity (students will participate in a book/activity with their class buddies)

Friday, March 8 - Book Character Day (Dress like your favorite book character)

Tuesday, March 12 - Donuts with Grown Ups - Gr 4 and 5 Event

Tuesday, March 12 - PTO meeting at 5PM in the media center

Thursday, March 28 - Virtual Inclement Make-Up Day (Asynchronous)

Friday, March 29 - Tuesday, April 2 - Schools Closed for Spring Break

Wednesday, April 3 - Virtual Inclement Make-Up Day (Synchronous)

This Week's Menu:

Monday - Chicken nuggets or Mac and Cheese

Tuesday - Pizza Rippers or Chicken Drumstick

Wednesday - Orange Chicken or Ham and Cheese Melt

Thursday - Nachos or Turkey Sub

Friday - TBA

Attendance Dance Party

This week students who have attended school 91% of the second marking period will be celebrating with us at a Dance Party during the school day. Invitations will be coming home with these students on Monday. Congratulations to these students and their families.



Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan



Here is the link for the updated school calendars posted on the [CCPS website](#).

Budget Update

County Executive Hornberger has scheduled a public budget hearing for 2/29 at 200 Chesapeake Blvd 21921. She has scheduled the meeting from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Outside of emailing County Executive Hornberger, **this will be your only opportunity to address her directly regarding her funding** of Cecil County Public Schools.

Leeds Chorus to Sing at the Ironbirds Game

On **Saturday, June 15th**, the Leeds Elementary School Colts Chorus will be performing the Star-Spangled Banner at an Aberdeen Ironbirds home game at Ripken Stadium. First pitch is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. that evening, and our students will take the field to sing approximately 15 minutes prior to that. At the conclusion of the game - there will be a **FIREWORKS** display for all to enjoy!

All people attending the game that evening will need to purchase a ticket. Tickets are **\$13.00** and can be purchased **THROUGH THE SCHOOL** by purchasing your tickets here: <https://ccps.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/19136/40/False/True>). Even students and families who are not in the chorus are invited to attend this event – this should be a fun evening of baseball and summer entertainment. Minor league baseball games are known for a lot of things, but certainly known for their upbeat, fun atmosphere for the entire family.

Because this event takes place after-school, school transportation will not be utilized in getting to and from the game. Therefore, you will be responsible for all travel arrangements. In addition, all expenses within the ballpark will be your responsibility. **ALL TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED BY FRIDAY, MAY 3rd** to insure delivery before the end of school! Tickets MAY be ordered on SchoolCash. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school or via email at wmoon@ccps.org.



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.

Turkey Trot Prizes Update

Due to supply issues, our PTO has had a difficult time securing our prizes for the Turkey Trot; however, they have been able to get everything back on track and prizes will be given to students in March. Thank you for everyone's patience.



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.

[Caring for the Caregiver Services](#): Tools and Strategies for Caregivers Who Love Someone Under 30 Struggling with Opioid Use

Flyer for Second Annual CCPS Multilingual Family and Community Fair ([English, Arabic, Chinese, Turkish, Spanish](#))

[LEADers 1.0](#)- virtual information session for parents on understanding the Special Education process and components of the IEP. The training is for Cecil County residents only and provided by the Parents Place of Maryland.

[Building Healthy Families](#) - Building Healthy Families is a program that will inspire your family to take action in life-long healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. The program is designed for families with a child, 6-12 years old, with excessive body weight.

Special Education Parent Involvement Survey

Parents or guardians of children receiving special education and related services were mailed the Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey from the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services during the week of February 12, 2024. Parents are asked to complete the survey and return it in the postage paid envelope by May 24, 2024. The survey may also be completed online. Please look for details in your survey packet. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services in your local school system. Your voice can make a real difference for your child and many other children across the state of Maryland. To learn more, please visit <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com>.



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A Final Note

This past week we enjoyed time together at the PTO Movie Night. A huge thank you to our PTO board members who helped to make this event a success: Mr. Steven Ferrante, Mrs. Kaley Wolf, and Mrs. Jackie O'Reilly. A shout out to Mrs. Higgins and Mr. Benner for volunteering their time as well during this event. We look forward to having families back in school on March 5th for our Leeds Reading Night.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Mr. Benner if you have any schoolwide questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs. Kelly Riser

Proud Principal of LES

