

## The Colt Connection March 17, 2024

### Mark Your Calendars

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Tuesday, March 19 - Spring Pictures - Individual, Class, and Staff

Tuesday, March 19 - PTO Chick-fil-A Night from 5:30-7:30pm

Tuesday, March 19 - Leeds Speaks at the County Council Meeting 7pm

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** - Stuffed Crust Pizza or Chicken Taco

**Wednesday** - Mozzarella Sticks or Spaghetti

**Thursday** - TBD

**Friday** - Mickey Cheese Pizza or Fish Sticks



#### LES Colts Chorus at the Ironbirds Game

Once again this year the Colts Chorus will be on the field at Cal Ripken stadium in Aberdeen prior to the first pitch of the Saturday, June 15th game. Our chorus will sing the Star-Spangled Banner prior to the 7:05 game. Chorus members will get to sing on the field - but ALL of Leeds is invited to join us to cheer on our chorus members and the Aberdeen Ironbirds. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **Yearbooks on Sale**

This is your FINAL week to pre-order your yearbook! Yearbooks are \$20, hard-back and full color and will be a great opportunity to "relive the year that was". Only pre-ordered yearbooks are guaranteed - any additional yearbooks will be available on a first come, first serve basis in late-May.

This year, in an effort to streamline yearbook purchases, everything must be purchased online. Please click [HERE](#) to purchase your yearbook through SchoolCash!

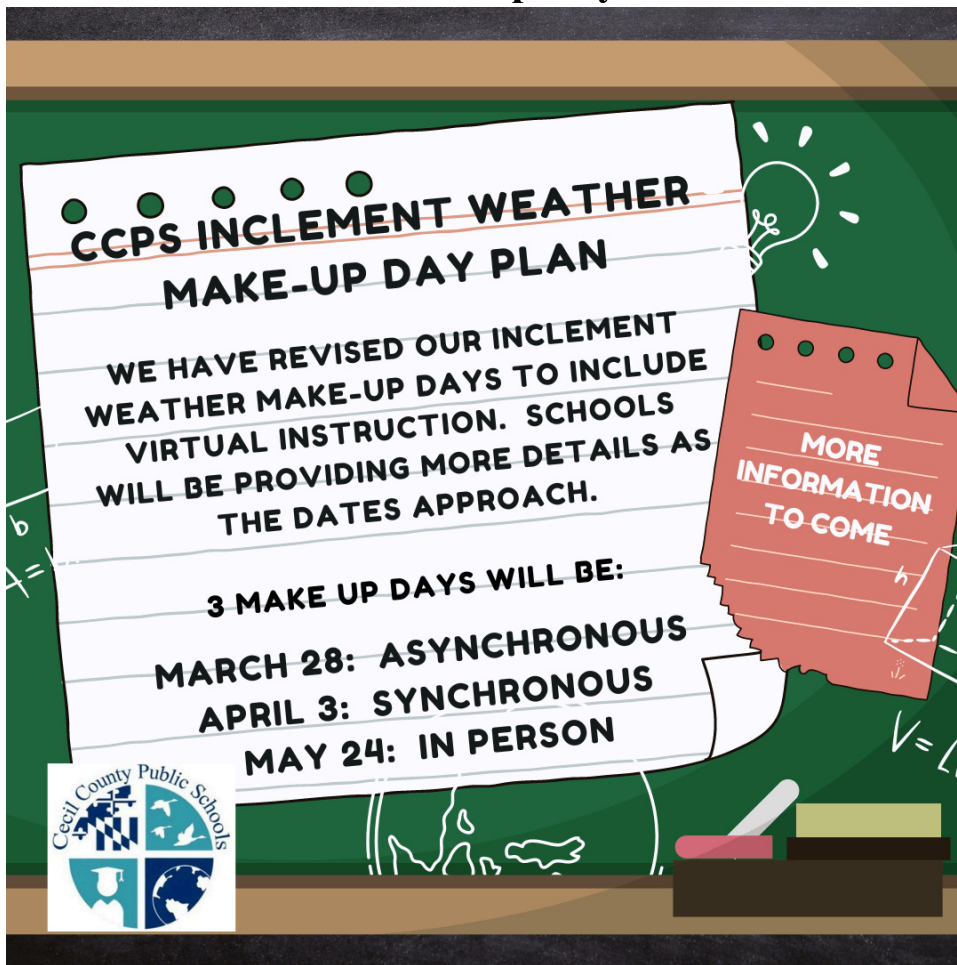
**PTO Chick-fil-A Night** - Please be sure to take the flyer with you to show when purchasing food. All proceeds will go to our PTO. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer or see the attachment.

**Leeds Speaks** - On Tuesday night, we are asking families to join us at the County Council Meeting being held at 200 Chesapeake Blvd # 2100, Elkton, MD 21921. We are wearing red or our Leeds shirts that night in support of education. If you would like to join us to support our school or speak to have your voice heard on the funding of our schools, the meeting begins at 7pm with sign ups to speak at 6:45pm. Please JOIN us!

**Principal for the Day** - Tomorrow I will host Mr. Scott Sturgill from People's Bank as my Principal for the Day. This yearly program allows business leaders the opportunity to spend time in our school. Though Mr. Sturgill was at our school a few years ago, a lot has changed and I'm looking forward to showing him our new math program, the opportunities we now have as a targeted Title I school, and bringing notice to our large class sizes. A huge thank you to Mr. Sturgill for taking time out of his busy day to spend it with us.

**News from Nurse Fullis** - CCPS has updated their Covid guidelines to reflect the most recent CDC guidelines. There is no longer a quarantine requirement if a student tests positive for Covid. A student may return to school once they are fever free for 24hrs without the use of fever reducing medications. This is similar to the long standing recommendations for other respiratory illnesses, including influenza. As always, please communicate with the school to let us know when your child is sick and will be absent from school. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

## Inclement Weather Make-Up Day Plan



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



### 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.

[DSS in CCPL](#) - Specialists from the Department of Social Services will be available at the Cecil County Public Library located in North East to assist families with applying for benefits

**For Elementary Language Arts** - February [ELA Express](#) for caregivers

## 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 week I want to thank all the families who are working with us on Wednesday afternoon or other days of the week in our Attendance Recoup Program. We appreciate you making attendance a priority.

This past Wednesday we had over 40 students, K-5, stay after school to make up missed time due to any reason. We all know how hard it is to keep on track with attendance in a year we take a vacation or when our child seems to be sick every week. This program helps students make up time by getting some extra support.

A huge shout out to Mrs. Gibson, for keeping our school on track with attendance, Mrs. Giley, Mrs. Fonck, and Mrs. Zickgraf for making it fun for our students in K-2, and Ms. Sexton and Mrs. Ward for supporting our students in grades 3-5 as they practice important skills missed. We could not do it without you!!

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



