



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

February 24th

*Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am
Early Childhood Family Support Day
Black History Month-Poetry/Art Contest Deadline*

March 2nd

Spirit Day

March 8th-19th

I-Read 3 Testing Window (3rd Grade Only)

March 8th-12th

Food Service Appreciation Week

March 10th

Late Start-School begins at 8:30 am

March 12th

End of 3rd Quarter

March 17th

Wednesday Bakers

March 19th

Last Day to Order a Yearbook

March 24th

Late Start-School Begins at 8:30 am

March 30th

Spring Pictures

April 2nd-April 9th

Spring Break-No School

April 15th

Spring Trivia Night Fundraiser-6:30pm

~ INFO ~



Explore the History of Juneteenth by participating in The Carmel Clay Schools Juneteenth Art & Poetry Contest. Write a poem about this holiday and what it means to you and/or our community. Submit your poem or artwork by February 24, 2021 at 4pm via email. Click on the link for more details.

[Juneteenth Art & Poetry Contest](#)

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Mrs. Mace recently received a promotion within Ascension Health and will be transitioning into a new role within Ascension starting March 6th. We are so thankful for Mrs. Mace's excellent service at Cherry Tree, and although we will miss her much, we are thrilled for her to have this opportunity! Once we have a new school nurse hired through Ascension, we will share that news with you in an upcoming Chatter or email.

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Mr. and Mrs. Moody will soon welcome their daughter to the world. We are so excited for them! Mrs. Moody's maternity leave will be covered by Mrs. Kristina Reid, who has covered leaves for Mrs. Hiatt and Mrs. Stobb this year. Mrs. Reid will start covering music after Spring Break and from March 15th - Spring Break Mrs. Griggs, our Permanent Building Sub, will be subbing in Mrs. Moody's classroom. All music clubs will be wrapped up for the year prior to Mrs. Moody's leave on March 15h. Meet Mrs. Reid [HERE](#).

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Dress for the Weather



Winter has seemed to evade us until recently, but it looks like the month of February could hold some continued snow and colder temps. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind families to please make sure your child is dressed for the weather, as we want to try and get students outside as often as we can! If the temperature is 20 degrees or higher (including windchill), and there are areas cleared of precipitation for classes to pod in - we will go outside. If there was recent snow; there may be snow near the cleared areas that the kids could play in if they have their boots. Dress warm and be safe!

ONE MORE MONTH TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

Yearbook Orders are due Friday, March 19, 2021



It's time to order your 2020-2021 Yearbook. Order forms will go home with students on Friday, 1/8/21. You can order using the form or you can order online.

To order online click on the link <https://inter-state.com/yearbook> and use code 53209Z.

Cost for the yearbook is \$16.00. Checks should be made payable Inter-State Studio. Please order before March 19, 2021.

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Kindergarten
Registration
Begins January 19th!



Carmel Clay Schools' kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year will be available beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Students must be at least five years old by August 1, 2021, to start kindergarten in August 2021.

When registering children, parents/guardians will need an official birth certificate (not a hospital record) and proof of residency. Proof of residency consists of a rental agreement, purchase agreement, closing documents or deed, and a utility (electric or gas) statement. Please note that immunization records must be submitted to the school by the first day of instruction. Those records may also be scanned and uploaded online, dropped off at the school, or sent by a doctor's office.

Specific questions regarding kindergarten registration and programming should be directed to your child's school. Parents/guardians are encouraged to have students enrolled by Friday, March 5, 2021.

Our new registration site and instructions will be available via the [Carmel Clay Schools' website](#), starting Tuesday, January 19.

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Carpool



New Year Reminder!

All thank you for your work in making carpool efficient and safe! You can reference the procedures here:

[Morning](#)

[Afternoon](#)

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Late Start Calendar

Click on the link below to see calendar dates for late starts. On late start days school will begin at 8:35 am. Bus routes will arrive 40 minutes later. Please log on to your [Parent Powerschool Portal](#) for exact pick up times.

[Late Start Calendar Dates](#)

ESE (Carmel Parks & Recreation Student Enrichment Program) will offer a Late Start Program for all CTE Students. Pre-registration is required. Click on the link for registration instructions.

[ESE Late Start Program](#)

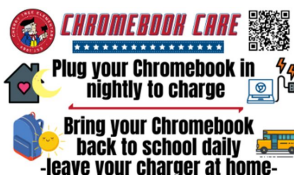
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Reminder CCS Food Service



CCS will provide free breakfast and lunch to all students for the remainder of the school year.

Chromebook Care



Make sure you charge your chromebook each evening and don't forget to bring your chromebook to school each day!!

Please be advised that students will begin bringing home their Chromebooks each night, starting Monday, November 16th. Chargers should remain at home. A video will be sent out for students and families to review best practices on handling their Chromebooks. We suggest families choose a specific 'home' for their student's Chromebook, where it can be charged and brought back ready for use the next school day.

Please visit the [Canvas Parent FAQ Page](#) or [Virtual Learning Support](#) websites for additional support.

Please review the below Chromebook FAQ's for more information on how to care for your Chromebook.

[Chromebook FAQ's](#)

Inclement Weather Days Info



With the success of our virtual learning programs' implementation across all grade levels, we plan to replace school closures with Inclement Weather Days. Students will be engaged in approximately 2-3 hours of virtual learning on these designated days. Learning will be asynchronous, meaning students will not follow a schedule along with a teacher or take part in live lessons. Students may complete assignments as time and support allow during the day.

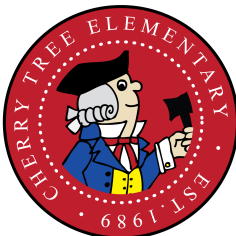
Teachers will post office hours on their Canvas homepage. Office hours will not begin earlier than 9:00 a.m. During these hours, teachers will be available to answer real-time questions through the inbox feature built into Canvas. Teachers will monitor the Canvas inbox throughout the day during school hours.

Weather Delay Info



Winter weather is around the corner, so please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our updated procedures. We will still operate with a traditional 2-hour delay when needed to ensure safe transportation in the morning for our students. However, due to the later start times for secondary schools, we will also have a new 1-hr delay schedule as an option. Delays will be announced via email, Carmel Clay Schools social media, and the local news. We also recommend receiving emergency communication on your cell phone. However, you must [opt-in through our website](#) to begin receiving these texts or calls.

Join PTO Leadership



We really need you!

The Cherry Tree PTO is hard at work building a board of incredible parent volunteers for next school year. Can you see your talents at work in any of these roles? Check out the PTO Board Volunteer [2021-2022 Nominating Preference Form](#).

LEGO Club Challenges Week 3 & 4



This week's virtual Lego Club Challenge is to build something from your favorite video game, movie, or tv show! The challenge runs through Sunday, February 21st. Please send an image of your creation to chteptopatriotlegoclub@gmail.com by 5:00 pm February 21st and include the name and teacher of your builder(s).

Next Week's Challenge is to build something using ONLY square blocks. This challenge begins Monday, February 22nd and ends Sunday, February 28th. Please send an image of your creation to chteptopatriotlegoclub@gmail.com by 5:00 pm February 28th and include the name and teacher of your builder(s). *By sending in a picture, you grant permission for the PTO to share this image on it's social media channels, in the Chatter, PTO website, or other avenues.*

At the end of February, one builder (or team of builders) will be randomly selected to win a \$25 gift card to the Lego Store! Ready, Set, Build!

Parents' Virtual Trivia Night



Time to get your tickets for the
2021 Parents Night "Out" Virtual Trivia Night!

Thursday, April 15 | 6:30pm

Click the link for Tickets and Event Sponsorship opportunities:

<http://qtego.net/qlink/cherrytreeschool>

Committee Callout: If you'd like to join a committee, please email

CTEFundraiser@gmail.com

Full Details at the end of Chatter!

Box Tops



Do you have any physical Box Tops? Please send them into school by February 19th so our Box Tops coordinator can get them counted! Remember that every little bit helps!

If you haven't, please download the Box Tops for Education app and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! The app identifies eligible products and automatically adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your e-receipts and earn Box Tops. If you are struggling to remember to scan your receipts, go to the communication settings under your account and set up scan reminders, you can customize them to match your shopping routine!

You can view a list of participating products here:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/Participating-Products-Page>

We received \$342 from Box Tops from the first semester. We would love to exceed that amount for the second semester so please download the app and scan those receipts. It's an incredibly easy way to help support our Cherry Tree teachers and students!

~NEW~

Carmel Tree Plenish Project



Eastern Redbud Eastern White Pine Tulip Poplar

Get a Tree Planted in Your Yard for Only \$5!

We will Deliver & Plant the Trees or you can Pick them up on April 17th

Order as Many Trees as You Would Like

Help offset CHS's use of 12.3 Million Sheets of Paper Each Year!

Carmel's Tree-Plenish Project is the #1 Largest in the Nation!

Request Tree(s) before March 17th!
<https://www.tree-plenishevents.org/carmel>



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Small Business Owner?



We'd love to hear from our Cherry Tree families who own businesses so we can connect with you about opportunities with the Parents Night Out Event and more!

Complete this form to share with us about your local business.

<https://forms.gle/PnjbXq6xY5zR6ubX6>

Wednesday Bakers



Do you like to bake? If you are looking for a socially distant way to get involved with PTO, here's a great option: Wednesday Bakers!

[Sign-Up](#) to bring 2-dozen individually wrapped homemade or store-bought goodies to support CTE Staff. You've been helping fill up our volunteer spots, THANK YOU!

We have 3 more volunteers needed for the month of MAY!

Wellness Week



Check out the new February Wellness Week challenge & get your student entered to win a \$25 gift card to Jimmy Johns, YUM! [ENTER HERE!](#)

SPIRIT SHOP STILL OPEN!



There is plenty of inventory left and even some styles on sale! Spirit items make great gifts for birthdays or incoming Kindergarteners!

Check out www.ctespiritshop.com for long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts and even adult styles!

Easy Ways to Support Cherry Tree



Make sure you link your Amazon account to Cherry Tree Elementary! Login to your Amazon account > Under Accounts & Lists > Choose Your AmazonSmile. For every purchase you make Amazon donates a percentage to Cherry Tree!

Kroger has a community rewards program as well! Login in to your Kroger account and choose Community Rewards to add Cherry Tree from the list of organizations. Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school.

In October of this year we received another check for **\$783.26!** Linking your cards only takes minutes and the rewards are great!!

POPs Wants YOU!

POPS is an energetic group of male parents/guardians that plan, support and volunteer at various CTE and PTO events throughout the year. It's flexible and fun - all are welcome and no cost to join!

Email David Glenn with questions or to sign up at dglenniu@gmail.com.

Don't forget: you must have a criminal history check (CHC) on file. A link to the online CHC application and more information can be found on the CTE PTO website at <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/pto-cte/volunteer>.

~ INFO ~ Media Center Volunteers Needed



Hello all parents of Patriots!! Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity at school second semester? The media center is looking for volunteers to help the kids and Mrs Lima. Volunteer hours for the morning are either 8 -10am or 9 -11am. Our greatest need will be in the afternoon from 11:40-1:40pm when the kindergartners and first graders will be in the Media Center.

For more info you can email Melissa Putts at melissaputts@yahoo.com, Megan Droste at medroste@gmail.com or simply [click](#) on the google form to submit your request to volunteer. Thank you! *Background check required*

Treasurer's Report



Learn more about how your PTO dollars were used last month to enhance the student experience at CTE by visiting the PTO's budget documents on our website. The monthly report can be found [HERE](#) under the Treasury Summaries.



We continue our great efforts at Cherry Tree to raise productive and safe digital citizens! Please see the linked family resource from Common Sense Media. These are great resources!

[Control Your Phone. Don't Let It Control You](#)

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Find all CCS Covid information [HERE](#)



**CARMEL CLAY
SCHOOLS**
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Please ask yourself these 4 screener questions:

- 1) In the last 24 hours have you had a fever or chills and/or taken medication for a fever? (If you are unsure, please utilize a thermometer for an accurate reading. A temperature of 100.4 or higher constitutes a fever according to medical professionals)
- 2) Do you have COVID-19 symptoms such as new, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, sore throat, diarrhea/vomiting, or loss of taste or smell?
- 3) In the past 14 days have you been in close contact (was within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes without protective equipment) with a person known/suspected to have COVID-19 and/or have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- 4) Have you or anyone in your household been tested for COVID-19 and are still awaiting test results?

If the answer to question #4 is YES---Please do not send your student(s) to school.
If you or anyone in your household is being tested or waiting on results, your student **MUST** quarantine until results are received.

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Stopit App

Click on the [link](#) for the newest "Stopit App" information. The code to use is **CTECARES**

TICKET SALES NOW OPEN!

CHERRY TREE PTO PRESENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT "OUT"

virtual TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, April 15 | 6:30 pm

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT TO HELP RAISE FUNDS THAT DIRECTLY SUPPORT OUR VALUABLE TEACHERS & SCHOOL-WIDE PROGRAMS!

TICKETS:

- Parent Team (4-10 people) \$250
- Individual Tickets \$40
- Teacher Team (4-10 people) Free
(Paid for by our sponsors)

Team tickets include a team SWAG BAG! Dropped off to team captain's house prior to the event

Team members do NOT need to be at the same location for the event. We will use virtual breakout rooms.

Individual tickets will be placed on a virtual team.

TICKET LINK:

[HTTP://QTEGO.NET/QLINK/CHERRYTREESCHOOL](http://QTEGO.NET/QLINK/CHERRYTREESCHOOL)

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR SPONSORSHIP & PRIZE GIVEAWAY INFORMATION!

For more information, email CTEFundraiser@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

Event Sponsorship \$500

Includes a Trivia Team (4-10 people) OR Sponsor a Teacher Team
Team swag bag

Sponsor logo featured on event website, social media, school wide newsletters, and trivia host's virtual background.

Ability to add business promo items/goodies with your company info/logo for the team swag bags.

Event + Trivia Round Sponsorship \$1,000

Only 4 Trivia Round Sponsors available. Will receive all items listed above as the event sponsor in addition to acknowledgment during the round as sponsoring the round by our event host.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SPONSORING,
EMAIL CTEFUNDRAISER@GMAIL.COM

PRIZE GIVEAWAY

There will be prize
giveaway opportunities
after each Trivia Round
including great school
excitement packages
and items donated from
the community!

To purchase tickets in advance or to see the auction items, visit:

[HTTP://QTEGO.NET/QLINK/CHERRYTREESCHOOL](http://QTEGO.NET/QLINK/CHERRYTREESCHOOL)

If you are interested in donating items, please email CTEFundraiser@gmail.com