

A copublication of CTE & the CTE PTO
January 19, 2023

CHERRY TREE CHATTER

LEGO CLUB

Lego Club Session #1 will
meet Jan. 24.

Session 2 payments are due
by Jan. 20. You should have
received an email if you
have a student enrolled in
Session #2.

Make sure to change your
School Dismissal Manager
for these dates if you are
enrolled!

SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair Registration is still
OPEN! Deadline is January 26th to
register with the Science Fair on
Thursday, February 9th. Information
packets are linked in the
[registration form](#).

ANY student grades K-5 can
register!. Questions? Please
contact Tony Lopez and
Jeff Hegnauer at
cherrytreeptosciencefair@gmail.com

PTO GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us for a General
Membership PTO Meeting
Monday, Jan. 23 at 10:45a.m.
in the LGI Room at CTE.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Starting Monday, Miss Liz the
Science Wiz will be teaching your
students all about the Visible
Light Spectrum! By partnering
with STEAM, students will have a
fun hands-on lesson exploring
light.

WINTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Please join us for BINGO & BOOKS at the Winter Family Fun Night.
We will have a fun night of BINGO, snacks, prizes, and every child
will go home with a book!

Thurs., Feb. 2nd 6:00-7:30 pm in the CTE Cafeteria. Register your
family in advance (by Jan. 31st!) to be entered for prizes.

KEY DATES

January 23rd
PTO General Meeting

January 23rd
Lego Club Session 1

January 23rd-27th
Artist in Residence

January 25th
Late Start

January 26th
Science Fair Registration
Deadline

January 31st, February
7th & 14th
Lego Club Session 2

February 2nd
Winter Family Fun Night

February 9th
Science Fair Open
House

February 14th
Valentine's Day Parties

February 21, 28, and
March 7
LEGO Club Session #3

March 7th & 8th
Parents & Pastries

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

Valentine's Day parties will be held on Feb. 14. Students will receive a Food Services Sugar Cookie as a treat. Those with food allergies will be contacted by Nurse Pertile regarding an alternative snack option. All students who would like to participate should plan to bring in Valentine's Day cards for every child in their class. Please note that student valentines CANNOT contain food items.

Room parents are securing volunteers for classrooms. All volunteers must have a current background check on file with CCS.



TREASURER'S REPORT

The current Treasurer's Report is available, as well as previous reports. Learn how your PTO dollars were used to enhance students' experiences at CTE.

PARENTS & PASTRIES

Save the Date!
March 7 (A-K) & March 8 (L-Z)

More info to follow.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

We talked about beating the 'Winter Blues' this week. Some tips were to talk with someone if you are feeling down, open your blinds and turn on lights to simulate the sun and dance like no one is watching!

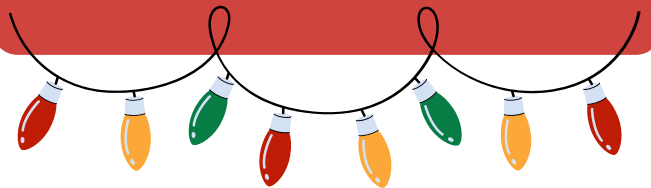
The majority of the kids tried mandarins and wanted seconds. #orangesmiles #beattheblues

SAFETY REMINDER

The mornings are staying darker longer! Please make sure that your walkers and bikers are being extra safe and cautious on the way to school. Make sure your clothing is light colored and that your bikes have good reflectors!!

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

You can now recycle any unwanted holiday lights at CTE through Jan. 20! Just place in the collection box school. More info below.



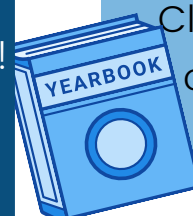
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Winter Family Fun Night! Parents & Pastries! Click [Here](#) for a variety of opportunities to support CTE in 2023!

The Media Center is also looking for volunteers, specifically the 8-10a.m. shifts. If interested, contact [Ashley Millis](#) or [BethAnn Kelley](#).

YEARBOOK ORDERS

2022-23 Yearbook
Ordering is Open!
Click [HERE](#) to view the order form and for more info.



EASY NO COST WAYS TO SUPPORT CHERRY TREE

The Shutterfly logo is displayed in white text on an orange rectangular background.

It's holiday card and gift time! Cherry Tree PTO is thrilled to announce a fundraising opportunity with Shutterfly.

With their help, we've created a custom online storefront where you can shop the extensive Shutterfly collection and for every purchase made, Shutterfly will donate 8% to our Organization. Plus you can even use applicable Shutterfly discount codes! Please feel free to share this website with friends and family!

<http://cherrytreepto.shutterflystorefront.com/>

The Amazon Smile logo features the word "amazon" in black and "smile" in orange, with a curved orange arrow underneath. Below it, the tagline "You shop. Amazon gives." is written in black.

Amazon Shoppers! Make sure to link your Amazon account to Cherry Tree Elementary! On the Amazon app, go to programs and features, click Amazon Smile and choose "Cherry Tree Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Inc." as your charity.

To link your account on a computer, simply log into your Amazon account through [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), select our organization and shop through the Amazon Smile website.

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 the Cherry Tree Elementary PTO from the list of organizations.

Kroger donates a percentage of your spending to our school. This is an easy no-cost way to support Cherry Tree! Register for these programs today!

A festive poster for a holiday lights recycling drive. It features a blue background with snowflakes, colorful Christmas lights, and two globes. A large green recycling symbol is prominent on the left. The title 'HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING DRIVE' is at the top in bold white letters. Below it, the text 'Recycle old, broken and unused strings of lights!' is followed by a paragraph explaining the environmentally-friendly program. The 'SPONSORED BY:' section lists several partners with their logos. At the bottom, it states the public drop-off location and dates.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING DRIVE

Recycle old, broken and unused strings of lights!

This environmentally-friendly program offers an alternative to sending strands of holiday lights to a landfill.

SPONSORED BY:

- TR TECHNOLOGY
- CCS GREEN TEAM
- CITY OF CARMEL
- City of Carmel Utilities
- White's ACE Hardware and Garden Center Great Service - Great Price

Public drop-off at White's Ace Hardware at Carmel

STARTING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Collection ends on Friday, January 20



CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS
TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR *A Few Good Friends*

Our Early Childhood Program is looking for typically developing 3-5 year olds to join our class as Peer Models

Locations

- Cherry Tree
- Clay Center
- Forest Dale
- Smoky Row

Class Times

- Ages 3-4
 - 7:40 - 10:20
- Ages 4-5
 - 11:50 - 2:25

For More Information

[District Website](#)



[Application](#)





REPORT LATE ARRIVALS WITH SCHOOL DISMISSAL MANAGER

Add Late Arrival



Questions: cte_admin_assistants@ccs.k12.in.us



REPORT DAILY & FUTURE ABSENCES WITH SCHOOL DISMISSAL MANAGER

Report Absence



Questions: cte_admin_assistants@ccs.k12.in.us



Be sure to add your
cell phone number
and **opt-in** for text
messages under
Parent Preferences.



Web Version Only

Questions: cte_admin_assistants@ccs.k12.in.us

LEGO CLUB SESSION 1



WELLNESS WEDNESDAY



CHERRY TREE REMINDERS



PARKING

A new city ordinance now restricts using neighborhood streets near school property as a school drop off alternative. If you are using a car to get children to/from school, please follow the procedure to bring them in/pick up on school property in the lot to the east of the school/facing Hazel Dell Pkwy.



CARPOOL

We do our best each day to keep the line moving in an efficient way. You can help by having students ready to exit the car upon arrival, pulling all the way down in the morning to allow more cars to drop off and by having all students exit the passenger side of the car for safety. Thank you for your partnership in helping us welcome and safely deliver home 700+ students each day.



CHROMEBOOKS

Please remember to charge your Chromebooks every night! They are a very important part of our daily routine and need to be charged and ready to go at the beginning of each day. In addition to being charged it is very important they are brought to school each day. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer loaner computers to students who forget them at home.

****Also, please remind your students to treat them with special care. We have seen an increased number of broken devices and we are very limited in our inventory of replacement Chromebooks.**



ATTENDANCE

Remember to please call us and let us know if your child will be absent or arriving late to school. Call 846-3086 and press 1 for attendance. Please make sure to leave the reason for the late arrival or all day absence.



SUPPORT CHERRY TREE

Box Tops are a simple way to support Cherry Tree! Just download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your grocery receipts after you shop! Box Tops donates \$0.10 for each participating product you buy and there are always new bonus box tops opportunities! Having trouble remembering to scan your receipts? Set a customized scan reminder through the app that fits your shopping schedule!

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These are simple ways for friends and families to support the Cherry Tree PTO at **NO COST** and they are an integral part of our fundraising efforts. Thanks for your support!

