



Cherry Tree Chatter

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Upcoming Events at CTE:

November 16th

Educational Support Professionals Day

November 17-30th

Scholastic Book Fair (ONLINE!!)

November 17th

Book Fair Spirit Day--"Time Machine" Theme

November 18th

Late Start-8:35 Tardy Bell

November 25th-27th

Thanksgiving Break (No School)

December 1st

Spirit Day

December 2nd

Late Start ~ 8:35 Tardy Bell

December 18th

Quarter 2 Ends

December 21st-January 4th

Winter Break (No School)

~ NEW ~ Covid Screening Reminders



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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.

317.571.4630

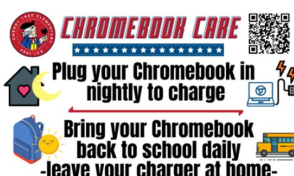


COVID-19 HOTLINE

Parents should report an exposure to their attendance line (317-571-4080 during the school day) or should use the CCS COVID phone line after hours: **317-571-4630**. This phone line will send an automated notification to the Director of Student Service.

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Chromebook Care



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](#)

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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.

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Weather Delay Info

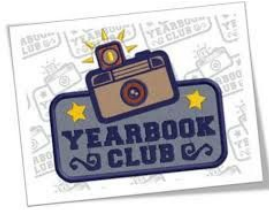


Winter weather is around the corner, so please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our updated procedures. We will still operate with a traditional 2-hour delay when needed to ensure safe transportation in the morning for our students. However, due to the later start times for secondary schools, 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.

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Join the Yearbook Staff



Attention all 4th and 5th graders!

Do you want to be a part of making this year's CTE yearbook? If so, join Mrs. Brodbeck and apply to join the yearbook staff. Yearbook staff meetings will be on Tuesdays (12/1 – 1/26) after school from 2:30 – 3:30. We will be conducting interviews, writing stories, captions and working on page layouts. If you are interested, please fill out the application below and return it to the office by Thursday, November 19th. 30 students will be selected to join the staff. You will be notified on Tuesday, November 24th.

[Yearbook Application](#)

2019-2020 (last year) Yearbooks for Sale

We have a limited supply of the 2019-2020 yearbooks available for sale. If you did not purchase a yearbook last year and are interested please send \$16.00 (either cash or check made payable to Cherry Tree Elementary) in an envelope with your students first and last name to the front office. Yearbooks will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Yearbook purchasing information for 2020-2021 will be sent out at the beginning of second semester.

Lost & Found



Our lost and found is overflowing with sweatshirts, jackets, water bottles, masks and other lost items. If your student is missing anything please have them check the lost and found table located in the cafeteria.

All unclaimed items will be donated after December 18th.

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Late Start Calendar

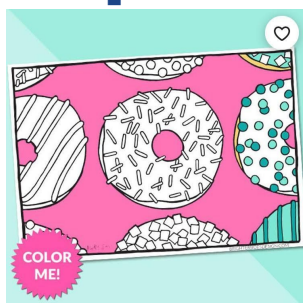
Click on the link below to see calendar dates for late starts. On late start days school will begin at 8:35 am. Bus routes will arrive 40 minutes later. Please log on to your [Parent Powerschool Portal](#) for exact pick up times.

[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](#)

GRAND- person's update



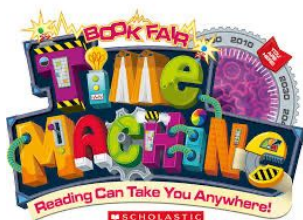
Mail your Grandperson a Donut!

While we will miss sharing a donut in person with our Special Grandperson's this year, we found a way to safely send them a donut! A donut card came home earlier this week with your child that he/she can decorate and mail to their Grandperson's! It will also share pertinent information about the virtual CTE Book Fair that runs **November 17th-30th**.

Grandperson's and books - that's a winning combination!

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Scholastic Book Fair



SAVE THE DATE!!! Do your kids seem to have a little extra TIME on their hands in 2020?! Would your family like to be TRANSPORTED to another year?! Want to ESCAPE with a good book?! You are in luck! The 2020 Scholastic Book Fair is going completely ONLINE to accommodate our CTE families this year! From **NOVEMBER 17th-30th**, discover new books with your kids. We have some fun activities planned in conjunction with the Book Fair. So get ready! There's no better TIME to READ, so let's hop in our TIME MACHINES and let our imaginations TRAVEL to new adventures!

Check out our Scholastic Cherry Tree Elementary site

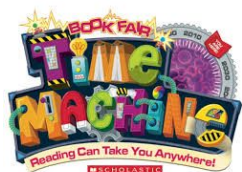
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cherrytreeelementaryschool>. Online shopping starts 11/17.

Every purchase supports our school's Media Center!

*Free shipping for book orders over \$25. All books will be delivered straight to your door.

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Book Fair Spirit Day 11/17



This year's Book Fair theme is Time Machine: Reading Can Take You Anywhere. To celebrate and build excitement, we will have a Spirit Day encouraging students to wear clothing that might show that they've traveled through time. Suggestions would be wearing a princess dress, cowboy hat, crown or tiara, pilgrim hat, dinosaur shirt or hat, apron, Back to the Future/Star Wars/Star Trek themed clothing, coonskin cap, grown-up outfit (as if they've traveled to their own future).

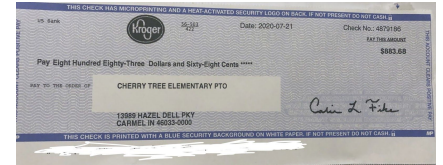
Easy Ways to Support Cherry Tree



As we enter *holiday shopping season*, 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!

Thinking about *Thanksgiving* meal prep? 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.

Pictured is an image of a check we received from Kroger Community Rewards in July totalling \$883.68! In October of this year we received another check for \$783.26! Linking your cards only takes minutes and the rewards are great!!



November Wellness Week



Check out the Wellness Week challenge & get your student entered to win a prize!

[ENTER HERE!](#)

Educational Support Professionals Day



November 16th, is Educational Support Professionals Day. Please join us in saying thank you to our amazing support staff. We are grateful for all they do to support our CTE students!

Wednesday Bakers

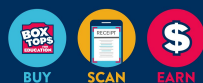


Do you like to bake? If you are looking for a socially distant way to get involved with PTO, here's a great option: Wednesday Bakers! [Sign-Up](#) to bring 2-dozen individually wrapped homemade or store-bought goodies to support CTE Staff.

***Many spots left in December and beyond!

Box Tops

MAKE EVERY
RECEIPT
COUNT



Thank you to everyone that sent in physical box tops! 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.

You can view a list of participating products here:

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

Your earnings may seem small but together they add up and help the PTO support our Cherry Tree teachers and students!

Fall is here!
It's time for
cold-weather
gear!



It's Fall Y'all!

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

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 this year? 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!

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](#)

~ INFO ~ Stopit App

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

~ INFO ~ Carpool

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

[Morning](#)

[Afternoon](#)

~ INFO ~ CCS Covid Page



Find all CCS Covid information [HERE](#)