

Cedar Hill Scoop

May 4, 2018

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- May 10** WAMS Lunch and Laugh
- May 10** Silent Auction Opens ONLINE @ 6pm
- May 11** Color Run – **VOLUNTEER**
- May 15** Silent Auction Closes @ 1pm
- May 14-18** Student Council Food Drive
- May 21** Directory Cover Contest Art Due
- May 21** BOE Meeting
- May 23** Parent & Teacher Book Club “The Gift of Failure” @ 7pm

COLOR RUN -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have so many eager runners ready for a great event -- now we need volunteers to make it run smoothly! You can volunteer your time before, during or after the event! To sign up visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c49ada823a5f58-color1>. Volunteer options are as follows:

- 3:45 - 4:30 PACKET AND REWARD DISTRIBUTION COORDINATORS
- 3:30 - 5:15 COLOR PACKET SALES
- 4:30 - 5:15 PACKET AND REWARD DISTRIBUTION COORDINATORS
- 5:00 - 6:00 COLOR RUN STATIONS
- 5:00 - 7:00 WATER/SNACK TABLE
- 5:15 - 6:00 PACKET AND REWARD DISTRIBUTION COORDINATORS
- 6:00 - 7:00 CLEAN-UP
- 6:00 - 7:00 BLOWERS to all who have registered.

The Color Run will be held **at CHS on May 11th at 5:30 pm**. See you at the FINISH LINE! Keep up to date at <https://www.chspto.org/color-run-2018.html>
Please email questions to Colorryn@cedarhillpto.org

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER - NEW! NOW ONLINE ONLY!

The PTO is pleased to share that we will once again be having our annual Silent Auction this spring in conjunction with the Color Run. Both of these events are Cedar Hill's largest fundraisers of the school year! **NEW** this year the auction will

be held exclusively **ONLINE!** We have partnered with an online auction company called Click Bid so bidding's a snap. Bid from your own personal devices at home or at work, day or night. Bidding opens on **May 10th @ 6 p.m. and closes on May 15th @ 1 p.m.** Email reminders will be sent out to update you on the auction's closing date and the CHS website will also have up-to-date information.

Attached you will find a list of all the wonderful items up for auction including **VIP parking, Principal for the day, pizza lunches, crafts and science experiments and basketball games with teachers.** Please visit www.chspto.org for a complete list and to view the incredible artwork created by each grade level under the guidance of Mrs. Ace.

Be on the lookout next week for detailed Click Bid information via email. Today a hard copy of all preview items will be coming home via backpack. Get ready to bid!

WAMS PTO PRESENTS... LUNCH AND LAUGH

You are invited to attend the Lunch and Laugh on **Thursday May 10th** - doors open at 10am. There are still some seats available for purchase! You do not need to purchase an entire table, just grab a friend and enjoy a nice day of shopping, lunch and entertainment by Comedian Robin Fox. For more information, see attached flyer.

HELP DISPLAY CHS ART ON CHARTER DAY

Charter Day is coming up and art work from our township schools will be on display. Mrs. Ace is in need of 2 parent volunteers to manage the CHS artwork on Charter Day. These parents will assist in the hanging of the artwork on May 17th at 10 am, take down of the artwork on May 19th at 5 pm as well as the return of the artwork on May 21st. Please contact Mrs. Ace at kace@bernardsboe.com if you can lend a hand.

PARENT BOOK CLUB -- NEW!

The PTO is excited to invite our entire school community -- moms, dads and teachers -- to read and discuss the book The Gift of Failure by Jessica Lahey on **May 23rd at 7:00 P.M** in the library. This book explores the many ways parents can help children learn to be independent, while learning to see that failure is a part of the path toward success. The PTO hopes moms, dads and teachers will come and be a part of the discussion. Book those babysitters and please join us! Bring your thoughts, opinions, and feelings about this book and engage in conversation with fellow parents. We hope this is the first of many future Book Club meetings! Be on the lookout for an event Evite.

**ATTENTION 4th GRADE PARENTS -- VOLUNTEER
HELP IS NEEDED WITH 2018-2019 YEARBOOK**

Just one more year and they're off to middle school! Help make their memories last by joining TEAM YEARBOOK 2018-2019!!

There are many ways you can help... of course we need volunteers to take photos throughout the year & upload them (phone photos work great!), but we also need those who like to write, those who enjoy working with photo layouts, or anyone who just wants lend a hand in general! This is a perfect opportunity for folks who like a more flexible schedule and working parents too. Not all volunteer roles span the entire year, and there is no prior experience needed! This is a great chance to be involved in your child's last year at Cedar Hill. If you are interested, please contact Alice Nemetz and Megan Lipset at fifthyearbook@cedarhillpto.org.

COVER ART CONTEST FOR NEXT YEAR'S DIRECTORY!!

Each year, Cedar Hill School conducts an **Art Contest** and the winning pieces of art get to appear in the annual **CHS Directory**. The art contest is open to all kindergarten to 4th grade students. The deadline for submission is **Monday, May 21st**. Let's get those creative thoughts/ideas on paper! Please see the attached flyer for all the contest rules.

THE KINDERGARTEN GARDEN

The CHS Kindergarten gardening team is making plans for the growing season! Each year, parents help students to grow fruit and vegetables in the inner courtyard garden. The students love the opportunity to go into the garden, sow seeds, water, and explore and learn. Picking the harvest is also fun and yum! If you would like to help with the Kindergarten garden, (no gardening experience necessary!) please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4a92aa0f94-chsgarden>

WAMS PTO PRESENTATION - SMARTPHONE SMART CHOICES

You are invited to attend the next WAMS General PTO Meeting on **May 22nd at 7pm**, when Special Agents with FBI Newark's Cyber Crime Task Force will make an informative 90-minute presentation for parents on protecting your kids online. This presentation is open to all Bernards Township parents and guardians. For more information, see attached flyer.

FEED THE NEED EVENT

From **May 14-May 18**, the student council is bringing awareness of the needs for the Food Bank of Somerset County so no family goes hungry. We will be having a food drive that week with a special reward for the grade which raises the most items. Please donate!

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS FOR 2018-2019

Great News! We will be offering the SchoolKidz supply kit program to you once again! Schoolkidz offers pre-packaged, school supply kits filled with the exact supplies requested by your child's teacher. Kits are offered per grade level and arrive personally with the student's school, name, and grade. Our kits are a cost effective and convenient way of purchasing your back-to-school supplies. Skip the lines this summer!!! Order your supplies with Schoolkidz! Order information will be coming home in your child's backpack soon!

CHS AUTISM AWARENESS THANK YOU!

A very heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to Cedar Hill School's Acceptance Chain in honor of Autism Awareness Month! An amazing \$314 was raised for Autism NJ on behalf of our school community! If you haven't already, please stop in to take a look at each of the puzzle pieces which were beautifully decorated by our students, families, teachers and staff. The chain extended all the way past the art room! It's a sight to behold and a wonderful reminder of how we can accept everyone's uniqueness, support new friendships, and strengthen our community. A special thanks to Mr. Ciempola, Ms. Uhler, Ms Wilcox, Sara Vanek, all of the the Character Crusaders especially Aparna Dhara, Dheerendar Saravanan, Marion Sblendorio, Claudia Senke, and William Rush who put on a wonderful presentation during the monthly assembly, and to our amazing teachers and entire staff for contributing to all of the events held throughout the month, facilitating discussions, and promoting our message of acceptance. We are also grateful to Mr. Leroy who shaped our lattice into a ribbon and displayed it outside of our school, and to Liam Reilly who helped decorate our school with blue ribbons in honor of Autism Awareness Month. We are blessed to be part of such a supportive community and we couldn't have done it without your support. Thank you all so much!

FRIDAY FOLDER: Need to sign up for the Cedar Hill Friday Folder and or the Honeywell Alert System?

Here are the Links:

Cedar Hill Friday Folder: http://www.bernardsboe.com/district_information/friday_folders/friday_folder_sign_up/ (remember to check the Cedar Hill box)

Honeywell Alert System: <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>

HELPFUL WEBSITES:

CEDAR HILL PTO – www.chspto.org

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL - <http://cedarhill.bernardsboe.com> (school policies and procedures can be found on this website)

AtoZ Link - www.schooldirectoryupdate.com

LUNCH PREPAYMENTS - <http://www.myschoolbucks.com> (online account for student lunches)

SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS - <http://www.bernardsboe.com> (you can also sign up for Friday Folders and Honeywell Alert System here)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - <http://www.boxtops4education.com>

OLIVER LABELS - www.oliverslabels.com/cedarhill

(enter Promo Code FUN3072)

AMAZON SMILE -- <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3679303>

Submissions to the Cedar Hill Scoop may be emailed to chsscoop@cedarhillpto.org. Deadline for submissions is **Wednesday at 5pm** for inclusion on Friday. ALL submissions must be approved by the PTO Presidents.

PTO Presidents: Jen White and Tara Kanofsky, can be emailed at chsinfo@cedarhillpto.org

Editors: Lisette Mowen & Megan Lipset can be emailed at chsscoop@cedarhillpto.org.

ATTACHMENTS BELOW

Calendar

Smartphone Smart Choices Flyer

Lunch Menus (Hot Entree and Sandwich)

Directory Cover Art Contest Rules

WAMS Lunch and Laugh

Silent Auction Items