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CEDAR GROVE PTA NEWSLETTER

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Principal: Mr. Lee Derby

Vice Presidents: Lori Andrus and Macie Mogot
Treasurer: Lori Marshall

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PTA President's Message

Dear Cedar Grove Families and Staff,

What a great start to the school year so far!! It was great meeting so many new people and seeing familiar faces at both the Open House and Back-to-School Nights! So many of you stopped by our PTA table and we appreciate that. THANK YOU to the many families who have already joined the PTA. If you haven't yet had a chance to do so, you can fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter or get a copy on our PTA webpage and send it to school with your child.

THANK YOU to the many people who have signed up to volunteer to be on a committee this year!! Most things you sign up for won't require much more than an hour of your time. We will also be taking our signup sheets **on-line**. This will give you a chance to check your calendar and find something that interests you. The link for that will be attached to the next edition of Mr. Derby's Principal's Newsletter.

It was great seeing so many families at our Welcome Back Picnic! That's always a fun chance to get to meet new families and catch up with old ones. Thank you to Lori Andrus & Macie Mogot for coordinating that event, all the families who donated a dessert, Amy Hoffacker for manning the Joe Corbi tasting station the entire evening, Sarah Ruiz & Holly Jankowski, our Book Fair coordinators, for manning the Book Fair all evening, and to everyone who volunteered their time to make the event a success! A big thank you also to Mr. Greene for cleaning up and to all the Cedar Grove staff who came out to spend their time with the families. It was greatly appreciated! Our first attempt at providing a shuttle service to help with the parking issues was successful. We have KidsCo to thank for helping with our green initiative by providing the shuttle busses. Thank you to all those families who took advantage of that service.

October will be here before we know it and that means Fall Harvest Festival time! Look for flyers later in the month so that you can rsvp to this event and be sure you get a ticket to attend!

We hope to see many of you at our first PTA meeting of the year, on Tuesday, October 1st at 7pm. It will take place in the Media Center.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Board. Please visit our webpage at www.cedargrovepta.org for updates, calendars, information, and forms.

Sincerely,
Michele Tregoning (PTA President)

- **JOE CORBI FUNDRAISER BEGINS**
Sep 30
- **PTA MEETING**
Oct 1, 7PM
- **CLIMATE CHANGE IS ELEMENTARY WORKSHOP** Oct 4
- **Dr.STARR's COMMUNITY DAY TOWN HALL MEETING -CHS**
Oct 14, 7:30pm
- **SGA OFFICER ELECTIONS** Oct 16
- **JOE CORBI SALE ENDS**
Oct 17
- **NO SCHOOL**
Oct 18
- **FALL INDIVIDUAL PICTURES** Oct 24, 25
- **FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL-APR**
Oct 25
- **NO SCHOOL** Nov 1

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Staff Appreciation

Michele Tregoning, PTA President

STAFF APPRECIATION

We treated our wonderful Cedar Grove Staff with a Welcome Back to School Luncheon. Thank you to those who contributed: Vanessa Bentley, Kobie Buttrey, Jen Coakley, Jenn Gorrie, Jill Hooven, Hawah Jalloh-Jamboria, Karen James, Amy Mukhija, Amy McPeak, Erica Molnar, Kathi O'Connor, Gladys Rodriguez, Kristie Scott, Jodi Wilbanks, Maria Wyman, and Anita Young. Thank you to Amelia Silva, Jen Coakley, & Anita Young for setting and cleaning up. Thank you to those of you who signed up to be a part of the Staff Appreciation Committee this year! If you would still like to sign up, it's not too late! Please contact Michele Tregoning (micheletregoning@yahoo.com) and you will be added to our *Signup Genius* invites.



Welcome Picnic

Lori Andrus, PTA Co-Vice President Macie Mogot, PTA Co-Vice President

Well, Mother Nature was good to us again this year, as we enjoyed another beautiful evening at our annual Welcome Picnic last Friday! As always the dessert table was overflowing with delicious treats, contributed by our generous families; we enjoyed scrumptious bites at the bustling Joe Corbi table; face painting & tattoos; the arts and crafts table; the KidsCo Moonbounce; a fun-spirited kickball game on the field; and our newest additions - Gogibop and Kona Ice! We hope you enjoyed a nice time with your family, got a chance to catch up with old friends, and got to meet some new friends, as well!

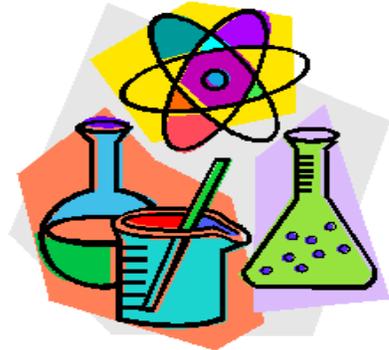
This year's Welcome Picnic was a lot of fun and a huge success. This would not have been possible without the help and hard work of our volunteers! Please help us in thanking Danielle Miller, Susie Audet, Amy Hoffacker, Swetha Babu, Arlene Vlastic, Garima Gupta, Melissa King, Jessica Nelson, and the student volunteers who showed up with such enthusiasm. You all did an amazing job and we truly appreciate each of you helping us in making the event a success! Please also help us to extend a huge thank you to KidsCo for providing their Moonbounce, and most especially for providing their shuttle buses - we wouldn't have been able to pull off this picnic without your help, so thank you!! Thank you also to Lori Marshall for working with KidsCo in setting up the transportation. Fun often comes at a messy price so please help us in thanking our amazing building services staff - they always do a great job in getting us set up and staying until the wee hours putting everything back in its place! Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Mr. Derby, Mr. Delisle, and all of the Teachers and Staff, for joining us at the Welcome Picnic! Everyday, you all work so hard for our beloved children. What a treat to see you relaxing and sharing in the fun at the Picnic!

Thank you to all our Cedar Grove families for coming out and starting the new school year with a bang! The PTA sincerely appreciates your support - our Welcome Picnic was made possible by all of our invaluable PTA members! We are excited for upcoming PTA events and look forward to a great year!

BIG LEARNING

Maria Wyman

The PTA is very excited to be offering enrichment classes for your students in Science, Engineering, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese for the 2013-2014 school year. The classes are taught by instructors with Big Learning, a nonprofit educational enrichment program for Montgomery County, MD Elementary and Middle schools. Big Learning classes are held at CGES either immediately before school from 8:00-9:00am or immediately following dismissal from 3:35-4:35pm. The Big Learning classes begin the week of October 14, 2013, so please register online at www.biglearning.org by Monday, Oct. 7th! If you have any questions please contact Maria Wyman at mwyman_pta@hotmail.com.



The Foreign Language (FLES) class schedule is:

Chinese Introductory: Grades K-1 (12 weeks) - Tuesday, 3:35-4:35pm

Chinese Beginner: Grades 2-5 (12 weeks) - Tuesday, 3:35-4:35pm

Spanish Introductory: Grades K-1 (12 weeks) - Monday, 3:35-4:35pm

Spanish Beginner: Grades 2-5 (12 weeks) - Thursday, 8-9am

Spanish Intermediate/Advanced Full Year: Grades 3-5 (24 weeks) - Tuesday, 8-9am

Engineering:

Building Big and Small: Grades 2-4 - Thursday, 3:35-4:35pm

Science:

Optic: Grades K-1 - Wednesday, 3:35-4:35pm

Illusions: Grades 2-3 - Wednesday, 3:35-4:35pm

Kaleidoscope: Grades 4-5 - Wednesday, 3:35-4:35pm

JOE CORBI FUNDRAISER

Amy Hoffacker

Fall is here and so is our Joe Corbi fundraiser! Hopefully, you got to try a sample of the pizza and cookies at the picnic! Now it's time to sell those delicious pizzas, desserts, and other household items. You should have received your green Joe



Corbi catalog packet last week. Order forms are due back on October 17th.

Prizes will be given even if your child sells just one item but the more they sell, then the more prizes they will receive (just look at the outside of the packet)! And then, the top seller this year will also win an Amazon *Kindle* while the second and third place sellers will win gift cards! Please contact Amy Hoffacker with any questions at aankrapp@hotmail.com

Join the PTA

If you haven't already done so, please download the [membership form](#) to fill out and send in with your child. A form will also be going home with your child, so please consider sending it in soon to become a member.
