



HOME OF THE PENGUINS!!



The Cool Spring Times

THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

As we conclude the first nine weeks of the school year and the weather finally seems to have turned over to the pleasant fall season, it is a reminder for us that fall parent-teacher conferences are getting underway. The fall conference is an opportunity for both parents and teachers to discuss how students are settling in to the new school year and how they are performing academically and socially. The conferences will cover students' strengths, areas for growth and some early assessment information. Please note that for the first marking period, the report card comments will be a summary of the fall conference topics. If you have not yet signed up for a fall conference, your student's teacher will be in contact with you. The school office can also help families with scheduling conferences, as well as arranging interpreters, if needed.

All families will be receiving a pink Impact Aid card on November 7. Public schools send these cards yearly as a requirement associated with PL 81-874, as there are some federal funds associated with this law. LCPS would like to receive any permissible federal funds. We ask that all families complete and return the cards on Friday, November 9 if possible.

The next month and a half leading up to Winter Break will be a busy time, and we hope that families, along with any retired or active duty military personnel in our community will be able to attend our Veterans Day program on Monday, November 12 at 9AM. Families are also invited to visit during American Education Week (schedule enclosed), Scholastic Book Fair and Winterfest. The Giving Penguin will be back this year to support our families in need this holiday season. Please keep an eye out for information in our weekly parent messages, on the school website and in classroom information regarding upcoming events. We hope to have a chance to see everyone over the next month, and hope that parents and students will seize the opportunity to share together and volunteer as well!

Fondly,

Chris Cadwell

Principal



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 2018

9th

Parents Night Out @ Victory Martial Arts

12th

Grade 4 Veterans Day Program 9AM
(all veterans and active duty military invited)

Spirit day: Wear red, white and blue

Report Cards /Progress Notes Posted online

PTA Meeting 6:30PM

American Education Week Begins

16th

Spirit Day: Career Day

PTA Spirit Night: Chuck E Cheese

19th

Make Up Pictures (Lifetouch)

21st—25th

Thanksgiving Holiday

26th-Dec. 1

Book Fair

Winterfest 10AM-2PM

5th

PTA Spirit Night: Burger Fi

13th

Winter Chorus Concert 1:45/6:30PM

19th

PTA Cookie Exchange

20th

Sing Along 1:45PM



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

We are looking forward to American Education Week, to be held **November 12-16**. This a nice opportunity to come in and participate with students in some learning activities, or allow our students to showcase their work! Our grade level visitations are scheduled as follows:

Mon. Nov. 12 - Fourth Grade 9AM (Veterans Day program)

Tues. Nov. 13 - Fifth Grade, varied times

Wed. Nov. 14 - Preschool

Thurs. Nov. 15 - First Grade 8:45AM

Fri. Nov. 16 - Second Grade 8:30AM

Third Grade 11AM

Kindergarten 12:15PM

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PTA WINTERFEST

With December coming upon us, its time to think winter! There is no better way to get ready for winter than with PTA Winterfest!

Winterfest will be held on Saturday, **December 1 from 10AM-2PM** and will feature the following activities:

- *Moonbounce Obstacle Course
- *Indoor/Outdoor Games
- *Cake Walk, Hot Chocolate Bar
- *Secret Holiday Shop (for kids)
- *Book Fair (10AM-1:30PM)
- *Light Refreshments



Be on the lookout for a flyer and pre-order information coming home soon! While December weekends are often a busy time, we encourage all families to come and kick off the winter season in between their other weekend activities!

PTA is also looking for **volunteers** to help with Winterfest! This event is perfect for **students and parents to volunteer together, or for CSP alumni** who might need some volunteer hours for high school or other activities! Please visit this **SUG** link to see how you (or family members) can help out!

Winterfest SUG: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60bof4ba4ab23a57-winterfest1>

LIBRARY NEWS

Chat 'n Chew has officially begun. Participating students received the books last month. Our first meeting is scheduled for Nov 13th. Please have your child complete the book by his/her meeting date. Students then pack or buy lunch and come to the library with their Chat 'n Chew book. We will discuss the books while we eat. Even if your child has not finished his/her book, they are still welcome to come to the meeting. Children will be given a new book to read for the next month at the end of the meeting. This information can also be found on the Cool Spring website on the Library page.



Our Book Fair will be the week of November 26 to December 1. Please plan to stop by and do some shopping. The proceeds from the book fair help to support the library program. More information will come home soon. If you'd like to work the book fair, send Mrs. Fauber an email at Donna.Fauber@lcps.org. We will be in need of volunteers Tuesday-Saturday, and some help with closing the fair down on Dec. 1

Finally, we wanted to let families know that our Librarian, Mrs. Fauber will be retiring from LCPS in January. Her last day at Cool Spring will be December 20, 2018. We congratulate Mrs. Fauber on her over 30 years of service to students, and know she will be looking forward to many new adventures ahead!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards, as well as progress reports for students receiving special education services will be available on ParentVue by 3PM on November 12. Paper copies will only be sent out to families who had indicated the need for paper via the form in our first day packet. Be sure you have updated your login for ParentVue!



Please be sure to attend the next PTA Meeting on November 12, 2018 at 6:30PM.

ABSENCES

Please contact the school office via email at CSP-ABSENTEE@lcps.org or call the absentee line at 571-252-2891 to report your student as being absent from school. Additionally, for family trips, we do not provide school work for students to do while on vacation. Teachers will work with the student to complete essential assignments upon return.



BOX TOPS

Cooking or baking for family and friends? Cool Spring is participating in the Box Tops for Education program. If you have any box top labels from common food items, please send them in to school. We have a large collection container in the lobby.

