

# Chesterfield Township Elementary School



## April 2017

Easter arrives later this month and we are all eagerly awaiting our spring break. Although spring officially began last month, school will be closed from Friday, **April 14<sup>th</sup> until April 23<sup>rd</sup>** for our official spring break. We all return, hopefully refreshed, on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to a busy schedule.

Bravo and congratulations to all that participated in the school variety show “Chesterfield’s Got Talent.” An amazing array of talent lives within our school. It was a wonderful performance enjoyed by friends, family and staff. A special shout-out to Anne Lawrence, Mike McCann, Michael Brayton and Alan Forsyth, along with all the volunteers for all their efforts to make this show a success.

Because we had a “snow day” in March, we will add a day to the school calendar for **Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** now scheduled as our last day of school; which will be an early dismissal day (12:45). Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> will now be a full day, with the last three days of school as early dismissal days.

Everything is all set and prepared for the PARCC testing that began last week and continues this month for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Information about the testing process has been sent home. Please ensure that your child is well-rested and is on time for school. Testing begins promptly at 9:00 am. Students arriving late will not be allowed into the class room until the session is complete and will have to make up the test on a later date. A schedule of PARCC dates is included in this newsletter.

We have been busy in our main office, registering the new kindergarten class of 2017-2018. Individualized screenings will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> thru May 11<sup>th</sup> by appointment only. If you have a child that will be 5 years old on/or before October 1, 2017, please make sure to register now if you have not already done so. You may pre-register your child by visiting our website [chesterfieldschool.com](http://chesterfieldschool.com) and clicking on the “Kindergarten Registration” and fill in the information to register. You will receive an appointment in the mail to bring your future kindergarten student in for screening. Please download all the necessary paperwork and bring it with you to the screening, along with your child. Appointments will take approximately one hour each. We look forward to seeing you and our new students.

The spring months are always busy with testing, field trips, rehearsals and end-of-year ceremonies. We will do our very best to keep you informed of all the details and schedules as we prepare for our count-down to summer!

# Monthly Highlight

## PARCC Assessment

As you may be aware, April 4, 2016 begins the administration window for the 'Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers' (PARCC) assessment for elementary students in public schools in New Jersey.

Below are the scheduled administration dates for each of our grade levels:

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** *March 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2017*

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** *April 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7, 2017*

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** *April 11, 12, 13, 25 & 26, 2017*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students:** *April 28, May 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2017*

We will begin administration promptly at 9:00 am on the scheduled dates above. The length of the administration time will vary from grade level to grade level and from day to day. However, we estimate that we will be completed by 11:45 am each day, with the possible exception of those students that may receive modifications.

Students that arrive late to school during the above administration dates may not enter the classroom until the session has been completed. These students and any other absent students are required to complete a make-up assessment. We are asking for your help in making sure that your children arrive to school promptly during this time period.

The following general suggestions may assist your child:

❖ *Students should attempt to have a good night's sleep on administration nights and have a healthy/nutritious breakfast. This will help to reduce anxiety, increase energy & the ability to concentrate.*

❖ *Encourage your child to do his/her best without over-emphasizing the importance of the test. Try not to be over anxious yourself. Children pick up on adult anxiety*

❖ *Be positive about this experience. Although at times long & challenging, PARCC can be a positive, educational challenge. Frame your conversation with your children as a moment in which 'they will shine.'*



# Calendar of Events

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	April Fools' 5K Run/Walk
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> /May 4 <sup>th</sup>	PARCC Assessments
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	CPEF Meeting Media Center - 7:30 pm
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Adult Blingo Cafeteria - doors open: 6:00 pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	CPEF Clothing Drive
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Passover begins
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Executive Meeting
April 14-23	<b>Spring Break SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	BOE Meeting Media Center - 7:00 pm
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Take Your Child to Work Day
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Family Movie Night

## Save the date:



## Graduation 2017

Our sixth graders will soon be preparing for their graduation from Chesterfield Elementary and will move on to Northern Burlington Middle School. This year's graduation ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 15th. **If that changes, we will keep you informed.** More details will be sent home as we approach the end of the school year.



## Fine Arts Night

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Arts Night will be held on the evening of **Thursday, May 10th**. Chesterfield will celebrate the fine arts of music, dance and art. Activities on the agenda include the band concert, choral performance, square dancing, and a gallery of art projects created by the students. Please mark your calendars for this very special evening!

## Take your child to work...

"Take your child to work day" is **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you plan to have your child participate, you must send a note to school indicating that your child will be/was present at your workplace. A note on letterhead from your place of employment is necessary for the day to be an excused absence.

## News from the nurse...

As the weather gets nicer and the temperatures start to rise, we need to make sure that our students come to school appropriately dressed. For your information, the Chesterfield dress code policy is referenced below.

The following guidelines shall apply to student dress and grooming:

Appearance should be neat and clean;

- A. Hats and head coverings, except in case of religious beliefs and observances, may not be worn in the building;
- B. Footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear that is considered unsafe (i.e. flip-flops, loose sandals, high wedges/heals, untied sneakers) are not permitted;
- C. Dresses, skirts, shorts, etc. must be of a suitable length;  
(Skirts and shorts should be at least finger-tip length)
- D. Attire with slogans that may be considered obscene, profane, ethnically offensive, insulting or derogatory will not be permitted;
- E. Any attire that interferes with school work, presents a safety hazard to the wearer or to others, creates disorder or interrupts the educational program is prohibited.
- F. Shirts must cover shoulders and underarm areas.

### *Fairview Lake Corner*

The parent information meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> had a great turnout. Thank you to everyone who came! If you haven't handed in your deposit, please do!

## **School Community Partners**



### *Board of Education*

At the March 20, 2017 Board Meeting, the Chesterfield Township Board of Education approved the 2017-2018 tentative school budget.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. A Public Hearing will be held on the 2017-18 proposed budget during this meeting and the budget will be included on the agenda for adoption.



# Chesterfield Public Education Fund



## CPEF 4<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools' 5K & 1 Mile Walk/Run

We want to thank everyone who participated, volunteered or donated to make the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools' 5K & 1 Mile Walk/Run another success. Go to the CPEF website at <http://fizzsays.wixsite.com/thecpefsite> to view pictures and get updates on the race. Mark your calendars now for next year's race - The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual. It is going to be on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. If you have a race shirt make sure when you visit one of the businesses that sponsored our race that you thank them for their support!



## CPEF Clothing Drive

The CPEF was so pleased with the amount of clothing and other products that "stuffed" the clothing drive truck on November 19<sup>th</sup>, that we scheduled another clothing drive for the spring on Saturday, April 8. The hours will be extended to run from 7:30am until 6:00pm. Look for the Spring Clothing Drive flyer or check out the CPEF website for more details. Thank you for your continued support. We accept gently used clothing & shoes, all sizes and seasons, purses & belts, Stuffed animals & toys, household items and linens, bikes, strollers, high chairs and car seats.



## CPEF Staff Stars Program

The CPEF will be bringing back the Staff Stars program in May. This provides students and parents an opportunity to purchase a star for a Chesterfield Elementary Staff member to thank them for their support through the school year. Be on the look-out for more information regarding this program and how you can support those staff members who bring a smile to your child's face!



## Newspaper Club

Registration is now open for the third and final edition of the Newspaper Club's Fizz Buzz so don't delay and get registered before space runs out! The direct link to register is <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ChesterfieldPublicEducationFund0#/selectSessions/1649904>. This link along with the Newspaper Club description is also available on the new CPEF website. The newspaper will be authored, named, and designed by the Club's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and distributed to all students and staff via their gmail accounts after each marking period. It will meet on Wednesdays from 3:20-4:20pm for 6 weeks during each semester. To check out the Newspaper from Session 1 or 2 have your student log onto their school google accounts and look for the "Fizz Buzz".

## CPEF Website

What? You haven't visited the new CPEF website yet? Don't be the last one to be in the know! Check it out at <http://fizzsays.wixsite.com/thecpefsite>. It has information on our mission and approved grants, CPEF meeting dates, links for clubs, the next clothing drive dates and everything you need to know about the CPEF 4<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools' 5K and 1 Mile Walk Run!

## Save These Dates

Newspaper Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Registration  
April CPEF Meeting  
Spring CPEF Clothing Drive  
May CPEF Meeting

open now until full  
April 5, 2017  
April 8, 2017  
May 3, 2017

CPEF Staff STARS Program

May

The CPEF would like to remind you that all proceeds raised by our organization go back to your children through the grants written by CES Staff. To date some of the programs and materials we have provided include but are not limited to: Sponsor of the Science Olympiad Team, a Chrome Book Cart to be shared throughout the school, Walnut Street Theatre Assembly, online magazine and resource subscriptions, leveled reading materials for several grades, Lego Robotics to enhance the technology and Enrichment programs and we provide an annual grant to help offset costs of the Fairview Lake Trip. We also facilitate the After school Clubs.

CPEF Board President- Carol Cooper-Braun, Vice President- Sheri Friends, Treasurer- James Murray, Secretary- Lorrie Thier

Trustees- Kathleen D'Aulerio, Paula Hessinger, Kelley Johnson, Jonathan Katz, Lisa Korman, Stacey Lindes, Jessica Masters, Cheryl Mendicino, Olena Feltes

Volunteer Members- Kelly D'Oria, April Kirkpatrick, Nicole Schmid, Joan Serpico, Jennifer Maicher, YOU?



## *Chesterfield Township Alliance*

### **Summer Mentoring Program...**

The C.T.A.S.A. summer mentoring program, which is held here at the school, is scheduled to begin in July and will run for four weeks. The program will run from **July 11<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>** and will be held on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (1:00 on field trip days.)** The program provides summer time recreational activities such as sports, games, art/crafts, cooking and much more. There will be weekly field trips on Thursdays. Registration forms have been sent home.

### **Champions -**

Summer will be here sooner than you think. What are you going to do with the kids!!? Champions will be offering a full-time summer camp for students. Flyers have been sent home with the details!

# PTA NEWS

Spring has officially arrived - let's hope the warm temperatures follow soon! The Chesterfield PTA has a few reminders for parents and students for the month of April.

We had an overwhelming response to Pizza/Bingo night. The kids had a great time. Thank you to all our volunteers and staff helpers that helped make this event a fun and successful evening.

We are all looking forward to BLINGO! Night on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. This year, we have amazing designer prizes and gift baskets! We are expecting a great turnout and really fun evening!



Adult Bingo - BLINGO - Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Family Movie Night - Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon - Date to be announced

Please visit the PTA website at [chesterfieldelementarypta.com](http://chesterfieldelementarypta.com) for a listing of all PTA events and activities.

## SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

- **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

The Chesterfield Township School District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Educational School District and Employer. If any parent/guardian, student, or other person feels that he or she or any other person is being or has been discriminated against because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, socioeconomic status or handicap, such discrimination should be reported immediately to the following school district officer: Tony Calandrillo.

- **ABSENCES**

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, you must call the school office to report that your child will not be present in school. Please call the main office at 298-6900 by 8:45 am and leave a message after the "To report a student absence prompt". An automated message will go home to all students that are absent before 9:45 am. If your child leaves early (before 3:00) it will be marked as a

tardy. Absences of more than 13 consecutive days, due to travel will require a student to be withdrawn and re-instated upon their return. If your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time, please speak with the secretaries in the main office to fill out the necessary paperwork.

- **BACKPACKS**

Because of space limitations on our buses, it is necessary to restrict backpack size to a maximum of 15" wide by 18" long (approximately) and **only the non-wheeled variety are permitted on the bus.** Teachers have indicated that this style sufficiently meets their standards regarding the materials students transport between home and school.

- **BEFORE & AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

If you need child care either before or after school, **Champions** is an independently run program held at the school for your convenience. Visit them online at **discoverchampions.com** for more details.

- **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Following up on suggestions made by our school Wellness Council, food will not be served in school for children's birthday celebrations. Teachers will develop grade level guidelines for birthday celebration activities.

If you are planning a party at home, please only send invitations in to school if you will be inviting everyone (or just the same gender) in the class. If you are sending only to a few classmates, please distribute them by mail. Thanks for your cooperation!

- **CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Cell phones have become a part of our daily routine. However, the use of cell phones in school by students is prohibited, unless the use is approved by a teacher or administrator. If a child is carrying a cell phone in his/her backpack for emergency use, it must not be displayed while in school or on the bus. If a student is found using or playing with a cell phone during school, it will be confiscated and a parent/guardian must come into the school office to retrieve it. All electronic devices, iPods, Gameboy, etc., **should be enjoyed at home.**

- **CHILD FIND**

If you have concerns about your preschool child's (ages 3-5 years) language, social or learning development, please call our Child Study Team office at 609-298-3027. Our Supervisor of Special Services, Tony Calandrillo; Supervisor of Curriculum, Mrs. Jeanine May-Sivieri, School Social Worker, Mrs. Cindy McNally or Speech Therapist, Ms Diana Thompson will be happy to speak to you about your concerns and provide information about the Child Study Team evaluation process and possible services that may be provided for pre-school students.

If you have concerns about your infant or preschool child's development (birth-3 years), services may be available through New Jersey's Early Intervention System. Please call **PROJECT CHILD FIND** at 1-800-322-8174 or Burlington County Early Intervention at 609-267-1950.



- **EARLY PICKUP**

If you are picking your child early, please send a note into the teacher with all the details – time of pickup, who will be picking up and the reason for early dismissal. If your child is picked up before 3:00 pm, they will be charged as a tardy for on their attendance record. Regular dismissal begins at 3:10 pm.

- **KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP**

If you have a child **who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2017**, register on-line at the school website at [www.Chesterfieldschool.com](http://www.Chesterfieldschool.com). Kindergarten screenings are held in May for all our new enrollments and parents will be notified by mail with a specific date and appointment time.

- **LOST AND FOUND**

Items found without any identification will be placed on the “Lost and Found” table located in the cafeteria. Please check this table if your child is missing a lunchbox, coat, book-bag or other items.

- **OPEN DOOR POLICY**

The Chesterfield Township School faculty, staff and administration believe that a child’s parents and local community are an important and integral part of the total school program. The Superintendent and all other personnel will welcome any inquiries, questions or suggestions from any interested member of the community.

- **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

The Honeywell Alert System will be used for emergencies closings and delays. A message will be sent to you depending on the profile you set up. Therefore, it is very important to log onto Genesis to set up your family profile.

- **VISITORS**

In our continuing efforts to ensure the safety of our students, every visitor must sign in and obtain a visitor’s pass upon arrival. Never go directly to the classroom without being announced, even to just drop off a lunch, forgotten items or to walk a student to class when they arrive late.