

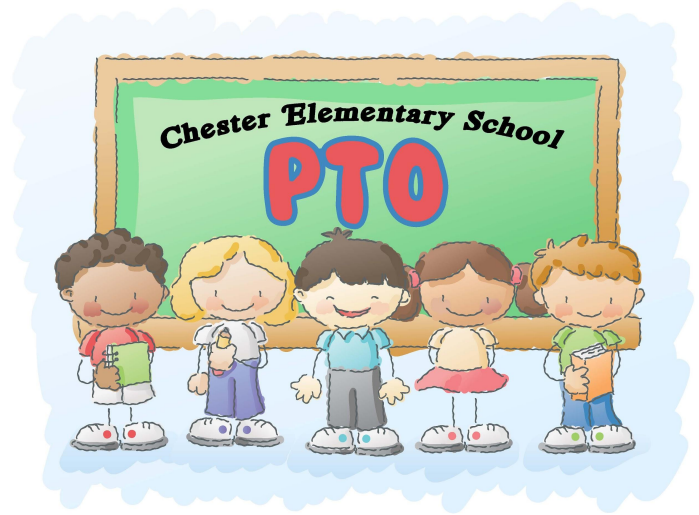
PTO February 17 2023 News

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Check out our new website!

cesctpto.com

CES PTO on Facebook



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 14th, 2023

7-8pm in CES Library; All are welcome

Bingo and Basket Raffle

NEXT FRIDAY, February 24th 6-8p at CES.

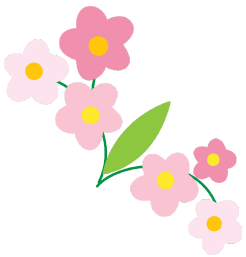
Students can buy tickets for the raffle baskets next week during lunch & recess hours!

1 ticket for \$1 or 12 tickets for \$10

SO MUCH FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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B I N G O				
1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65



Spring Fling

Help us keep PTO stuff out of YOUR garages!

The PTO Spring Fling's fundraising goal on May 6th is \$5000 to put towards building a PTO storage shed. Guess where all of the PTO stuff is now? A little is in the school and a ton is stored in CES parents' homes, garages and barns. Each year as parents graduate out of CES, that stuff moves to another home. Help us stop this cycle before it ends up at your house.

We are reaching out to parents for help with connections on some awesome live auction items. Email us at cescpto@gmail.com if you can help out in any way!

Cultural Arts Programming at CES

During the months of January and February CES welcomed teaching artists from Hartford Stage to visit 2nd - 4th grade classrooms to lead activities based on works of literature. Hartford Stage uses theater techniques to build excitement about reading and strengthen reading comprehension. Through improvisation, role playing, dialogue, and other techniques, students explore the chosen book's context, plot, and characters. At the end of the week, each student received a copy of the book to read and keep.

The principal objectives of the Connections program are to:

- Motivate students to read by building excitement about a story and empathy for its characters;
- Promote reading comprehension skills by reinforcing literary skills by challenging students to comprehend a text by developing an initial understanding of the work, taking a critical stance, and evaluating their work; and
- Strengthen speaking, listening, and collaboration skills by engaging students in creative work as a class, in small groups, and pairs.

Library Mouse (2nd Grade), by Daniel Kirk, is a picture book that encourages early literacy skills – understanding the parts of a story, using your imagination, and thinking of yourself as an author. In the virtual program, students interview characters from the story, explore using facial expressions and body language to communicate, “build a library” and read the story.

Those Shoes (3rd Grade), by Maribeth Boelts is about a boy named Jeremy who wants a pair of shoes so badly that it's all he can think about. Through Jeremy's story, students learn key financial literacy concepts, such as saving and earning, budgeting and spending, and wants vs. needs.

Wilma Unlimited (4th Grade), by Kathleen Krull, is the inspirational biography of Wilma Rudolph, a Black woman living in the segregated South who fought racism, sexism, and polio and became an Olympic gold medalist. Virtually, students meet Wilma and others from her life, view videos and photos contextualizing her history and hear local experts speak about Wilma and the civil rights movement.

www.hartfordstage.org/education

