

CORK PTO NEWS

Sept 2018

Friday, October 19th is the tentative date for the Annual Cork Walk-A-Thon and Obstacle Course!!! The children love the chance to get outside and exercise. This year we will have the Obstacle Course Wall and Ninja Boards as well as the 10-lap walk.

The event runs from 9 am to 2pm, but if you can only stop in for a portion of the day that still helps! We'd love to have volunteers.

This is the PTO's largest fundraiser, so your help and support are appreciated.
(Background checks are needed to volunteer - see below.)

Early November Fall Book Fair will be set up. Stay tuned for details!

During Parent-Teacher Conference Nights on **November 8th** and **November 14th**, the PTO provides dinner for the teachers and staff. If you'd like to volunteer in some capacity, stay tuned for next month's PTO newsletter for contributions.

We'd love any help you can offer. Thank you!

Want to highlight your child's birthday on the outside bulletin board? Simply send \$5 in with your child in an envelope, cash or check made out to the Cork PTO, and we'll post it for their special day. Please try to give us at least two day's notice.

Apologies – yearbooks are a bit behind this year and will be available in **October**. Stay tuned.

At the PTO meeting earlier this week, members voted on contributing funding for an assembly for Constitution Day, which fills an educational requirement. The Austinburg PTO contacted us to split the cost, so it's half price. And it's a great educational program. Stay tuned for more updates monthly on how your PTO support and funding is being used. Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, **October 9th at 3:30 pm** in the Art Room. We will try to keep it brief :)
Everyone welcome.

Questions? Comments? Stay in touch with PTO news and events. Like us on Facebook under Cork PTO.

And lastly...The good news? It lasts for five years and it's free! The bad news? It takes maybe 10 minutes of your time. Yes, we are talking about **background checks**. You need one to volunteer at various functions like the Walk-A-Thon, Bookfair, Santa Shop and others (but not for things where teachers will be present, like school parties). Kindly understand it's for the safety of the students and is common among public schools nowadays.

Please note that parent volunteers are crucial to Cork Elementary and the PTO's success.

So if you are interested, here's one option: call Rae Ann Nursing Home in Geneva at 440-953-8524 and schedule an Ohio Background Check with Kate. It's \$34 cash and you need your ID. She will take care of the rest. Address is 839 W. Main Street, Geneva. Save your receipt and put it in an envelope in the PTO mailbox at Cork and we'll write you a reimbursement check. Another option, if you've previously gotten a background check, simply send a copy to the school. Thanks for considering!!

Mrs. Doherty

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This Friday, October 19th is the date for the Annual Cork Walk-A-Thon and Obstacle Course!!! Each student, by grade, starts by getting their heart rate taken by NAD, and then they walk ten laps and have their heart rate taken again. For each lap, they receive a bead that they put on a necklace. The goal is to understand the benefits of exercise. The event runs from 9 am to 2pm, but if you can only stop in for a portion of the day that still helps. Volunteers help with beads for the walkers and manage the obstacle course and lap walking. This year we will have the Obstacle Course Wall and Ninja Boards as well as the 10-lap walk.

If you are interested in helping, contact Holly Serafin at 440-415-5120. Volunteers are bringing sides and lunch will be provided. This is the PTO's largest fundraiser, so your help and support are appreciated. (Background checks are needed to volunteer - see below.) We are also accepting monetary donations for walkers for the next week or so.

October 31 through November 2nd will be the first Book Fair of the year. And Cork Spirit Wear will be available again in time for Christmas. Stay tuned for details next month.

During Parent-Teacher Conference Nights on November 8th and November 14th, the PTO provides dinner for the teachers and staff. If you'd like to donate a dish or supplies, Sherrie Balcomb Kapala (440-867-3940) is hosting November 8th and the theme is Mexican. Beth Slattery Cybulski (440-773-7213) is hosting November 14th and the theme is Italian. Feel free to contact them. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

At the PTO meeting last week, it was noted that the PTO paid for Scholastic News, the educational newsletter that goes home with students, Walkathon prizes and beads, and a new PTO printer. We are also evaluating sponsoring field trips and bringing back a COSI-like science program/assembly for the students. These are a few of the ways your support and funding goes back to Cork Elementary and it's students :)

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Want to highlight your child's birthday on the outside bulletin board? Simply send \$5 in with your child in an envelope, cash or check made out to the Cork PTO, and we'll post it for their special day. Please try to give us at least two day's notice. And School Store is in full swing. It's staffed by volunteers every Friday at lunchtime, and students have the opportunity to buy school supplies very affordably, as well as trinkets, erasers, and other small items generally priced from 25 cents to \$1.

To volunteer at school events like the Walk-A-Thon, Bookfair, Santa Shop and others (but not for things where teachers will be present, like school parties), you need a background check. So if you are interested, here's one option: call Rae Ann Nursing Home in Geneva at 440-953-8524 and schedule an Ohio Background Check with Kate. It's \$34 cash and you need your ID. Address is 839 W. Main Street, Geneva. Save your receipt and put it in an envelope in the PTO mailbox at Cork and we'll write you a reimbursement check. Another option, if you've previously gotten a background check, simply send a copy to the school.

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