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**SCHOOL CALENDAR –
MAY AND JUNE 2010**

5/1 (Sat) Tuition for September 2010 + cleaning fee of \$50 due

5/5 (Wed) Board Meeting (everyone welcome), 7:00 pm

5/21 (Fri) Hotdog and Ice Cream Fundraiser at school

5/31 (Mon) MEMORIAL DAY –NO SCHOOL

6/1 (Tues) Last day of School for 2s and 3s

6/2 (Wed) Last day of School for 2/3s, 3/4s, and 4s

6/3 (Thurs) All day (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) for Kindergarten

6/4 (Fri) Last day (9:00 am to 3:00 pm) of School for Kindergarten

6/29 (Tues) Potluck Picnic at school (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm)

TRIKE-A-THON ROLLS AT CPNS&K



On April 28, the 2/3s, 3/4s, 4s, and Kindergarten class participated in the St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon and it was another fundraising success at CPNS&K. The funds raised by our little cyclers help St. Jude to continue its mission of finding cures and saving children stricken with catastrophic diseases. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance. At St. Jude, no child is ever denied treatment because of the family's inability to pay.

The CPNS&K Trike-a-Thon participants enjoyed learning about trike safety and about helping others in need, while enjoying some three-wheeling exercise in the spring sunshine.

It's Picnic Time!

It's almost June and that means it's almost time for CPNS&K's summer potluck picnic. This event is for all CPNS&K families – incoming, current, and outgoing – and will be held at school on **Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm.**

This event is a nice way for the new families to meet everyone and an opportunity to say goodbye to our outgoing families. We ask each family to bring a dish to serve four.

CPNS&K provides drinks and serving ware (plates, napkins, cups, utensils).

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FRANKLINS' FUNDRAISER



On Monday, April 26, 2010, the CPNS&K families gathered at Franklins Restaurant and General Store for a school fundraiser. Thank you, Franklins, for donating 20% of our restaurant and store purchases to the school. Good food and good company!

BOOKS OF THE SEASON

If your child is at all like ours, he has been asking lots of questions recently about the changing seasons, the historic snowfalls of this winter, spring showers, and longer and brighter days. Here are some books to help guide your discussion on weather and the seasons.

All the Colors of the Rainbow (Rookie Read-About Science), by Allan Fowler. Find out how rainbows are formed after a rainstorm and how to recreate one in your own backyard. A fun and educational way to reinforce your child's recognition of different colors, too. Ages 3 to 5.

Oh, Say, Can You Say, What's the Weather Today?: All About Weather, by Tish Rabe. Written and illustrated in a Seussian style, the Cat in the Hat and company travel by hot air balloon up and into various weather phenomena including rain, snow, thunder, tornadoes, and even hurricanes! Along the way they learn about thermometers, anemometers, wind vanes, cloud formations, humidity, fog, smogs, weather folklore, and how to stay safe in lightning. Ages 3 to 7.

The Cloud Book, by Tomie dePaola. Best known for his award-winning picture book *Strega Nona* and for the *26 Fairmount Avenue* series of chapter books, dePaola helps children learn the ten most common types of clouds, the myths that have been inspired by their shapes, and what they can tell about coming weather changes. Ages 4 to 8.

Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll, by Franklyn Branley. Part of the popular Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Series (Stage 2), the author explains that storms can be scary, but not if you know what causes them. The book is full of lots of practical advice and easy-to-follow scientific explanations. Ages 3 to 6.

The Reasons for Seasons, by Gail Gibbons. With simple graphics and well-researched, but brief sentences, Gibbons describes the astronomical phenomena that create night, day, and the seasons of the year on our planet. Ages 4 to 8.

Rain Came Down, by David Shannon. This Caldecott-Award winner tells the story of how raindrops set off a chain reaction of temper tantrums and mishaps in a small community, but a sudden break in the clouds makes the bad moods melt. Ages 3 to 5.

ABOUT TOWN ...

- 4/30 – 5/2 *Curious George Live!* at the Lyric Opera House in Baltimore. Matinees and evening shows bring to life the musical adventures of everyone's favorite monkey as he competes in the International Gold Meatball Eating Contest: <http://www.lyricoperahouse.com/Events/CuriousGeorge.html>
- 5/1 *Bog Band May Day Concert*, at 4:00 at the Old Parish House, for the traditional day of song and dance with some of Maryland's most talented young musicians: www.cpae.org
- 5/1 *Berwyn Heights Day*, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, including fun run, pancake breakfast, bake and craft sale, parade and afternoon concert. 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
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- 5/15 - 5/16 *Joint Services Open House and Air Show*, all day for the May 15-16 weekend, it's "Top Gun" – even for those too young to remember Maverick and Ice Man! – with deft aerial maneuvers and stunts, with free admission. Featured performers include the Thunderbirds, Golden Knights, and Blue Angels, at Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs, MD: <http://www.jsoh.org/>
- 5/21 *Beauty and the Beast*, part of the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly, MD's Broadway series, and presented by the American Family Theatre, a one-hour version of the famous musical. Two showings (10:15 and 12 noon) and great for the Kindergarten set: http://www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/Arts/Publick_Playhouse.htm
- 6/1 – 6/13 *DC Jazz Festival*, a two-week music event with artists from around the globe including Paquito D'Rivera and Dianne Reeves, at venues around the city: <http://www.dcjazzfest.org/>
- 6/24 – 6/28 *Smithsonian Folk Festival*, held outdoors on the National Mall, this year features exhibits on
7/1 – 7/5 "Asian Pacific Americans: Local Lives, Global Ties," "Mexico," and "Smithsonian: Inside and Out," a look at the institution's education and research branch. <http://www.festival.si.edu/>

CPNS&K Board Members 2010-2011

During the April 21 Membership Meeting, CPNS&K elected a new Board and class reps for the 2010-2011 school year. Congratulations and thanks to everyone!

President: Becky Widman
VP/Membership: Abby Konopasky
Treasurer: Leah Garrett
Bookkeeper: Mary Durkin
Jobs Coordinator: Sue Wagner
Secretary: Sue Metzler

Class Reps:

2's TBD
2/3s - Sarah Johnson Brown
3's - Andrea Burkholder
3/4's - Amanda Ceresa
4's - Michelle Humanick
K - Sarah Cutlar

To All CPNS&K Families,

This will be our last newsletter and we would like to thank all that have contributed and all who have taken the time to read it.

For those of you who haven't yet chosen their CPNS&K assignment for 2010-2011, doing the newsletter may be right for you. You can relive your high school yearbook days, or expose your inner journalist. The sky's the limit!

If you are interested or have questions about what is involved in this small monthly contribution to the CPNS&K community, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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