

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 19 - Parent Diversity Advisory Council (PDAC) Meeting (detail below)
September 22 – Spirit Friday
September 22 – Halloween Party Planning Meeting – Chick-fil-A – 9:30 am
September 22 - Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Night 6:00-8:30pm
September 27 – Chipotle (Near Meijer) Dinner Night Out 5-9pm (see attached flyer)
September 28 – Picture Day
September 29 – Spirit Friday
September 29 - Movie Night 6:30pm
October 6 – Spirit Friday
October 10 – Reflections Art Program Submission Deadline
October 13 – Spirit Friday
October 20 – Spirit Friday
October 27 – Halloween Party
October 27 – Spirit Friday

FALL FUNDRAISER IS HERE!

Our FALL FUNDRAISER has begun! We are partnering with Yankee Candle, where 40% of each sale comes back to the school. Their products are high quality and are seasonally appropriate, as well as make great gifts! You can get your shopping done while helping to support all Cowlshaw students through the PTA.

You should have received a sales packet with an explanation of the alternative to selling Yankee Candles home in backpack mail. If you didn't, please request one or stop by the office to pick up an extra.

This year, we are hoping that our FALL FUNDRAISER will bring in enough to fully fund all of our planned PTA programs/activities so that we will not need to fundraise again in the winter or spring. Therefore, our school-wide goal for funds raised is \$12,000 and we will be updating families as to our progress in reaching that goal throughout the fundraising period!

Thank you in advance for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Katy Loo at ktloowho@yahoo.com. Go Koalas!!

PDAC

The Parent Diversity Advisory Council (PDAC) invites you to the next meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, from 7:00-9:00 pm, at Crouse Education Center (CEC), 780 Shoreline Drive. For information about PDAC or [PDAC meetings](#), please visit the [PDAC subpage](#).

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween party is Friday, October 27. We will be having an initial planning meeting on Friday, September 22, at Chick-Fil-A at 9:30 am. If you are interested in helping with or planning the Halloween party please contact Michelle McCorkle at mmccorkle@deloitte.com.

WATCH D.O.G.S® CALLING ALL FATHERS AND FATHER-FIGURES

On Friday, September 22nd from 6:00 – 8:30 pm we will be having our **2nd** annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night at our school. Meet in the school cafeteria at **6:00pm** for FREE pizza, drinks, and fun. At **7:15pm** we will have a presentation about our **WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) Program**. Finally, at **8:00 pm** we will "Line-up/Sign-up." Don't miss this opportunity to spend time with your kids, as well as sign up for a day to come to school and volunteer in your child's class and

represent a positive role model for your child and others. You can also purchase your official Watch D.O.G. T-shirt.

PTA Member Hub Website Coming Soon!

Our PTA will be using an online communication tool called MemberHub.com. This software was provided free to our school because of a partnership between MemberHub and our state PTA.

Cowlshaw will use MemberHub to bring you into our school community and keep you informed and engaged with what is happening. Within our MemberHub site, you will find newsletters, signup sheets, shared calendar events, files, photos, reminders, and much more all in one place!

With MemberHub you can:

- Pay for PTA dues and other items online
- Sign up for volunteer time slots or needed items and receive reminders
- Receive emails and/or texts with communications from all levels of your school PTA
- Share files and photos in a secure environment
- Utilize the school calendar and receive event reminders
- Access a private online school directory
- Install the MemberHub app on your smartphone for info on the go
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Your information is stored securely and privately. Here's a link to a quick introduction of MemberHub: [General Overview for MemberHub Users](#)

We will be emailing all of our PTA Members an invitation to join Member Hub, and all Hubs that pertain to your family, next week! We're really excited about this site and hope it will really make planning and communication between our board, chairs, and volunteers easy! If you still would like to become a PTA member, now's the time! Please fill out our Membership Form (available on our school website in the PTA tab) and turn into the school office with the \$15 fee asap. Thank you!!

DINNER NIGHTS OUT

Thank you to all Oberweis attendees- your coupons will be sent home this week.

Our Chipotle Dinner Night Out is Wednesday, September 27th, from 5-9pm. Make sure to **mention Cowlshaw when you order because our PTA earns 50% back of sales!**

REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM

Reflections Arts Contest is in full swing!! As of 9/18, you have about 3 more weeks - **deadline for project(s) submission is October 10, 2017**. Not started yet? No problem! Click on the following link now to register and get started: <https://tinyurl.com/CowlshawRef>

For forms, rules & regulations go to Cowlshaw Reflections website: <https://sites.google.com/site/cowlshawelementarypta/events/reflections>

You may also go through the following slides to understand the Reflections program: <http://tinyurl.com/Reflections-Info-SessionSlides>

You can download the form from our Reflections site and print them on your own or we also have extra reflections forms available in our school office. There are no fees to participate in the Reflections Arts Program, the PTA is organizing this **FREE** program. If you have any questions, please contact shivamv@gmail.com or call (717) SHIV-AMV or [744-8268](tel:717-744-8268)

PICTURE DAY HELPERS

Picture Day is Thursday September 28th and we are looking for volunteers. Come help the Cowlshaw students SHINE by facilitating a quick and easy picture day for all. We need volunteers from 9am-1:30pm (open to partial shifts). Please contact Julie Dwyer at jldwyer81@gmail.com for more information or to be added as an interested volunteer.

MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date! Friday, September 29th at 6:30pm we will be hosting our epic movie night featuring **SING!**

\$1.00/per child for admissions

PTA Members: FREE!

Snacks/candy/water will be \$0.50 cents each

Volunteers are needed for concessions and admissions. Please contact shannonRkillmer@gmail.com if you're interested or with any questions.

BOX TOPS

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products. Submit Box Top Certificates and Box Top codes to earn more. All you have to do is clip them and send them to school.

Please remember to mark the envelope or plastic bags with your child's classroom, as we will be holding a contest in October. The classroom with the most clipped box tops will receive a prize!

Enter the sweepstakes at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes> to win even more. For any questions please contact Charitra at charitra.iyer@gmail.com.

FIFTH GRADE FAREWELL

We are looking for gum donations to sell on Bubblegum Friday's to the 4th and 5th graders (see attached flyer). If you are interested in helping the planning committee or selling bubblegum on Friday mornings, please contact Liz Sieben at ensieben@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The LMC is needing volunteers Wednesdays and Thursdays afternoons from 1:30-3:30. This is a great opportunity for parents of Kindergartners as there are several Kindergarten classes in the LMC those afternoons. If interested, contact Jen Don at jenn.don64@gmail.com.

STAY CONNECTED

Find us on Facebook for up to date happenings in the Cowlshaw community! Cowlshaw Elementary PTA -<https://www.facebook.com/CowlshawPTA>

Visit our website for more information: <https://sites.google.com/site/cowlshawelementarypta/home>

The website can also be accessed via the Cowlshaw Homepage under the PTA heading.