

# *County Line Connection*

## **“CARING, SHARING AND LEARNING... FOR LIFE”**

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### **April Calendar**

- 1<sup>st</sup> CL Fun Day – “Brewers Day”; 3K Speeches; Kdg.- Gr. 3 Character coupon awards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Break Begins
- 9<sup>th</sup> Market Day Internet Orders Due
- 12<sup>th</sup> School Resumes
- 13<sup>th</sup> Staff Meeting; PTA Meeting 6:30pm in Library
- 14<sup>th</sup> Spring Picture Day; Market Day Paper Orders Due; Popcorn Day; Spanish Classes after school
- 15<sup>th</sup> Grades 4 & 5 Puberty Talks; Grade 1 Washington County Agriculture presentation; Market Day Online Orders Due by 11PM
- 16<sup>th</sup> DARE
- 19<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 Madison Field Trip; Market Day Pick UP
- 20<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Aaron Gaskell Presentation
- 21<sup>st</sup> Popcorn Day; BLT Meeting; Spanish classes after school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> WORC in Library; Grade 5 Parent Orientation/Scavenger Hunt at KMS
- 23<sup>rd</sup> DARE
- 27<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 Children’s Health Education Center Field Trip
- 28<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> First Grade Music Concert 7PM in Gym
- 30<sup>th</sup> DARE; Jr. Art Docent – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

### **From the Principal’s Desk.....**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Spring! Hopefully the warm weather we have had recently will continue. It is nice to see the sun again!

Our new student pick up system is going very well. The positive feedback from parents using the new system confirms that it was the right decision to make. Just a friendly reminder to watch your speed as you come into the area surrounding the school or leaving the area. Neighbors have been in contact with me and the Germantown Police Department to ask for help with drivers who do not stop at stop signs or with parents who are not in designated pick up areas. Unless you have spoken to me directly, the only designated areas for student pick up are the bus zones and the playground area. If you are parked on Colonial or on the third grade side of the building, I would ask that you please follow our school procedures in order to keep all of our students safe.

Planning for next year is getting underway. Population projections have us with three sections of kindergarten, first and fifth grades. We will have four sections of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. This requires shifting of staff. Parent Input sheets are available in the office. The format I use is explained on the sheet. Forms are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Due to the snow days we had this year; our last day of school has changed. June 10<sup>th</sup> is now a full day of school. The last day of school will be June 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 12:20.

Sincerely,

Cathy Schultz

### **The President's Corner...**

“April showers bring May flowers.” Yes, spring has arrived with a wonderful stretch of weather! I truly hope every one of you enjoy the spring break. It is always a great opportunity to recharge those batteries...and maybe help out with some raking in the yard too!

The March PTA meeting had several updates of note. There is a small committee exploring putting together a Spring Carnival. The committee is still looking for assistance with this event, as there are many details to put together. Let's see if we can give these few people a hand and see if we can make this happen. If you are interested, please contact me and I will be happy to forward your information to the appropriate people. Also, this year's Baby Sitting Class being offered via the Germantown Recreation department will take place in May. Printed information will be sent home with your child around the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Information will also be emailed and posted on the PTA web site regarding this.

How was the Sock Hop? Unfortunately I was not able to attend this year's event, however I have been told it was a ton of fun! A big THANK YOU to Wendy Knop for her hard work organizing this! Wendy we really appreciate it!

This month's PTA meeting, which will be taking place on April 13<sup>th</sup> (the Tuesday following Spring Break) has quite the full agenda. Nominations for next school year's open positions on the board and committees will be presented. Unfortunately, many openings are still available. Please consider taking on a position or at the very least inquiring about it. Please contact me for any information regarding this. In addition to the nominations we will have two guest speakers. The first guest speaker is from Schwan's Food Service who will be presenting information for their fundraising program which could potentially take the place of Market Day. Please come to the meeting to get this information and a further explanation as to why a potential change is on the horizon. And lastly, the second guest speaker is a children's book author Reji Laberje (<http://www.rejilaberje.com/>). We hope to see you there on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Warmest regards,

Shad Young  
PTA President  
[Younger85@hotmail.com](mailto:Younger85@hotmail.com)

## **Market Day**

For the month of March, our Market Day profit was \$193.82 bringing our school year total to \$2725.39. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Our next sale will be Monday, April 19th with the order deadlines as follows:

- paper orders are due Wed. April 14
- online orders are due Thursday, April 15 by 11 PM CST

At the upcoming PTA meeting, we will be discussing the possibility of switching to Schwan's for our ongoing fundraiser. There are numerous reasons, but ranking highest is Schwan's profit margin: 20%, which is double from Market Day. If you have the opportunity, please attend the April 13th PTA meeting to hear the Schwan's area manager give us the details.

## **Chess Club**

Do you know how to play chess? Are you available from 12:45 to 1:15? County Line would like to start a Chess Club for the fourth and fifth graders during their recess time. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cathy Schultz for more information. Thanks!!

## **PTA Membership**

The PTA is once again encouraging all of our staff and families to become members. Joining the PTA is a great way to make a difference in your child(ren)'s education. Your membership helps out in a number of ways at County Line, by providing programs that benefit all of our children, such as the Scholastic Book Fairs, various Family Fun Nights, the Publishing Center, just to name a few. We know that busy schedules are the norm, so you decide how active you would like to be. There are a number of different ways to show your support, such as volunteering, baking, or sending in supplies.

Actually, just by becoming a member, you are helping out. Also, with your membership, you will receive a free, updated County Line Directory, so you will have names and numbers (of Susie's best friend from class, whose last name she can not remember) right at your fingertips! We would once again love to shoot for 100% participation this year, so come join us and send in your PTA envelope provided in your summer packets, along with \$10.00 for a single, or \$18.00 for a double membership.

For those of you who would like to join us, PTA meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions...this month being the second Tuesday), at 6:30pm in the school library. Watch for monthly reminders.

-Dawn Fulton and Susan Mahnke  
Membership Committee

## Girl Scout News

Powder Puff Derby was a fun night. The cars were so creative this year. All the girls displayed excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to you all. Thank you very much to the Cub Scouts for all of your assistance in making this a great night.

We have some fun events coming up. The Father Daughter Dance is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, and we have about 300 families attending. Should be lots of fun. Another upcoming event is our Spring Park Cleanup on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9AM to Noon, followed by a free lunch at Kinderburg Park. Watch next month's newsletter for our park assignment. Also, please note that Survivor Night, which was scheduled to take place May 21<sup>st</sup>, has been cancelled due to the Spring Carnival taking place the same night. Hope to see you all at the Carnival.

As always, if you are interested in joining Girl Scouts, have any questions regarding Girl Scouts, or know a mom that is interested in becoming a Daisy Leader next year, I can be reached at [hehagen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hehagen@sbcglobal.net).

Holly Hagen

## Campbell's Soups Labels

Please remember to save your UPC codes from Campbell's products and send them to school with your children. There is a Campbell's collection envelope in each classroom. **Please only send the UPC code for Campbell Soup products** – not the whole label. And for V8 vegetable & fruit juices, just send in the lid. In addition to many Campbell's soups and juices, UPC codes can also be obtained off Market Day products, Pepperidge Farm products, Swanson products Spaghetti O's and Prego Sauces.

For more information, log on to [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of products, or e-mail Mary Schmidt at [mary-rob@wi.rr.com](mailto:mary-rob@wi.rr.com) with any questions. Together with Campbell's, we can acquire free merchandise for our school, such as: computers, audio/visual equipment, physical education equipment, reference books and musical instruments.

-Mary Schmidt, Campbell's Campaign chair

## GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION

As the new school year begins, collecting box tops to earn money for the County Line School is back. Please turn your clipped box tops, with your name and classroom code on the back, into your classroom collection container. We earn 10 cents for each box top.

Weekly prize drawings will continue this school year. The more box tops you submit, the greater your chance to win a prize. Thank you for your continued support! Your box tops do make a difference for our school.

## Tyson Project A+ 1,2,3

Please continue to clip and turn in your Tyson 1,2,3 labels for cash. Our school earns 25 cents for each label or pull strip from Tyson products. Turn them into your child's classroom, along with box tops. Be sure to include the entire box label or entire pull strip from frozen bag items. Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to be included in our next County Line Connection, please send articles to Holly Hagen at [hehagen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hehagen@sbcglobal.net) by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.