

Dear CES Friends and Families,

What an interesting year we have had! We made it! Happy summer!

As always, the PTO had a busy but productive year! We were able to get in a few fundraisers before the abrupt end including Meadow Farms, the Gingerbread Race, and Little Caesars. We also were fortunate enough to grant some teacher requests for special items to add to their classrooms such as Prudence Crandall books, wobble chairs and special seating, as well as an art clay roller and a new rug for music! Our book fair is always successful thanks to each of you and allows us to do a book giveaway two times a year to each and every CES student! Wow!

As we move into the planning phases for the upcoming school year, we would like to share with you some changes you will see. With the uncertainties we are faced with, the PTO will begin the year with all communication happening via the school website, our Facebook page, and emails. We will eliminate all folder correspondence in order to remain out of the building and limit social contact of any kind. This will mean our welcome packet and fundraiser information (when approved) will be found here, as well as meeting agendas, treasurers reports, and minutes from our monthly meeting. Meetings will be done online so stay tuned for dates and times you can join us!

Our contact information can be found at the end of this letter and will be linked to our PTO page on the CES website. Please reach out at any time! We are happy to hear any and all suggestions, comments, feedback, and thoughts. The PTO will continue to meet the needs of the students and teachers in anyway possible. We will pass along information when decisions are made pertaining to family events and fundraising, all of which are on hold as of right now. But don't worry, you will hear from us when school starts with updates on our progress!

Moving into the summer without any in person meetings has been a challenge and we are in need of your help! We were unable to hold our last meetings during which time we nominate and vote for the board members to take us into the next school year. Therefore, we are forced to try something new. Each year, every board position is open for nominations and new members. They consist of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. **We are asking for SELF NOMINATIONS right now!** If you have time to invest in the rewarding board of your PTO, please contact us today. Email us or Facebook Messenger are both great routes of communication. Here's how this will work. The current board will accept the self-nominations and if more then one person volunteers for a position, we will present the candidates to the existing members of the PTO through email and ask for a vote. if no self-nominations are received, the current board will work together to fill the positions until the board is complete. Self-nominations will be accepted until **Friday August 21, 2020**. Results will be posted to the CES PTO website, our Facebook page, and emailed as soon as the board is set.

One last point we would like to discuss is the ongoing ways to help the PTO, while still keeping our distance! Link your Amazon account to our AmazonSmile account! A

portion of your purchases will be deposited directly into the PTO bank account! Box Tops are still being accepted! Yes, there are still some that can be clipped and sent in and we want them! Most Box Tops are submitted now by downloading the app and scanning your receipt. Even digital receipts can be submitted for Box Tops! Directions for all Box Top submissions and AmazonSmile directions can be found on our Facebook page and will be posted to our website.

We look forward to hosting fun family events and getting back to some form of normalcy! In the meantime, please bear with us while we too adjust to a totally digital PTO. Look for more information soon! Enjoy your summer and time with your families. Be safe!

Thank you,

Ivy Jordan, President

Dorsey Egan, Vice President

Carol-Ann Donahue, Treasurer