

"GOING FOR THE GOLD"



Columbus Magnet School

May 13, 2010

THURSDAY NOTICE

Important Dates

Friday, May 14 **ASM & YA Mission Landing- 9:30am**
 YA – Grades 1 & 2 – 3:30pm
Thursday, May 20 Parent/Child Book Club – 3:30pm
 PTO Executive Meeting – 6:30pm
Friday, May 21 ASM- "Meet the Musician" - 10:00am
 YA – Grades 3 & 4 – 3:30pm

The Columbus School Website is:

www.norwalk.k12.ct.us/columbus

Check it out!

Reminder: The Thursday Notice deadline is every Tuesday.
Please email all submissions to Teri Gaberman, Parent
Coordinator at: gabermant@norwalkps.org.



A Message from Our Principal,

Mrs. Lopez

"As the weather gets warmer, please remember student safety when it comes to choice of footwear. Students should not wear flip flops to school. Please ensure that your students wear shoes that have a strap or laces to keep them on their feet. *Thanks for your cooperation!*"



All School Meetings

Friday, May 14th – 9:30am: YA to join ASM to share their experiences with students.

Friday, May 21st – 10:00am – "Meet the Musician"



CMS Spirit Wear – May Sale Event!!!

Parents!!! Show your spirit at CMS Spring Events and Save with our May Sales Event!!! **During the month of May, ALL Adult T-Shirts are just \$5.00!!!** Please return the attached order form along with your payment to the Family Room. *Get yours today while supplies last!!!*



A Special THANK YOU to ALL the wonderful Parent Volunteers who helped to make our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon a delicious success!!!

Please wish Miss Jessica, from our cafeteria staff Best Wishes as she leaves for her maternity leave on May 28th!!!



YA 24-Hr. Simulated Space Mission

Historically, in 1996, under the direction of Principal Arthur Perschino, the first Young Astronaut Simulated Space Mission was held at Columbus Magnet School. Since that time, the mission has continued as a wonderful CMS tradition. In preparation for this 24-Hour Simulated Mission, our dedicated Fifth Grade Young Astronauts have undergone intense learning, physical training and team building. During the mission, shuttle astronauts carry out their assignments in the space shuttle (converted computer lab) under the guidance of mission control (auditorium). Upon completion of the mission, our astronauts return to Earth to a "Hero's Welcome." This year's mission "Cosmos Aperio" will celebrate the creation of the Hubble Telescope. Just as Hubble has transformed the way we see the universe, it has transformed the way the Young Astronauts see themselves and their world. What began as an adventure for these 24 Fifth Graders, has evolved into an intellectual awakening. It is clear that these intrepid astronauts have become budding astronomers and scientists. It is also evident what students can accomplish when fueled by an appetite for the unknown and a thirst for knowledge. And as Hubble allows us to see deep into humanity's future, the Columbus astronauts will fly alongside every light year of the way!

The YA Mission Landing - Friday, May 14th

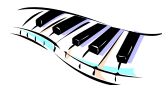
9:30am – Landing & Press Conference

11:00am – Astronauts join ASM to share their experience with students.



Young Astronauts

Young Astronauts in Grades 1 & 2 will meet on **Friday, May 14th at 3:30pm** in the gym. Grades 3 & 4 will meet on **Friday, May 21st at 3:30pm** in the gym. For YA information, please contact Mary Lou Buswell at #847-7209.



SPECIAL NOTE: A Piano Accompanist is needed for the June 10th CMS Spring Concert performances at 1:30pm and 7:00pm. Please contact Lisa Goldberg at goldbergl@norwalkps.org. Thank You!



CMS Triathlon ~ June 5th

It's that time again for all students to join in the fun and participate in the annual CMS Triathlon!!! This year's event will be held on **Saturday, June 5th at 9:00am at Norwalk High School**. This year, we have some new twists to the event:

***Sportsmanship-** We will once again emphasize the importance of sportsmanship at the Triathlon. Students will be awarded for their display of sportsmanship throughout the day. Triathlon spies will be on the look out for positive interactions and support of fellow racers. Stay tuned for further details.

***Bicycles** – Bicycles will be made available on a limited basis for students who are in need of one for the race. If anyone has an extra bicycle at home, please let either myself or Teri Gaberman know and we'll arrange for it to be used by a student and it will be returned following the race.

***Sponsorship** – We are seeking sponsors from the business community to each donate \$100 to help financially support this race and future races. Individual and business sponsorships will appear on the back of the Triathlon t-shirt in addition to being listed on the sponsor board at the race.

***Registration Forms** – Triathlon Registration Forms were sent home with students earlier this week. All forms must be returned to their classroom teachers on or before **Friday, May 21st**. No late registrations will be accepted.

***Event Details:** There are three timed athletic events which include: swimming, cycling, and running. The cost is **\$15 per child** and includes a t-shirt, award and refreshments.

***Parent Volunteers:** We are in need of **ALL** hands on deck to make this a successful Triathlon for the children!!! Please be sure to return your volunteer forms ASAP. Your help is greatly appreciated!!!



Parent/Child Book Club

The Parent/Child Book Club will meet on **Thursday, May 20th from 3:30pm-4:30pm** in the library to discuss the Connecticut Nutmeg Nominee by Patricia Reilly Giff, "Eleven." *"When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered."* Refreshments will be served. Please let Mrs. Pearce or Mrs. Imhoff know if you can attend.



CMS PTO Meetings

The next PTO General Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 10th at 7:00pm** in the library. The PTO Executive Committee Meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 20th at 6:30pm** in the library.
CMS PTO is now on Facebook – Check it out!!!

CMS PTO NOMINATIONS

The CMS PTO is seeking nominations for all Executive Board positions for the 2010-2011 school year. All interested parents are asked to submit in writing a brief statement of interest for an open position along with your name and contact information to the PTO Nominating Committee. **Please submit this information in a sealed envelope to the PTO Nominating Committee c/o Teri Gaberman no later than Monday, May 17th**. Elections will be held at the PTO General Membership Meeting on June 10, 2010. **Please see the attached PTO letter for further information.** For questions, please contact either Donna Spellman at spellman@optonline.net or Chrisy Limone at chris.limone@sbcglobal.net.

CMS Volunteer Appreciation Event

The PTO is sponsoring an end of the year CMS Volunteer Appreciation Event, which is planned for **Thursday, June 17th at 6:00pm** (rain date: Thurs. June 24th). The event will be held at beautiful Bayley Beach in Rowayton with appetizers and beverages. A \$15 beach admittance fee will apply. Shortly, volunteers and their families will receive an invitation to attend as our Special Guests. Teachers, staff and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and honor our volunteers (attendance is limited, so it will be on a first come, first served basis). If you are interested in attending, please return the attached sign up sheet to your child's teacher. Thank You!

Save the Date!!! The Diane Felber Jewelry Event will take place on **June 2nd from 10am-2:30pm in the Faculty Lounge**. It's a great time to shop for end of the year gifts. A percentage of sales will benefit the PTO.



Community Happenings

On **Saturday, May 15 from 9am to 5pm**, Weir Farm in Wilton, CT will be hosting a FREE day-long event called "A Brush with Nature." Art lovers and artists of ALL ages and experience levels are invited to enjoy the fun of creating art in nature. Art supplies will be provided to ALL free of charge. For further information, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/wefa/planyourvisit/brushwithnature.htm>

Parent Corner: "Creative Kids of Silvermine" is an Early Learning Program for children ages two, three and four years. We are accepting enrollment for September 2010. Creative Kids is a part-time program and is open Tues-Fri from 9am-1pm. We offer an environment that encourages curiosity and offers challenges to help stimulate your child's development. Please contact Heidi Keyes (CMS parent) at #203-840-0257 or kheidi77962aol.com for further information and to schedule a tour.

Drum Set for Sale: CB Kit with upgraded drumheads and Zildjian cymbals and snare stand. Bell and boom stand upgrades as well. Asking \$300 (new \$900). Call Sean at #203-354-0910.



Dear Columbus Parents,

The Columbus PTO is led by parents who are willing and eager to take on a leadership role as they support their child's education and overall Columbus experience. You've been reading about some of the PTO Executive Board positions in recent Thursday Notices. At this time, the PTO is pleased to invite you to submit a brief statement of interest to the Nominating Committee, indicating that you would like to be considered for an open position. At this point in time, all of the Executive Board positions will be available for the 2010-2011 school year. As per the terms of our by-laws, positions can be 1 or 2 years, depending on your interest and availability. We particularly encourage those who have been active PTO participants to consider moving into one of the leadership positions listed below. Many of you have worked hard as committee members, committee chairs; you have attended various events and have been helpful in sharing ideas and developing events in the past. These are all qualities that will help you to be a strong leader and also encourage a sense of involvement and community within our parent population.

Open positions include:

- Co-Presidents
- First Vice President/Programming & Participation Coordinator
- Second Vice President/PTO Council Representative
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Teacher Representative

* Outgoing Presidents will serve as ex-officio members of the Executive Board.

**All incoming leaders will receive support from the outgoing leaders, as requested.

If you have interest in any of the above mentioned positions, please submit in writing a brief statement of your interest. Your statement should include your name, contact information and the position in which you would like to be considered. Please submit this information in a sealed envelope to The PTO Nominating Committee c/o Teri Gaberman no later than Monday, May 17th. As per PTO by-laws the Nominating Committee will submit a slate of officers to the Executive Committee for approval. Elections will be held at the PTO General Membership Meeting June 10, 2010.

Thank you for your interest and ongoing support of the Columbus Magnet School PTO.

Sincerely,

Chrisy Limone & Donna Spellman
PTO Co-Presidents



*** SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM ***
 We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

Student Name: _____	Phone: _____
Home Rm.: _____	Teacher: _____

ITEM	PRICE	Color/Sizes/Qty	SUBTOTAL
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ADULT T-Shirt	\$5.00	NAVY Small _____ Med. _____ XL _____ XXL _____	GREY Small _____ Med. _____ XL _____ XXL _____	
		LIGHT BLUE Small _____ Med. _____	BURGUNDY Small _____ Med. _____	PURPLE Small _____ Med. _____
				\$ _____

ADULT Sweatshirt	\$15.00	WHITE Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____ XL _____	NAVY Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____ XL _____	
				\$ _____

CMS Decal (Car Sticker)	\$5.00	WHITE		
				\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Return completed form along with payment to the PTO "Spirit Wear" mailbox.
 CASH or CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CMS PTO"
SALE ENDS MAY 31, 2010

For Office Use Only:
 Check # _____

Amount: _____

CMS Volunteer Appreciation Event

Where: Bayley Beach, Rowayton, CT (a \$15 beach admittance fee will apply)

When: Thursday, June 17th at 6:00 pm (rain date Thursday, June 24th)

Who: All CMS Volunteers and their families will be recognized and invited as special guests, and the event is open to all Teachers/Staff and Parents (first come first served) to join us in recognizing them.

Adults attending (list all names):

Children attending (list all names):

Contact number and email address:

