

"GOING FOR THE GOLD"

Columbus Magnet School

November 19, 2009

THURSDAY NOTICE

Important Dates

Thursday November 19	Art Spot, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Friday November 20	All School Mtg., 9:30 am YA, Gr.3 & 4, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, November 25	Early Dismissal – 1:55 pm
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Recess – School Closed
Thursday, December 3	Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm
Friday, December 4	No All School Meeting YA, Gr.1 & 2, 3:30 pm
	Pump It Up Family Night, 6:15pm – 8:15pm
Thursday, December 10	HOT Committee Mtg., 2:15 pm PTO General Mtg., 7:00 pm
Friday, December 11	All School Mtg., 9:30 am

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.

All School Meetings

Friday, November 20th, 9:30am: Our Thanksgiving Share will feature presentations from Grade 1 through 5 student representatives.

Friday, December 4th – No Meeting

Friday, December 11th, 9:30am: This meeting will be hosted by Grade Five and will include the Fifth Grade Connections Share.

SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE

Spirit Wear for Adults Reduced!!!

NOVEMBER SPECIAL ONLY

T-shirts - \$10.00

Sweatshirts - \$20.00

(See attached order form)

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YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Early Bird Special if ordered by

Monday, November 30 - **\$18.00**

(December 1 – April 1 - \$20.00)

Please return all order forms to the Main Office

Don't Miss Out on This Keepsake!

Art Spot at CMS – TONIGHT!

CMS is very excited to be hosting this Art Spot event which will launch our Community Partners Campaign. This collaborative networking event with the Norwalk Arts and Culture Commission will showcase the fabulous music, movement and visual arts work of our HOT Students. Hours of the event are from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm.

Holiday Plant Sale!

This holiday season, the Columbus Magnet School PTO is sponsoring a Holiday Plant Sale Fundraiser. Preorder either a 6" Poinsettia @ \$10 or a 10" Poinsettia @ \$27. (See attached order form). All orders must be returned on or before Tuesday, December 1st. Poinsettia pick up will be on the evening of December 3rd following the holiday concert or December 4th from 3:00-3:30 pm at the Family Room. Questions? Please contact Sheree McCormick at smccormick01@snet.net or #203-866-2095.

Young Astronauts

Young Astronauts in Grades 3 and 4 will meet on Friday, November 20th at 3:30 pm. Grades 1 and 2 will meet on Friday, December 4th at 3:30 pm.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

The Columbus School Science Fair will be held on January 12th, 13th and 14th, 2010. Applications will be available from homeroom teachers beginning the week of December 7th. Stay tuned for more details!

Parent/Child Book Club

The Parent/Child Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 3 at 3:30 – 4:30 pm in the library to discuss "The Year of the Dog: A Novel" by Grace Lin. "Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life." This selection is another CT Nutmeg Nominee for 2010. Come join the discussion and enjoy some refreshments. Please let Mrs. Pearce know if you would like to attend.

Save the Date!

Pump It Up Family Night -Friday December 4th 6:15 – 8:15pm. This is a great fundraiser for the PTO and it'll be a fun night out plus its excellent exercise for all to enjoy! Check out the attached flyer for more details. See you there!!

Parent Volunteer Needed!

Mrs. G is looking for a parent volunteer to assist with her Drama special activities group on Thursday afternoons from 2:15-3:00pm. Please contact Mrs. G if you are interested

A Message from PTO Co- President, Donna Spellman

Last week was an extremely busy week for the PTO. Friday night saw the newly revived “International Pot Luck Dinner.” Close to 150 guests enjoyed food from around the world, along with entertainment, activities and presentations representing the rich cultural diversity of Columbus Magnet School. A special thank you goes to Norma Mitchell and Parna Chatterjee and their committee for creating a wonderful and enriching evening for all attendees. Saturday was the Columbus Vendor Fair which was a most successful day for all who attended. Over 25 vendors displayed their specialty items to a steady flow of shoppers throughout the day. Thank you to Jackie Coppola for chairing this event, along with her committee of bakers, set up and take-down hands, publicity “sign hangers” and so many more! Both of these PTO events were a HUGE success and none of it could have happened without the help and support of the Columbus parent community! Thank you to all!

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the Columbus community for your support of the International Pot Luck Dinner. It was a wonderful evening of food, entertainment and fun. Special thanks to the committee members who were involved in putting this event together: Betty Garcia, Jennifer Welsh, Mary-Jo Colman, Vaishali Akole, Mildred Chajon, Monica Zuniga, Karen Linder, Parna Chatterjee and Dewey Gong. Also, thanks to Mrs. Lopez, Mr. Davenport, Teri Gaberman, Beth Pearce, the custodians and the PTO for their support and last but not least, the Columbus parents who jumped in to assist in whatever areas were necessary on that evening. We can all agree that our school is truly a rainbow! – **Norma Mitchell, International Pot Luck Dinner Co-Chair**

Thank you to all of you who helped make the CMS Holiday Vendor Fair a success! Specifically, Suzanne Abrams, Diane Cano, Amy Communale, Vic Coppola, Dr. Mitch and Lorraine Gordon, Adriana L’archevesque, Chrisy Limone, Dave and Karen Linder, Emily Lopez, Tammy McKinnion, Carmelina Misorek, my Mom, Kathie Oberst, Cindy Pasiakos, Kate Roller, Barbara Spielman, Jen Valiante, Jina von Bartheld, Kim Williams, the very helpful gentleman who helped load tables from the CMS stage onto the truck Friday night and to all who came and supported the vendors. –**Jacqueline Coppola, Holiday Vendor Fair Chairperson.**

Upcoming Events

Holiday Concert: Thursday, December 3, 7:00 pm. The Fourth and Fifth grade orchestra will perform.

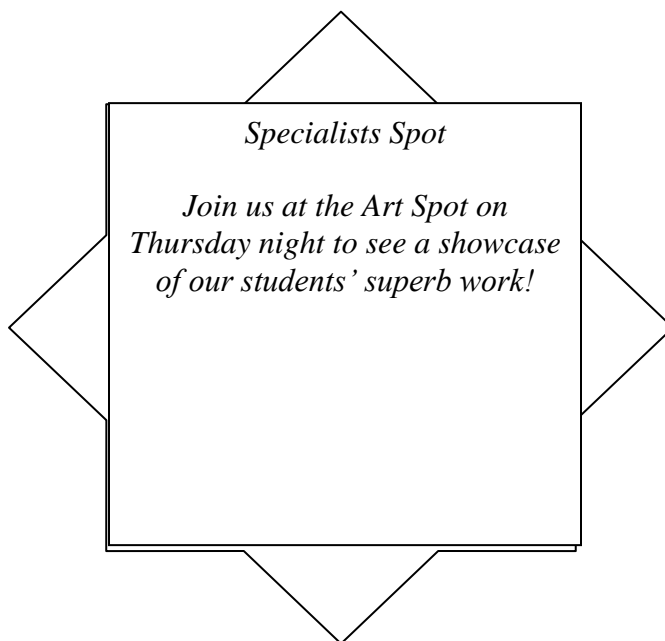
Columbus Science Fair: January 12, 13, & 14, 2010. Look for complete information including registration forms beginning December 7th.

Jewelry Sale

CMS parent Diane Felber will be selling her unique, one of a kind, handcrafted silver, semi precious and precious jewelry items in the Faculty Room on Wednesday, December 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A selected grouping of jewelry items will be on sale. A portion of all sales will be donated to CMS. Parents, teachers and staff members are invited to stop in and get a jump start on shopping for the holidays!

Community News

Come to the 2nd Annual “Chowdafest” – a “fun” raiser for The Connecticut Food Bank on Friday, Nov. 27th and Saturday, Nov. 28th. Over 20 local area restaurants will be competing in “Chowdafest” to determine who has the best chowder and soup in the county. For a \$5 donation at the door (kids under 12 are FREE) you’re considered an “official judge” and given your official spoon and ballot. You then sample both chowders and soups from some of the Fairfield County’s best restaurants and vote on your favorites. Bring your appetite, your family, friends and donations of non-perishable food is also appreciated. For directions, times and more information, please visit www.chowdafest.org.





Columbus
Magnet
School
2009-2010

It's Time To Reserve Your Columbus Memories!

2009 - 2010 Columbus Magnet School Yearbook

Student Photos - Class Photos - Activities - Teachers - Candids - Original
Artwork

Don't Miss Out - All Grades Included

Special November Only Early Bird Price - \$18.00

Orders must be received by Monday, November 30 to secure Discounted Rate

Yearbook Price After November 30th - \$20.00

- Pre-ordering now guarantees that your student will get a yearbook
- Yearbooks will be delivered before the end of the school year in June
- **Fifth Grade students receive a Yearbook at no cost, compliments of the Columbus Magnet School PTO and do not need to order one!**

Questions? Please contact: Lorraine Gordon 956-6301
Tina Ferrigno 434-1298

Cover Art By: Ashley Colman

2009 - 2010 Columbus Yearbook Order Form

Name _____

Grade _____ Class # _____ Teacher _____

Parent Name _____

Phone/email _____

Number of Yearbooks Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Price: \$18.00 if ordered by November 30th

\$20.00 for orders received from December 1st through April 1, 2010

Please make checks payable to: Columbus Magnet School PTO

Return form and payment to the PTO mailbox in the school office



Join the PTO for a Family event at....

Pump it Up

The Inflatable Party Zone

145 Main Street, Norwalk

When: Friday, December 4, 2009

Time: 6:15 p.m. — 8:15 p.m.
Cost: \$20.00 per family OR \$5.00 per person (whichever is less). Pizza is also available for \$14.00 per pizza OR \$3.00 a slice. Drinks included with pizza.

Who: All Columbus Magnet School Families

Why: Because it will be FUN!

You do NOT need to register before Dec. 4. Cost can be paid at the door. All participants must be 34 inches tall, sign a waiver (available at the door) and wear socks!

This family event is a fundraiser for the PTO, so please come one and all. For more info call Mr. Smith at x113.



*** SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM ***

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

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

ITEM	PRICE	Color/Sizes/Qty		SUBTOTAL
YOUTH T-Shirt	\$10.00	ORANGE Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____	PURPLE Small _____ Large _____	LIGHT BLUE Small _____ \$ _____
YOUTH Sweatshirt	\$18.00	WHITE Med. _____		\$ _____

November Spirit Wear Sale on Adult Sizes

ADULT T-Shirt	\$10.00	NAVY Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____	GREY Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____	
LIGHT BLUE	BURGUNDY	Purple		
Small _____	Small _____	Small _____		\$ _____
Med. _____	Med. _____	Med. _____		
ADULT Sweatshirt	\$20.00	WHITE Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____ XL _____	NAVY Small _____ Med. _____ Large _____ XL _____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Return completed form along with payment to the PTO "Spirit Wear" mailbox.
 CASH or CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CMS PTO"

For Office Use Only:
 Check #
 Amount:

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER



*BUY YOUR HOLIDAY PLANTS HERE
&
SUPPORT COLUMBUS MAGNET SCHOOL*

*PRE-ORDER AND PICK-UP AFTER HOLIDAY CONCERT
(EVENING) ON DECEMBER 3rd*

OR

*DECEMBER 4th AT SCHOOL FROM 3 - 3:30 p.m. IN THE
FAMILY ROOM*



Questions? Contact Sheree McCormick at smccormick01@snet.net or Tel: 866-2095

RETURN ORDER FORM TO FAMILY ROOM NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st

Family Name: _____ Pick-up _____ Concert Night (Dec. 3rd)
_____ School (Dec. 4th)

Small (6") Poinsettia Plant(s) x \$10.00 each \$ _____

Large (10") Poinsettia Plant(s) x \$27.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

(Make checks payable to Columbus Magnet PTO)