



COS COB SCHOOL

WEEK AT A GLANCE OCTOBER 24 - 28

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As Halloween approaches, UNICEF boxes will be distributed to all students who wish to collect for UNICEF. Please talk to your child about what UNICEF is, and how they help children worldwide with medicine, nutrition, clean water, emergency relief and education.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began 66 years ago to help kids who needed more than candy. Since then, children all over America have gone door-to-door on Halloween with UNICEF collection boxes, calling out, "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!" They have helped to raise more than \$175 million for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF since 1950. Participation is completely voluntary.

Our traditional Halloween Parade will start at 2:30 p.m. on October 31st. Mark your calendars.

On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th all students will attend our annual morning assembly where local veterans are honored by music, poems and speeches by our students. It has become one of our most valued assemblies and is looked forward to each year by our visiting veterans. If you have a veteran in your family, or a special veteran friend who you would like to invite, please let Sheila in the office know. We will also be sponsoring our annual clothing drive for those veterans residing in the Yale New Haven Veterans Hospital. Tables will be set up in the hallway for this charitable event. Some suggestions of new clothing are as follows:

Men and Woman:

Fleece XL – 3XL sweatpants, sweatshirts and flannel shirts
Wool hats for those undergoing cancer treatment
Socks
Underwear
Flannel Pajamas
Slippers

I have received multiple parent phone calls regarding serious concerns about the side parking lot. I addressed this at Open house, but let me remind you that the staff parking lot is not to be used for **student drop off (with the exception of CHILDREN'S CENTER students who are dropped off at 7:30 a.m.) or pick up AFTER SCHOOL**. It was recently reported to me that while walking to school, a student was almost struck by a car entering the side parking lot to drop a student off. I urge you to follow the rules so that everyone is safe in and around the school. As always, student safety is my priority. If we continue to have to deal with these issues, the Greenwich Police Department will become involved.

Thank you for your attention to this safety reminder. I know that each of you share in your concern for all our students here at Cos Cob School.

Have a nice weekend.

Gene

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 24

Tuesday, October 25

Adv. Band Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

Fluoride Rinse Begins!

Wednesday, October 26

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal,
7:50 a.m.

Thursday, October 27

Chorus Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

Friday, October 28

LOCKDOWN DRILL, 9:30 A.M.
(No one will be allowed in the building until the completion of the drill).

Halloween Parade Monday, October 31

2:30 p.m.

- ☞ Students will be parading around the school perimeter giving parents and friends an opportunity to take pictures.
- ☞ Children participating should bring his/her costume to school in a separate bag.
- ☞ Weapons of any kind or items that could pose harm to others are NOT permitted.
- ☞ Children may NOT wear costumes that include masks, "scary," or violent elements.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Family Craft: “**Knots and Lashing**” as part of the Greenwich Reads Together programming. Saturday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Byram Library. Information at [GFT Family Craft](#).

The Junior League of Greenwich invites you to their children’s concert, Beauty & the Beast, Saturday, October 22 with shows at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets start at \$20, available for purchase through [JLG Children’s Concert](#).

Otis and Cinder are back! Join the **Cos Cob Library** for an afternoon of reading with the dogs, Monday, October 24, 4-5 p.m. See [Read to Otis & Cinder](#) for details. Also, on Saturday, October 29, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Ed Popielarczyk presents a not-so-scary [Halloween Magic Show](#). Come in costume!

Greenwich Library presents [Spook-tacular Science](#) for families on Saturday, October 29, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Cole Auditorium. The Library also invites 5th-8th graders to register for a pumpkin carving party that afternoon from 1-3 p.m. at [Pumpkin Carving Fun!](#)

Registration for the annual Greenwich Alliance for Education **Turkey Trot 5K and 1 mile Fun Run/Walk** is now open! See [2016 Turkey Trot](#) for details.

FROM THE PTA

Box Tops for Education collection deadline is this coming Wednesday, October 26. Send to school grouped in bags of 50 labeled with teachers’ name. The top collecting class wins CCS t-shirts and a popsicle party! Contact Chrissy O’Brien, cacob20@gmail.com, with questions.



The **PTA Membership** drive continues! Your financial support truly makes a difference, so please support our students and the CCS community by visiting [PTA membership information](#).

The **CCS Directory** was distributed earlier this week to all PTA families. If you did not get a copy, please contact Chris Powers at Chris_Powers@greenwich.k12.ct.us.

We are excited to introduce our partnership with **Field Goods** produce delivery. This year-round service offers an array of seasonal fruits and vegetables at a number of price points. Order by October 31 and the CCS PTA will receive \$5 per family! See the attached flyer for details, or reach out to Nicole Ehret with questions at nehret1228@gmail.com.

If you have not already, please consider joining CCS through the First Bank of Greenwich’s **Start 2 Save** program. For each student that opens an account, the First Bank of Greenwich will donate \$5 to the CCS PTA. Contact Nicole Ehret for details, nehret1228@gmail.com or visit [First Bank of Greenwich - Start 2 Save](#).

You can reach us anytime with questions or comments at pta.coscob@gmail.com.

Sheila O’Donnell & Phoebe Lindsay, PTA Co-Presidents 2016-2017

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Greenwich PTAC and the Junior League of Greenwich present **Parenting in a Time of Anxiety**, Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Auditorium. Please join us for this complimentary inspiring and informative facilitated discussion – no tickets or registration required. See [Parenting in a Time of Anxiety](#) for information.

Thank you to Principal Schmidt and those who were able to attend the **PTA Meeting** on Tuesday. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.

The **Book Fair** is coming, November 9-11 in the Media Center. Reach out to Lauren Wilson, wilsonct@optonline.net, to volunteer – timing is flexible, from setup to breakdown and in between!

The **Polar Express Pajama Party** will be held Friday, December 9. Mark your calendar...more details to follow.

The Cos Cob School **Early Bird Club** is available every morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Please see the Early Bird tab in the PTA section of the website, [Early Bird Club](#), or send a message to ccsmornings@gmail.com.

FROM THE DISTRICT



I would like to announce the start of the fluoride rinse program, which will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Please have your children come to the cafeteria at 8:30 A.M. if they have returned their permission forms. Please remember to submit the fluoride permission forms if you have not already done so. Volunteers will be there to assist them if there are any questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Jeannie Schnakenberg, RDH, at 622-3779. Thank you and Happy Swishing!!