

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL PTO

Angela Fredrickson, PTO President
Melissa Saucier, Treasurer
Nichole Greco, Secretary

President's Note....

April 2017

I hope everyone is enjoying their chocolate and coffee!! Our Munson's Chocolates and Java Joes Fundraiser was a success!! We raised **over \$1000** in profit that will go toward the students of Center Road School!! Our last catalog fundraiser, Fit N Fresh, has gone home. If you haven't received a packet, please let me know. Those orders are due back Wednesday, April 26th.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Family Skate at Ron A Roll!!! Everyone had so much fun!! We sold just over 100 tickets this year! As always, we hope you'll join us again next year when we plan to do some more skating!!

We have our **next restaurant fundraiser on April 19th**...we'll be going to The 99 Restaurant!! So mark your calendars and take a break from cooking! CRS PTO will make 15% of sales from that night...be sure to show your flyer to your server!! Flyers will be going home before April vacation!!

Also, we are planning a **Family Game Night** during the upcoming Buy One Get One Free Book Fair!! It's going to be on Friday evening, April 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. So bring your favorite family game to play and don't forget to stop by our book fair. Everyone who makes a purchase that night will be entered into a few different raffles we will be having!! What better way to kick off summer reading then with FREE books.



April Key Dates

April 5

Spirit Day – Go Blue for Autism Awareness

April 13

Yard Goats Game

April 10 - 14

Spring Break No School

April 18

Gift Card Orders Due

April 19

99 Restaurant Fundraiser

April 20

PTO Meeting – 6:30 pm

April 21

Spirit Day – Tie Dye Day

April 24-28

Scholastic Book Fair...Buy One Get One Free!

April 24

Fit N Fresh Orders Due

April 25

Gift Card Orders Delivered

April 26

Fit N Fresh Fundraiser Due

April 28

Family Game Night/ Book Fair
6:00 pm – 8:00 PM

As we approach the end of the school year, the PTO will be getting ready to do Board nominations at our May PTO meeting as well as posting positions that we need filled for next year. Please consider volunteering because without enough volunteers, sadly we may have to cut certain things from our budget. Feel free to contact me if you'd like further information on anything listed below. Here is some of what we need:

Board Positions

PTO President

PTO Vice President

PTO Treasurer

Volunteer Positions Needed

Gift and Wrap Fundraiser Coordinator

School Carnival – Raffles Coordinator

Assemblies Coordinator

Field Day Coordinator

Yearbook Committee

Appreciation Committee-Shadow Needed

Scholarship Committee-Shadow Needed

Our next PTO meeting is on **Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 pm** in the library. There will be babysitting available if you need to bring your children. If you have an item you'd like added to the agenda or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at afredrickson1122@gmail.com.

Angela Fredrickson
CRS PTO President

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Sneak Peak May's Events

May 1

Teacher Appreciation Week Begins

May 5

Spirit Day – Teacher's Favorite Color Day

May 23

Gift Card Orders Due

May 18

PTO Meeting – 6:30 pm
Board Nominations

May 24

Field Day, Grades 3-5
(Rain Date: 6/7)

May 26

Spirit Day – Red, White & Blue Day for Memorial Day

May 26

Early Dismissal

May 29

No School – Memorial Day

May 30

Field Day, Grades K-2
(Rain Date: 6/2)

May 31

Gift Card Orders Delivered

Fundraisers

Fit N Fresh Fundraiser

Sale Dates: March 31st – April 26th

Get ready for going to the beach...get ready for summer camps...get ready for next school year! It's our last catalog fundraiser of the year...Fit N Fresh!! Fit N Fresh offers eco-friendly products that help support a healthy lifestyle!! Packets were dropped off in the office last night, so you should be getting them home today or tomorrow. All orders are due by Wednesday, April 26th. If you sell 10 or more items, you get a FREE set of Penguin Ice Packs!!

If you have any questions regarding the fundraiser please contact Angela Fredrickson at afredrickson1122@gmail.com

Book Fair – Buy One Get One Free

Book Fair Dates: April 24th - April 28th

Hours Open:

April 24th - April 26th: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

April 27th: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

April 28th: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm ...It's **Family Game Night**... So bring your favorite family game to play and don't forget to stop by our book fair. Everyone who makes a purchase that night will be entered into a few different raffles we will be having!!

April Gift Card Orders

Sale Dates: April 3rd – 18th

Orders Due: April 18th

Delivery Date: April 25th



The gift card order forms will be sent home the week of April 3rd. The order form can also be found on the CRS PTO website under Support Our School, Gift Card Program, http://crspto.org/?page_id=44.

Please contact Jennifer Hall with any questions: jennifer.hall@nfcocorp.com.

Volunteer Spotlight

We have various positions that need to be filled by volunteers! Most of these are currently being run by a person who is on their way out of CRS mostly because they have a 5th grader who will be leaving CRS to head to the middle school.

New this year, we are offering an incentive to volunteer – \$25 gift card or \$50 restaurant/movie combo gift card. Every time you volunteer, you get entered into the drawing. Drawing 2x a year, Dec/May. We have many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Please keep in mind that where a chairperson is needed the duties can be divided between more than one person so grab a friend or two and try something new! Any amount of time you have is needed and appreciated.

Please contact Angela Fredrickson, afredrickson1122@gmail.com or the current chairperson for more information.

Attention PTO Committee Chairs – In order to help volunteers run future PTO events/fundraisers, we're creating a place on our PTO website where anyone can go to view what is involved in a particular event. If you have chaired a PTO event, please email Angela Fredrickson, afredrickson1122@gmail.com and provide any information about that particular event (i.e. do you send a flyer home with students, does it involve a permission slip being signed, do you need the building form completed, etc.)

Attention: 5th Grade Parents:

A Note to 5th Grade Parents. You may not be aware, but the PTO pays for the entire 5th Grade Field Trip to Boston, which in the past has included the parent chaperones. Unfortunately, due to rising costs, we will now be asking the chaperones to pay for their tickets. However, the PTO will waive the chaperone fee to any parents who volunteer at least 3 hours of their time at one of our many events!!

Please understand that the PTO does NOT pick the parents that get to chaperone. That is up to the discretion of the teacher and the "way" they choose their chaperones. The PTO board can only keep track of who will need to pay their way or who will have the fee waived. Volunteering your time does NOT guarantee you will be a chaperone.

Fundraising Programs

AmazonSmiles: Did you know that you can raise money for the CRS PTO with your purchases from Amazon? To do so you must register your Amazon account and **place your orders** through <https://smile.amazon.com>. Any purchases made through AmazonSmiles earns us 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmiles purchases. You can find us under the list of charities: **Center Road School PTO**. *Please note* that you cannot set up your Amazon app to automatically submit your order through AmazonSmiles, you must go through the AmazonSmiles website to order. BUT when you register with AmazonSmiles it carries over your regular Amazon account information so any items in your regular Amazon cart will automatically be in the AmazonSmiles cart through the AmazonSmiles website.

Box Tops: There is a collection box in the office. You can also put the Box Tops into a plastic baggie and send it to school with your child. Each classroom will have a collection bag or they can be dropped off in the office. The bags will be collected throughout the school year. Please contact Melissa Saucier with any questions: sunflowerz80@hotmail.com.

Burgers For Better Schools: Help our school raise money all year long with Burgers for Better Schools™! It's FREE to join and easy to participate. All you have to do is become a Red Robin Royalty member, select our school, and Red Robin will donate 1% of all purchases you make at participating locations. Not only does CRS benefit...you will too! Get a free burger on your birthday, every 10th item you purchase is FREE, on your 6th visit you'll get \$20 off your bill, military discounts...so go join TODAY! Learn more at redrobin.com/betterschools.

Price Chopper: Center Road School is participating in the "Tools for Schools" program. All credit is earned electronically through the Price Chopper AdvantEdge Card. This program is designed to help us earn much needed educational equipment for our school. It is easy to register. Log onto [Price Chopper's website](#) to register your card for Center Road School. The school code for CRS is 35925. Please have friends, relatives and neighbors sign-up as well. After you register, when you shop at Price Chopper and use your AdvantEdge Card, our school will automatically receive credit. You only have to register once!

Shoparoo: The PTO has a way to raise money for CRS that has no out of pocket cost other than what you're purchasing anyway: <http://www.shoparoo.com/>. This is an app you can download to your iPhone or Android device to then upload pictures of receipts from any store to earn credits and money towards CRS. Simply download the app, register as a user, and choose Center Road School (we are in the process of updating it to Center Road School PTO). Then take pictures of receipts less than 14 days old to upload and earn points! Shoparoo's fundraising year runs 8/1-7/31 and then checks are cut and sent in August. Anyone can use this app so please share with family and friends!

Shutterfly: Whenever you place an order with Shutterfly, use this link centerroadschoolpto.shutterflystorefront.com before beginning your order. As long as you use our link, Shutterfly will donate 13% of each sale to our school! Great for pictures, gifts, invitations, and Christmas cards! You are still able to use coupons and promotions as you would normally do. It's just now, you're helping raise funds for your child's school!

Stop and Shop Rewards: If you have a Stop and Shop card, registration opens September 12th and you must re-register your card number every year! The ID for CRS PTO is 08113. Just log onto the Stop and Shop A+ website at <http://stopandshop.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/> and register!

'UnFundraiser' Form: For those who are interested, please go to the CRS PTO website for the Un-Fundraiser form: http://crspto.org/?page_id=260. *Please note*, as indicated on the form, this is not an 'opt-out' situation as it would be extremely complicated for the PTO to keep track of which child/family should receive fundraising packets and which should not. The PTO's stance has always been that no one is ever expected to participate in any fundraiser whatsoever, they are all 100% optional. If anyone has questions on this form please let one of the PTO officers know.

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CALL TO ORDER – please see attendees at the end of the minutes

OFFICERS REPORT

Principal's Report – Mike Debellis VP

- In the past few weeks CRS has conducted the NWEA testing for math and reading. It was the first time taken for Kindergarteners. It was the second time taken for grades 1-5. We have seen growth in most students since taking their first test. The results will be sent home to parents/guardians.
- This week has been Kindness Week. Each day has been something different. This was put on by our social worker at CRS.
- We are continuing to find new ways to connect parents/families with CRS. Utilizing Facebook Live feature with monthly school meetings and the holiday concert. We will continue to use Facebook as a resource of information for parents/guardians.
- Parent Suggestion: Parent drop-off route. If there was a sign with an arrow at the end of the grass directing where you need to go to drop your child(ren) off.

President's Report – Angela Fredrickson

- Showcased the PTO's new banner that will be used at all future events. The banner will be stored in the PTO closet.
- Munson and Java Joe's Fundraiser - Begins 2/15 and orders due back 3/3 Items will be delivered in time for Easter but to ensure this ALL orders MUST be back by Friday, March 3rd.

2ND Vice President's Report - Peggy Wilde and Diane Sirois

- Mrs. Plevayak is in need of a new recess cart. The current recess cart is not low enough for the students in grades K-2. Seeing if a portion of the Carnival's proceeds go towards purchasing the cart.

Secretary's Report - Nichole Greco

- Per Laurie Bajorek (BOE) make a change in the January meeting notes to site the projects are to be considered for bond.
- A motion to approve the amended changes and approval of January PTO Meeting Minutes - approved.

Treasurer's Report - Melissa Saucier

- January Treasurer's report - approved.

Board of Education - Laurie Bajorek

- The BOE approved the Budget increase of 1.4% for 2017-18. The budget will now go to the Town Council for approval.
- 1:1 Chromebook Pilot 2017-18 (middle school 7th and 8th graders they do not go home with them)
- VCMS - foreign language will be added as an option for 6th graders in 2017-18 school year
- 2017-18 School Calendar was approved at last BOE meeting. VPS follows the CREC Regional calendar for when school starts and ends.

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- Parent Suggestion: Once the snow season ends have a communication from the BOE/School level go out informing parents/guardians when the “new” last day of school is due to snow days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Spring Book Fair - Lisa
 - Tentative book fair dates: April 24 - April 28th, it is the buy 1 get one book fair. The PTO will be coordinating a Pasta Dinner one night during the Book Fair from Olive Garden.
- School Carnival - Nichole Greco
 - The Center Road School Annual Carnival (Formerly School Fair) is two weeks away! On **Saturday, March 4, 2017** from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.
 - Classroom Basket Raffle - One of the most popular events at the school Carnival is the raffle for classroom gift baskets. The raffle is always an exciting way for the PTO to raise funds and we cannot do it without your help! Just a friendly reminder, all donations and items for the themed gift baskets need to be brought in by **Friday, February 24th**. The Raffle Basket Committee will be picking up the donations during the school day and putting the baskets together for the Carnival.
 - Cake Walk/Bake Sale Items Needed – We need your help to bake a cake/dessert for our cake walk/bake sale. Dessert items include: donuts, pastries, cake pops, cookies, bars, breads, or cake. We ask that you please label items that are made with NUTS or nut products. Flyers will be going home with students for bake sale/cake walk sign ups. Please contact Mary Pat Woodward, woodys54321@gmail.com if you have any questions.
 - Loop the Can Items Needed - We need your help! We rely on donations to make this game possible! There is a box labeled Loop the Can in the front hallway for donations. Loopable items include but are not limited to box juices, pudding, cans of cookies, soda, fruit roll up, Pringles, small packages of crackers etc. If a student would like to play the game but has a food allergy parents/guardians can donate something that the student can have and write their name on the item. When the student plays the game and and wins they will receive the item with their name on it.
 - Volunteers - The school Carnival takes many, many hours of volunteer time to be successful. So the more helpful hands the better. If you can help for an hour or two, or the whole day it will be appreciated. Thank you for volunteering! Attached is a Google Doc if you are interested in helping at the event.
 - If you have any questions, comments or ideas, feel free to contact Nichole Greco: 860-209-4532 or nichole.greco85@gmail.com.
- Color Run - Raychel Wishart
 - Tentative date: Sunday, June 11th

NEW IDEA/BUSINESS/VOTES REQUIRED

- Vote on purchasing a Tablet and Square as an option for using at events to take credit card purchases. - approved

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- In conjunction with the CRS Vendor Fair the PTO will be raffling off prizes for attending the PTO meeting:
 - Misi Mattos - winner of entry for the Strong Family Farm Chicken Run
 - Becky Nevelos - winner of Java Joe's ground coffee

Attendees:

Angela Fredrickson
Melissa Saucier
Becky Nevelos
Trudi Kozak
Onnica Ortiz
Loretta Munson
Tasha Fagan
Megan Ross
Julie Creamer
Raychel Wishart
Keri Hermanson
Megan Magoon
Misi Mattos
Souna Nouman
Nichole Greco
Jerry Matos
Geidimir Santiago
Bri Ciane
Alex Bolivar
Kathleen Marth
Laurie Bajorek
Peggy Wilde
Diane Sirois
Mike Debellis