



# CENTRAL DAY SCHOOL INFORMER

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## You Can Help Reach the Goal in PTF Sponsorship Drive!

We need your help to achieve our goal of \$10,000 by this Friday, September 30. Every donation counts—no matter the size! If we reach this year's goal of \$10,000, the entire school will celebrate with a jeans day! Parents, grandparents, and friends of the school can become a CDS-PTF Sponsor. Simply select the sponsorship level that best suits your family, fill out the form, and send in your donation with your form. For your donation, you will be able to proudly show your CDS spirit with the logo incentive items awarded for your designated sponsorship level. Forms were sent home today and can also be picked up in the office or printed from the home page of the CDS website. **Students of all sponsors will receive an out of uniform day for any donation.** The funds raised will help enhance your child's educational experience as well as promote school pride. As with any fundraiser, participation is optional. **This Friday is the final deadline to donate and receive the logo incentive items.**

## Basketball Registration Underway for Grades 1—8



Parents who would like to register your child for basketball must register students on-line at [www.cdsthunder.com](http://www.cdsthunder.com). If you need assistance with registration, contact Teri Ford at [teriford@centraldayschool.com](mailto:teriford@centraldayschool.com). Students in grades 1 - 4 play in the ESCRA League with a registration fee of \$140. Students in grades 5-8 play in the PAA league with a registration fee of \$150. **There is a \$15 early registration discount for both leagues when registering by Wednesday, October 5. The final day to register for grades 1—8 is Wednesday, October 12.** The success of our program depends on men and women who volunteer to coach players in skill building, strategy, character, and sportsmanship. If you are interested in coaching or assisting, please contact Mr. Spice at [johnspice@centraldayschool.com](mailto:johnspice@centraldayschool.com) or Mr. Vincent [stevevincent@centraldayschool.com](mailto:stevevincent@centraldayschool.com). Kindergartners will register for basketball in November.



## Final Day For Picture Orders is Tomorrow

If you still have not ordered pictures or returned your proofs, tomorrow, Wednesday, is the last day. **Parents who want to order pictures after tomorrow will need to go through Holland Studios.** Proofs should be returned even if you are not purchasing photos. If you were not happy with your child's photo, retakes are scheduled for October 4. You will need to return the proof with a note requesting a retake. Any questions, contact Teri Ford at [teriford@centraldayschool.com](mailto:teriford@centraldayschool.com).



## Parent Teacher Conference October 13, Early Dismissal at 12:15

As part of the important partnership between home and school, we encourage all parents to schedule a conference on October 13 with your child's teacher. Conferences will be held in the classrooms and last 15 minutes. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, you are strongly encouraged to meet with the teacher. If a longer conference is needed, please check with your child's teacher for a convenient time. Parents of middle school students do not need to schedule a conference with every teacher. Middle school conferences should only be scheduled with the teacher of a subject where there is a concern. Sign up sheets will be outside the classroom doors beginning Wednesday, 9/28. Conferences are for parents only.



## First Annual Geography Bee

CDS is excited to announce we will hold our first Geography Bee for grades 3—8 on November 15 in preparation for the ACSI District Bee in the spring. Details were sent home in today's Informer about how to help your child practice for the competition. Any questions, contact Mrs. Hughes or Mrs. Groth.

*"Make me go in the path of your commandments, for in them do I delight." Psalm 119:35*



## Library Collection Expands Thanks to PTF Donation

Since the beginning of the new school year, we have added over 100 new titles in the CDS library thanks to PTF funding. THANK YOU, PARENTS! The books cover a wide range of ages and topics—everything from biographies on Michelangelo, Abraham Lincoln, Walt Disney, and Rosa Parks to fun stories about *Biscuit the Puppy*, *Magic School Bus*, *Ramona the Pest*, and *Fancy Nancy*. There are books on ostriches, octopuses, barn owls, conestoga wagons, Plymouth Rock, the *Star Spangled Banner* and more! Encourage your child to check out what's new in the library.

## Parents Encouraged to Login to TeacherEase



The end of our first quarter is quickly approaching. To encourage your child's academic performance and avoid surprises when report cards arrive, parents should login to TeacherEase to keep up with their child's progress. *TeacherEase* is a grade-keeping and attendance program that helps facilitate better communication between school and home. It is one of the best ways to access student assignments, grades, and other relevant information. A middle school study showed a significant increase in a student's performance and completed work when parents accessed *TeacherEase* on a regular basis. Because TeacherEase is a password protected sight, no one else is able to view your child's information but you. In order to access *TeacherEase* you must login with a user name and password. If your have forgotten this information or need assistance, contact Judy McLaughlin at [judymclaughlin@centraldayschool.com](mailto:judymclaughlin@centraldayschool.com).

## Car Line Etiquette—Guidelines for a Happier Car Line Experience

Please keep in mind these important guidelines to make car line go more smoothly:

- Be courteous and patient. We know car line can be frustrating some days, but it can also be a great opportunity for random acts of kindness and to model a Christ-like attitude.
- Be cautious because safety is the number one goal!
- Do not cut in to a line that is already formed.
- Refrain from using your cell phone while the car line is moving.
- Do not pull around the car in front of you unless instructed to do so by a car line attendant.
- Put your car in park when your child is entering or exiting the car.
- Speak a blessing over your child as you wait in morning car line. It is truly the best way to start their day!

## Free Vision Screening at CDS

On October 25 and 26, your child will have the opportunity to be screened for visual and ocular motility (muscle-imbalance) problems. The screening will be performed by the staff of Carl E. Flinn, MD, who specializes in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. This is a basic screening which involves reading an eye chart and looking at pictures. The screening is free of charge. If any abnormalities are found, your child will receive an examination form stating the possible problem and the need for referral to an optometrist or ophthalmologist of your choice. The screening is optional and is not meant to take the place of your annual vision exam with your family eye doctor. **Please complete the permission form included in today's Informer and return to school by Wednesday, October 12.** Children who do not submit a form will not participate in the screening.



## Handbook Highlight - Medication Policy

The CDS Medication Policy does not allow students to have medicine (over the counter or prescription) in their possession (including backpacks) at school. Parents must complete a Medication Permission Form and bring the medicine to the office with the completed paperwork. Medication forms may be printed from the CDS website at [www.centraldayschool.com/medicalguidelines](http://www.centraldayschool.com/medicalguidelines). If you have any questions, contact Lisa or Cheryl at [cdsoffice@centraldayschool.com](mailto:cdsoffice@centraldayschool.com). Your cooperation is appreciated.

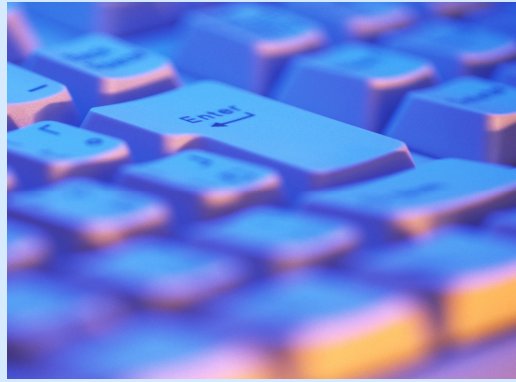
## CDS Staff Changes

As many of you know, Mrs. Sandy Hayeslip left CDS last week for a position at a local pharmacy. Mrs. Sandy was a terrific assistant, and we pray God's blessing for her in her new job. We are blessed to have two of our current substitute teachers joining us in part-time staff roles. Mrs. Martha Barnes, who taught fourth grade last year, will be assisting the second and third grade teachers, replacing Mrs. Sandy in the mornings. Mrs. Barnes will continue to sub in the afternoons as needed. Mrs. Jennifer Sisson, mom of CDS students, Jake and Eli, will be joining the staff to help with outside marketing and admissions events. She will also continue to sub as needed. We ask for your prayers for both ladies to be used by the Lord for His glory.

## Instant Messages by Cheryl Gradone

### Plan Ahead

In the spring after our third child was born, I had a strange stirring in my heart. The Lord was leading me to make some U-turns in my life. I was going nowhere my way! He had other plans for me. So, I turned around and started going in His direction. It was during this time that another book landed in my lap which really opened my eyes. I would not necessarily put this book in the “spiritual” genre, but it had a definite effect on my spiritual journey in my everyday life. Up to this point helter-skelter ruled the day. There was no routine, there was no plan, and there were no goals for myself and definitely none for my children. Now I was learning about routine, planning, and setting goals for myself and for my children. These three things were major disciplines missing in my life and they were about to make life not only bearable, but enjoyable and fun. One of the first changes I made (besides making my bed every morning) was to teach my kids how to make their beds, get dressed, and get ready for the day. I found a great idea in that book: make a hand-shaped chart with morning chores written on the fingers of it. Then write those same chores on their little fingers. Wow! They loved it! Every morning we would look at the chart, recite the chores (they could not all read at this point), and write them



on each of their own fingers. I would go with them into their rooms and help them make their beds, fold their pajamas, and get dressed. Then they would head to the bathroom where I helped them brush/comb their hair and wash their face and hands (when they also washed off the ink). It felt like a little school. We had so much fun together, too. Not only were we having fun, but we were becoming a team and order was replacing the chaos. There were other chores: in the kitchen they learned how to scour the sink, wipe off the countertops, and even unload the dishwasher. Being so young we bought a stepstool so they could reach. When my 18-month-old began pitching the silverware out of the dishwasher, I quickly took advantage of his obvious desire to be helpful by putting the silverware drawer directly across from the dishwasher at his level and showed him how to sort the knives, forks, and spoons into their slots. He was so cute to watch too! Everybody had special chores to do in each room.

Before we would leave to go anywhere, we made sure the toys were put away and that the house was decent and in order. This was monumental for me, and I was learning to love this new sense of peace and order and routine. Home became a place I wanted to be and with my kids there! It was awesome! Did I mention that J.P. was so excited about this new wife? From this point, I began to think ahead to what other things my kids needed to learn. I planned ahead for even bigger and greater things they could learn. You might be thinking I became a slave driver, but this was not the case. I was learning, too, and teaching right beside them. Eventually, they worked on their own with occasional help from me. As they got older, if one child had kitchen duty, J.P. would help in the kitchen (if he was not out of town) while I helped in the dining room. Our family life took on a new atmosphere altogether. This was the family life I had been dreaming of. It was the mercy of God and His graciousness toward me to intervene in my life in such a practical way. We were surely not perfect, but we were being perfected by this new way of living God’s way. Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old he will not turn away from it. Ephesians 6:4b but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Contact Cheryl - [cherylbgradone@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylbgradone@yahoo.com)



**Fall Break is October 17 - 21**



### THUNDER Sports News

#### Cross Country results for 9/22:

5/6 Girls—Team placed 4th with Karen William placing 13th out of 61 runners  
5/6 Boys –Team placed 7th with Jesse Brawner placing 16th out of 60 runners  
7/8 Boys—Michael Waldrup placed 6th out of 51 runners

#### Volleyball Results:

Volleyball results for 9/24:  
7/8 vs Incarnation - CDS won

Volleyball results for 9/26:  
7/8 vs OLPH - CDS won



Middle schoolers will be participating in the national “See You at the Pole” event tomorrow morning at 7:45 a.m. Students will meet at the flag poles in front of the school for a time of student led prayer.