

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year
A message from PTA-COLEYTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Coleytown Families,

It's that time again...welcome back! The Coleytown Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (CES PTA) welcomes all new and returning families to the 2016-2017 School Year! We hope you are as excited as we are for the upcoming year!

The CES PTA is dedicated to providing the best opportunities for our children and enriching their educational experience and overall well-being at CES. We advocate daily for our children and strive to build strong relationships with teachers, staff, and administration. We sponsor over 50 fun-filled events and programs every year, along with raising funds to supply school improvements and needed resources. This is only possible with the support and commitment of our dedicated parent community. We welcome your participation as it is fundamental for the successful continuation of these beloved student programs and the foundation of our special community. There are many opportunities for you to help make a difference! Please reach out at any time if you have any questions or are looking to get involved.

We look forward to a great year at Coleytown!

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

8/31 - Newcomers Welcome Reception: Families new to Westport, 10:00am-11:00am in CES Library

8/31 - Kindergarten Bus Safety Experience: 10:30am-11:00am

8/31 - Meet the Teacher: K-2 11:00am-11:30am; 3-5 11:30am-12pm

8/31 - Welcome Back Lunch for Staff: **Donations Needed!**

9/1 - First Day of School: School Hours: 8:30am - 3:15pm

9/7 - Beach Party: 4:30pm - 6:30pm at Compo Beach

9/9 - School SPIRIT Day: CES Logo Wear/Green & White

9/5 - Labor Day - No School

9/13 - Back to School Night, K-2: 7:00pm

9/20 - Back to School Night, 3-5: 7:00pm

9/27 - Kindergarten Coffee: 9:30am

[Click Here for CES PTA & School Year Calendar](#)

VOLUNTEER at COLEYTOWN

There are a number of ways to get involved at CES. Look for a separate email coming on August 25th with a link to our Online Volunteer Signup. Use this link to sign up for school events, fundraisers and activities, as well as the popular **Room Representative, Art Smart, and Library Volunteer** positions, which are sought after in-school volunteer opportunities. If interested, please make sure to complete the survey by the deadline of **Friday, September 2nd**.

VOLUNTEERS FOR KINDERGARTEN LUNCH

A separate [online sign up](#) is being used for Kindergarten parents who would like to volunteer to help in the cafeteria during lunch. For questions, please contact [Christina Langone](#).

DISMISSAL PROCESS & LUNCH PAYMENT PROGRAM

[DISMISSAL MANAGER](#), which is used for the afternoon dismissal process & [MY SCHOOL BUCKS](#), which is the online account for the school lunch program, as well as monthly lunch menus, can all be accessed by clicking on the "Parents" tab on the [CES website](#).

BUS INFO

Students are assigned to a bus at the start of the school year. The bus number and assigned stop can be found on the same Home Access Center page that indicates teacher placement, which will be accessible on August 25th. The bus routes are published on the [District's website](#) under the Parents tab, in Transportation & Safety.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Still need to get school supplies? You can find the list in the CES office or click [here](#).

CES PTA MEMBERSHIP

All parents, teachers and staff are welcome to become a member of the CES PTA! A separate email will be sent with instructions on how to register for your 2016-2017 CES PTA membership and the Online Directory, which lists all of the CES families and their contact information. Thank you in advance for joining and supporting the PTA. We look forward to another great year!

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION

Wednesday, August 31, 10:00-11:00 am

Families new to Westport are invited to the CES Library prior to Meet the Teacher. Come and receive a special tour of the school from our 5th Grade students and find out all you need to know about Coleytown and the upcoming school year from the PTA and school administrators. Questions? Please contact [Christine Kurpiel](#).

WELCOME BACK STAFF LUNCH

Food & Money Donations Still Needed!

Wednesday, August 31

To sign up to bring an item or volunteer to help, please [click here](#). Please bring items to the CES Cafeteria from 10:00-11:30 am. If you would prefer to make a monetary

donation, please place cash or checks payable to CES PTA in an envelope marked "Staff Lunch" and put in the donation box in CES office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Questions? Please contact [Jenna Jacobs](#) or [Rebecca Hunt](#).

BEACH PARTY

Wednesday, September 7, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Compo Beach near Joey's

The CES PTA invites students, their families and teachers to an afternoon of fun at our annual [Beach Party](#)! It's a great way to reconnect after summer break. \$5 per person, dinner at Joey's included! Questions? Please contact [Tracy Scott](#) or [Antonia Landgraf](#).

COLEYTOWN SPIRIT DAY!

Friday, September 9

Please have your children show their School Spirit and wear Coleytown Logo Wear and/or our School Colors - Green & White.

BACK to SCHOOL NIGHTS

September 13 at 7:00 pm for grades K, 1, & 2

September 20 at 7:00 pm for grades 3, 4, & 5

This is an opportunity for parents to hear from their child's teacher and special area teachers about the curriculum and the school day. Students do not come to school on these evenings, so we suggest that you make childcare arrangements in advance. At Back to School Night, parents can sign up to volunteer for parties, parent/teacher conference, and other events. This year's conference dates are November 30-December 2 and March 22-24.

KINDERGARTEN COFFEE

September 27 at 9:30am at the Home of Liz Moriarty, 152 North Avenue.

Join PTA members, CES administration, and other Kindergarten parents for coffee and conversation! Questions? Contact [Liz Moriarty](#).

CULTURAL ARTS

Cultural Arts (CA) is a town-wide PTA program that brings professional and engaging assemblies to all our elementary schools. Last year, CA brought Antonio Rocha (a storyteller and mime) and Billy Bones of Pirate School (a vaudeville performer). [Donate online](#) to help continue this wonderful programming or click for the [CA flyer](#) and send a check payable to "PTA Cultural Arts" and place it in the PTA mailbox in the main office. Any questions, please contact [Deb Goldfarb](#). Thank you for your support of culture and arts in education!

The CES PTA looks forward to welcoming everyone back to Coleytown and enjoying another great year!