



CHERRY PARK ELEMENTARY

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#GIVINGTUESDAY™
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How Do We Help Our Children Express Thanks and Giving?

Our children follow our lead and our model. Last week was all about expressing gratitude and being intentional about saying “thank you.” Then came Black Friday and nonstop advertisements. Tomorrow is Cyber Monday when we can buy online all the things we missed this weekend. We want our kids to know the simplicity and goodwill of Thanksgiving. How can we help them return to that sweet spot? Luckily, there is Giving Tuesday which can bring us all back. What can we do with our kids this Tuesday (and any other date on the calendar that ends in “day”) in order to give back? Here are just a few ideas. **1. Let someone else go first.** Open the door for them. Let them in your lane. Do their chore at home. Wait patiently...without complaining. This is so counter cultural for us. “You first and me second” is a great gift to give. **2.**

Listen....really listen. This is giving our ears away. Life is busy and hectic and we have a thousand things to do. Do we hear what our kids are telling us? Do we hear what our spouses or parents are telling us? Do we even hear what our bodies and emotions are telling us? Taking the time to listen allows us to realign our priorities. Are we listening? **3. Speak kind words.** Thank you. Please. Great idea. We miss you. We love you. I noticed. You mean lots to us. You make a difference to me. I could not have done it without you. I’m sorry. Please forgive me. I blew it. Others around us may be waiting for those life changing words to come from our lips. Don’t hesitate to give them away. **4. Give to a cause that means a lot to you.** It could be money. It could be time. It could be giving your stuff to them. (They probably could use it more and better than you do.) Realistically, we probably have enough....of everything. Why not give to a cause that needs you and your resources? Giving is simply another way of

saying “thank you” to a person or cause that made a difference in you and to you. As a school family, we always want to help our kids know how to be givers and not just takers. Tuesday is a great opportunity to do just that.

Mr. Maness, Principal

School Improvement Council

The votes are in!!! The following parents received the most votes for our first ever Cherry Park School Improvement Council: Matt Blackston, Riley Leitner, Elizabeth Lowery, Brooke Nies, Leigh Threatt, Carl Thompson and Elizabeth Williams. Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, November 27 at 6:30 PM** in the Sullivan Professional Development Room near the Cherry Park school entrance. (Look for the doors below the white arch on the right.)

Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO serves to raise funds, coordinate volunteers and encourage teachers through appreciation activities. This group will meet **on tomorrow, Monday, November 26** at 6:30 PM to begin organization efforts. We encourage all parents to come and participate. We will meet in the Sullivan Professional Development Room near the Cherry Park entrance. (Look for the doors below the white arch on the right.)



We Need Painters

We need help painting one accent wall in each of our fourth and fifth grade classrooms (11 total). (This work falls in the “above and beyond expectations” category of our normal maintenance efforts in the district.) With lots of hands, it won’t take long to do this. We can make the rooms available in the morning, afternoon, evening or on a Saturday. If you are interested in pitching in, email Mr. Maness at pmaness@rhmail.org and let him know when you might be available. If you are a part of a group who would want to do some of this as a community service project, we welcome you to invite others to come and help. We can supply the paint, brushes, and dropcloths. We would love to accomplish this by our Open House date of December 12 if possible.



Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Please mark your calendars for our **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 12**. We want to celebrate the opening of our new school. Feel free to invite your family and friends. This will be followed by our **Open House from 6:00-7:30 PM**. At our Open House, you can tour the school, visit your child's classroom, and ask questions. Our Nurse, Challenger Directors, Cafeteria Manager, Transportation Staff and Office Staff will be readily available to help you in any way needed.

Got Questions?

Please don't forget that you can ask them at our [Transition Survey](#) site. These are being collected and will be answered on our FAQ page on our school website.

Calendar Dates

November 26-30 Teachers Packing Up First Load
November 26—6:30 PM First PTO Meeting in Sullivan PD Room
November 27—6:30 PM First SIC Meeting in Sullivan PD Room
November 30—Rock Hill Christmas Parade
December 1—Reindeer Romp (Girls on the Run 5K)
December 3-7 Teachers Setting Up Classrooms
December 6—6:00-8:00 PM School of Choice Fair at Central Office
December 10-14 Teachers Finish Setting Up and Kids Visit
December 12—5:30 PM Cherry Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; 6:00-7:30 PM Open House; 4th and 5th Graders Visit CP
December 13—2nd and 3rd Graders Visit CP
December 14—Kindergarten and 1st Graders Visit CP; 9:00 AM School of Choice Tour at CP for Prospective Parents
December 17-21 All Students and Teachers Wrapping Up in Home Schools
December 17—8:30 AM Community Open House at CP; 6:30 PM School of Choice Tour at CP for Prospective Parents
December 21—Half Day for Students
January 4, 2019—Teacher Workday
January 7, 2019—First Student Day at CPES