

# Cumberland Elementary

## Parent Council Event Descriptions and Helpful Parent Information

Welcome to Cumberland!

Whether this is your first year or you are back for more, we're glad to have you! Please take a minute to check out this one-stop source to learn about parent council events, general information, and volunteer opportunities.

### Cumberland Parent Council Facebook Page



Please join us by searching “Cumberland Parent Council” on Facebook and request to join our page. This is where we do our best to provide quick reminders and updates of everything Cumberland related... from the lunch menu, to picture day, to last minute volunteer requests.

### Cumberland Parent Council Webpage



You can visit our webpage on the Cumberland Elementary Website under the “Parents” tab, and going to “Parent Council”. This is where you can find copies of the PC Calendar, Minutes from the Meetings, and other Miscellaneous information that you may find helpful.

### Parent Council Kick Off Coffee



Held as the school day begins in August, the parent coffee provides an opportunity for parents who are new to Cumberland to learn about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and to meet new people. It is also a great time for parents who have been at Cumberland to reconnect as well as hear an update about what's going on. School administrators as well as parent council board members are available to answer questions. A light breakfast and coffee and pastries are served. Children are also welcome.

### Room Parent Orientation



A meeting held by the Room Parent Chair, Parents who have volunteered to serve as room parents in their child's classroom receive instruction for the year. In addition, parents receive an informative guidebook and are able to share ideas and help each other with planning.

## Staff Appreciation Lunches



Parent Council provides lunch for Cumberland staff each quarter to express gratitude for their service to their students. Parents interested in helping may be asked to contribute a dish or help with set-up and clean-up. A "Sign up" is usually emailed or posted on our Parent Council Facebook Page.

## Parent Council Meetings



Held in the staff meeting room behind the front office, parent council meetings occur once a month (Wednesdays at 11:45 - see calendar for dates) and are open to all Cumberland parents. Parents are encouraged to attend and receive current information about Cumberland and Parent Council sponsored activities.

## Box Tops



Box Tops are found on hundreds of different General Mills Products. They are cut out and collected by parents at home and are turned into your child's teacher twice a year. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents that will go straight to their classroom. Collection dates are in October and February.

## Family Math Night



Held on a Friday in the fall-- usually in September-- Family Math Night is a fun, interactive, math-based event for your family. Activities scattered throughout the building include math-based games and puzzles. Your Cumberland student won't even realize he/she is learning!

## Scholastic Book Fairs



Held in the fall and spring, the Scholastic book fair comes to Cumberland and offers books for sale at discounted prices. Students have opportunities during the school day as well as after school and on certain evenings to shop. Parents are able to send in money with their child or accompany him/her during book fair hours. Opportunities to purchase books for individual classrooms are also available.

## International Walk to School Day



Each year Cumberland encourages students to participate in the International Walk to School Day in early October. Students (and parents) are invited to meet at various predetermined locations to walk as groups. Those who are unable to walk are encouraged to ride the bus. All students are rewarded with a healthy snack as they arrive at the school.

## International Family Art Night



In early February, families are invited to an interactive evening celebrating art and the creativity behind it. Children fill the gym, moving freely between stations where they make a variety of art projects. These make-and-take projects have an international flair as they relate to cultures and nations from around the world. In the past we've had entertainment guests such as unicyclists, magicians, dancers, etc.

## Library Birthday Week



Usually scheduled for mid-March, Library Birthday Week offers students an opportunity to help the library celebrate its "birthday" by purchasing books as a class and/or as a family.

## Spring Carnival



Every April, Cumberland is transformed into a wonderland of fun! This evening activity for the whole family features carnival games and activities tucked into every corner of the school, including (new in 2018 OUTSIDE), Subway sandwiches for dinner, and a raffle for gift packages donated by the community. Tickets for dinner and snacks can be purchased prior to the event or throughout the evening. Games and activities are free. Some of the carnival highlights include bounce houses and a magic show.

\* See the Parent Council calendar for current dates and times of events.

\*\*Contact Parent Council Volunteer Coordinator to inquire about volunteering for any of these events!