



## Cornelius Elementary PTO

### NEWSLETTER

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**The CES PTO Auction Experience was a Huge Success!** A massive thank you to everyone who participated in this fun and impactful event to support our CES students and teachers. Together, we raised an incredible **\$8,241.73!** Every penny will go directly towards enhancing the educational experience at Cornelius Elementary. Way to go, Cougar families! We'd also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our local business sponsors, CES family sponsors, and dedicated teachers. A special shoutout to our parent volunteer and PTO Executive Board member, Holly Sun, for her outstanding leadership in spearheading The Auction Experience!

Thank you all for your support! Let's keep making great things happen for our school!

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**Get ready for the Cougar Dash!** On Friday, **October 11th**, the Cornelius Elementary PTO will host our biggest fundraiser of the year, and every student is invited to join in the fun! Funds raised during this event help support essential programs like teacher grants, classroom projects, STEM initiatives, and educational enrichment that benefit all students. Students are invited to customize their Cougar Dash Fundraiser Pages through Schoolfundr by visiting [the website](#) by October 7th. We will use the Schoolfundr website exclusively to collect online donations this year. Students can share their personal website with friends and family. Don't worry! Cash and check will still be collected on the October 18th collection date.

- We believe that **EVERYONE** can contribute to making our school great! So, we encourage friends and family to come out and cheer on our students during the Cougar Dash. Wear your CES exclusive shirts and bring your homemade signs to show your support from the sidelines! If you would like to volunteer, [sign up here!](#)

Let's aim for 100% participation! Together, we can make a difference for our school community. We can't wait to see everyone there!

- Grades K, 1st, and 2nd run at 9:30am.
- Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th run at 10:00am.
- All donations are due by our collection date of October 18th.

**RAISE MONEY. RUN FAST. WIN PRIZES!**

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**Show your Cougar pride with our exclusive Cornelius Elementary spirit wear!** These shirts are a must-have for every proud CES family and are perfect for the Cougar Dash Fun Run and all our school events. By purchasing spirit wear, you're directly supporting our students and teachers! Orders are fulfilled weekly by our amazing parent volunteers and will be delivered to your student's homeroom teacher. We appreciate your patience as we process each order. Quantities and sizes are limited, so don't miss out—show your Cougar spirit and [buy yours today!](#)

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**Hungry Howie's Spirit Night** is **tomorrow, Thursday, October 3rd**. Every month, Hungry Howies will donate 10% of their sales between 4pm-9pm to CES. No matter how you slice it, taking a break from the kitchen and supporting CES PTO is a delicious deal!

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The Cornelius PTO extends a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to **El Toro Mexican Grill** for hosting our first CES PTO Community Night! Thanks to their support and our wonderful CES families, we raised an incredible \$800! We had an amazing turnout, and everyone had a fantastic time! Let's continue to show our appreciation for El Toro by supporting them whenever we can. Your support makes a difference!

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Let's make this year the best year yet! [Visit our PTO website](#) to easily access your teacher's **Amazon Wish List** or **Donors Choose** project links. This is an impactful way to support your child's classroom needs.

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**New sign-in procedures are in place for all CMS schools.** *ALL* guests are to sign in at the Lobby Guard Station, and then **SHOW ID** to the front desk staff before receiving their stickers/passes. Thank you for your patience as these new CMS required procedures are put into practice. They are for the safety of all students.

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**Re-Link your VIC Card!** Earning money for CES has never been easier! Harris Teeter Together in Education gives money back to our school! Customers can link their VIC cards on the Harris Teeter website or app, or simply ask your cashier to link your card to our school account at checkout, using our school's 4-digit code, 1910. As in previous years, all accounts must be [re-linked](#) each school year, to ensure continued support for CES!

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