



# CNS NEWS

October 2016



## New School Year~New Look~New Opportunities

### Hello CNS Family & Friends!

This is your NEW & IMPROVED CNS newsletter. Since the beginning of this new school year several committees have formed. One of which is the **Communications Committee**. This committee will be meeting on a monthly basis with the primary goal of improving overall communication between CNS, families, friends, alumni, teachers, and operational staff. We hope this new version of the newsletter will be more informative than ever before.

Also in the "new" newsletter, from time to time we will be featuring articles written by our very own students as well as educational information and other points of interest.

Oh...and we promise to keep everyone in-the-know with our **EVENTS** section which will feature local community events as well as our great Carbondale New School events.

Ok...and I know you are now thinking, "WOW, that communication committee sounds like so much fun...I wish I was on a committee, too!" Well don't you fret...you too can jump on board with any of our committees. We always welcome new people, new talents, and new ideas. Check out the "**Committees Forming Now**" section in this issue. Contact the CNS office at 618-457-4765 to sign up for any of the committees you would like to be a part of. Here's the best part: Serving on a committee will not only allow you to have a hand in making Carbondale New School better, you also can quickly earn those volunteer hours.

**So, don't miss out on the fun...  
JOIN a CNS committee TODAY!**



Don't forget to check your mailbox for important CNS info!



Get Your Carbondale New School PENCILS!

They are in the lobby and can be yours for a donation amount of your choice!



Be the envy of your friends & show CNS spirit by sporting a CNS sticker on your car, truck, camper, boat, etc. ON SALE NOW in the office ONLY \$3.00



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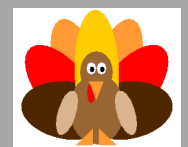
### OCTOBER

- 18<sup>th</sup>—Panera Fundraiser 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup>—Diversity Committee Meeting 3:30 p.m.
- 21<sup>st</sup>—Pre K/Kindergarten Field Trip to Bandy's Pumpkin Patch
- 26<sup>th</sup>—Locally Grown Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup>—Parent & Playground Education: Compassionate Communication 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup>—Finance & Development Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- 31<sup>st</sup>—Oktoberfest—1:30-2:15 p.m. with classroom parties immediately following.



### NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup>—Fundraising Committee 5:00 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>—Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup>—NO SCHOOL—VETERAN'S DAY
- 11<sup>th</sup>—Curriculum Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup>—Communication Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup>—NO SCHOOL—Institute Day (End of 1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>—THANKSGIVING FEAST—Noon Dismissal—NO Childcare
- 23-25<sup>th</sup>—NO SCHOOL—HOLIDAY BREAK



Dear Carbondale New School Parents,

The following is a description of the various committees that are needed to help make CNS an even better place than what it already is. Please look through the list to see where your particular expertise or interests can be put to use. To get involved simply attend the next meeting of the committee(s) you are most interested in. You will be able to meet other interested parents and share your ideas and talents. You can also reach out to the parent Committee Chair to get additional information and to volunteer your services.

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**Diversity Committee:**

This is a brand new committee proposed & led up by current CNS board member, Dong Han. In Mr. Han's words, "this committee would be us getting to know ourselves better". We would meet directly after school & involve the students in discussions on diversity, mediation, bullying & issues both in our school and within the greater Carbondale community. This group will assist the students in celebrating our differences, address problems/concerns & come up with action plans.

**PEOPLE NEEDED:** To help support the group and gather student/parent interest.

**CHAIR:** Dong Han, [donghanuiuc@gmail.com](mailto:donghanuiuc@gmail.com)

**FACULTYCONTACT:** Chad [uccchad1@hotmail.com](mailto:uccchad1@hotmail.com)

**Next Meeting:** October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM

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**Lights Fantastic Parade Committee:**

It's that time of year again. The Lights Fantastic Parade is Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM in Carbondale. We are looking for someone to chair the committee.

*Want to get into the decorating mood?*

**Faculty Contact:**

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**Fundraising Committee:**

Focuses on current fundraising efforts. This group is a central & critical piece of our tuition plan. Their efforts fund the school from alternative sources to keep our tuition costs lower. Think Box Tops, recycling, ink jet recycling, Kroger, restaurant/store purchasing days, etc.

Also...

**EBay SPECIALIST NEEDED:** This group needs someone who is interested in selling some items on EBay to turn into new things for the school.

**Chair:** Liz De Runtz, [lizderuntz@gmail.com](mailto:lizderuntz@gmail.com)

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**Buildings & Grounds Safety Committee:**

Focuses on:

- issues related to hazards & makes recommendations for remediation
- current building, grounds & classroom facilities
- develops a long-term plan for implementation of strategic goal #1 in the "Strategic Plan".

Buildings & Grounds is an interactive group focused on working, rather than meeting. If you have carpentry, handyman, IT or electrical experience & would like to volunteer your

assistance please come JOIN THE CREW. This group often meets on a spontaneous basis on weekends.

**Current projects include:** installation of new phone & internet lines, addition of security cameras & lights for building exterior, playground safety & beautification, and building winterizing.

**Chair:** Tristan Throgmorton, [tristan@winn-star.com](mailto:tristan@winn-star.com)

**Next Meeting:** January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

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**Curriculum Committee:**

Focuses on developing a process for assessing the current curriculum as well as recommending improvements. This group has begun their work of creating assessments to pinpoint the improvements needed in the curriculum & how to strengthen existing unique programs at CNS. Efforts to revisit the Mission Statement and explanations of our school's independent,

student centered work environment are one of this year's goals.

We'd love to have more parent involvement come to the next meeting

**Contact:** Kirsten Schaper, [kirsten@operanttherapy.com](mailto:kirsten@operanttherapy.com)

**Next Meeting:** November 11<sup>th</sup>-3:15 p.m.

**Locally Grown Committee:**

Locally grown is this year's **DON'T MISS EVENT!**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 2-6 PM**

**RAIN DATE:** Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 2-6 PM

*It is our largest most exciting public event. A festival of kid's fun & music. At Rustle Hill Winery hosted by winery owner, John Patrick Russle, a CNS Alum.*

**~PEOPLE NEEDED IN ALL AREAS OF INTEREST~**

**Primary Coordinator:** Nicole Lence,  
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**Concessions:** Kirsten Shaper,  
[kirsten@operanttherapy.com](mailto:kirsten@operanttherapy.com)

**Next Meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

**Communications Committee:**

Focuses on the development & implementation of internal & external communications. Action Areas:

- **Education**--Student Newspaper/Literary Magazine: Sarah Curtis
- **Publicity**--Press Releases, Community Outreach, Facebook, YouTube
- **Media Relations**--**PEOPLE NEEDED**
- **Grant Writing**-- Focus on establishing external sources of materials & funding: Jen Conwell-Barnes. **PEOPLE NEEDED**, (with or without experience)

- **Internal and Business**--Corporation Newsletter, submissions to Kim Hargraves, [kim.peaceofmymind@gmail.com](mailto:kim.peaceofmymind@gmail.com)
- **Handbook/Policy Updates**--Maryanne Felkins, [maryannefelkins@gmail.com](mailto:maryannefelkins@gmail.com)

**Chair:** Sarah Curtis, [sarcourt19@gmail.com](mailto:sarcourt19@gmail.com)

**Next Meeting:** November 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

**Finance and Development Committee:**

Focuses on long-term development goals in line with future facilities goals.

**Proposed objectives:**

- A. Develop & recommend to the board, the annual CNS budget for upcoming year & revise in fall (if necessary).
- B. Develop & implement plans to raise annual funds from alumni, friends & current CNS families. (These do not include fundraising events, but instead focus on soliciting donations through mail, internet, individual meetings & phone calls.)
- C. Develop financial projections & plans to raise funds to meet the 5-year plan objectives.

D. Recommend salary & tuition for the coming school year. (Has been done by Salary & Tuition Committee in the past.)

E. Advise the Treasurer as needed on monthly financial reports to the board & collection of past-due accounts.

**Treasurer:** Bert Fasnacht

**Faculty Contact:** Kathy,  
[kathy@carbondalenewschool.com](mailto:kathy@carbondalenewschool.com)

**Next Meeting:** October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

Monitors the status of the implementation of the Strategic Plan and provides oversight.

**Contact:** Kathy

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