

Countryside Montessori Charter School

2017-2018 Event Descriptions for Parents

<p>Cougar Cards</p>	<p>Description: The Cougar Card is one of our first biggest fundraisers. The Cougar Card features businesses in our local area that offer discounts on products and services to cardholders. In turn, fundraising with Cougar Card offers a high profit margin for our school. Each CMCS student is required to sell a minimum of 12 cards in their community and other venues. Typically, our families sell much more than the required amount. Exciting incentives are offered each week to everyone that participates.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers collaborate together in soliciting participating business for the card and venues that would provide a space for families to sell the cards to patrons and/or employees. Volunteers (parents) also assist children in selling Cougar Cards.</p>
<p>Back to School Bash</p>	<p>Description: Our Back to School Bash is a fun-filled event where new and returning families meet on our school campus to celebrate the new school year. There will be carnival games, bounce houses and refreshments. Families will pre-purchase wristbands for this event.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers will be asked to assist with setting up and monitoring games, dispensing refreshments, helping with parking, and cleaning up after the event.</p>
<p>Book Fair</p>	<p>Description: The Book Fair is an exciting event where children can peruse and purchase their favorite books. Usually hosted in October, the Book Fair offers a wide and rich variety of literature selection, as well as the latest award-winners and most popular books. At the end of the Fair, CMCS is awarded either a percentage of the revenue or books and educational materials.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers organize this weeklong event at school to create a bookstore-like environment. They sign-up for shifts throughout the week and help students select and purchase their books. They also set-up, pack, and organize the displays.</p>
<p>Great American Teach-In</p>	<p>Description: All children love to hear about the opportunities that await them in their future. Guest volunteers visit the classrooms to talk about their professions and give the students a glimpse into the world of career choices. Many of the volunteers bring interactive props and hands-on material to engage students in active career learning.</p> <p>Volunteers: Visit the classrooms (based on a set schedule) to discuss their careers. Volunteers might also be needed to assist with parking.</p>
<p>Friendship Feast</p>	<p>Description: Students gather as a community and enjoy time spent together while sharing a meal.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers will need be onsite to set up food, serve food and help with clean up after the feast.</p>
<p>Chance to Win</p>	<p>Description: Tickets are distributed for a chance to win a new vehicle. If the maximum number of ticket donations is received, the winner chooses between the vehicle or cash. If the maximum is not received, the winner splits the proceeds with CMCS.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers will be needed to secure donations for Chance to Win.</p>
<p>Cultural Fair</p>	<p>Description: The Cultural Fair is a signature event for CMCS. Each year, we decide on a school-wide theme. Students research topics related to the theme and prepare a research project about their topics.</p> <p>Volunteers: All parents are invited to come and listen to the students as they present their projects and research. Volunteers might also be needed to set-up, assist during the Cultural Fair, and/or clean up classrooms, as well as to assist with parking.</p>

Holiday Gift Shop	<p>Description: Students will have the opportunity to do their own holiday shopping for their family and friends at CMCS's Holiday Gift Shop. A plethora of gifts will be available for four days. The students love selecting and purchasing items by themselves and surprise family and friends with their generosity.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers help organize this four-day event at school to create a Holiday Gift Shop environment. They work in shifts throughout the four-day period and help students select, purchase, and wrap their gifts. They also set-up, pack-up, and organize the displays.</p>
Musical Performance	<p>Description: The Musical Performance is one of the most exiting events of the year. This event is to showcase what our students have practiced for the past few months during music class. The event is held at the Wesley Chapel Center for the Arts.</p> <p>Volunteers: Parents will be required to provide a costume for their student. All parents are invited to come and enjoy the show. Volunteers might also be needed to assist with set and prop building/preparation.</p>
Donuts with Dad & Muffins with Mom	<p>Description: These are two of the most heartwarming events of the year. These events are designed especially for Dad and/or Mom. If parents are not able to attend, another significant person in the student's life is invited. Parents are invited on their respective day to have snack/breakfast with their child and spend time in the classroom while actively participating in their child's learning.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for set up, serve food, and clean up for both of these events. Food and paper good donations will also be requested for these events.</p>
Butterfly Auction	<p>Description: The Butterfly Auction is our second biggest fundraiser of the year. This gala evening event is for adults only. Parents and their invited guests come to enjoy an amazing party which includes an exquisite dinner, dancing, bidding, and many opportunities to win amazing prizes. In preparation for this event, CMCS parents donate a wide variety of items such as Disney tickets, Rays/Bucs tickets, vacation packages, service and retail packages, and much more. The highlight of the evening is the LIVE auction, which showcases items created by the children. The purpose of this event is to raise money for the immediate needs of the school.</p> <p>Each CMCS family is responsible for purchasing or selling 2 tickets. Many parents invite family, friends, and/or colleagues and reserve a table.</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers in this committee help in various roles throughout this event (e.g., at home projects, set-up, admission, greeters, recordkeeping, etc.). Volunteers help put together classroom baskets, as well as the classroom art projects.</p>
Teacher Appreciation Week	<p>Description: Teacher Appreciation Week is a time to celebrate the contributions and the impact that teachers and staff have made in the students' school life. CMCS teachers and staff work tirelessly throughout the year to ensure their students have a strong academic foundation and encourage them to be the best they can be. What better way to say thank you than dedicating a whole week to their efforts?</p> <p>Volunteers: Volunteers help plan and coordinate meals and special activities throughout the week. They are also called upon to watch the classrooms during a special luncheon.</p>