Dear Commerce Families,

Last week was a wonderful start to the 2019-2020 school year. We loved seeing so many smiling faces on the first day of school! From our custodians, to our staff, to each of you...THANK YOU to everyone for making the first week such a success!

As we begin the second week of school, we'd like to request your help in building independence and agency in our children. One small way that we do this is by encouraging our students to walk to their classroom by themselves. This helps children view themselves as capable which transfers into the classroom in meaningful ways. Promoting independence empowers children and helps them develop a strong sense of self. With this in mind, we kindly request that parents say good-bye to their children at the bus stop or main entry starting this week. We will have staff on-hand to help kindergartners and new students. If your child is anxious or worried, please just let us know and we'll make sure they get a little extra TLC.

We look forward to seeing parents and guardians at our upcoming Curriculum Nights. This is an important part of our home/school partnership. Teachers will share curricular information, as well as, routines and procedures. Our kindergarten Curriculum Night is this week and Grades 1-5 are next week. We hope to see you there!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. If it’s important to you, it’s important to us!

Sincerely,
Christina Carlin
Proud Principal, Commerce Elementary
Construction Zone!

Due to the roundabout construction at Carroll Lake at Cooley Lake, we anticipate many buses will be running late until the scheduled completion on Sept. 6th. Please allow extra time and drive with caution as we start school. Whenever possible, please use bus transportation. It is safe, convenient, and your child is never tardy when they ride the bus! You can also call the transportation Hotline at 248-956-5199 for information about late buses. This is also a good time for everyone to review bus safety guidelines...check out this video to learn more!

PTA President’s Corner

We hope everyone had a great time at the Commerce Comeback! The PTA is excited to begin another fantastic school year! Thank you to the 157 families and 19 teachers and staff who have already joined the PTA! Your support means the world to us! Not a member yet? No problem! Click here to join now! If you want to sign up for Bagel Days, do it soon! Bagel Day signup ends September 10th! You can sign up for bagels using the same link as membership.

Speaking of kicking things off, our biggest fundraiser of the year, our Color Run, is right around the corner! Our official kickoff assembly for students will be this Tuesday, 9/3. We look forward to everyone's participation in this year's event! There will be tons of fun, great prizes and, most importantly, the funds you raise will help support all of the great programming and projects the PTA does around the school! Top student fundraisers will have some *magical* surprises in store! Check backpacks and our Facebook page for more information soon!

Are you following us on Facebook? That's where we do most of our communication and we suggest not only liking our page but setting up notifications when we post so you don't miss any announcements! Go to www.fb.com/commerceelementarypta and 'like' our page, then click on the "follow" button to "see first"!

There are lots of ways to support our PTA without any cutting, clipping, or donating. Check out all of these great, digital options!
❖ Amazon Smile: Use this link and a portion of your Amazon purchases will come back to our PTA
❖ Box Tops: Download the digital Box Tops app on your phone and start scanning receipts to help us earn extra funds! You can still clip box tops and send those in, too!
❖ Kroger: (This is one of our biggest fundraisers!) Link your Kroger card to the Commerce Elementary PTA and Kroger will donate money to our PTA every quarter! Log into your Kroger account and choose group 83596 as the beneficiary of your Kroger Rewards!

Girls on the Run at Commerce Elementary

Girls on the Run® is dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. GOTR is designed for 3rd to 5th grade girls. GOTR curriculum is taught by certified coaches and includes three parts: understanding ourselves, valuing relationships and teamwork and understanding how we connect with and shape the world at large.

Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. Commerce Elementary’s GOTR team will meet Tuesday/Thursday from 4:00 to 5:15 starting September 16th for 10 weeks. The celebratory 5k will be November 17th at Belle Isle Park. To register visit Commerce Elementary - Girls On The Run Please contact Jill Gallagher at gotrcommerce@gmail.com with any questions.
### Commerce Elementary Arrival/Dismissal Information

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### Communication is Key!

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### Commerce Elementary - Important Links and Resources

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### Every hero starts somewhere.

Join pack 121 in a cub scout open house Sept 14th

10 am - 12pm Commerce Elementary

Meet police, fire, Ems, military personnel & more

Real heroes start here. Heroscouts.org
DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS...THE COMMERCE ELEMENTARY

COLOR RUN
IS SET FOR
Friday, September 27th

THE KICK-OFF ASSEMBLY WILL BE THIS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD’S BACKPACK ON TUESDAY, FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

What is the Color Run?
The Color Run is an annual fundraising event and a honored Cougar tradition! Families raise money by asking for donations. The students get to run around the track in the schoolyard and get sprayed with color. This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year and 100% of the money raised goes directly to the PTA to be spent on our School.

Don’t wait to start collecting money!
Encourage your child to earn a portion of the money. Here are a few ideas to get them started:

- Odd Jobs for parents
- Cutting grandparents grass
- Collecting and returning bottles
- Raking leaves and weeding gardens
- Sell Candy Bars (NEVER go without a parent/guardian)
- Lemonade Stand for neighbors
- Host a car wash
- Sell old toys/clothes
- Walk the neighbors dog

*OK all activities with a parent/guardian first!!

2019 COLOR RUN SPONSORS

Color Run Shirt Sponsor

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Waterford, MI

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Photography
Kim Hoover
Come and support your Commerce Elementary PTA!

Join us at Defy Detroit (located next to Kroger) for an afternoon of jumping, dodgeball, foam pits, basketball, a ninja course and so much more!

**Week Day Pricing**
- 1 Hour $16
- 1.5 Hour $21
- 2 Hour $25
*Price break for children under 7*
*All Jumpers must purchase grip socks for $3*

Defy Detroit will donate 20% of all admission paid, BACK to the PTA*
*MUST BRING FLYER*

**Tuesday**
September 17, 2019
1:00 pm–4:00 pm

*All who enter must sign a waiver. All participants under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by their parent or legal guardian. Waiver may be filled out and signed ahead of time at DefyDetroit.com/waiver*
Yo-Yo! Join us for Fun!

Commerce Pack 227 is recruiting boys and girls grades K-5 for our family Cub Scout Pack! We meet at Multi-Lakes; outdoors in wooded nature, where scouting adventure is around every corner.

We invite your family to check us out on Sat., Sept. 14th 10am - noon at Multi-Lakes Conservation Association, 3860 Newton Rd, Commerce Twp, MI 48382.

Kids who attend will be making their own yo-yo to keep and learning fun yo-yo tricks!

For more information:
commercepack227@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook: @cubscoutpack227

Multi-Lakes Cub Scout Pack 227

Commerce, MI
LAKES AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE
19TH ANNUAL
“TASTE OF THE LAKES”

OCTOBER 1ST, 2019

RAFFLE
SILENT AUCTION
DOOR PRIZE
CASH BAR

5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
EDGEOOOD COUNTRY CLUB

FUNDRAISER IS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY’S YOUTH AND FAMILIES. HELP US IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD NEGLECT, ABUSE AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Enjoy Great Food from Local Restaurants & Visit with Representatives from Local Schools, Courts, Municipalities, and Law Enforcement Agencies.

In Need of Silent Auction Donations & Sponsors

*** For more information email us at: LAYA@wlcso.org ***
Or call us at 248-956-5070

$25 PER TICKET IN ADVANCE
$30 AT THE DOOR
WALLED LAKE NORTHERN
DANCE CLINIC

DATE: Thursday, September 12, 2019
CHECK-IN: Begins at 4:30pm
CLINIC: 5:30 - 7:00pm @ WLN Aux Gym (performance to follow)
PERFORMANCE: WLN JV Football Game Halftime (WLN Football Field)
   JV game will begin following the freshman game. Halftime show will begin around 7:15pm
COST: $30 (includes t-shirt, snack, & dancer’s stadium entrance fee)

Calling all dancers grades 1st-8th! The Walled Lake Northern Dance teams can’t wait to see you at our annual clinic! WLN dancers will lead participants through an engaging two-hour clinic. Participants will learn a fun, upbeat routine to perform alongside of the WLN dancers during halftime of the WLN JV Football game. Immediately following the clinic, participants will take the field to perform! We welcome family and friends to come watch our special halftime show! Game admission fee is $5 per spectator.

DRESS CODE: Leggings/dance pants, jazz shoes/tennis shoes, hair pulled back (performance t-shirts will be distributed at clinic)

SNACK: Snack (nut-free) will be provided. Please bring a water bottle.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL: pomboosterswln@gmail.com

Please bring this form, along with $30 (cash or check to WLN Pom), to clinic registration. **Please note any allergies/medical concerns on the back of this form.**

DANCER NAME: ____________________________ GRADE: __________

CURRENT SCHOOL ATTENDING: _______________________________________

NAME OF DANCE STUDIO (if applicable) ________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________

Can we email you about future WLN clinics/performance (circle one): YES / NO

CELL PHONE NUMBER (for emergency contact) _____________________________

PARENT SIGNATURE: ________________________________________________