## Important Dates

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| Tuesday, September 10th     | **Curriculum Nights:**
|                             | 5:45 p.m. - 1st Grade                                                  |
|                             | 6:15 p.m. - 3rd Grade **Note Time Change**                             |
|                             | 7:15 p.m. - 5th Grade                                                  |
| Wednesday, September 11th   | **Curriculum Nights:**
|                             | 6:00 pm - 2nd Grade                                                   |
|                             | 6:45 pm - 4th Grade                                                   |
| Tuesday, September 17th     | **Half-Day of School**
|                             | 12:25 Dismissal
|                             | Professional Development Afternoon for Staff                          |
|                             | Defy Fundraiser (1-4) - Must Bring Flyer (pg. 5)                      |
| Wednesday, September 18th   | **PTA Meeting** 7:00 pm - Media Center                                |
| Thursday, September 19th    | Salad Bar Day!                                                        |
| Friday, September 20th      | **WLN Homecoming Parade**
|                             | 5:00 pm                                                              |
| Monday, September 23rd      | Fall Picture Day                                                      |

### Attention 3rd Grade Parents/Guardians:

Please note the following change to our 3rd Grade Curriculum Night plans.

**6:15 - 6:25pm** - **Meet in the Media Center** with Ms. Carlin and Mrs. Dunphey for a brief presentation about the **3rd Grade Reading Law** which impacts your child.

**6:30 - 7:00pm** - **Curriculum Night** in your child’s classroom

If you are unable to arrive at 6:15pm, we will offer our presentation again at 7:05pm. We'd like ALL 3rd grade parents/guardians to attend the overview of the 3rd Grade Reading Law. Thank you for your support!

Dear Commerce Families,

We had another great week full of new friendships and learning! We also had our kindergarten Curriculum Night on Wednesday. THANK YOU to the parents and guardians who attended. We understand how busy our families are and appreciate your time. If you were not able to join us, please contact your child's teacher and be sure the review the handouts provided.

Teachers in Grades 1-5 are looking forward to their Curriculum Nights this week. Please see above for specific dates and times. Curriculum Nights are an important component of a strong home/school partnership. We hope to see you there! Please Note: Our Curriculum Nights are for parents/guardians only due to space constraints in our classrooms. If you must bring your children, please make a plan for keeping them busy in the hallway outside their classroom. :)

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
**Important Reminder:** We have several children at Commerce who are vulnerable to contagious illnesses. These brave Cougars are fighting leukemia or Spinal Muscular Atrophy. We can help them stay healthy and strong in a few very simple ways...

- Talk with your child about the importance of proper hand washing.
- Teach your child to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze (and wash their hands).
- Notify the Main Office immediately if your child has a contagious illness like chicken pox, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza (the flu), and more.
- Most importantly, have your child stay home from school if they are sick.

Together, we can show that Commerce cares about these brave Cougars. On behalf of these special families and their medical teams, I thank you for your support and compassion.

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**Calling all Future Knights!**

**Join Us for the WLN Homecoming Parade!**

**Friday, September 20th at 5:00pm**

Current Commerce kids are invited to participate in the WLN Homecoming Parade on September 20th! Students will receive a free "Future Knight" t-shirt (which will also get them into the Homecoming game for free)! Come join the fun! **Please CLICK HERE to let us know you're coming.** If you change your mind, that’s okay. WLN is just trying to plan accordingly and have the correct number of t-shirts available.

Please meet near the North entrance at 5:00pm (near the picnic tables). Each school will gather near their school sign and march in the parade with the band, king and queen, and class floats!

Please join us for a night of fun and school pride!

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**PTA President’s Corner**

- Our school year is in full swing and so is our PTA programming! We had a great Color Run kickoff assembly on Tuesday and look forward to everyone’s participation in this, our biggest fundraiser of the year! Ask your kids to tell you about the special surprise at the end of the assembly! It was "magical"! We hope you will join us on Friday, September 27th for the Color Run. Look for more details and volunteer signups as we get closer to the event!

- Before the Color Run happens, we have our first PTA fundraiser of the year! Join the PTA at Defy on Tuesday, September 17th. From 1-4pm, Defy will donate 20% of sales back to our school! This is a half day and a great opportunity to hang out with friends while supporting the PTA! Flyers will come home next week - make sure to have this handy so our school can get credit for your admission!

- Our first PTA meeting of the year is coming up soon! Join the PTA board along with friends old and new as we kick things off on Wednesday, September 18th at 7pm in the Media Center. Learn about things we have planned for the upcoming year! Haven't joined the PTA yet? No problem! **Click here to join now!**

- Bagel Day signup ends September 10th! **Click here** to sign up before it's too late! We will not be able to accept late or single day signups!

- 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 all of your Amazon purchases will benefit 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!
Mrs. Entwistle needs help in the library three mornings a week - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for about an hour starting at 9:00am. You will be checking in books and putting them away on the shelves. No experience necessary! Please email tinaentwistle@wlcsd.org if you can help. Thank you!

## Commerce Elementary Arrival/Dismissal Information

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The Western Oakland County Parenting Education Fair is coming to Walled Lake Northern High School on Saturday, November 2, 2019. We are very excited to have Brooks Gibbs joining us this year as our keynote speaker! Topics include managing social media with your child, reducing stress and anxiety, strategies to help you with a child with ADHD, nutrition, character building, planning for college, and more. Child care is available for a reasonable cost ($3 for one child, $5 per family) and includes entertainment and lunch. Lunch for conference participants will be available for purchase from local food trucks during the event. Please learn more about our keynote speaker, Brooks Gibbs, by watching: [The Resilient Parenting Style](#) and register online to attend. Registration is $15 per person or $25 per person at the door the day of the event.

## 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](#)
COLOR RUN
IS SET FOR
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

INFORMATION PACKETS WERE SENT HOME ON TUESDAY. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

A FEW FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How much money would you like us to donate?
Every year we get this question and every year we struggle with how to answer it. Our most sincere answer is that it would be wonderful if every Commerce family made a donation of “something” in any amount. Likewise, we ask that you look over your family budget and make the most generous donation that your family is able to afford. All students receive a t-shirt and a tattoo for this event and donations help cover over $50,000 worth of PTA events and services. Keep in mind that this is our largest fundraiser of the year and your donation determines which events and activities we can pay for each year. We also have several school improvement needs that we would like to implement. Our pavilion, ninja warrior play structure and playground shed are all a prime example of your hard earned dollars at work!

Do you give prizes to my children for collecting pledges?
Yes! Any child that turns in their envelope with ANY DOLLAR amount donation will receive his/her FIRST PRIZE...A “Make Magic Happen” Bookmark
Additional PRIZES below:
$35+ → Magic Finger Trap
$65+ → Magic Coin Trick
$100+ → Magic Deck Of Cards
$150+ → Magic Show and snacks w/Ms. Carlin
$250+ → Student gets to toss color onto Ms. Carlin, Mrs. Dunphey AND Mrs. Dubay

Students receive prizes in every level they achieve!

Can we come watch our child?
Yes, please do! Meet us behind the school and feel free to bring the entire family! Class schedules will be sent via email, posted on our webpage and on our Facebook page the week of the event.

2019 COLOR RUN SPONSORS

An Ultimate Sound
TAMMA CAPITAL
2019 COLOR RUN SPONSORS

Epley Custom Design

AMSC Medical Supplies

Mega
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*

*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*
IS YOUR DAUGHTER INTERESTED IN JOINING GIRL SCOUTS?

FRIENDS TODAY.
CHANGE-MAKERS
TOMORROW.

Become a Girl Scout.
JOIN NOW

For Kindergarten Girls: Parents should attend an informational meeting in the Commerce Gymnasium on **Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30pm**. If you can’t make the meeting, please email Michelle Brandon at gstroop76314@yahoo.com for information about how to join the Kindergarten Daisy Troop.

For all other levels: please contact the troop leader directly with questions about how to register your daughter.

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G.I.R.L.
go-getter / innovator / risk-taker / leader

POWERED BY GIRL SCOUTS
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!

Multi-Lakes
Cub Scout Pack 227

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

Commerce, MI
LAKES AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE
19th Annual
“Taste of the Lakes”
OCTOBER 1st, 2019

5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
EDGEOWOOD 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@wlcsd.org ***
Or call us at 248-956-5070

$25 PER TICKET IN ADVANCE
$30 AT THE DOOR