

## **April 2018 Kendrick Lakes Elementary PTA Newsletter:**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> –**

**Talent Show Practice - 3:00PM - 4:00PM**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> –**

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**April 13<sup>th</sup> –**

**Talent Show Assembly - 1:00PM**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> –**

**PTA Spaghetti and Spelling 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> –**

**PTA Chipotle Community Night – 4:00pm – 9:00pm**

**145 UNION BLVD STE 103, LAKEWOOD, CO 80228**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> –**

**Day without Hate Assembly - 8:30am**

**Early Release Day – 12:15pm**

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### **Spaghetti and Spelling!**

Join us for fun filled activities supporting all aspects of literacy, pre-k to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Activities will be hands-on and will incorporate a variety of learning experiences. Spaghetti dinner will be served! We will have a featuring guest author, Denise Vega. You won't want to miss out. Fun for the whole family! 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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### **April PTA meeting**

We will not be having a formal April PTA this month. Instead, please join us for Spaghetti and Spelling on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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## Save the date! Mom's & Muffins

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am-8:00am in the KLES Gym. Start your day off with delicious donuts and put a smile on your child's face. KLES PTA will serve donuts, fruit, coffee & juice! Hope to see you there!

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## News from the PTA Legislative Committee -

The CO PTA establishes legislative priorities each year. In 2018, the CO PTA top priorities are (1) education quality and equity and (2) health and safety. Inclusive in those priorities is the issue of school finance and funding.

What is happening with school funding in CO and in Jeffco?

1. The legislature will release state budget projections and there is an expected surplus. Dr. Jason Glass, Jeffco School Superintendent, is urging residents to call their legislators and ask them to vote to use the surplus for school funding. For more information on the general fund revenue forecast, how to find your legislators and their contact information, and sample scripts when you do call, go to: <https://kidsmattertoo.org/>
2. Initiative 93 is a statewide initiative put forth by Great Schools Thriving Communities. It seeks to change the CO Constitution so an additional \$1.6 billion is added to school funding through a progressive income tax increase on CO filers making over \$150,000 annually and on corporate taxes. Currently, Great Schools Thriving Communities is getting the required number of signatures on petitions all over the state. If Initiative 93 gets on the ballot in November AND passes by 55% of the vote, it could mean an additional \$120-\$160 million for Jeffco schools. For more information on Initiative 93, to sign the petition, or to volunteer, go to: <http://www.greatschoolsthivingcommunities.org/>
3. A mill levy override and bond are other options for Jeffco to obtain additional funding for schools. A mill levy override allows schools to get an additional 25% more in funds on top of state funding. A bond is a request from voters for the school district to borrow money for construction purposes (which includes building improvements and improvements to safety and security systems) and then voters pay off the loan over a period of time. If a mill levy and bond go on the ballot in November, each will need 50% of the vote to pass. Is 2018 the right year to ask voters for a mill levy override and bond? Will the community support it? (In 2016, a mill levy and bond failed to pass 53-47 and 54-46, respectively).

Dr. Jason Glass, Jeffco School Superintendent, is holding community meetings to discuss these school district finance issues. The final meeting is Tuesday, April 3rd @ 6pm-7:30pm @ Conifer High School.

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**Don't forget the easy ways to support KLES PTA and school all year round! King Soopers/Safeway Cards are available, grab yours before school gets out for summer. These funds contribute to events and programs for the kids for the entire school year. Let us know if you need a card at [KLESPTA@gmail.com](mailto:KLESPTA@gmail.com).**



*Use a reloadable Kings Soopers gift card at any Kings Soopers or Loaf and Jug filling station for groceries or fuel. EVERYTIME you shop and refill your gift card designated for KLESPTA, King Soopers donates 5% of all funds for Kendrick Lakes PTA! Pick up your card and re load all year round.*



*Use reloadable Safeway gift card designated for KLESPTA and Safeway will donate 5% for every \$500 loaded! Pick up your card and re load all year round!*



*When you shop on Amazon, go to [Smile.amazon.com](https://Smile.amazon.com) and choose to support Kendrick Lakes PTA. A percentage of your purchase will come back to KLES PTA! Easy Peasy!*

*All funds support KLES PTA activities such as Family Movie Night, Community Breakfasts, Teacher Appreciation, Daughter Dance, Son Bowling, Classroom Technology, After School Activities...and much more!*

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