
CHEVY CHASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

September 23, 2014

Dear Town Council Members,

On behalf of the Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA, we would like to request a donation of \$1,195 for our annual Fall Festival.

This donation will be specifically used for the school's fall hayride.

Attached you will find the contract for this event provided by Harman's Hayrides and Carriages. A break down of this event's costs includes the following:

- \$700 for the first 2 hours of the Fall Festival
- \$200 multiplied by 2 for an additional two hours to cover the entire time of the Fall Festival
- \$95 hauling surcharge

The timing of the school's event will take place on Sunday, October 26th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

By donating the funds for the Chevy Chase Elementary School Fall Festival hayride, it will benefit the Town and its residents by creating a sense of community among neighbors and families attending Chevy Chase Elementary School from other neighboring communities. Families in the Town of Chevy Chase will be given an opportunity to meet other neighbors in a relaxed environment that will inspire communication and give people an opportunity to make connections that would not ordinarily be able to occur. It will also help to strengthen the sense of community around our school and provide a means for neighbors to come together. Teachers and staff will also be invited to this event enabling an opportunity for a stronger relationship to build between the students in our community and the teachers and staff of Chevy Chase Elementary who serve them. There are very few opportunities during the school year where families of the Town of Chevy Chase are given time to interact with teachers and staff who are educating the children of our neighborhood and the surrounding neighborhoods outside of school hours. The Chevy Chase Elementary School Fall Festival

offers one of these rare opportunities for the Town's families. It's events like the Fall Festival that bring families, staff, and teachers together to help build a strong school community.

The Chevy Chase Elementary School Fall Festival takes place once a year on the school grounds usually in late October. All families are invited to attend the fall festival and a small fee is charged to help cover the costs associated with hosting such a school wide event. The CCES PTA provides carnival games, music, food, and moon bounces at this annual event. This year the PTA will work in collaboration with the school to kick off the school food drive at the Fall Festival. The Student Council at Chevy Chase Elementary School will be donating all food collected to a local food bank in our area. The CCES PTA hopes by also having a hayride at this year's fall festival it will encourage more families to attend and increase the likelihood of a successful food drive, opportunities for families to socialize and neighbors to build rapport. By receiving the Town's donation for the hayride, it will help to offset the costs associated with the CCES fall festival and make it possible for the PTA to continue this wonderful tradition in our community.

Thank you for reviewing our request.

Sincerely,
Karoline Shannon and Heather Viera
Chevy Chase Elementary School Fall Festival Co-Chairs
