

# CPSTS AT THE DODGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

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*D. Robinson, September 3, 2021*



The weather was beautiful, and the children were plentiful, as CPSTS supported the Dodge Park Elementary School Community Fair on September 2, 2021. The estimated count of school students and parents totaled more than 300!

Incoming and returning students lined up early to receive information and giveaways of all types. Prince George's County Fire Department, minus the fire truck, which was called to respond to a fire was present, so was the International Rescue Committee (IRC) a global humanitarian aid, relief, development, nongovernmental organization. Prince George's County Public Schools Office of School Health attended with information about required immunizations instructions and the importance of assessing and monitoring your daily health.

There were tables of information on the programs available through the Girl Scouts (no cookies), the Children's Guild, and First Baptist Church of Glenarden. Brighter Bites offered fruits and vegetables along with nutritional advice. Of course, there were backpacks filled with school supplies, hot dog, chips, and cold drinks to go around.

The CPSTS Community Outreach Coordinator could be seen visiting and engaging in conversation at many of the tables. Ms. Robinson inquired about the mission and programs of the Children's Guild and that of the IRC. She learned that the Guild is dedicated to changing the way America educates its children. The student population of the Guild consist of emotionally and behaviorally disabled children and those with autism. The IRC responds to humanitarian crises throughout the world and works with the people impacted to help rebuild their lives. Today, IRC is heavily involved in support of the people of Afghanistan. Ms. Robinson also spoke with many of the parents and students in the crowd.

Our President Bill Taylor and Board Member Carolyn Boston were at the head of the class when it came to handing out giveaways and providing information about our Driver Education Scholarship to parents with eligible older students and to the older siblings that escorted their younger brothers and sisters. We were fortunate to have Mr. Thurman Jones of Patriot Technology Training Center at the table to discuss the upcoming 2021 Transportation Career/Competition to be held November 6th.



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