

CRESS CREEK MOMS & TOTS NEWSLETTER

April 2022

CHAIRMOM'S MESSAGE

Spring is a busy season for my family; I'm sure a lot of you can relate. I often find myself frustrated with the amount of 'stuff' I need to accomplish in a day - driving, cleaning, laundry, meetings, etc. It seems like the to-do list is never-ending, and someone (read: my children) is always adding another event, activity, or practice to the week.

But, at the end of March, my family and I took a trip to Hilton Head, and while there, I was reminded of the immense JOY I find in being my boys' mom.

I found joy in being able to rock my baby to sleep, joy in listening to my big boys laugh until their bellies ache, joy in sitting in the morning sun with a hot cup of coffee while watching them swim like fish. I was reminded of how fleeting this stage of life can be, and how with each passing day they are growing older and more independent.

It's in these unassuming moments, that aren't cluttered with stress or expectations, that I remember I don't have to always finish all the tasks or clean every dish in the sink - life will go on, and the world will still turn...right?!

Because, this is the season I get to enjoy the sunny days at the baseball field, the sounds of their footsteps running up and down the hallway as they battle with nerf guns, the sight of their rosy cheeks and muddy feet after playing in the backyard with friends. This is the season I get to hear stories about days in first grade and share in the excitement of Santa, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy. I won't get this time back. There's no way to ask for a re-do. I was faced with this reality while looking back at photos from our trip to Hilton Head from last year. In this year's photos, each boy looks a little older & a little taller; a reminder that I cannot make time stop.



So, while the to-do lists will never cease, I'm feeling incredibly grateful to hold one of the most important jobs of all, a parent. I'm going to be mindful that while overwhelming at times, my kids are only this age for a short while, and I will enjoy the moments we share together - even if they are occasionally filled with loud yelling and rough-housing.

I want to send a huge THANK YOU to Lauren & Julie for planning, organizing, and hosting a successful Easter Egg Hunt! What a perfect afternoon.

In this month's newsletter, we are recapping the St Patrick's Day 5K, Family Spring Break Adventures, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Check out the Save-the-Date page for upcoming events and the board shares some favorite Amazon finds.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the end of the month for the Cinco de Mayo party.

Until then!
Your friend,
Meghan

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Naperville St. Paddy's Day 5K

Cheers to the runners who braved the freezing cold temps to run in this year's Naperville St. Paddy's Day 5K!



Spring Break!

CCM&T Families traveled far and wide, celebrated milestones here at home, and made great memories no matter where we were!



Monticello in Charlottesville, VA



Pompano Beach, FL



Edward Hospital
(Welcome sweet baby!!)



Vail, CO





Palm Springs, CA



Hilton Head, SC



Fort Worth, TX



Marco Island, FL



Disney



Naperville, IL
(Happy Birthday!!)





Lincoln, NE



Florida



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Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Egg Hunt at Cress Creek Park was a huge success! Beautiful weather, great turnout, and smiles and laughs all around. We have many to thank for making this event possible!

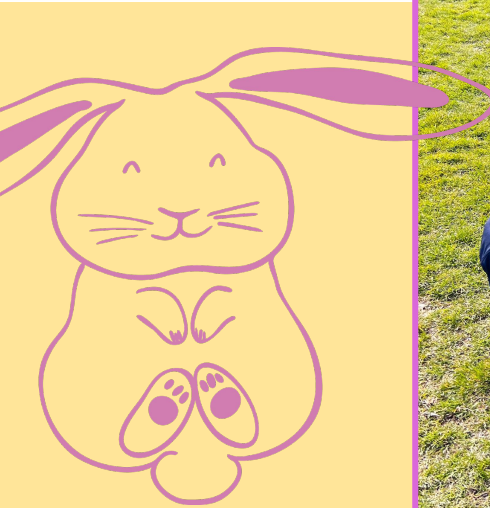
Thanks to all who donated to our philanthropy drive collecting items and monetary donations for Hesus House.

Thanks to our kids event chairs Lauren Voit and Julie Chiu for organizing this event.

Thanks also to Bill White Homes for sponsoring this year's egg hunt.

Finally, thanks to our Easter Bunny extraordinaire for creating some extra Easter joy for all!









March Board Picks: What's in your Amazon cart?

This month, the Board is sharing some of our favorite Amazon finds.

Meghan's Pick:

[Bissell SteamShot Hard Surface Steam Cleaner](#)

If you have white grout, you need this. The Bissell Steamshot helps clean all the dirt and grime that builds up between the tiles. Once you start, you're going to want to clean it all.



Jennie's Pick:

[Portable picnic blanket](#)

Great picnic blanket for soccer games, park play dates, or backyard picnics

Caroline's Pick:

[Mesh Beach Bag](#)

I love these small beach bags for the kids! They can carry them themselves and collect treasures along the way!



Danielle's Pick:

[Cold Brew Coffee Pot](#)

I love cold brew coffee but hate a hefty Starbucks price tag. I keep a pot brewed in the fridge in the summer. Add a splash of sugar free syrup and voilà! Coffee house coffee at home!

Erin's Pick:

Zipper Storage Pouches

I was initially influenced by @BusyToddler to buy these. This is how she organizes her kids' board games, but I've found they are perfect for so much more! Packing odds and ends for travel, organizing craft supplies, grabbing a handful of toys to take to a restaurant, extra outfits for daycare or to keep in the car - they can do it all! Plus, they are so much more durable and reusable than a ziplock.



Lauren's Pick:

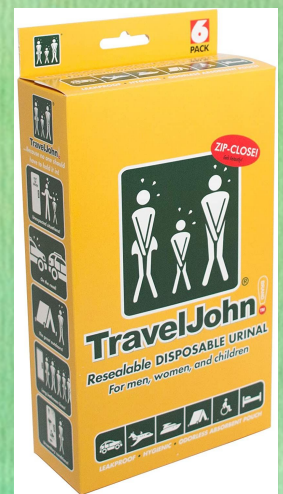
Flour Sack Dish Towels

I am officially boring... but this is my most purchased item on amazon. I use these for kitchen towels on rotation: starts each cycle as a dish drying towel, after that I use it as hand towel while prepping next meal. After next meal I use it to clean up and finally it goes in the wash - out comes the next. We go through several of these a day and it saves tons of paper towels.

Julie's Pick:

Travel John

Kids seem to need to pee at the most inopportune moments, am I right? Enter this brilliant invention that has saved us from several emergency bathroom disasters! Whether you're on long road trips and can't make it to the rest stop/bathroom or can't pull over, are out hiking, camping, or even when you're at Cress Creek Park for soccer practice and the little siblings cannot hold it in anymore, etc., just use this in your car to pee in (no squatting necessary!) and seal it up, and it'll absorb the urine- thus NO smell and NO leaks- and can be reused several times! I keep one in my car and one in my bag. If you have young kids, this is a must-have!



Kathryn's Pick:

Rapid Dash Egg Cooker

This is one of my favorite Amazon purchases and saves me so much time during the week! Plus it comes in lots of pretty colors :)



EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Cinco De Mayo Couples Event	4/30 6:00 PM RSVP HERE	McCoy Home 900 Carlson Ct.
Family Yoga	5/7 4:00 PM RSVP HERE	Cress Creek Park
“Tour de Creek” bike event	5/15 Time TBD	Around Cress Creek
Spring Picnic	5/22 11:30 AM	Cress Creek Park

EVENTS



JOIN US FOR A

COUPLES PARTY
TO
CELEBRATE
CINCO DE MAYO

Saturday, April 30th • 6:00pm
@ 900 Carlson Ct
Coco's Taco Truck • BYOB

The poster features a vibrant design with a purple and yellow sunburst pattern at the top and bottom. The text is centered and framed by a dark border.

Time to fiesta! Come join us as we eat, drink and celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Coco's Tacos will be serving delicious tacos from 6:30-8:30 pm, provided by CCM&T. Guests are asked to BYOB.

[RSVP HERE](#)



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**FAMILY
YOGA**

LED BY CRESS CREEK'S VERY OWN
Meg'n Braida!



SATURDAY, MAY 7

4:00 PM
\$5/FAMILY
CRESS CREEK PARK

Bring the kiddos and a yoga mat and let's have a fun parent-child yoga session!
Ages 0-6. Class will be 45 mins. Sign up on our website!



The poster features a smiling sun icon in the top left and an illustration of a family (two adults and two children) practicing yoga on a green hill. The text is centered and includes the event details.

Who's ready to get their ZEN on with your kiddos! 🧘 Come join us for a 45-minute parent/child session, with CCM&T alum Meg'n Braida!

BYO yoga mats (or just use the grass!) and a water bottle, and let's get ready to exercise and bond with our little ones!

Saturday 5/7 @ 4:00
Cress Creek Park
Only \$5 per family

See you there!! 😍

[RSVP HERE](#)

Spring Park Playdates

Let's get outdoors, enjoy the spring weather, and give our kids (and ourselves!) some time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Please join us for some spring playdates at Cress Creek park. Come to one or all! Can't wait to see you there.

DATE	TIME
Friday, May 6th	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 10th	9:30 AM
Thursday, May 12th	9:30 AM
Friday, May 20th	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 24th	9:30 AM





Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

Emily McMahon
Emily Liszka
Sara Olson
Kaylee Phalon

Tina Miller
Katy Gordon
Dani Muckley

Don't see your birthday listed? Be sure to update your member profile on ccmomsandtots.org to include your birthday so that we can celebrate you in the newsletter!

Welcome New Members!

Nikki Reiser
Carol Cantor

We're so glad you're here!

Cress Creek Commons Swim Team

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN**

CLOSES MAY 9TH

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR SWIMMER(S):

1. Go to www.gocobras.com
2. Click on the "2022 Registration" link
3. Follow the steps on the screen

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Easter Be Full of
Grace and Love!

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Home This Spring?
**Call the Sandy
Hunter Team**



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