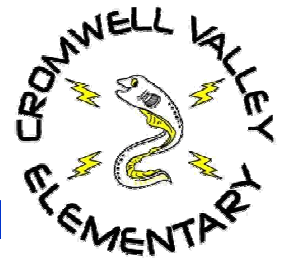


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CVE PTA President's Message

Thank you to all those who attended our first monthly PTA Meeting, and a special thanks to Robin Sherman, our new physical education teacher, for being our 1st guest speaker this year. It was great to get to know her and hear lots of interesting information regarding her program. Next month's meeting features Mrs. Flatko with a presentation on Camp Wo Me To. By now I hope you are settled into the school year routine. One of our goals this year is to make PTA information more accessible and available to the CVE community. The CVE PTA can be found on Facebook, Twitter, and of course on the web at www.cvepta.org. Our Webmaster, Tom Irwin, gave the site a face-lift over the summer so please check it out, and visit frequently! We have some

exciting things planned for the Fall months, so check out the events, mark your calendars, and please join us!

Forms for this year's school directory will be coming home soon. Please complete them ASAP, as we would like to get the Directory out by November 1. Also, please be sure to note the section on receiving PTA information via email.

Email will now be our major source of communication and dissemination of event information, updates, alerts and monthly newsletters.

In addition to being more "green" by limiting the amount of paper being sent home, it saves us a lot of money on copying, stapling, etc that can better be spent on our programs.

We take your privacy seriously and email addresses will not be abused, but simply used to keep you in the loop of relevant

information, newsletters, alerts, and event updates.

If you are unable to provide an email address, hard copies of information sent via email will be available in the letter rack in the school lobby by the fish tank.

Calling all Moms! Grandmothers! Aunts! Dads! Granddads! Uncles! We have not forgotten about you. In cooperation with the National PTA "Bring your Families to School Week", we are moving Muffins for Moms and Donuts for Dads to February 7-11. Mark your calendars! More details to come.

Thank you again for helping to make Cromwell Valley Elementary such a fantastic school!

Jennifer Descoteau
PTA President

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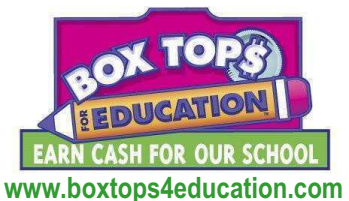
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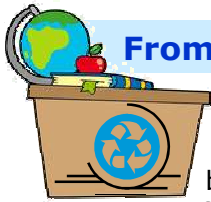
We need your support, it is not too late to join.

Click on the link below.

<http://cvepta.org/membership/>



Log on to the box top web site and order from your favorite stores!



From the Desk of the assistant principal, Christian S. Gromek

Welcome back to school for an exciting 2009-2010 school year.

As we transition back to school from the summer it

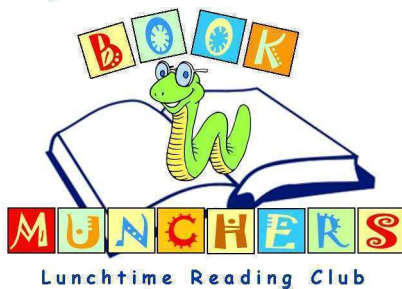
can be difficult adjusting to the new routines of school.

Therefore, **Waste Free Wednesday** will begin on the first week of October.

We are encouraging students to pack a lunch that

utilizes all reusable materials. Additionally, the Green Team after school program will be starting soon as well.

For more information on the after school program contact Angela Middleton



Coming Soon!

Book Munchers Session 1:

Volunteers always welcome to lead a book club discussion during lunch with participating students.

Help Wanted!

We really need Grade Level Coordinators to help organize sessions for each grade (grades 1-4).

Interested?

Please email Indira at ipalanki@yahoo.com



Earn money for the school by supporting the escrip partnership with Safeway. Please see attached flyer for additional information.

To find out more visit <http://www.escrip.com/>.



There is still time to order your tickets for Disney On Ice. The show will be on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 4:30 PM at the First Mariner Arena.

Tickets are \$18 each (regular price \$24). All requests and money must be received by Thursday, October 15.

Questions?

Contact Ashley Brown at Beebles70@aol.com



Thanks to everyone who supported our first Market Day sale! We will be having Market Day Sales through the remainder of the school year. Market Day is a great way to support our school and receive quality food that your family is sure to enjoy. Market Day is pleased to offer Dessert Bonus Days this month with fourteen high quality pies, cheesecakes and individual desserts. When you purchase three desserts, you'll receive a FREE 12 oz bag of coffee! Please look for your November order guide to come home soon or visit <http://www.marketday.com/> to order today. CVE's account number is 27785. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact

Chara Pitarra at cpitarra6@verizon.net or 443-992-3763.



Multicultural Fair

The leaves may be falling, and the weather (finally) cooling off, but before we know it Spring will be here again! And as most of us know, Spring brings our wonderful Multicultural Fair.

This is an annual event that celebrates various cultures with crafts, performances, literature and demonstrations. Its a tradition that is attended by the whole CVE community and loved by all.

We want this year to be as successful as past years. To do so, we need your help - one or two parents are needed to Chair or Co- Chair the Multicultural Fair.

Please contact Ashley Brown (410-337-9596

or Beebles70@aol.com)

immediately with your interest. Please do not let this great event fall to the side!!!



It's time to register your Giant card for the 2009-2010 school year. By linking your card to CVE, our school will earn cash rewards every time you shop at Giant beginning October 9, 2009.

For more information, and to register your Giant card, visit

www.giantfood.com/aplus.

Announcements

****Attention All CVE Volunteers****

CVE volunteers play a vital role in the success of our school. Another important part of that service is tracking your volunteer hours. This year there will be three ways to track your volunteer hours:

- 1. In school** - there is a Volunteer Binder next to the visitor check-in log. Simply find your classroom or PTA section in the binder and list your name, date, event and the number of hours served.
- 2. PTA Website** - go to the PTA website at <http://cvepta.org> and click on "Volunteers." A monthly reminder will also be sent via email to folks who opted to be included in the directory.
- 3. Take home a log sheet from the Volunteer Binder** (or print one from the PTA website) and submit monthly. These forms can be sent into school via your child in an envelope marked Volunteer Hours. A log has been included in this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Liz Yakim at yakimfamily@verizon.net.
Thank you!!



Thank You to all the families who supported the **Sally Foster Fundraiser!** We will have more information on how much we raised shortly. The tentative delivery date is Wednesday, October 14th.



Please save the date for the CVE PTA Bookfair at Barnes & Noble in Towson - Wednesday, December 2 from 4 to 7 PM.



Box Top News

The box top contest ends October 1st. The grade that collects the most box tops will win a party of their choosing. So far we have collected over 5000 box tops.

Please remember that we can also earn box tops if you shop online through the box top marketplace. It is easy, free and includes so many stores. Please check out the website and sign up for the Marketplace. www.boxtops4education.com

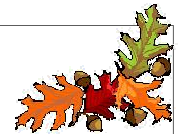
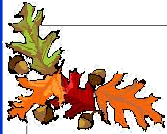


School Banking News

The school banking program has gotten off to a great start this year. SunTrust Bank is managing the program. So far this year we have 40 new savings accounts. A reminder is sent out a few days before each banking day. If you need any further information about school banking or need a new account application please contact Joan McKinley, PTA volunteer. (mark.mckinleydds@verizon.net) Should you have any questions about your account or other accounts offered at SunTrust please contact Cheryl Davis at 410-308-9093.



Mr. Kjer is looking for a place to store scenery from previous performances. If you have a place to store scenery and/or transportation please call Mr. Kjer at 410-887-4888.



October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 End of Box Top Contest	2	3 Digital Dash
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 School is Closed	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Mo. PTA Meeting (Library) 6:30pm	28	29	30 Fall Harvest Festival 6-8 pm	31

Upcoming Events ...

November

- PTA Newsletter 5th
- American Education Week.....15th-20th
- CVE Open House 2pm & 7 pm..... 17th

December

- PTA Newsletter 4th
- PTA CVE Bookfair..... 2nd
- Mo. PTA Meeting 6:30pm (Library)
- Barnes & Noble CVE PTA night4th

CVE PTA Officers

President Jennifer Descoteau
VP, Advocacy & AdminMike Beegan
VP, Finance Ashley Brown
VP, Programming Michele Calderon
Treasurer..... Chris Descoteau
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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ Bonus Bucks. Starting October 9, 2009 through March 25, 2010 CVE will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+Bonus Bucks Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your GIANT Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at giantfood.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit CVE using ID # **02742**

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.

Support our Group

with eScrip!

Safeway is proud to partner with eScrip to support the education of youth.

Sign Up Today!

Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for our group.

- Have your Safeway Club Card number available
- Visit www.escrip.com
- Click on “1- Sign Up”
- Present your Club Card every time you shop and our group earns!

It's Easy to Renew

If you participated last year, don't forget to renew to continue earning Safeway contributions.

- Have your Safeway Club Card number available
- Visit www.escrip.com
- Click on “YES RENEW!”

For uninterrupted contributions, renew annually by November 1.

Shop Safeway and earn valuable money for our school or group.

CVE FALL HARVEST AND COSTUME NIGHT!!!

OCTOBER 30TH 6-8 pm

Please join us for a night of fun!!

DJ
COSTUME CONTEST
DECORATED PUMPKIN CONTEST
THEMED CRAFT
GUESS HOW MANY JARS
BAKE TABLE
DOOR PRIZES

Cost: \$1.00 Per Person (Adults and children)
Max \$5.00 per family

Chik-Fil-A sandwich or 6 nuggets & chips - \$3.00
(Available for purchase that night)

**PARENTS, YOU MUST STAY TO SUPERVISE YOUR CHILD!
NO SCARY COSTUMES OR FACE MASKS**

Please send in your money to Danielle Gayle in c/o Joshua/Mrs. Wolfe's class. If you are sending in a check, make it payable to CVE PTA. Tickets will be picked up at the door. You will receive a confirmation.

Students name: _____

of tickets _____

E-mail _____

**Volunteers are needed! Please let me know if you are willing to help and which time slot you prefer.

Set-up 6-6:30 6:30-7 7-7:30 7:30-8 Clean-up



Enter your register receipts now!



"We are so glad to have found out about the 10% Back to Schools promotion. It was a GREAT and fun way for us to earn much needed money. With those funds we will be able to reach one of our top goals of improving the availability of educational technology resources. With this technology we will be able to provide an environment that can reach many types of learners."

- Julie S, Cherry Park Elementary, Portland, OR

Thank You for Participating!

With your help, over \$11 million has been donated to local schools from this program

Redeeming your Register Receipt Tapes

For three weeks starting on **September 18th** a redemption code will be printed at the bottom of your receipt.

Pick a school to get 10% of your total at the end. Visit this site before **October 13th** to choose your favorite participating school. Then simply enter your redemption code to make your donation. You can also give the bottom of your receipt (with the redemption code) directly to the school you've selected.

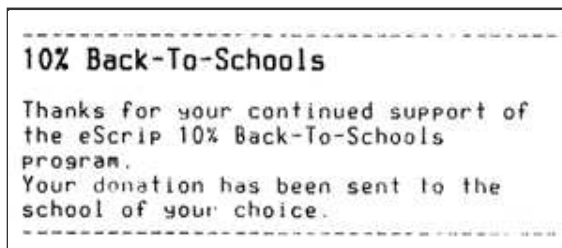
Return to this site between the dates of **September 18th and October 13th** to start redeeming your receipts, follow the steps below:

1. Identify your organization
2. Enter the redemption code found on the register receipt tapes
3. Return to this site as often as you wish to enter additional register receipt tape codes

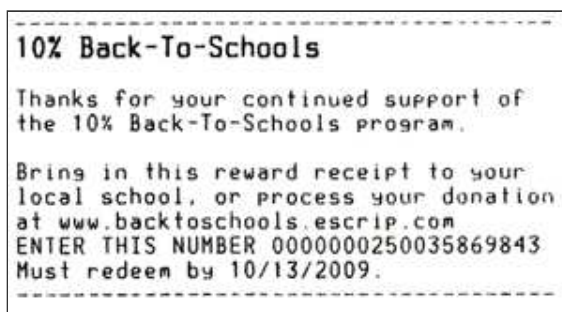
Registered eScrip families will receive an automatic deposit to their account via the regular eScrip payment process.

Receipt Tapes:

eScrip families receipt tape (automatic redemption):



non-eScrip families receipt tape (enter redemption code to redeem):



Participating Stores:



For Questions Call 1-877-561-8048