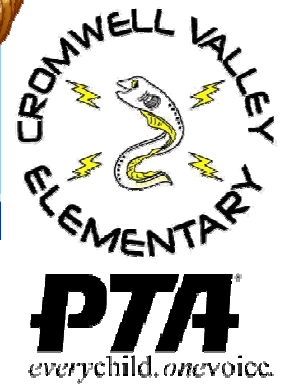


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CVE PTA President's Message

I hope you are having a wonderful Fall! We have received a lot of positive feedback for our first e-newsletter. Thanks for your support and keep on reading! We would like to extend a special thanks to Flo Falatko for being last month's guest speaker at our monthly PTA meeting. She provided us with a great presentation of Camp Wo Me To, which each 5th grade class has enjoyed for the past 14 years. The PTA is proud to help sponsor this event, which promises to be an annual tradition for years to come.

Did you know that November 19 is National Parent Involvement Day? This happens to fall during American Education Week, so please make an effort to come to school on your child's designated visiting day, and spend some time with them in the classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity to see them in action, and to realize the importance of parent involvement to your child's academic success.

MarketDay is off to a great start! I have already cooked and enjoyed many of my own purchases, and I was impressed! There are great prices, monthly deals and incentives as well. Complimentary samples will be available during American Education week! If you have not tried it yet, it's not too late. Orders can be placed monthly, and a percentage of sales go directly to the PTA to support student assemblies, activities, programs and much more.

I encourage you to discuss with your

child the opportunity to participate in the Reflections program. This statewide program is sponsored by each school's PTA and gives students opportunities to create works of art for fun and recognition. It also provides an outlet for students to creatively explore what they are learning in the classroom. This year's theme is "Beauty is..." which can be expressed through 6 different mediums: photography, visual arts, literature, musical composition, dance photography, and film production. Entry forms can be found in the school lobby or on the PTA website. There will be a PTA reception for all participants (date TBD). Entries will be submitted to the county for judging, and possibly to the state and national level, where prizes will be awarded in each category.

For more information, contact Michele Longway at 410-296-7666 or mlongway@hotmail.com

Finally, as the holidays creep up on us, life tends to get very hectic. If you think you missed out on some information or missed a deadline, you can always go to CVE's website at www.cromwellvalleyeyes.bcps.org or the PTA website at www.cvepta.org for more information. Also, keep an eye out for the helpful email reminders and the school's newsletter for valuable information. And as always, you can contact your child's teacher, administrator, or a PTA representative with any questions. We are all always here to help!

Thanks!
Jennifer Descoteau, PTA President

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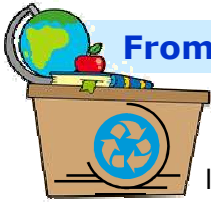


We need your support, it is not too late to join. Click on the link below.
<http://cvepta.org/membership/>



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





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

As a parent I love to hear about my child's day at school. After a few evenings of the same, "Olivia, what did you do in school today?" Olivia's response became of course, "Nothing." So, I got a little smarter with

my questions and I have discovered that she participates in many wonderful activities throughout her school day. The following article provides some ideas on prompting your children to share more of their day.

A B Cs Of Student Success

N is for NOTHING.

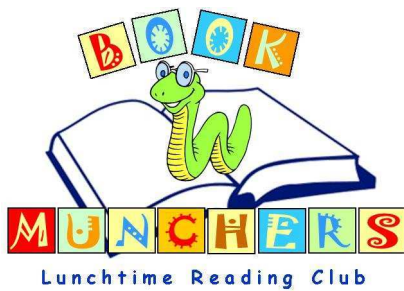
Was "Nothing" your child's response to the question "What did you do at school today?"

- Instead of asking about the day as a whole, ask about math or lunchtime or recess or...
- Don't ask yes or no questions. Ask *What did you think...?* or *How did you decide...?*
- At dinnertime, ask each member of the family to tell the best and worst thing that happened that day. That opens the door to conversation, sharing experiences and tips for handling frustration, and emphasizing that something good happens every day.

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Bookmunchers, the PTA's lunchtime reading club, will run from **November 30th to December 11th**.

Please keep an eye out for the flyers in your child's folder - the deadline to reply is November 9th. Parents who would like to volunteer to lead a book group during lunchtime still have the opportunity to sign up!

Email Indira Palanki-Bucci at ipalanki@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



The Multicultural Fair is still in need of a chairperson (or people). The event is on the calendar for Friday, April 16 (alongside the Silent Auction).

We have a committee of parents willing to help out, and lots of information from past chairs. Please consider volunteering for this fun event - and maybe ask a friend to do it with you. We do not want to have to cancel the Multicultural Fair.

Thank you!

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.



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/>.



Announcements

*** Reprinted From CVE School Newsletter ***

Volunteers: When volunteering in the school, please remember to log in on the computer to print a badge AND log your hours in the Volunteer Book next to the computer. The volunteer book is listed alphabetically.

Please start a volunteer sheet with your name and file it in the Volunteer Book by your last name. Then every time you come in simply record your hours on your sheet. We are asking that you log your hours in the Volunteer Book as we have not been able to get accurate volunteer hours from the computer. This is your donated time and it speaks volumes about your dedication, so we would like to keep track of it.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN OUT! Also please keep track of any volunteer hours at home as well! Thanks for your time and help inside and outside the classroom!!

The office DOES require every volunteer and visitor to still sign in on the computer and print a badge so there is always an accurate head count of who is in our school at all times.



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



We'd like to thank everyone who supported our November Market Day sale. Don't forget to pick-up your order on Friday, November 6th from 5-6 pm in the gym. Students will not be in school that day, so please make any needed arrangements to pick-up your order. This month Market Day is pleased to offer Cookie Dough Bonus Days with ten delicious flavors. Our school will earn an extra \$2.20 for every cookie dough order placed. Stock up now so you are ready for all your holiday baking. Please look for your December order guide to come home next week.



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.



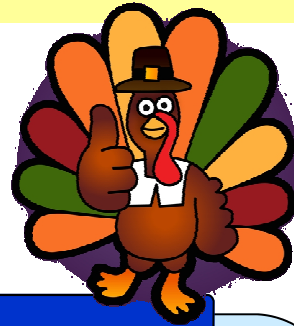
November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Newsletter	6 School Closed	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Open House 2pm & 7pm	18	19	20	21
- AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK -						
22	23 School Closed	24	25	26 School Closed	27 School Closed	28
Thanksgiving Break						
29	30					

Upcoming Events ...

December

- PTA Meeting 1st 6:30pm (Library)
- PTA Newsletter 4th
- Barnes & Noble CVE PTA night2nd, 4 to 7pm



CVE PTA Officers

President Jennifer Descoteau
VP, Advocacy & AdminMike Beegan
VP, Finance Ashley Brown
VP, Programming Michele Calderon
Treasurer..... Chris Descoteau
Recording Secretary Margaret Cellucci
Corresponding Secretary Stacey Parson
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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

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

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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.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Cromwell Valley Elementary PTA

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

Wed., December 2, 2009, 4 – 7 PM

Barnes & Noble in Towson

1 E. Joppa Rd. (at the Towson Circle)

- See our school children perform
- Get your purchases wrapped
- Don't miss Guest parent/teacher Storytimes
- Visit www.cvepta.org

or e-mail Ashley Brown (Beebles70@aol.com) for more information

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Please present this voucher prior to making your purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be donated to your school/organization.*

*The purchase of gift cards, Barnes & Noble memberships, textbooks and other select items are not included in bookfair totals. Our discount purchasing program may not be applied to bookfair purchases.



*Diary of a
Wimpy Kid*

