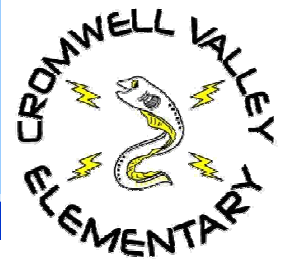


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CVE PTA President's Message

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a fun and relaxing break (and few extra days thanks to the big snowstorm). Now that 2010 is here, it's time to look forward to the rest of the school year. January will be a busy month, so please take a few minutes to read about all the information enclosed.

Mark your calendars for Friday January 22! The PTA will be holding a brief General meeting prior to our annual Family Fun movie night. The meeting will cover any updates since the Back to School Night general meeting, and any budget modifications. Our bylaws require us to hold a certain number of general meetings throughout the school year to keep everyone informed. After the meeting, the movie part will get underway. We hope you will bring the family for a fun and enjoyable evening with pizza, popcorn and the movie *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. Also after the movie, the Gigabyte Giveaway prizes will be awarded! This is an annual tradition at CVE. Teachers, staff, and PTA donate goodies to encourage good behavior and reward student achievement. Every student is given 10 chances towards the Giveaway and can earn more with good behavior in class and/or by purchasing additional chances. Many of the past year's prizes have included Principal for a Day, a Wii party, a Pizza Party, Lunch with Favorite Teacher, a Private Session in the Adventure Gym, gift cards, and much more. Prize details will be released soon, and chances will be sold during lunch periods this month and also prior to the Movie Night. This is a well loved event by the students.

The Silent Auction committee chairs will soon kick off the grueling process of requesting donations from area businesses and restaurants for the annual PTA Silent Auction. We are

hoping area establishments will continue to generously donate gift baskets, prizes, gift certificates and items to this annual event. But there is also a way that you can help. Did you receive a duplicate holiday gift you wish to donate or have a friend who runs a restaurant or store that may want to offer a gift certificate? Why not help spread the word by talking to family and friends.... every little bit helps. Do you have a talent/service to offer.... painting, tax advising, photography. These services make great donations and are super helpful to CVE families. The Silent Auction and Spring Fair will be held on Friday April 16. More details to come!

Save the date! Please mark your calendars for the PTA & CVE's Bring your Family to School Week, February 7-11. Donuts for Dad's and Muffins for Mom's will be held during this week. We know you have been anxiously awaiting this fun annual event. More details to come in the next couple weeks.

Finally, thanks to everyone for attending our monthly PTA meetings. Attendance has been wonderful and if you haven't joined us yet please mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of every month. Thanks to all our previous guest speakers for enlightening us on how our children learn and the tools used to grow in school. Our next monthly meeting is January 26th at 6:30 in the CVE library. Refreshments and babysitting will be provided. Please sign up for the babysitting on the PTA website in advance. January's guest speaker is Mr. Tim Kjer, CVE's own fantastic Music instructor.

Best wishes for a terrific 2010 and again welcome back!

Jennifer Descoteau
PTA president

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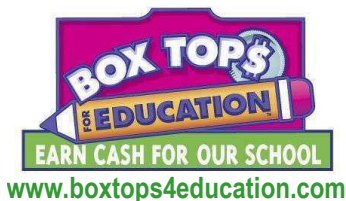
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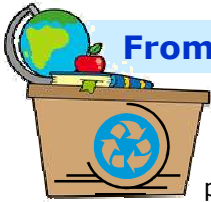
We need your support, it is not too late to join.

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<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

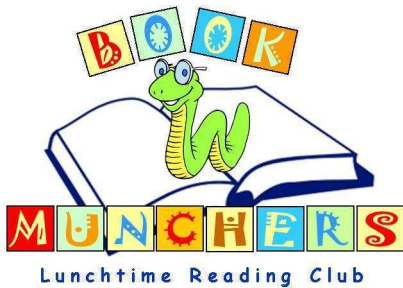
As you are probably aware, MSA testing begins in March for all students in grades 3-5.

Testing will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. each morning and last approximately 2 hours. Although

students need no special preparation, they must be in school on time and ready to begin. We are asking that you continue to make MSA testing a priority and make every effort to have your children attend school on the scheduled dates.

We truly appreciate all the efforts you make to continue to have CVE recognized as one of the top schools in Baltimore County.

Grade	Math	Reading
3 rd	3/16 & 3/17	3/10 & 3/11
4 th	3/10 & 3/11	3/16 & 3/17
5 th	3/12 & 3/15	3/8 & 3/9



Bookmunchers, the PTA's lunchtime reading club is coming again soon! More information to come...

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



Fourth and Fifth grade performances!
January 13th & 14th



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/>.



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

Market Day

Thanks so much to everyone who helped support the musical productions at CVE by purchasing cookie dough. We raised \$392.30 during our December sale, bringing our total of funds raised by Market Day to \$671.15. Thanks to everyone who has supported Market Day sales and helped us to raise these funds. For those of you who have not tried Market Day yet, you still have time to order for January. Online orders are due Saturday, January 9th by 11:00pm. January is a great time to try Market Day because with every \$40 purchase, you will receive a free box of PB&J Graham Cracker Sandwiches. Pick-up for January orders will be Friday, January 15th from 5-6 pm. If you have a problem picking up your order, please contact me beforehand so we can make other arrangements. Thanks so much and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Chara Pitarra

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We still need people to sign up to bring refreshments to the PTA meetings. The link to the sign-up is www.mysignup.com/ptameetingrefreshments.



CVE Spring Fair with a Multicultural Flair

Date: April 16th 6pm to 8pm

We will be meeting to discuss the plans for the Spring Flair in early February. Date to be announced.

All are welcome to come and share ideas. We will need many volunteers.

Recycle a few things for the fair:

We are now collecting wrapping paper rolls and juice bag boxes (i.e.-Capri Sun or Kool Aid Jammers). If you send them in labeled for the Spring Fair we will store them.

Please contact Joan McKinley mark.mckinleydds@verizon.net or Debbie Gill debbiegill129@msn.com if you have any questions.



Box Tops for Education

Thank you for your support of this program

We just received a check from Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$1,490.09. That is equivalent to 14,900 box tops.

Please continue to collect box tops and ask family members and neighbors to do the same. If you shop online, be sure to check out the box top marketplace. It is free to join and if you shop at your favorite stores through the marketplace, CVE will receive a percentage of the sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan McKinley mark.mckinleydds@verizon.net.



January 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 online Market Day orders due
10	11	12	13 Wizard of Oz	14 Wizard of Oz	15 Market Day pick-up 5-6 pm	16
17	18 MLK Day Schools closed	19 Gig. Giveaway chances sold at lunch time	20 Gig. Giveaway chances sold at lunch time	21 Gig. Giveaway chances sold at lunch time	22 General Mtg, Movie Night, Gig. Giveaway Drawing	23
24	25	26 PTA Meeting 6:30pm	27	28 2nd marking period ends	29 Prof. Development Schools closed	30 31

Upcoming Events ...

- Feb 7-11 Bring Family to School Week
Muffins for Mom
Donuts for Dad
- Feb 23 PTA Meeting

CVE PTA Officers

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To friends of Gifted and Talented Education in Baltimore County:

Happy New Year! Best wishes for a good second half of the school year. Some coming GT activities:

- * New GT Toolkit on the website.
- * January 11 -- GT and Special Education: the Twice Exceptional student.
- * January 19 -- elementary school GT issues resulting from the parent info nights.
- * GT Program taskforce.

See details below.

1) GT Toolkit revised: Want to see some good background information on the Gifted and Talented education program and a list of resources to help you and your child? We've recently revised the "GT Toolkit" for parents; check it out at the BCPS website page for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Gifted & Talented Education (GT CAC) at <http://www.bcps.org/offices/gt/pdf/Toolkit.pdf>

2) Twice Exceptional -- GT and Special Education, January 11: Are you interested in the issues for children who are twice exceptional, or 2E, (for example, students who have both an IEP and GT identification, are both ADHD and GT, etc.)? GT parents have been invited to attend the January 11 meeting of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee at which 2E will be one of the agenda topics. Here are the details I just received: There will be a guest speaker, Dr. Kathleen Rupard, Director of the GTLD (Gifted Learning Disabled) program in Prince George's County School District. Dr. Rupard will talk about PG County's program and give us some ideas on how to develop our own. After Dr. Rupard, Dale Rauenzahn, the Executive Director of BCPS Student Support Services and Stephen Cowles, BCPS Special Education Legal Services Director, will update the attendees on changes in COMAR (Code of Maryland Regulations). There will be time for questions after the presentations. Meeting time is 7-9pm at the ESS Building (behind and down the hill from the BCPS Greenwood headquarters building off Charles Street in Towson). [Know that the 2E topic has been discussed in meetings of the GTCAC with the GT Office. The GT Office is currently working on programs for teacher training and other matters focusing on 2E. We will continue to make this an agenda item and will plan additional coordination with the SECAC for parent involvement in this important topic. If you are interested in helping in this area, please contact me at ksyrylo@cs.com or 410-218-2898. For further information from the SECAC, contact Sharon Saroff at sindara@pobox.com or 410-961-2739.]

3) For elementary schoolers -- January 19: BCPS recently conducted 5 information nights, one in each area, for parents of early elementary school students. I was able to attend 4 of these meetings and was happy to see many of you there. The GT Office and Parent Support Services personnel did a fine job of providing information about the BCPS curriculum for all students in grades K to 2 and introduction to the GT Program. Parents asked many questions and raised many points in response to the presentations. A lot of notes were taken about the parents' questions and issues. On January 19 at 10:00am there will be a meeting in the GT Office (GT Office, Parent Support Services, and a few parents) to debrief about these notes and to discuss what follow-up is

appropriate. If you would like to attend this meeting with us and/or would like to help plan further meetings about elementary school GT issues, please contact me at ksyrylo@cs.com or 410-218-2898.

4) GT Program taskforce met in November, more to follow: Much has been happening in the BCPS GT Program, for example, changes in curriculum that many of us see as great positives, but there are also ongoing concerns from parents that the Program isn't all that it should be in all schools. A joint taskforce for strengthening the GT Program, comprised of several BCPS teachers, administrators and GT parents, had its first meeting in November. The discussion topic in the meeting was the current process for identifying the students who require Gifted and Talented Program services. We understand that there are to be additional meetings of the taskforce, "to look at various aspects of BCPS's GT Program and to develop recommendations about processes, procedures, documents etc." The parent representatives, who come from the GT CAC community, will be part of all taskforce meetings. The parents have provided the Executive Director of Special Programs with our recommended list of topics that the taskforce should address. We are awaiting the action plan and minutes resulting from the first meeting and will keep you informed of developments. As always, the parent representatives want to hear from you and be your collective voice to BCPS. We have gathered views from our own experiences and from discussions with many of you. Please don't hesitate to contact me about issues you believe should be included in taskforce discussions.

One complication that arose involves the timing of the taskforce versus planning of the GTCAC meeting schedule. We have felt it important that the GTCAC meeting topics for the near future coordinate with the BCPS/taskforce agenda topics. The first taskforce meeting happened much later than we had expected. The idea of the taskforce was first discussed in the May, 2009 GTCAC meeting with BCPS GT Office personnel, at which time we were anticipating that the first meeting would happen over the summer. We would then have the opportunity in that summer meeting to understand what the taskforce's agenda items for this year would be, and would plan the topics and timing of GTCAC meetings to relate to those same topics, the result being the GTCAC's meeting calendar for the year being available by early October. Obviously, we've missed that! And with the taskforce's first meeting addressing only the single (and important) issue of the GT identification process, we don't yet have a full picture of the taskforce's agenda topics for the rest of the year. We hope to be remedying that situation very soon, so please stay tuned. In the meantime, please contact me with issues on your mind that you would like to see as the topic for a future GTCAC meeting.

Happy new year to you, your students and your entire families.

Karen Syrylo
Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee
For Gifted and Talented Education
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CVE FAMILY FUN PRESENTS

DINNER AND A MOVIE NIGHT

AND

PTA GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

6:00-8:00 PM

Join us in the cafeteria at 6:00 for the PTA General Meeting then stay for dinner (bring your own or pre-order pizza with the slip below) and *“Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” (Rated PG)* following the meeting. Popcorn will be provided. Drinks and baked items will be available for purchase.

****Gigabyte chances will be available for purchase at this event.**

Pre-order your pizza!

Pizzas will be available for pick-up starting at 5:45.

_____ Whole cheese \$10.00

_____ Whole pepperoni \$12.00

_____ Half cheese \$5.00

_____ Half pepperoni \$6.00

Please send cash/check payable to CVE. Return this form and payment addressed to “Family Fun” by Wednesday, **January 20th**.

Show Your School Spirit with CVE Spiritwear!

	Description	Color(s)	Youth/ Adult	Please Circle Your Choice(s) of Size(s)					Cost per	#	Item Cost
1	T-Shirt: 100% preshrunk 6.1oz heavyweight cotton. <i>*Note larger logo!</i>	Royal Blue w/ 10" printed logo	Y	S	M	L	XL			\$7.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	\$7.00	
2	T-Shirt: 100% preshrunk 6.1oz heavyweight cotton. <i>*Note larger logo!</i>	Hot Pink w/ 10" printed logo	Y	S	M	L	XL			\$7.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$7.00	
3	T-Shirt: 100% cotton hand-tied tied-dyed swirl.	Light & Royal Blue w/printed logo	Y	S	M	L				\$14.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$16.50	
4	Polo T-Shirt: 50/50 cotton/polyester, 5.6oz Jersey, 3 buttons.	Royal Blue w/embroidered logo	Y	S	M	L	XL			\$13.50	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	\$14.00	
5	Long Sleeve Shirt: 100% preshrunk heavyweight 6.1oz cotton.	Royal Blue w/printed logo	Y	S	M	L	XL			\$9.50	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	\$10.00	
6	Mesh Shorts: 100% polyester w/ elastic waistband, long inseam.	Royal Blue w/ printed white logo	Y	S	M	L				\$16.50	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$16.50	
7	Flannel Pants: soft polyester with elastic waistline (run a bit small)	Plaid w/ printed white logo	Y	S	M	L				\$20.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$25.50	
8	Sweat Pants: 50/50 soft cotton/polyester with elastic waistline	Navy w/ printed logo	Y	S	M	L				\$15.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$15.00	
9	Crewneck Sweatshirt: 60/40 cotton/polyester, 9oz. with tipped neckline.	Grey/Royal Blue trim w/embroidered logo	Y	S	M	L				\$20.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	\$22.00	
10	Zipper Hooded Sweatshirt: 50/50 cotton/polyester, 7.75oz.	Royal Blue w/printed logo	Y	S	M	L				\$18.50	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$23.50	
11	Zipper Hooded Sweatshirt: 50/50 cotton/polyester, 7.75oz.	Light Pink w/printed logo	Y	S	M	L				\$18.50	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$23.50	
12	Hooded Sweatshirt: 50/50 cotton/polyester, 7.75oz.	Grey w/printed logo	Y	S	M	L				\$15.50	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$18.00	
13	Hooded Sweatshirt: 50/50 cotton/polyester, 7.75oz.	Light Pink w/printed logo	Y	S	M	L				\$15.50	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$18.00	
14	Hooded Sweatshirt: 60/40 cotton/ poly, 9oz, white sleeve stripe, pockets	Royal Blue w/embroidered logo	Y	S	M	L				\$22.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	\$24.00	
15	** Polar Fleece: Full zipper 100% polyester. *** NEW ITEM!!! ***	Blue w/embroidered logo	Y	S	M	L				\$30.00	
			A	S	M	L	XL	2X		\$31.00	
16	Cap: 100% cotton, 6-panel brushed twill cap, constructed (stiff) crown.	Navy w/embroidered logo	One size fits all - Limited Quantities					\$10.00			
			** Add additional \$2.00 for each 2X item:								
			*** Add additional \$3.00 for each 3X item:								
									Total # Items and Cost:	\$.	



Orders due:

Wed, Jan. 27th

Make checks payable to "CVE PTA"

Return form and payment to the attention of "Cromwell Collection."

Logos are 3" wide multicolored on the left chest area, unless otherwise noted.

Youth sizes (appx) S 6-8, M 10-12, L 14-16, XL 18-20; youth sweatshirts run a bit small.

Questions? Contact: Katherine Wikstrom at 410.583.5399 or khwikstrom@yahoo.com.

For photos and more details, see www.cvepta.org.

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

The PTA makes appx \$2.00 per item.



Dear Parents:

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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.

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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.

