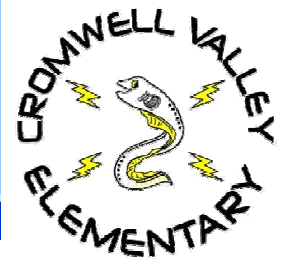


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CVE PTA President's Message

Dear parents,

No more snow! Let's hope spring is around the bend and all this snow will be a distant memory. There are some fun PTA events coming up soon bringing some fun back into these dreary winter days. They include Family Night at Baltimore's Best, Circus discount tickets, Spring fair with a Multicultural Flair, and teacher appreciation week. More details to come soon!

How happy are you with the way things are running this year with your PTA? We are only as successful and productive as our volunteers, committee chairs & board members and supporters. The PTA does occasionally get feedback. All comments help the PTA to improve and make it stronger. With that said, it is that time of year when a Nominating Committee is formed to select the PTA Board Members for the 2010-2011 school year. We need **5 parents** to step up and serve on this committee to obtain nominees to fill open positions for the next school year. It is only a two-month commitment, but your impact will last even longer, as the Nominating Committee selects those individuals who will be voted on to run your PTA programs for the next school year. Nominations will be voted on in May. We need strong board members to make the success of our PTA continue. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact a board member or myself as soon as possible. The committee must be formed by the next PTA meeting, **March 23rd**.

Finally to get through the remaining

weeks of winter and cold weather with energetic children, pick up a copy of the Baltimore's Child Magazine or log onto their website

www.baltimoreschild.com for fun and creative events at local establishments. In addition, there are usually open/free plays at area children's gyms, Bouncy playzones, laser tag venues and rock climbing locations, just to name a few. Many area centers are offering drop in plays, discounts, and 2 for 1 deals to bring in patrons during slower times. Of course your local library (www.bcpl.info) is always available with many activities, crafts and events planned on weekends.

Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Sunday March 14th!

PTA MEETING:

Thanks to Mrs. Groth for her presentation on the library database at the February PTA meeting. Please mark your calendars for the next meeting on March 23 at 6:30pm in the CVE library.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the CVE PTA!

Jennifer Descoteau

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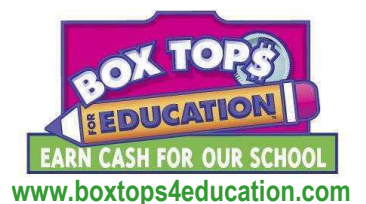
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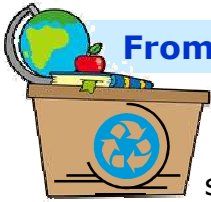
We need your support, it is not too late to join.

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

WOW! What an incredible snow event. As we transition back to school from this unexpected break and we look ahead to MSA testing, I just wanted to send a reminder about the importance of proper rest for children. The following article provides some guidelines on the recommended amount of sleep for children.

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B is for BEDTIME.

Awwwww, Mom! Already? Sound familiar? On average, children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. (Some doctors even believe that during sleep the brain "files away" what is learned during the day.) Encouraging quiet activities -- such as reading -- just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax. *Sweet dreams!*

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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



Market Day

Thanks to everyone that has supported Market Day throughout the year. To date, we have raised a little over \$800. Our goal for the year is \$2,500 so we still have a way to go. Please consider trying one thing that Market Day has to offer. You will be so impressed with the quality of the food, that you'll be anxious to order again. Be on the lookout for the Market Day flyer this week. The deadline to place your March order online is Saturday, March 6th at 11:00pm. Just click on the following link www.marketday.com and put in our school's code: 27785, to place your order online. If at all possible, please pay for your order online. We have had some problems with people not showing up to pick-up their order and that means less profit for the school. If sending your order in through school, please have the order and payment to school by Friday, March 5th. The next Market Day pick-up is Friday, March 12th from 5-6 in the gym. Please contact Chara Pitarra at 410-494-9034 or cpitarra6@verizon.net with any questions. Thanks again for everyone's support!!



Pastries for Parents

Due to the weather, Pastries for Parents will be rescheduled in April, after we return from spring break!



Silent Auction

The silent auction committee needs your help! Please consider donating an item or service to Cromwell's Silent Auction which will be held on Friday, April 16th in conjunction with the Spring Fair. In order for the night to run smoothly we need **more** helping hands. No prior experience necessary! Please contact Page Birney, pagebirney@yahoo.com or Christine Pitcher, crpitcher@yahoo.com.

The homeroom teachers are choosing their themes for the class basket donations. Look for more information soon for donation ideas. The baskets will be collected at the end of March.



Green Club

Mark the Date!!! Project Clean Stream April 10, 2010

When we became a Green School we also adopted the stream that runs along the side of our school. Each year Baltimore County works with the Alliance of Chesapeake Bay and cleans the stream in Maryland. We need of students, parents and teachers to help with the project. If you would like to help please contact Angela Middleton 443-985-1412 or amiddleton101@yahoo.com

We have lots of different types of jobs for everyone to do, not just cleaning. So if you are not able to walk the stream but still want to help there is a job for you.



Family Fun

The previously scheduled game night on March 19 has been canceled due to window replacements at the school. Instead, we will hold Family Fun Night at Baltimore's Best. More information to come!





March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 MSAs	9 MSAs	10 MSAs	11 MSAs	12 MSAs	13
14 Daylight Savings	15 MSAs	16 MSAs	17 MSAs	18 Baltimore's Best Event 5-7:30	19	20
21	22 Qdoba Night 5-8 pm	23 PTA Meeting 6:30 in Library	24	25 K-1 Music Performance	26 Spring Pictures	27
28	29 Spring Break	30 Spring Break	31 Spring Break			

Upcoming Events ...

- April 16 Spring Fair/Silent Auction
- April 22 Take Your Child to Work Day

CVE PTA Officers

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VP, Finance Ashley Brown
VP, Programming Michele Calderon
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CVE' s BIGGEST Fundraiser IS ALMOST HERE!

Spring Carnival/Silent Auction
April 16th, 2010

The time is now! We need your
help!

Last year's auction raised over \$6600. for
CVE. Our goal is to top that.

Here are some easy ways to help:

1. Donate an item.
2. Volunteer your professional or amateur services.
3. Ask a business to donate an item, a gift card, a service.
4. Ask friends and family - nothing is too small.

Donations are needed by April 1st.

Questions/Info, please contact:

Allie Wolf apwolf@comcast.net

Donor forms and tax information may be
downloaded from the PTA website. Thank you,
in advance, for your time and commitment to
CVE.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus

At the First Mariner Arena

Support Cromwell Valley PTA,
and get discounted tickets to see the Circus with your family!

Every ticket you buy is \$6 off the face value (\$26 ticket for \$20)!
PLUS there are no extra service charges – which saves you even more money!

There are 4 shows to choose from:

Friday, April 9, 2010 at 7:30 PM
Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 1 PM
Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 3:30 PM
Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 5 PM

All orders must be in by Wednesday, March 24, 2010.
Tickets may be picked up in person at CVE on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 from 8:30 until 9:30 in the lobby. Otherwise they will be sent home via backpack in a sealed envelope*.

(Seating will be in the lower concourse, but *your* exact seat location cannot be guaranteed. Check seating charts at www.firstmarinerarena.com.) Questions? E-mail Ashley Brown at BEEBLES70@aol.com.

Date	Time	# Tickets	X \$20	Total
Friday, April 9	7:30 PM			
Sunday, April 11	1 PM			
Saturday, April 17	3:30 PM			
Sunday, April 18	5 PM			

Please send in all orders by 3/24/2010 to CVE PTA attn: CIRCUS Grand Total: \$ _____

I will pick up my tickets on Wednesday, April 7 between 8:30 and 9:30 AM
 Please send my tickets home with my student on April 7 (*PTA can not assume responsibility for lost tickets.)

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

E-Mail
Address: _____

Any incomplete forms or those sent in without payment will be returned.

Please make checks payable to CVE PTA.