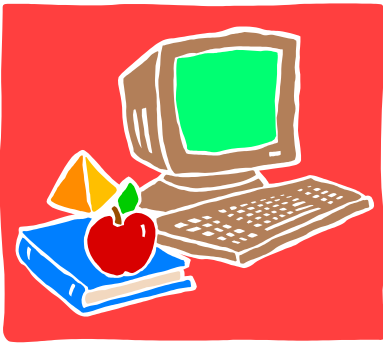


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From The Principal ~



CALENDAR



Thank you to the parents and other family members who attended our volunteer orientation meetings yesterday. A key factor in the success of Cromwell Valley Elementary School is our strong volunteer program. We continue to encourage and thank parents and relatives for finding ways to volunteer their time and expertise in order to further support our children's education. *Volunteer training will be available each month prior to the scheduled PTA meeting at 6:00 p.m.* **Please remember that prior to volunteering, chaperoning a field trip, or working with students in any capacity, an Application for Volunteer Service and volunteer training must be completed.**



HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS REGULATION: Maryland State Department of Health regulation (COMAR 10.15.03.03) prohibits preparation of food for consumption by students in schools or school-sponsored events in non-licensed food production facilities. The serving of any potentially hazardous foods, such as any food requiring hot or cold temperature control, cannot be brought to school by unlicensed individuals or facilities and be served to students at school sponsored functions. This procedure is to prevent food-borne illness. Due to these regulations, home-baked goods may not be brought to school for parties, birthday treats, or to be sold at PTA events. Thank you for your anticipated understanding and cooperation in this

matter. Parents and guardians may want to send in treats to celebrate their child's birthday. If a parent wants to send a treat (and that's always optional), we suggest some alternatives such as fruit cups, small packages of goldfish, pretzels, or popcorn, Teddy Grahams, cereal bars, single serve cookies, granola bars, mini cupcakes, mini fruit muffins, bottled water, 100% fruit juice, or non-food items such as pencils, stickers, erasers, or glue sticks are also acceptable. It is also important to be aware of students who may have allergies or other health related issues. Therefore, items purchased must have listed ingredients. Please inform the teacher a few days in advance if you would like to send in a treat. If possible, birthday treats should be brought to school by 9:15 a.m. After that time, please leave the treats in the office.



Fall Festival: Thank you to the PTA and all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the Fall Festival such a fun evening for everyone. It was great to see so many families enjoying the games, activities, and food together.



Next month is American Education Week from November 15th through the 19th. Teachers will be sending home information soon. At this time the visitation schedule for the parents is as follows: Monday-grade two, Tuesday—grades kindergarten, three, and five, and Wednesday—grades one and four. If these days do not match your schedule you are certainly welcome to attend a different day, we only ask that you let your child's teacher know ahead of time. We encourage all parents to attend during that week in order to learn more about their children's school day.

PTA MEMBERSHIP: We want to thank all of the many parents who have already joined the CVE PTA. The PTA works with our school to provide funds for student activities, classroom needs, and equipment, such as the newly purchased sound system used at our Fall Festival. When you join the PTA you are supporting these and many other activities at CVE. When you join the PTA, you WILL receive a CVE decal, a free student directory and most important of all ~ you will be enhancing the educational experience of your children at CVE. Support our children and join the PTA. A membership form is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

"Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read." Marilyn Jager Adams

October ~

29 - 1st Marking Period
Ends—Schools close 3 hrs
early for students

November ~

2 - General Election Day
Schools & Offices Closed

5 - School Spirit Day -

Animal Day (See Cromwell
Council Article - page 4)

7 - Daylight Savings
Time Ends!

15-19 American Education
Week! (Visitation
Schedule on page 2)

16 - Magnet Open House
2:00-3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

22-Elementary Conference
Day - Schools closed for
students

25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
Schools & Offices Closed

December ~

1 - PTA Meeting—6:30 pm



From The School

Nurse ~

October is National Walk Month

There is always information in the news about the importance of including physical activity in our daily lives. The Surgeon General recommends adults to participate in moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes, five or more days per week or vigorous activity for at least 20 minutes, three or more days per week for health benefits. The difference between moderate and vigorous physical activity is that with moderate activity, you can talk while performing it and with vigorous activity, you will find it harder to talk.

October is National Walk Month and this is a good time to start to make physical activity a regular part of family life. Studies have shown that lifestyles learned as children are much more likely to stay with a person into adulthood. There are multiple physical as well as mental benefits to physical activity. Get moving and enjoy this beautiful fall weather.

Some suggestions to help you add physical activity into your family's routine are included on the attached *40 Tips for an Active Family*.

Here's the news you've all been waiting for!



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 15-19, 2010

Great Public Schools, A Basic Right and Our Responsibility

Visitation Schedule for CVE:

Monday - Grade 2

Tuesday - Kindergarten and Grades 3 and 5

Wednesday - Grades 1 and 4

MAGNET APPLICATIONS

FOR 2011 - 2012 ~

The Magnet Applications for the 2011-2012 school year are now available on the Baltimore County Public Schools' website. You can download the application and email it to the Magnet Office or print a copy and mail it to the Magnet Office. The Magnet office recommends sending your applications via certified mail so you have a receipt to prove you sent your application should they not receive it by the deadline. The website for Baltimore County Public Schools is www.bcps.org. When you log onto the website, click on the word "Systems" in the blue tool-bar, go to "Offices," then to "Magnet Programs."

**THE DEADLINE FOR FILING IS
NOVEMBER 30, 2010!**

Siblings: Kindergarten applicants applying to elementary magnet schools and programs who have an older sibling who is currently in the same magnet program and who will continue in that magnet program during the year for which the kindergarten applicant is seeking placement **MUST** apply within the regular application period in order to receive sibling priority placement. For purposes of this rule, a sibling shall be defined as a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, step-brother, stepsister, or foster child living in the same household.

Cromwell Valley Elementary's Open House for perspective new students will be on Tuesday, November 16th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

TIME ENDS!

Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 a.m. on November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!



**Mrs. Wright's
Technology News ~**

Kindergarteners have begun learning the Microsoft Program PowerPoint by creating a slide on the subject Fall. They are also practicing using the drawing, text, and paint tools in Pixie to create pictures of things we see in the Fall.

First Graders have been busy creating Quick Time Movies in the software Pixie on the subject Living and Non-Living Things. They are also using Pixie, PowerPoint, PhotoStory, and the digital cameras to make a movie about reality and fantasy.

Second Grade is finishing their Zoo Field Trip Photo Story 3 Video. They also used PhotoStory to sequence and summarize the events in the story [Dragon Gets By](#).

Third graders have been haunting CVE's halls by manipulating their webcam pictures into Halloween Monsters. They are also using Microsoft Word and the digital cameras to write opinion paragraphs about Jack-O-Lanterns.

Fourth Grade is wrapping up their "Guess My Maryland Region" PowerPoint.

Fifth graders got a chance to create a spooky word clouds on the topic Halloween using the fun website, [Wordle.net](#).

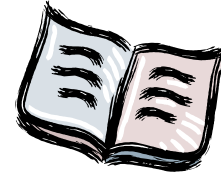
All students in third, fourth, and fifth grades learned to use our new every pupil response systems, ActivExpressions, during their integration time.

To see great examples of these projects and more (like the 2010 Pumpkin Run), be sure to check out Mrs. Wright's website @

http://teachers.bcps.org/teachers_elem/jdunham/



**Almost time to total up those
October Minutes for Strive for 25
Reading Logs for 2010-11**



Please be sure that you have read the information sent home on Back to School Night pertaining to Reading Activities for the 2010-11 school year.

It is very important that your child be a part of our school goal to have all students reach the "strive for 25" county goal and track their minutes reading each week.

Grades 3, 4 and 5 will keep a tally of minutes read on the monthly calendar side of the **Strive for 25 Minutes Reading Log**. Mrs. Groth will look at these logs the first library special of each month and celebrate student's efforts to increase their reading time outside of school hours.

Grades 1 and 2 are beginning a new reading program called **100 Book Challenge** and will log their steps each night. Their **100 Book Challenge Logs** will be their record of minutes. Students will earn a new colored folder and medal for each 100 steps completed, along with smaller incentives along the way.

Kindergarten students will record their minutes/books read on **Book-it Logs**. Every Kindergarten student will be expected to complete and bring this log in monthly.

Mrs. Groth will communicate with the students and teachers and celebrate monthly, in the library, student's efforts to increase their reading time outside of school hours. Be sure you have tallied and initialed those September minutes! Your child's log should be checked in school monthly. Keeping the log in their **Take Home Folder** (grade 1 and 2 use their 100 Book Challenge Folder) would be a great way to keep track of the logs each month!



Cromwell Council ~

Cromwell Council Update:

Cromwell Council will be collecting canned goods for the Maryland Food Bank. Canned goods will be collected until November 5th. We are collecting canned goods only. Please place cans in the large box in the lobby. Thank you for your support!

Our next spirit day will be Friday, November 5th. It is Animal Day! Be your favorite animal (no masks), wear an animal shirt, or bring in a small stuffed animal. Show your school spirit!



Lost & Found ~

At the end of each quarter, items left in lost and found are donated to Goodwill. Next time you are visiting the school, please check our lost and found boxes to see if there are any items that your child may be missing. The school's lost and found is located outside the faculty room door.

Thank you!



Author Daryl Cobb coming to CVE on November 10th!

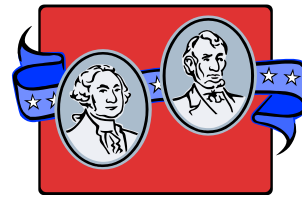
Author of Do Pirates Go To School? ~

Daryl Cobb is an author, musician, singer/songwriter and actor who promotes literacy through creative arts. He will be coming to Cromwell to work with the students on November 10th during two assemblies. He will also be doing a writer's workshop with some classes. Be sure to check out his website <http://authorvisitsbydarylcoobb.com/index.html> and read some of his books this fall in preparation for Mr. Cobb's visit.



Black Eye Susan Book Club 2010-2011

We are off to a wonderful start with our book club this year! The students are finishing the books long before the scheduled meetings. We met to discuss *Extra Credit* earlier this month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov 8 in the library at 12:40 and we will be discussing *11 Birthdays*. We are happy to have so many students who love to read.



Wax Museum – Grade 5 will share their biography projects

Fifth grade students are reading about famous people and will share their biography projects at a Wax Museum on the afternoon of November 24th. Relatives and friends are invited to join us. Our younger students will be going through the museum and hopefully will find someone that they too want to read about.



istation extra practice groups both before school and at dismissal time **will begin again on Wednesday, November 3** and continue until Winter Break. There is no school on November 2nd because it is Election Day.

**Cromwell Valley Elementary School
PTA Membership 2010-2011**

Cromwell Valley Elementary is one of the finest schools in Maryland and a National Magnet School of Excellence. Excellence requires hard work and dedication, not only by our teachers and staff, but by our parents. That's why it is so important that you join with us as members of the PTA.

The CVE PTA proudly sponsors Family Fun events, Picture Parent, Teacher Appreciation Week, and much more! Membership includes the School Directory (\$5 for non-members), a PTA membership card, and a small gift of appreciation.

We ask for your child's name below so we can deliver your directory to you. If you have more than one child at CVE, please list your youngest child. Thank you.

CHILD'S name (last and first): _____

CHILD'S grade and teacher: _____

Parent's name: _____

Additional Member's Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Preferred E-Mail Address: _____

Other E-mail Addresses for notifications: _____

The monthly PTA newsletters will be delivered via e-mail.

Membership Dues: \$10.00 (per adult)

Number of Adults: _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Additional Donation: \$ 20.00
\$ 50.00
\$100.00
\$ Other amount = _____

Total Enclosed: = _____

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