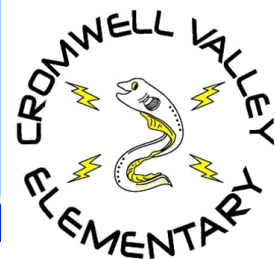


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CVE PTA President's Message

What an interesting month January was; I don't know about you but I am ready for spring.

I would like to thank Robin Sherman and all the parent volunteers for a fantastic Family Fit/Game Night - it was great! I have heard nothing but complements about the evening.

Next time you are in school, and you see a student welcoming you to CVE, or making an executive call in the hallways, you may have encountered the Student Principal of the Day! This was one of the many prizes for the 2011 PTA Gigabyte Giveaway. With all of the snow days, I don't think I've ever seen the Gigabyte Giveaway last this long, but it has made the kids look forward to coming back! Due to the generosity of the teachers, staff, and PTA members, students were able to buy chances to win some great prizes such as pizza or ice cream parties, after school X-Box parties, Adventure Gym with friends, and gift cards. CVE students love this tradition and try to do really well in school to earn extra chances during class.

I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to help during the lunch hours to fill out chances or assist the students. Finally a huge thank you to Debbie Gill, Jennifer Descoteau, and Joan McKinley for organizing this whole event and to the students and staff, teachers and parents for their support of this program. Thank

you to Sharon Weeks and Shelby Nemec for drawing the winner names. It took team effort to make this event run as smooth as it did. Over \$700 was raised to support PTA programs and activities. Congratulations to all the winners!

Do you want to get involved with the PTA but are unsure of what you can do. Stop by one of the monthly meetings or contact one of the PTA officers. There are still many events and activities where help is needed! For example, we have the Spring Fair (April 1st) and the Silent Auction. This year we will be having the Silent Auction on May 21st during Movie Night. We are in need of a volunteer team to run the auction donations that are already coming in and we need someone to organize and oversee the evening. If you would be interested in more information about the Silent Auction contact Ashley Brown at beebles70@aol.com. And if you would like to help out with the Spring Fair contact Danielle Gayle at vsc403@aol.com.

Our next monthly PTA meeting is Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:30pm in the Library. Please register at www.cvepta.org for childcare. Our guest speaker this month will be Mrs. Ann Groth, CVE's librarian.

Thank you for your continued support, you make our PTA great!
Angela Middleton
CVE 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



One more reminder for this newsletter!

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.

Grade	Math	Reading
3 rd	3/15 & 3/16	3/9 & 3/10
4 th	3/9 & 3/10	3/15 & 3/16
5 th	3/11 & 3/14	3/7 & 3/8

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



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Hope to see you on the 23rd!



Don't forget to register your Giant card for the 2010-2011 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

Save the Date!

Green club: Project Clean Stream 2011, save the date Saturday April 3 9-12 more details coming home soon.



CHESS CLUB TUSSLES WITH TIMONIUM!

The CVE Chess Club played a tournament hosting Timonium Elementary's team in the CVE library. Twenty six of our 3rd thru 5th graders played great and were excellent hosts and competitors. While Timonium won this match we should be very proud of our effort and spirit- Timonium's team is much more experienced and meets every week. Our parent volunteers were fantastic and we really appreciate Timonium bringing some of their alumni now in middle school as well as their parents and teachers who came to help.

Special thanks to Ms Groth for hosting,, the CVE maintenance crew for such quick set-up, and Mr Gromek for checking on things.

We are traveling to Carroll Manor on Feb 24 and are looking for car-pool assistance! Contact mikebeegan@gmail.com or tbonta@yahoo.com to help.



Adventure Gym Night is February 15th

Come with your child to witness the Adventure Gym experience! Below you will find the time slot to come to the gym according to your last name. Please only attend during your arranged time. (No siblings please!)

A-F 5:30-6 pm

G-M 6-6:30 pm

N-O 6:30-7 pm

P-Z 7-7:30 pm



Third Grade Field Trip

The third grade classes are getting ready for their Washington DC field trip, and are starting off with a fundraiser! They will have a snack table setup during Adventure Gym Night on February 15th to help raise money for the trip. Stop by and pick up a snack after visiting the gym!



Last Chance to Join the PTA for the 2010-2011 Year!

Have you been putting off joining the PTA? We're getting close to your last chance! If you haven't joined, fill in the form at the bottom of the newsletter and send it in to MEMBERSHIP care of CVE. If you have joined the PTA and have not received your CVE sticker and directory, please email Karen Harrop at kharrop@jhu.edu.



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Groundhog Day—No Shadow!!	3	4 Bingo, 6:00	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Adventure Gym Night	16	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day No School	22 Washington's Birthday	23 PTA Meeting, 6:30	24	25	26
27	28					

Upcoming Events

April 1st—Spring Fair

CVE PTA Officers

President Angela Middleton
VP, Advocacy & Admin Kimberly Thomas
VP, Finance Ashley Brown
VP, Programming Michele Calderon
Treasurer Brian Robinson
Recording Secretary Page Birney
Corresponding Secretary Christine Pitcher

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Family Fun Bingo Night



TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

When: Friday, February 4th at 6:00 P.M.

Where: Cromwell Valley Cafeteria

The cost is \$3.00 per person for 10 games of bingo.

Giftcard prizes and a special, \$1.00 Bingo game where you can win an autographed Joe Flacco football!!!

This event is a BYOP - Bring Your Own Picnic!

(No food or drinks will be sold at this event.)

*****Maximum 300 people*****

Ticket forms will be sent home in your child's backpack or available in the CVE office. Please return completed forms with payment included as soon as possible. The first 300 tickets sold will be admitted. No tickets will be sent home, names will be held at the door. If the event reaches maximum capacity, there will not be any availability the night of the event for people to pay at the door.

**If you have any questions,
please contact Christine Pitcher: crpitcher@yahoo.com.**



4th Annual Spring Art and Craft Show

Loch Raven High School
1212 Cowpens Ave. Towson, MD 21286

Saturday, March 26, 2011
10am to 3pm

Admission: \$2 (under 12 free)

Refreshments (Pit Beef, breakfast
and lunch items, snacks, drinks,
Bake Table) available all day

Local artisans and
crafters will sell
unique, one-of-a-kind,
handmade-only items.

For more information
on the event, renting a
table, or volunteering,
contact:

springcraftfair@gmail.com



SPONSORED BY THE LRHS PTSA TO BENEFIT THE PTSA AND BOOSTER CLUB (THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS)

The school year is over half-way through - is your lunch box holding up? If not, CVE PTA has an account with Laptop Lunches that will allow you to purchase a BPA-free lunch box with all the accessories that fit in a carrying case of your choice.



Visit <http://www.laptoplunches.com> to place your order. When checking out remember to **use the coupon below**. You will save 10% and part of your purchase will go to the CVE PTA.

The coupon graphic is enclosed in a black rectangular border. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of a laptop with a fork, a spoon, and a sandwich on its screen. To the right of the illustration, the text 'LAPTOP LUNCHES' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller font, is the tagline 'bento-ware for everywhere'. In the bottom left corner of the graphic, there is a grey oval containing the text '10% OFF!' in bold black letters. To the right of the oval, the text 'Use Coupon Code cromwellvalley' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the very bottom of the graphic, the website address 'www.laptoplunches.com' is written in a bold, sans-serif font.



**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: = _____

Please make checks payable to: CVE PTA
Return to: CVE, 825 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286
Attn: PTA Membership
Forward Questions to Membership Chair: Karen Harrop, kharrop@jhu.edu

Thank You for Supporting Our Children