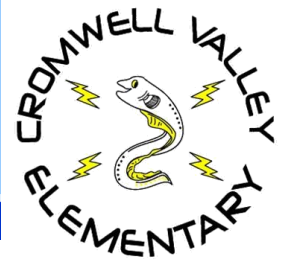


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## CVE PTA President's Message

Spring has finally sprung!! A special "Thank-You!" to Joan McKinley and Danielle Gayle and all those who helped with the Spring Fair. It was so nice to have all the teen volunteers there to man the tables and games, allowing us to spend time with our families.

Did you know that every first Saturday of April, The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has what is called "Project Clean Stream"? This is where, for one day out of the year, a group of volunteers come out and cleans their local streams. A few years ago as part of becoming a Green School our school and PTA went through the process to adopt a portion of the stream by our school. Over the weekend we had over 40 students, parents and teachers out in the stream on April 2. And together we collected over 300 pounds of trash out of the stream. Some of the trash included tires, metal, and a lot of empty bottles. Thank you to everyone who helped do their part to help keep our streams clean and thank you Jean Lancaster for organizing the clean up. Hope to see even more families out there next year.

Earth Day is April 22, there are many activities around Baltimore county to help celebrate Earth

Day. Most of our children have visited Cromwell Valley Park for a field trip. Did you know that they have events all year round? Here is a link to their list of calendar of events; all events are kid and family friendly. <http://www.cromwellvalleypark.org/scheduleOfEvents.html>

The Silent Auction committee is looking for donations for the auction, if you can help by asking a local restaurant or store for a donation please print the forms in the newsletter and take it to them. No harm ever came from asking, but by not asking you could be missing out on a great opportunity. All donations are tax deductible.

Don't forget to hand in your PTA Board of Directors nomination form! If you or someone you know is a great leader, or good with numbers, or just wants to be more involved, be sure to get your nomination to the committee!

As always thank you for your continued support of our school and PTA, without you the PTA would not succeed.

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

Spring is around the corner and that is becoming obvious everywhere you look. I want to take time to thank all of the CVE families that participated in the Stream Clean Up on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at CVE. Additionally, I want to recognize all of our grade 3-5 students for their hard work on MSA testing and send my gratitude to our CVE parents for the excellent attendance during the MSA testing period. Finally, recognition goes out to Keira McNulty and Reshmi Talwar for their participation in the Countywide Math 24 Challenge Tournament. It was a wonderful morning of math and competition. The girls were excellent representatives for CVE. Their math skills were impressive and their sportsmanship was outstanding.



### PTA MEETING!

Our next monthly PTA meeting is Wednesday, April 27th at 6:30pm in the Library. Please register at [www.cvepta.org](http://www.cvepta.org) for childcare. Mrs. Goddard will be our guest speaker!

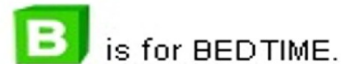
Hope to see you on the there!



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](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus).



*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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# Announcements

## 2011-2012 PTA Nominations

Would you like to run for a position on the 2011-2012 PTA board? Do you know someone who you think would be perfect for a position? Fill out the form in this newsletter and return it to school by April 11th!



## Silent Auction Forms

Also attached to this newsletter are the Silent Auction forms for this year's Silent Auction to be held on May 20th at CVE! If you or someone you know would like to donate to this event, please review the forms at the end of this newsletter. You can contact Nancy Smelcer 443-801-3587 [drfiorentino@yahoo.com](mailto:drfiorentino@yahoo.com) for questions or additional information.

Thanks!



## PTA Volunteer Hours!


Remember to log the hours that you have volunteered.

<http://cvepta.org/volunteer-log/>



# April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Box Top Store Open School Banking	7	8	9
10	11 PTA Nominations Due	12	13	14 Report Cards	15	16
17	<b>18</b>	19	20	21	22 	23
24 	25 <b>No School!</b>	26	27 PTA Meeting 6:30 @ CVE Library	28	29	30

**Spring Break—No School This Week!**

## Upcoming Events

April 18th –25th—Spring Break!

May 2nd –6th—Teacher Appreciation Week

### 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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# THE CROMWELL VALLEY PTA WANTS YOU!

The Nominating Committee is currently recruiting dedicated men and women to serve in the following elected positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

**President \* VP-Finance \* VP-Advocacy & Administration**  
**VP-Programming \* Treasurer \* Recording Secretary**  
**Corresponding Secretary**

## Nominating Committee:

Debbie Gill  
Tom Irwin, Jr.  
Ellen Libao  
Jennifer Descoteau  
Jennifer Guanti

Please join us for the next few PTA meetings. PTA meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. We would love to see you there.

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## Nomination Slip for the 2011-2012 PTA Executive Board

- Yes, I would like to be considered as a candidate for the 2011-2012 school year.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For the following elected position (s):

- President*    *Vice President-Finance*    *Vice President-Advocacy & Administration*  
 *Vice President-Programming*    *Treasurer*    *Recording Secretary*  
 *Corresponding Secretary*

- I'd like to recommend the following PTA member for the 2011-2012 school year.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For the following elected position (s):

- President*    *Vice President-Finance*    *Vice President-Advocacy & Administration*  
 *Vice President-Programming*    *Treasurer*    *Recording Secretary*  
 *Corresponding Secretary*

**Please return in an envelope to the attention: PTA Nominating Committee Mailbox (in main office) by Monday, April 11th.**

# Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School of Technology

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March 30, 2011

**Dear supporters,**

We are currently in the planning stages of the 2011 Cromwell Valley Elementary School Silent Auction to be held on Friday, May 20, 2011 in conjunction with our annual movie night. Through the generosity of friends and businesses, we are working to raise funds that will directly benefit the students in the classroom, as well as the school enrichment programs, assemblies, and cultural arts programs. The school's success is due, in large part, to community involvement and support, and the auction is a critical component of that support.

**We hope you will consider donating to our auction this year. All donations are appreciated whether it is a service, an item or gift card.** Our promotion of the event is one way to keep your business in the minds of our families, as well as countless others who attend our annual event. CVE recognizes your contributions by including your information on all flyers leading up to and after the event as well as the auction program distributed that evening.

If you can support our efforts and provide a donation, please fill out the attached form and send your donation to the school at the address listed above or fax to 410-887-4889 to the attention of **Silent Auction Committee**. If you have any additional questions, please contact one of us listed below. We can pick-up donations if needed. Please respond by April 29th. We appreciate your timely response.

On behalf of the entire Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School of Technology community, thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Sincerely,

Nancy Smelcer

443-801-3587 drfiorentino@yahoo.com

Note: Since Baltimore County Public Schools is considered a municipality, part of the local government, those involved in donations should cite IRC section 170 (c), which allows charitable contribution deductions to those individuals, corporations, and/or organizations awarding grants and/or donations to local governments.

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## Silent Auction Donor Form

**Donated Item/Service:**

**Recommended Value:**

**Items/Service Description:**

**Special Restrictions/Noted:**

**Donor Information as to be listed in Program:**

**Contact Name:**

**Company Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Please return this form with your donation.**

**Thank you very much for your generous contribution to Cromwell Valley Elementary School.**

**Your donation and support are greatly appreciated.**