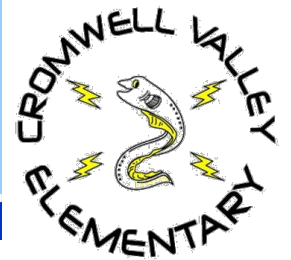


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CVE PTA President's Message

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those who attended our first monthly PTA Meeting, and special thanks to Ms. Novotny for being our guest speaker. She provided us with helpful information regarding technology integration at CVE. Next month's meeting features Mrs. Casserly and Ms. Winfield, 3rd grade teachers, with a presentation on the 3rd grade marketplace.

If you are unable to make the monthly meetings, you can still stay up to date with the PTA by logging on to www.cvepta.org, or visiting our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/cvepta.

Thank you to Tom Irwin, Jr. who has spent many volunteer hours keeping the PTA up to date with this technology!

Forms for this year's school directory will be coming home soon. Please keep an eye out and complete and return them quickly. We would like to get the Directory out to you as soon as possible. Also, please note that if you gave us your e-mail address when you signed up for membership, you will be receiving PTA newsletters electronically. To keep in line with our Green School initiative, the PTA would like to limit the amount of flyers/paper being sent home. This opportunity will not be abused but simply used

to keep you in the loop of relevant information, alerts, and event updates.

We were happy that so many of you were able to attend Pastries for Parents last week. Thank you to Joan McKinley and everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up as well as those of you who brought in those tasty treats. We hope that you enjoyed spending a little time at CVE and having a breakfast treat with your child(ren). There has been some wonderful feedback and the kids really seemed to enjoy having you there.

Fall is officially here! Soon, the weather will turn cooler, the leaves will begin to fall and it will be a pleasure to be outside. We will be celebrating the season at the PTA's annual Fall Fest, scheduled to be held on Friday, October 28. We are planning a fun evening for all CVE families, but could definitely use some more help. Please contact Debbie Gill (debbiegill129@msn.com) if you have time to spare or ideas to share!

Thanks again for helping to make Cromwell Valley Elementary such a fantastic school!

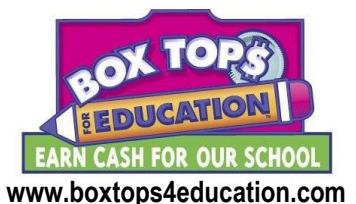
Ashley Brown,
PTA President

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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

I would like to encourage all of our CVE families to come out and participate in several events that will have CVE off and running in October. The Digital Dash is on Saturday, October 15, 2011. I look forward to running/walking the course this year again with students and families. Also, the CVE Pumpkin Run is on October 19, 2011 and that will be an exciting event as well. Additionally, the *marathonkids* program has begun. I know I have been getting in a couple of extra runs with my daughter, and it has been a wonderful way to stay fit and spend quality time with her. Let's all hope for good weather!



Finally, on Friday, October 28, 2011 CVE will host the Fall Harvest event which is always well attended. I look forward to seeing everyone at CVE this month.

Thank you to all of the families that attended Chick-fil-A Night!

ATTENTION:

We are still seeking a lunch room volunteer that would help tally the Waste-Free lunches on Wednesdays. Please email me if you are interested in volunteering in the cafeteria for a couple of hours.
cgromek@bcps.org



PTA MEETING!

Our next monthly PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30pm in the Library. Please register at www.cvepta.org for childcare.

Hope to see you on the there!



Don't forget to register your Giant card for the 2011-2012 school year. By linking your card to CVE, our school will earn cash rewards every time you shop at Giant.

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

THE YEARBOOK SURVEY

The yearbook committee is hard at work making decisions about the yearbook for this year. We are considering several changes and would like your feedback. Please take our short survey so that we can make the best possible yearbook this year.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3DPF2WF>



Labels for Education

Please continue to send in the UPC's marked with your child's grade. The grade with the highest points will win a party at the end of the school year. Labels for Education is offering double points for UPC's received before Dec. 31, 2011. Ask family, friends, neighbors, etc., to help collect and send them in. Check out the website for some great offers.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com>.

Thank you, Teresa Kaminski, Coordinator
rakandsak@verizon.net



Fall Fundraiser Save Around Baltimore Coupon Books!

The fall fundraiser will start October 17th and run thru October 31st. For every 5 books sold you will receive 1 free book. Many restaurants, clothing stores, and family-oriented places. Any questions please contact Melinda Boarman, mdb072374@yahoo.com. Look for flyers to come out October 5th.



PTA Volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact us! We have several committees, upcoming programs, and miscellaneous activities that can use your help. Remember to log the hours that you have volunteered. <http://cvepta.org/volunteer-log/>



October 2011

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| 9 | 10 Columbus Day | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 3 rd annual Digital Dash |
| 16 | 17 Fall Fundraiser Begins | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Professional Development Day No School! | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Monthly PTA Meeting 6:30 | 26 | 27 | 28 Fall Harvest Fest (Family Fun) 6-8 P.M. | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Halloween | | | | | |

Upcoming Events

November
 14-18—American Education Week
 15—CVE Open House 2pm & 7pm
 18—Barnes and Noble CVE PTA night

CVE PTA Officers

President Ashley Brown
VP, Advocacy & Admin Kimberly Thomas
VP, Finance Melinda Borman
VP, Programming Debbie Gill
Treasurer Jeffrey Gue
Recording Secretary Page Birney
Corresponding Secretary Tom irwin
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Attention CVE Photographers!

The CVE yearbook needs your help!

We depend on you to help us collect photos to use in the yearbook. Our aim is to include every event from the PTA Back-to-School Picnic to the 5th Grade Farewell Ceremony. But we can only do this with your help.

Bring your camera to every school event you attend. Take lots of photos -- and not just of your child, please! Groups of 3-7 work best. Try to include a "prop" so it shows what event is being photographed. Cameras work best, unless your phone has a high quality setting.



Then just get your images to us! You can contact your homeroom parent, or send your images on a CD, thumb drive or memory card to the attn. of Katherine Wikstrom in Mrs. Keeney's class. We'll return the device to you ASAP(just be sure to include your name and child's teacher!).

Thanks so much for your help in making the 2011-2012 CVE Yearbook a success!

Special Education

Does your child have a disability? Or perhaps you have concerns that your child *may* have a disability affecting his or her success at school. After talking with the great staff here at CVE, e.g., your child's teacher, Ms. Goddard, there are two local places where you can get information.

First, is BCPS: The Resource Center for Families and Schools at White Oak School. It provides information and support to parents. Also, it has a library and connects parents with community resources. Below is the link for further information.

http://www.bcps.org/offices/special_ed/parent-resources.html

Second, is the resource center at CVE. Located immediately outside Ms. Goddard's office, there is a bookshelf stocked with helpful resources you may not be able find at the public library. On the opposing wall is a bulletin board for community resources. Ms. Goddard invites parents and teachers to provide her with information.

If you would like help or further information, please contact Beth Wolff, CVE PTA Special Education Liaison at ewolff@comcast.net