



Eagle's Nest

The PTA Newsletter
Bridging home, school,
and community

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Membership Update

Parent/guardians:	272
Staff members:	47
TOTAL:	319

From the President

Dear CES families,

As I write this note, my heart is heavy from the loss of friend and fellow PTA volunteer, Lynne Ward. I met Lynne a few years back while working a CES book fair. She was one of the hardest workers I ever had the pleasure of working with, and often times, put me to shame with how fast and efficiently she got things done - while I was still trying to figure out what to do!



After our first book fair together, I was lucky to work with Lynne on many activities and events hosted by the PTA and the school.

I was so fortunate to get to know her, and consider the PTA a blessing in my life for bringing us together in our shared passion of our kids and their education. Speaking of kids, for those of

you who knew her, you knew Lynne's passion was her two boys, David and Ethan. David and Ethan brought such joy and laughter to her life; stories about her boys always left everyone in stitches (remember Ethan "firing" his teacher, and then going on to just love her dearly?). Lynne could find humor in any situation and always looked on the bright side. Her commitment and dedication to the CES staff, students, and community will always be remembered and we'll miss her in the years to come.

I stood in awe of her ability to tackle anything thrown her way, including the cancer she battled for the past several months. She is now at peace, after an admirable fight.

Susie

Executive Committee—2010/2011 School Year

President	Susie Collier
1 st Vice President (Ways and Means)	Deb Smith
2 nd Vice President (Events, Programs, and Clubs)	Kathy Taylor
3 rd Vice President (Membership)	Michael Munsterman
Recording and Corresponding Secretary	Robin Costanza
Treasurer	Connie Christiansen



Staff Appreciation update

(Stefanie Ragano)

On Friday, February 4th the PTA had a wonderful time hosting a breakfast for the entire CES staff. The PTA hosted the breakfast as a way to say “thank you” for all the amazing things our teachers and staff have done for our students during the 2nd quarter of the school year. Our PTA volunteers woke up extra early to donate their time, baking talents and big hearts to help pull off this event. I am so appreciative to all the fabulous volunteers. Thank you. I have received so many wonderful e-mails from the staff thanking the PTA for holding this event. One of our 5th grade teachers, Brian Hollingsworth, probably summed it up best.....“Yummy. ☺ My tummy thanks you.....”

PTA Movie Night a HUGE Success!!

(Christina Minogue)

On Friday, January 21st the PTA presented Movie Night and featured “How to Train Your Dragon!” Family and Friends came together to enjoy this great family film with their pillows and blankets. We had an amazing turnout for both showings. It was a great time had by all as well as a fantastic fundraising event for our PTA. Pizza, popcorn, baked goods, snacks and drinks were served. Thank you to the baking committee for providing cookies, cupcakes, brownies and lots of yummy treats. Thank you to the MANY parents, who came in to volunteer their time. Many of them coming simply for the show and staying to help out! This event could not have been possible without you. We look forward to seeing all of you next year at the Movies.



Volunteer Chair update

(Stefanie Ragano)

Just a reminder that it is never too late to sign up to help with any upcoming event. If you are interested in volunteering for a PTA function, please contact Stefanie Ragano at stefanieragano@yahoo.com and she will pass along the information to the appropriate chair. Last minute volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested in donating your time but not sure what fits you best, Stefanie can help you decide. Our PTA is 100% volunteer and most volunteers commit their time and end up having so much fun! Volunteering your time to the PTA is a wonderful way to remind your children how important their education is! Thank you so much to all the fantastic volunteers already signed up with the PTA.

Girls on the Run[®] update

(Kathy Taylor)

The spring session of Girls on the Run is about to get underway! Coaches Dunbar, Charlton, Foley and Van Gorder invite girls to join this curriculum based program for girls in grades 3-6. Practices are Monday's and Wednesday's from 8:00 - 9:00 am and are designed exclusively for pre-teen girls addressing specific life skills through the use of games, warm-ups and workouts. The program culminates with a 5K race held at George Mason University on May 15. Online registration began on February 11 and runs through February 17. To register go to www.gotrnova.org.

Mad Science

(Kathy Taylor)



Mad Science's Sensational Scientists will study magnets, light, optical illusions, sonic sounds and taste buds this session. Students enrolled in Mad

Science get to experience hands on experimentation with a different project being created during each class. Classes will run from Thursday, February 24 - April 28 with no class being held on Thursday, March 17 and Thursday, April 21.

R.E.A.C.H. Week Coming Soon

(Deane Kiley)

The CES PTA is sponsoring our second annual “R.E.A.C.H. WEEK” (*Reading Education Awareness in the Child's Home*) campaign to be held March 11th-March 17th. First, our goal is to reinforce the importance of literacy at home, in school, and throughout life. Second, this campaign will help raise funds for PTA initiatives that benefit all children in our school. This was a big success last year and we look forward to another a great year.

We will encourage all students to read or be read to 300 minutes in one week. That's only 43 minutes per day! Students will keep track of the minutes they read at home and teachers will keep track of reading done in school. We have great prizes available to those who qualify and participate and as an added incentive, the class who reads the most minutes in each grade level, will receive a PTA hosted pizza party.

Watch for more details coming home soon and let's get ready to READ, READ, READ!!!



Girls Scouts

(Christina Minogue)

Hello from the Girl Scouts. A lot of exciting things have been happening with our troops here at CES. Brownie troop 4619 recently attended Girl Scout Day at the George Mason University Women's Basketball game, where they participated and got to perform at half-time with Girl Scouts from all over the area. As part of their Listening to the Past Try-It, they are preparing to host a Valentine's Party for the senior residents at Sunrise of George Mason in Fairfax, VA. They will sing songs, distribute cookies and cupcakes, and talk with the residents about what life was like when they were in 3rd grade.



Junior troop 797 hosted ImprovU Family-Friendly Comedy Extravaganza last November. They were able to raise enough money to enjoy their teacher work day holiday snow tubing at Liberty Mountain Ski Resort.

Brownie Troop 929 had a wonderful time attending the Ashburn "Taste of Greece" Festival this past weekend. In learning about their chosen country for Thinking Day, the troop went to the festival and tasted some wonderful Greek foods, practiced their manners in the Greek language, and watched some fellow Girl Scout alumni dancing the traditional dances of their Greek heritage. It was a wonderful day.

All of our troops are busy planning to attend and participate in "Thinking Day" which is being hosted again this year at Centreville High School on February 18th. Thinking Day was first created in 1926 at the fourth Girl Guide/Girl Scout International Conference held at Girl Scouts of the USA's Camp Edith Macy (now called Edith Macy Conference Center). Conference attendees decided that there should be a special day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world to "think" of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their "sister" Girl Scouts. The delegates chose **February 22** as the date for Thinking Day because it was the mutual birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, and his wife, Olave, who served as World Chief Guide. Each troop chooses a country and learns the history and traditions of their country to present at Thinking Day. They also create swatches to "trade" with the other troops in order to remember and celebrate all the wonderful countries that they learn about each year.

We have a new Daisy Troop 6944 starting this month. They currently have 11 girls planning to attend. If you have a daughter in Kindergarten who is interested in joining this troop or any other, please contact Christina Minogue at gsorganizer@verizon.net.

Safety Recall— Attention Parents

(Christina Minogue)

Word was received from Oriental Trading Company that one of the items previously purchased as a prize for the Spring Carnival has been recalled. The company is voluntarily recalling the yellow piggy banks and yellow lion banks because the yellow paint may contain excessive lead. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. Only banks with black plugs in the bottom are affected. If you have one of these yellow banks with the black plugs, Oriental Trading requests that you immediately stop using it and discard the bank. Spring Carnival prizes have included the ceramic piggy banks, but not the lion banks. If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Cram at karynrob@cox.net.

Skate Night at Skate-n-Fun Zone

(Lisa Fritsche)

Our next Skate Night will be Thursday, February 17th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Roller skate with your friends (and maybe some teachers!), play laser tag, jump in the moon bounce and enjoy refreshments. Don't miss out on all the fun!



Admission: \$3.75 (kids under 3 are free)

Skate Rental: \$4.25

Laser Storm: \$2.00

Play Zone: \$3.00 per person

A portion of all proceeds goes to our PTA. Purchase your tickets at the door:

7878 Sudley Rd.
Manassas, VA 20109

Art, Athletics, and Technology Clubs

(Kathy Taylor)

The second session of the Art Club got under way earlier this season and the Athletic and Technology Clubs are about to begin their second round as well. Students who had been on waiting lists from the fall will receive registration information for the upcoming sessions. Thank you CES teachers for offering this opportunity to add to the already fabulous opportunities at Centreville Elementary School!

New Kindergarten Transportation Procedures

(Dwayne Young)

Due to a FCPS change in policy, effective February 14, 2011, all kindergarten students riding regular afternoon school buses are to be met at their bus stop by the parent, a guardian (includes day care providers or other adults designated by parents on a student's emergency care card), or a sibling in 7th grade or higher, or the driver will ask that the school be notified by Transportation of the student's return and provide an estimated return time.

February / March

Calendar of Events

- PTA Meetings
- October 7
 - November 4
 - December 9
 - January 6
 - February 3
 - March 3
 - April 7
 - May 5
 - June 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
14 	15	16	17 Skate Night 6:00pm—8:30pm	18	19
21 President's Day School in Session	22	23	24	25	20 26
28 	29	30	31 PTA Meeting 7:00pm, Library	1	2
7	8	9	10	11	12 13 
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Future Events—Mark Your Calendars!

April 7 PTA meeting, 7:00 pm, Library

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