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Membership Update

Parent/guardians:	274
Staff members:	58
TOTAL:	332

From the President

Hello CES parents, families, and staff!

I hope your spring is going well and you are enjoying the outdoors as well as the indoors these days. With the weather going hot, cold, and then hot again, I spend a lot of time chasing my kids outdoors, and then back inside. Oh well, that's Mother Nature at her best - she just keeps us guessing!

As we wind down the school year and start thinking about summertime, let's not forget that the kids (3rd - 6th grade) have their SOLs coming up over the next few weeks. If you child has never taken an SOL (Standards of Learning test), not to worry. They are being prepared for these tests by some of the finest teachers in FCPS! As parents, we can do our part by making sure our kids get a good night's sleep the nights before their tests, have healthy breakfasts the morning of, and don't miss school for appointments during these busy weeks.

I want to take a moment to thank our Teacher Appreciation Week committee, chaired by Farah Chohan, for all their hard recognizing the classroom teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Not only did they coordinate with the Room Parents to facilitate student

led activities and recognition, they also hosted a variety of PTA events throughout the week, recognizing not only the classroom teachers, but the staff throughout the school. To top the week off, they created a "Walk of Fame" for the teachers, complete with stars and pictures. Based on the many cards and emails of appreciation from the staff, I believe we were successful in showing them how much we care!



Our remaining activities for the school year include the upcoming Girls on the Run Race to be held at George Mason on Sunday, May 23rd. See the GOTR article on page 3. Please feel free to come out and cheer the girls on! We also have field days coming up in June. The CES staff is really jazzing up our field day activities this year, and to make this event successful, they will need a lot of helping hands. If you haven't had the opportunity to volunteer in the school yet, this is a great time. Watch for information coming home in your children's Communicators.

Remember to drive slowly and watch out for the kids as they play outside in the neighborhoods!

Susie Collier
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PTA NEWS

Yearbooks *(Sue Lyons)*

Our yearbooks have arrived and will be distributed the last week of school to students who ordered them last fall. A big thank you to the Yearbook Committee (Beth Bell, Diane Cammas, Karyn Cram, Stefanie Ragano, Cindy Rathjen, Sylvia Frisby, Lisa Huntley) for all their long hours and hard work. These volunteers made the yearbook possible! I hope everyone enjoyed helping and will join the committee again next year. Thank you to all the photographers who sent in pictures, the photos were greatly appreciated. The final product looks great, and we can't wait for the kids to see them!

If you haven't yet purchased a yearbook, the cost is \$20.00. They will be sold in the bus lobby during the last week of school. If you would like to purchase a copy before then (as they are sold on a first come, first serve basis until we run out), send a check in with your child made out to the CES PTA, and mark the envelope "Yearbook". Please include your child's name and teacher on the envelope/check.

Grants Committee Update

(Susie Collier)

Thanks to our very hardworking Grants Committee, we submitted three grants over the past two months. This has been a great learning experience for everyone on the committee. The first grant, an incredible combination of a written application and video skit, was submitted to Fiskars in February. We were one of more than 1,300 applicants who applied for a single grant! Needless to say, the competition was stiff. Although we did not win, I believe we submitted an amazing application, and will take those lessons learned forward for future applications.

The second grant application was submitted under the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Program. I am happy to say we won this grant and were awarded \$4,975 (out of a possible \$5,000). We should receive the check and

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Turn Your Tra\$h into Ca\$h!!! *(Carrie Bartlett)*

Box Tops for Education

We're in the money! We're in the money! **Centreville Elementary received a check for \$765.80!** You are superb. You are sensational. You are stupendous. Thank YOU!

Now you can all begin squirreling away those box tops for the 2010-2011 contest; but before you focus on growing your collection, please take a quick minute to check expiration dates. The expired box tops won't count towards the contest results, so clear out your kitchen drawer now for all the 6/1/10 and 12/31/10 expiring box tops. Turn them in to the collection box in the bus lobby or send them in through your child's teacher. No need to put teacher name or student name. Just simply drop them in the box or put them in a Ziploc snack bag.



Campbell's Labels for Education

Keep sending in those Campbell's Labels for Education. Lunches packed from home have lots of opportunities for Labels for Education. If you purchase the individual bags of Pepperidge Farm (goldfish, cookies, etc.) have your child bring home the empty wrapper in their lunch bag and cut out the UPC – it counts as a point for CES. The points really do add up!



Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

The program concluded on March 25, 2010 and we had 91 designations. That means that 91 people signed up their Giant card number to support CES. **Centreville Elementary School will receive a check for \$1,581.17!**



Next year, our goal is to reach \$3,000. Does that sound daunting? What if we told you that London Towne Elementary earned \$3,129.17 (and had 178 designations). Bull Run Elementary earned \$5,715.34 (and had 402 designations). Virginia Run Elementary earned \$7,892.96 with 351 designations. With as many families as we have at CES, we can increase our designations and therefore increase our earnings! Can we

count you in for 2010-2011?

Through this year's program, Giant has been able to donate **\$2 million** to our community schools - real cash that can be used for any of your school's educational needs!

Ink Jet Cartridges/Laser Jet cartridges/Cell Phones Recycling

For a complete list of acceptable cartridges and phones, please check their website at http://www.rrewards.com/qualifying_items.aspx. They are trying to reduce their own impact on the environment and request that only the items listed be sent. (When in doubt, send it in.) What a great combination – a company striving to do better for the earth while at the same time supporting schools like CES who are trying for the same thing.



Teacher Appreciation Week *(Farah Chohan)*

Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge success! The PTA held various events throughout the week of May 3rd, starting out with a luncheon for the entire staff at Charlie Chang's. I would like to thank the following businesses for donating generous door prizes: Syma K. Photography; Ledo's Pizza; Ritas' Ice Cream; Bonefish Grill; Rosemary's Thyme, and Uncle Julios. The teacher's lounge was given a much needed make-over and a special thanks to Amy Henneberg for putting it all together along with Sylvia Frisby and Stephanie Mills. Breakfast was packaged by Taleed El-Zoobi and Amy Heiman and hand-delivered to the classrooms. The baking committee provided delicious muffins organized by Lisa Bertilino. Mr. Young arranged a chocolate fountain and a snow cone machine as wonderful treats. Teachers are truly super-stars and to honor them, a "hall of fame" with gold and black stars bearing the teachers names was set up in the hallway by Deane Kiley. Childhood pictures were also posted for the children to enjoy. A group of volunteers and their kids got together to paint thank-you banners which was organized by Stefanie Ragano.

The children made flowers, thank you cards, brought in supplies for the classroom and then got to do something special for their teachers. Both the teachers and children enjoyed the week. I would like to personally thank all of the above mentioned volunteers for their tremendous support during Teacher Appreciation Week and a special thanks to the Room Parents for corresponding with the families. CES teachers do so much for our children and school and deserve the best. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for being such a positive influence!

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grants materials soon so we can start work this spring. This grant targeted an outdoor learning area (by the parking lot where the footpath and foot bridge are located); if you are interested in helping out, please contact Susie Collier at susie927@verizon.net.

The third grant, submitted to Dominion Energy, targets the "Education Island". This is the island you drive around as you enter the school grounds. We hope to make this an additional outdoor learning environment if we are successful in winning the \$10,000 we requested. We will keep you posted!



Centreville Elementary, a SMART school

(Joann Hardy)

Kids today are born into a world full of technology. Our students, and your children, engage in active learning while using technology. Every grade-level classroom from kindergarten through sixth grade will soon be equipped with a SMART interactive whiteboard. We have just a few classrooms to go! This tool is not only a tool for instruction, but is also a hands-on way for your children to learn.

In addition to the SMART interactive whiteboards, students are also engaging in learning through SMART's interactive response system. Students use clickers to answer a series of questions that give teachers instant feedback. This feedback helps teachers meet your children's needs for instruction. Currently, at CES, we have two interactive response systems and two more are on the way.

SMART document cameras are currently being used in our kindergarten and sixth grade classrooms. They integrate seamlessly with our SMART interactive board, and serve as another tool for student engagement. This simple, SMART solution turns the classroom into a dynamic learning environment.

There are so many ways to motivate our kids. Technology is one of the many ways to keep our kids engaged as active learners!

Girls on the Run *(Kathy Taylor)*

Girls on the Run is about run their season culminating 5k race. On Sunday, May 23 the girls, Coaches Van Gorder, Foley and Dunbar and a host of buddy runners will race at George Mason University for the New Balance Girls on the Run 5k. The CES PTA, staff and families wishes Alecia Agbablaka, Ceara Badio, Isabella Betancourth, Isra Chohan, Olivia Collar, Sydney Hamrick, Yvette Hernandez, Anna Lee, Shannon Lyons, Elissa Munsterman, Sarah Jane Naimy, Jaimi Pollack, Kaihla Powell, Rana Rahman, Colette Rizzi, Hannah Robertson, Richala Seidou, Taylor Walker, and Olivia Yslas best of luck in their race! The race begins at 7:30 a.m.; come on out and cheer our runners on!





The Green Line *(Paige Beck)*

The Green Team has really taken on a life of its own. The students are involved with the CES News Team, Collecting/Counting/Graphing then mailing the juice and snack bags collected. Next they want to take on the gardens. They are fun to work with and the energy level is electrifying!

Speaking of the Capri Sun juice bags and Frito-Lay brand snack bags (of all sizes) that we are collecting at school, the CES students and Green Team have made a total of \$34.22 in up-cycling efforts from the Terracycle Company (visit

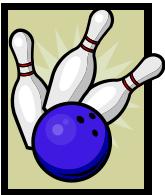


www.terracycle.net for more information regarding this amazing company). The children see our recycling efforts here at school but still question, "what about recycling at home?" The websites disney.go.com/disneygroups/friendsforchange/ and <http://www.nwf.org/Global-Warming/School-Solutions/Eco-Schools-USA.aspx> are excellent resources and simple ideas for children to explore then implement recycling systems at home. As with all Internet research, we ask the children to follow the "home rules" and ask permission to use the net.

The support from home shows through the dedicated efforts of your children. Thank you for making this possible for them.

6th Grade End of the Year Bowling Party

(Sharon Meiners)



The bowling party will be June 17th, 10:30-1:00 p.m. Sixth grade parents should look for an informational flyer, permission slip, and volunteer sign-up form to come home next Tuesday, May 25th. If you know now that you'd like to help with food, please e-mail Cindy Williams at ccjwilliams@verizon.net, or call her at 703-266-

6761. **Reminder:** In order to finish our slide show for that day, Kindergarten photos (and any additional candid photos of groups of students during their time at CES) should be sent to Marlene Weiss at weissjmr@verizon.net, or sent to your child's teacher, by **May 20th**. All photos will be returned. Additional information and requests are also on the Sixth Grade Teachers' 24/7 website. Thanks in advance for all you can do to help make this day special for our "graduates"!

If you have any questions, please contact me at (703)815-8937 or slmeiners123@aol.com.

Newsletter Submissions

If you have news items or photos that you would like published in the next newsletter, please email them to Melissa Coughlin at Centreville-Newsletter@yahoo.com. In general, the submission deadline is end-of-business-day of the Wednesday preceding each PTA meeting and the updates deadline is at noon on the Friday following the PTA meeting. All submissions are subject to approval.



Family Night Out a Success!! *(Lee Kaiser)*

On Tuesday, April 20 Centreville ES families and staff showed their unique CES Eagle pride and enjoyed some great time with friends, classmates, family and CES staff at our CentreWood Plaza Spirit Night. We greatly appreciate Ledo Pizza, Baskin Robbins and Tippy's Taco for opening their doors to us and so generously donating to our school's PTA.

CES Cleanup Day - Success!

Thank you to the 137 volunteers who made our April cleanup day the most successful one ever! We had parents, students, siblings, staff, and scouts come out on April 10th to help clean up the school grounds and many hands really do make for light work! They pulled weeds, clipped branches from storm-damaged trees, and planted a new magnolia tree at the front of the school, and then mulched the school grounds – front and back. Wow – we have a great community of helpers – thank you so much for your time and energy.

Mad Science *(Kathy Taylor)*

Mad Science has wrapped up it's spring session. CES Scientists learned all about the galaxy. Space technology, living in space, traveling in space, space phenomena, planets and moons were just some of the exciting subjects studied this spring. Missed out? Don't worry - we'll be offering Mad Science again in the fall!



Centreville ES Spring SOL Testing 2010 – By Grade Level

Grade 3	Date
Reading -Part I	Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Reading- Part II	Thursday, May 20, 2010
Science	Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Mathematics	Thursday, May 27, 2010
History	Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Grade 4	Date
Reading	Tuesday, May 18, 2010
History- Virginia Studies	Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Mathematics	Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Grade 5	Date
Reading	Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Mathematics	Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Science	Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Grade 6	Date
Reading	Thursday, May 20, 2010
Mathematics (Grade 5-Compacted math test this day)	Thursday, May 27, 2010
Mathematics- 6 th grade Compacted Math Students only	Tuesday, June 1, 2010
History	Thursday, June 3, 2010



Book Fair *(Deb Smith)*

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make our Spring Book Fair a rousing success! We earned over \$4,500 to fund school activities through the PTA. We also earned over \$3,000 in Scholastic dollars which allowed us to purchase sets of books for the reading teachers, library and classrooms. More than 125 books were purchased by our students and their families to be given to their teachers. We had a great week and look forward to seeing everybody again in the fall!



Relay For Life *(Stefanie Ragano)*

Please join our local community and our very own CES Flock of Eagles band at the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Centreville-Clifton-Chantilly (www.centrevillereley.org) the afternoon and night of May 22. Over 30 relay teams will walk from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. around the track at Centreville High School in a wonderful event packed with activities for all ages, including moon bounces, jump ropers, karate demos, two bands, dancing, limbo, a hula hoop contest, a box car race, pie eating, musical chairs, and movies. Teams will decorate their campsites and have many great fundraising activities. There is no admission charge and all donations and fundraising efforts directly support the American Cancer Society. Please consider joining a team, donating, or simply coming to the relay to honor or remember those afflicted with cancer and to support your Centreville Elementary friends and neighbors in their efforts. Thanks to all the CES parents and students participating in the Centreville Relay. You are making a difference in our community! Go Eagles!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Erin Peterson Fund—3rd Annual Golf Tournament

On April 6, 2007 on the Virginia Tech campus, Erin Peterson became one of the victims of the worst college shooting in history. Hers was a life that ended too soon. Erin seemed to bless everyone she touched, her legacy inspires all who knew her to live their lives to the fullest. Through the Erin Peterson fund, we will ensure that her commitment to achieving excellence through education, helping the victimized, and being true to one's self never dies. We ask for your generous support so that the dreams that Erin had for herself may come true for others. Become part of the legacy.

Where: Westfields Golf Club
13940 Balmoral Greens Ave.
Clifton, VA
When: June 24th (7:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)
Golf: \$700 per foursome or \$200 per golfer

For more information, please visit www.erinpetersonfund.org or contact Celeste Peterson at (703) 830-3795 or erinpeterson-fund@yahoo.com

Cub Scout Pack 127 News *(Heather Yacovissi)*

**ATTENTION ALL ADVENTURE SEEKERS!!!
(Especially Kindergarten boys)**

The boys are looking forward to a week of CUBSCOUT DAY CAMP learning all about SAFARI! Camp will be held at Izaak Walton in Centreville June 28-July 2. **If you are the parent of a kindergarten boy or an older boy who thinks they might want to give scouts a try**, this is a great way to introduce your child to the World of Cubscouting.

The scouts have been very busy this spring. Many scouts participated in the CES Spring Clean-up Day as one of our service projects. Over 80 people in Pack 127, scouts and families, went camping at Burke Lake and enjoyed a weekend of unplugged fun in the outdoors. The boys fished, learned how to identify leaves, tie different types of knots and which to use in emergencies, and enjoyed telling stories and jokes by the campfire.



But the fun doesn't stop when the school year ends. This is a very special year in the world of scouting. It is our 100th Birthday! To celebrate, the boys will be representing CES and Pack 127 in a historic parade down Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC. Way to go Pack 127! The scouts have lots of FUN things planned for the months ahead. We will be going to a Nationals game in July and a bike rodeo as well. Many awards for various achievements were earned at our last pack meeting. Some of the achievements earned included skiing, swimming, soccer, map and compass, language and culture, leave no trace, science and music! If you haven't given scouts a try yet and think these activities sound like fun, give scouts a try; contact me at hjystrings@cox.net for further information!



Girl Scout News *(Kimberly Powell)*

Spring is here and your CES Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes all send their THANKS to all of their customers for making our cookie sales successful again this year!!! We trust that you will lace up your sneakers and work OUT to work OFF any cookie-related issues, pounds or inches. If you haven't already, there's still time before next year's sale!



For the month of May, I thought I'd share some of the basics about Girl Scouts, hoping you'll find this useful as you start thinking about your daughter's activities for the next school year (it's not too early to plan!)

Did you know?.....

- ◆ At CES, girls can join Girl Scouts at different grade-levels:
 - ◇ Girl Scout Daisy, grades K-1
 - ◇ Girl Scout Brownie, grades 2-3
 - ◇ Girl Scout Junior, grades 4-5
 - ◇ Girl Scout Cadette, grades 6-8
- ◆ Any girl 5-17 years of age can join the world largest organization for girls! Girls make new friends; participate in arts and crafts; learn high adventure activities like rock climbing, mountain biking and windsurfing; and learn about the world. Go to <http://www.gscnc.org> for more information.

- ◆ Girl Scouts provides leadership experience that will take girls on a voyage—of discovery, friendship, experiences and fun!
- ◆ Girl Scouts helps a girl to answer some of the following questions: Where do you want to go? What do you want to be?
- ◆ Along the way, girls can celebrate with recognitions and awards to help them see just how far they have come!
- ◆ At every level in Girl Scouts, the experience is an adventure that will help girls make discoveries along the way.
- ◆ There is something for every girl in Girl Scouting and an opportunity for them to build confidence and courage on every step of their path.

This month we welcome Christina Minogue as CES's new Girl Scout Troop Organizer! She's begun to transition into her new role and is working closely with Terry Angelotti and Kimberly Powell to effect a smooth transition. Please help me to welcome her; you'll love working with her! I've enjoyed working with the CES PTA members, CES Faculty and CES Parents over the last few years. Thank each of you and the girls for showing me just how rewarding it is to be a Girl Scout volunteer!

Lastly, please stay tuned for our Spring campaign to identify girls interested in scouting so they can be placed in troops for the next school year. You'll get flyers in the coming weeks with more information. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at ktpowell@aol.com for any questions about our Girl Scout Program.

From VA PTA

Positive Parenting *by Dr. Denis Waitley*

Take a moment to listen today to what your children are trying to say.

Listen today whatever you do, or they won't be there to listen to you.

Listen to their problems, listen to their needs.

Praise their smallest triumphs.

Praise their smallest deeds.

Amplify their laughter.

Tolerate their chatter.

Find out what they're after.

Find out what's the matter.

But tell them that you love them every single night.

And although you scold them, make sure you hold them and tell them they're all right.

If we tell our children all the bad in them we see, they'll grow up exactly how we hope they'd never be.



But, if we tell our children we're so proud to wear their name, they'll grow up believing that they're winners in the game.

Being a Parent Is a Special Gift *by Deanne Laura Gilbert*

Being a parent is such a wonderful thing.

It's joy beyond compare, a happiness no words can describe.

As you guide your child through the problems of life,

And offer the encouragement needed to achieve so many things,

You will need an abundance of patience, kindness,

And understanding, but everything you give

Will be returned tenfold in love and appreciation.

Being a parent is a special gift that blesses your life

With happiness, love, and a lifetime of memories.

May / June

Calendar of Events

PTA
Meetings

October 1
November 5
December 3
January 7
February 4
March 4
No April Mtg
May 6
June 3

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Sat / Sun

17 SOL Testing Begins	18	19	20	21	22 Relay for Life, 4 p.m.-6 a.m., CHS track 23 Girls on the Run 5K race, 7:30 a.m., GMU
24	25	26	27	28 2-Hour Early Release	29 30
3  MEMORIAL DAY	1	2	3  PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m., Library	4 SOL Testing Ends	5 6
7 FIELD DAY— Kindergarten 9:30am-1:00pm	8	9	10 FIELD DAY —Grades 1, 3, & 5 9:30am-1:00pm Liberty 101 Orientation for Parents @ Liberty MS	11 Rain date for Field Day— Grades 1, 3, & 5	12 13
14  ← FLAG DAY	15 Kindergarten Patriotic Performance 7:00pm Success Days →	16	17 6th Grade End of the Year Bowling Party AMF Bowling Alley	18 FIELD DAY— Grades 2, 4, & 6	19 20 FATHER'S DAY

Upcoming Events

- June 21 Summer begins
- June 22 Rain date for Field Day—Grades 2, 4, & 6
- June 23 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.
- June 24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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