



# Eagle's Nest

The PTA Newsletter  
Bridging home, school,  
and community

November 2010

## Centreville Elementary



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## From the President

Autumn greetings CES families, staff, and friends,

It's hard to believe that we already have our first quarter behind us, but then I look outside and realize that autumn is coming to a close and winter is quickly approaching! It's been a great fall for the PTA, with many events already hosted, and many of our PTA programs in full swing. I hope you and your children have had the opportunity to participate in some of our fun-filled offerings.

I want to thank everyone who has supported the PTA so far this year - whether you have chaired an event or program, volunteered in some way, or just joined in the fun at one of our events! We want to be the bridge between school, families, and the community, and hope that we are fulfilling our goal. Our volunteer ranks have never been higher - there is a place for everyone. If you don't know where to start, just check out our website - it has all types of sugges-

tions for how you can become involved in the PTA and in your child's educational experience.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I wish the best for you and your families, in whatever way you celebrate. Personally, I am looking forward to my fourth grader's Thanksgiving Feast, where we have the opportunity to sample delicious holiday dishes representing our students' cultures from around the world!



If you have the chance, please consider joining your child for Thanksgiving lunch on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. It's a very festive day at the school, and kicks off the holiday season nicely.

Any suggestions for how we can improve our PTA, or ideas for new activities or events, please feel free to drop me an email at [susie927@verizon.net](mailto:susie927@verizon.net).

Stay safe and warm,

*Susie Collier*



### Executive Committee—2010/2011 School Year

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## Yearbook News (Sue Lyons)

The yearbook order forms will be sent home in the Communicators soon. The cost for yearbooks will be \$18.00 until December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. After that date, you can purchase a yearbook for \$20.00. Only a very limited amount of yearbooks will be available this year. **So ensure your child receives a yearbook and order now!**

Also, we will be having a yearbook cover contest for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders again this year. The front cover winner will receive a free yearbook! Entry forms should have been sent out to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Please have your child submit their entries to their teacher or the front office.

Lastly, please remember that we always need your photos of school events. If you have taken any photos at CES please email them to [slyons417@msn.com](mailto:slyons417@msn.com) or put them on a CD labeled CES Yearbook and send it with your child to school. Make sure the photos are named according to event or teacher. If you are interested in helping with the yearbook, please contact Sue Lyons at [slyons417@msn.com](mailto:slyons417@msn.com) or 703-830-4585.

## Message from School Counselor (Lee Kaiser)

In an effort to make our newest Centreville Elementary families feel as welcomed and informed as possible, School counselors, Mr. K and Mrs. Herget teamed up with your PTA for the first annual New Family Breakfast.

On Wednesday prior to school opening, all new families were invited to our cafeteria for breakfast as Mr. Young shared general information about the school and Mr. K and Mrs. Herget spoke about the Counseling Program and various school-wide activities and opportunities. Mrs. Christiansen and Ms. Kim shared how they, as Parent Liaisons, are available and our PTA spoke about all they do to support and enrich our school. The morning wrapped up with a student-guided tour of the building.

Many expressed gratitude as we opened our doors a little bit early to help them in their adjustment to CES!

## Ca\$h for Tra\$h (Carrie Bartlett)

### Box Tops for Education

**The Contest is here!** The contest starts on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and runs through Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. There are two possible ways to win – entire class contest and individual contest.

The entire class contest is to entitle class participation in a School-wide Pajama Day. Hopefully your class will be a part of PJ Day! We will measure participation by the percentage of students who participate. If your class has 20 students and 10 students submit 25 Box Tops, your participation is 50%. If your class has 28 students and 10 students submit 25 Box Tops, your participation is 36%. Both classes had 10 students submit Box Tops, but we are measuring *percentage* of participation. It *doesn't* matter the size of your class; it *does* matter if YOU participate.



The individual contest is a raffle. If you submit at least 25 Box Tops, you will be entered into the raffle for prizes such as Target gift cards, strategy games and more. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the contest.

There are LOTS more companies participating in Box Tops for Education than ever before. Just are few new products are: Avery office supplies, Land O Lakes dairy and Progresso soups.

### Campbell's Labels for Education

We always are collecting and submitting Campbell's Labels. Simply submit the UPC code which will often indicate the points earned. Many items are worth 1 point, but some are worth 5 points or even 10 points!

Remember that Pepperidge Farm products, Bic pens and pencils, Post cereals, Spaghetti-Os, Pop-Secret popcorn and V-8 drinks (send in bottle caps) all count toward Campbell's Labels for Education.



Thanks for your support in all these programs that generate income for the PTA.

### Giant A+ Bonus Bucks

The program began October 8, 2010 and runs through March 24, 2011. Currently Centreville Elementary has 43 supporters. We earned just over \$160.00 for the month of October. (Checks are issued at the end of the program.) That is great.

However, Bull Run Elementary has over 350 supporters! They have already earned over \$1,000! (London Towne ES has 115 supporters. Centre Ridge has 146 supporters.) Please help Centreville earn as much as possible.

### Please sign up to support our school!

Log on to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus). Click on *register your card* on the right side of the screen. The designation number for CES is **01853**. If you don't know your Giant card number, you can call 1 877 ASK APLUS and register over the phone. (If you have students at other schools, please note that you may register



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## 4th Grade *Photo Story* projects (Joann Hardy)

*Photo Story* is a free application from Microsoft that allows users to tell a story through the use of digital images. These may be photos the students have taken themselves, or digital images a teacher provides to the students relating to a specific curriculum topic. This year our 4<sup>th</sup> graders are all working to create their own *Photo Story* on adaptations of Native Americans in Virginia as it pertains to food, clothing and shelter throughout the different seasons. This specifically supports their curriculum, and is a fun way for the kids to understand the material. Creating a *Photo Story* provides the opportunity for each student to go through the steps of planning their project, writing a script, determining which digital images they would like to incorporate, narrating their story, and selecting appropriate music to include in their project. Finished *Photo Story* projects can be turned into movie files and posted on FCPS 24/7 Learning for parents and students to enjoy!

## Cub Scout Pack 127 in the CES Community (Heather Yacovissi)

The scouts have been very busy during the 1st quarter of the school year! They have been learning about what makes a strong community and how each boy can serve the community. The Webelos scouts learned about citizenship from *Supervisor Frey*. He talked to the scouts about the role of local government and the responsibilities, privileges, and duties that come with citizenship. Perhaps you saw the signs painted by our Bear Scouts reminding and thanking you for your donations for the needy? We had over 40 boys and 40 adults participate in Scouting for Food. Pack 127 collected more than **1,800 pounds** of food for local families in need! The pack will continue to serve the community in December with donations to Toys for Tots.

Although helping others is one of the main objectives of cub scouts, the boys also have a lot of fun! This fall the boys went camping, learned how to use a compass and geo cache at the Sully District Camporee. All new scouts have earned their Bobcat Badge and participated in the face painting ceremony. And coming up this week, the boys will race the ships that they have built, painted, and decorated in the Annual Raingutter Regatta. If you are interested in having your child participate in activities such as these, it's never too late to join scouts! If you have any questions, please email [hjystrings@cox.net](mailto:hjystrings@cox.net).

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to support up to three schools.)

Take a peek at the Giant sales flyer or at the store tags when you are shopping for **Extra Credit** items. Just like extra credit in the classroom helps boost a grade, the extra credit items at Giant helps boost the earnings for our school. Extra Credit products change every two weeks – look for new products on November 19.

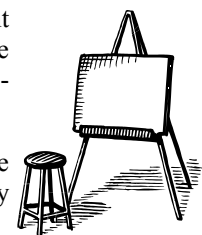
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Our goal for 2010-2011 school year is \$3,000. Please help us achieve our goal and support our school in Giant Food A+ Bonus Bucks.

## Art Corner (Sarah Marion)

### What's happening in November

- ◆ Kindergarten will begin working with clay! They will learn 3D shapes and make a pinch pot.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> grade artists will paint a family home and build clay pinch pots.
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> grade artists will paint a community landscape and create a paper weaving.
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> grade artists will create self-portraits that portray an emotion.
- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> grade artists will complete Virginia landscape paintings then create a book about milestones.
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> grade artists will complete landscape paintings about nature and begin a metal repousse project.
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> grade artists will create a collage evoking a memory and work with expressive lines.



## Book Fair a Success!!

(Deb Smith)



Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make the Book Fair such a success! We raised over \$4,800 in funds, fulfilled hundreds of teacher wish list requests and purchased more than \$1,000 books for the library. See you again in the spring.

### 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](mailto:CentrevilleNewsletter@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.



## Bingo Night Success

(Susie Collier)

On Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, the PTA held our annual Bingo Night, and what a success it was! We had over 300 students, staff, parents, and siblings join in the fun. Great prizes went to the winners; pizza and concessions were served, and students had the opportunity to call out numbers! Thanks go to Colleen Herklotz, the Bingo Chair, and all great volunteers who made this night a success!

## CES Directory

(Maria Stewart)

The CES Directory will be distributed to all registered PTA Members in December. Need an extra copy or still haven't reserved your first? Email [riastewart@yahoo.com](mailto:riastewart@yahoo.com) no later than November 20th with "CES Directory" in the subject line. For only \$5 you can make sure you have your copy!

## CES Mini-Walk for the Homeless

(Terry Angelotti)

CES held a mini-walk for the homeless on October 29, in conjunction with the annual Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless. The entire school participated in the assembly on homelessness led by Mrs. Burrows and the walk around the athletic fields. It was a beautiful day for the event. Through the mini-walk, \$1,515 was donated to WFCM, a human service agency in Chantilly with a food pantry, used clothing store, and rent and utility assistance that prevents homelessness. Because so many clients at WFCM are from the Centreville area, they are in the process of opening a second office here. If you are interested in learning more about WFCM, you can visit their website at <http://www.wfcmva.org/> or call 703-988-9656. The main Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless will be held on the National Mall on Saturday, November 20. For more information, search "Fannie Mae Help the Homeless."

Thanks to all who made the Centreville Elementary walk a success this year!

## From the FCPS website . . .

### Wet Oatmeal Kisses

Author Unknown

The baby is teething. The children are fighting. Your husband just called and said, "Eat dinner without me."

One of these days you'll explode and shout to the kids, "Why don't you grow up and act your age?" And they will.

Or: "You guys get outside and find yourselves something to do. And don't slam the door!" And they don't.

You'll straighten their bedrooms all neat and tidy, toys displayed on the shelf, hangers in the closet, animals caged.

You'll say, "Now I want it to stay this way!" And it will.

You will prepare a perfect dinner with a salad that hasn't had all the olives picked out and a cake with no finger traces in the icing and you'll remark: "Now THIS is a meal for company." And you will eat it alone.

You'll shout, "I want complete privacy on the phone. No screaming. Do you hear me?" And no one will answer.

No more plastic tablecloths stained with spaghetti. No more dandelion bouquets. No more iron-on patches. No more wet, knotted shoelaces, muddy boots or rubber bands for ponytails.

Imagine. A lipstick with a point. No baby sitter for New Year's Eve, washing clothes only once a week, no PTA meetings or silly school plays where your child is a tree. No car pools, blaring stereos or forgotten lunch money.

No more Christmas presents made of library paste and toothpicks. No wet oatmeal kisses. No more tooth fairy. No more giggles in the dark, scraped knees to kiss or sticky fingers to clean. Only a voice asking: "Why don't you grow up?"

And the silence echoes: "I did."



**Centreville Elementary School  
Parent Teacher Association  
14330 Green Trails Blvd.  
Centreville, Virginia 20121**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at CES. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is looking forward to serving you and tying that important bond between school and community.

The PTA is an organization that helps fund activities for your child that Fairfax County cannot fund. Some of the activities include field trips, musicals, assemblies, guest speakers and authors, technology, books and teacher support. Beyond educational experiences, the PTA also provides a great deal of fun for the students. We sponsor the Spring Carnival, Movie Nights, Skate Nights and other special events.

We encourage every adult member of the family to join the PTA to help support the very important events that help to educate and entertain our children. In addition to your membership, we look forward to your participation in our fundraisers, as well as volunteering on one of our committees. Joining the PTA does not mean that you have to volunteer in any way; however, we welcome you to become a part of the school community by joining. The PTA meets the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. The first meeting of the year is Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Membership is \$8.00 per adult member. Just fill out the application below and enclose cash or a check made payable to CES PTA. You can send your form and money back with your child in an envelope marked PTA Membership.

Sincerely,

The PTA Executive Board

Susie Collier

Deb Smith

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Connie Christiansen

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**2010-2011 CES PTA Membership Dues  
Cost \$8.00 per adult member**

**Parent/Guardian Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name:**

**Teacher:**

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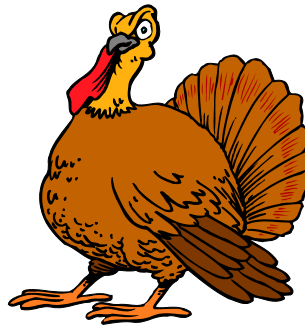
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**I do not wish to have my name and address appear in the school directory**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
15	16	17	18	19 Thanksgiving Luncheon	20 21
22	23	24 2-Hour Early Release	25 <b>Thanksgiving</b> NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 28
29	30	1 	2 Barnes and Noble night	3 Barnes and Noble night	4 5
6	7	8	9 PTA Meeting 7:00pm, Library	10	11 12
13	14	15	16	17	18 19

### Future Events—Mark Your Calendars!

- December 23 Winter Break begins
- January 6 PTA meeting, 7:00pm Library
- January 17 Martin Luther King holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- January 21 Movie Night at CES, 6:00pm and 8:00pm showings
- January 28 PTA-sponsored staff breakfast
- January 31 Student Holiday—NO SCHOOL
- February 1 Student Holiday—NO SCHOOL



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