



Eagle's Nest

The PTA Newsletter
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and community

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Centreville Elementary



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From the President

Welcome back everyone!

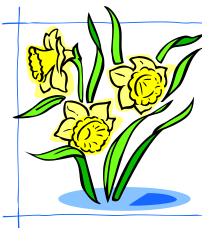
It's hard to believe another school year is under way, but here we go! Your PTA has been hard at work this summer, organizing new clubs, planning fun events, and signing on with our tried and true programs. Please check our website at www.CentrevillePTA.org to keep informed. We will work hard to keep you in the know—via KIT emails, call-outs, website postings, email blasts, and flyers—but you need to do your part by signing up for the Keep In Touch program, joining the PTA, and checking those weekly communicators.

Our school is a great place to be and it just keeps getting better. With our newly won grant money, we will be working on creating outdoor learning spaces this fall. If you can help out, just email me at the address below. We have great plans for our grant and other fundraising monies. Speaking of which, we are organizing our fundraising efforts a bit differently this year, so be sure to look inside for a quick explanation of what you can ex-

pect.

Be sure to check out the calendar—it will give you a heads up on the events planned for early in the school year, starting with the family picnic this Friday evening. There will be great food and entertainment by our very own Flock of Eagles, as well as an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Our Volunteer Coordinator this year is Stefanie Ragano. Stef can be reached at stefanieragano@yahoo.com. If you would like to volunteer but are not sure where to start, just drop her a note. She will get you pointed in the right direction!



Lastly, please remember that your PTA is only as strong as its members. So please consider joining and becoming an active member. You can make a difference! Here's to a great year ☺

Sincerely,

Susie Collier
Susie927@verizon.net

Executive Committee—2010/2011 School Year

President	Susie Collier
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Recording and Corresponding Secretary	Robin Costanza
Treasurer	Connie Christiansen



Before/After School

Activities

(Kathy Taylor)

Looking for activities before or after school? The PTA is working together with the teachers to bring some new programs to CES! Classes will run in 6- to 10-week blocks with both fall and spring sessions. Keep an eye out for flyers in the communicators to sign up.

Programs on the schedule:

- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Athletics Club
- ◆ Chess Club
- ◆ Girls On The Run
- ◆ Mad Science
- ◆ Technology Club

Chess Club at CES *(Terry Angelotti)*

The pilot program of the new CES Chess Club was a great success this Spring under the direction of fourth grade teacher MaryAnn Settlemyre and parent Michael Munsterman. Students met for six weeks to learn more about the game and polish their skills through playing against other children. Plans are in place to offer three more six-week sessions this year: one in the Fall and two in the Winter (cost will be \$15 per session). In the Spring, an informal time for students to come together and play (without instruction and at no cost)



will be arranged. We plan to meet on Tuesday afternoons, immediately after school. The program is open to students in grades 1-6. Watch for information coming soon for sessions starting in early October. If you would like to offer your assistance to the program as an adult volunteer, contact Terry Angelotti at Terbait@yahoo.com or 703-266-3684.

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

There are several ways that you can help support all the PTA that doesn't cost you any money whatsoever! For years, Centreville Elementary has participated in Box Tops for Education and the Campbell's Labels for Education programs.



Last year, we earned more than \$1,300 by cutting out Box Tops from products your family uses every day. We earn 10¢ for every label collected. Campbell's Labels for Education program is a point based program. We earn points for the UPCs from Campbell's products (which include V-8 and Pepperidge Farm). Some products are valued at 1 point and some products are 5 points. Please start clipping those box tops and Campbell's UPC codes and send them in with your child.

Spanish Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) at CES for 2010/2011 *(Robin Costanza)*

Watch for a flyer to come out in late September announcing the Spanish FLEX classes available to 1st-6th graders at CES. The FLEX program is an after school program designed to introduce students to foreign language and culture. Classes start in mid-to-late November and run for 20 weeks. More information and registration will be available in late September. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Costanza at robin.costanza@verizon.net.

School Counselors' message *(Lee Kaiser)*

Hello there! We're your School Counselors. With more than 25 years of experience, we bring a great deal of energy, enthusiasm and care to our job. Our primary goal is to support each and every child's academic, social and emotional growth throughout their elementary years. As today's children face increasingly difficult social and life challenges, your CES counselors, through guided groups, clubs, individual counseling and class-wide discussions, enable children to address these issues thereby enabling them to focus on their academic goals and successes.

In addition, we collaborate with classroom teachers to facilitate positive character development in each student and foster community within the classroom and school wide. This is accomplished through programs such as CES's volunteering initiative, our teacher/student mentoring program (Eagle Aides) and Student Hosts, a program that pairs new students up with some of our trained class representatives to assist them in acclimating to our school.

We are very eager to work with and support your child(ren) and family! Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Herget (grades K-3)
703-502-3549
JLHerget@fcps.edu

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Message from the PTA Parent Liaisons

(Connie Christensen)

Welcome to Centerville Elementary School. We are your parent liaisons; staff members who work with both parents and staff members to bridge communications gaps that may exist because English is not your first language. If you need help with interpretation or translation services at CES, please feel free to contact us. We are here for you, and looking forward to meeting you! We can be reached by calling our school office number (703-502-3517), or through our email addresses below.

Consuela (Connie) Christiansen
CJChristiansen@fcps.edu
Spanish Parent Liaison

Anna Kim
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Korean Parent Liaison

Hello from the Girl Scouts!

(Christina Minogue)



Fall is rapidly approaching and our CES Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadets are gearing up for a great year of learning, fun and of course, cookies.

Girl Scouts offer many wonderful experiences for our girls to participate in. Some examples are educational activities, adventures, field trips, community service projects, cookie sales and camping. Through these activities the girls develop friendships, build decision-making skills, and gain leadership and confidence.

Girl Scouts help each girl develop and learn about who they are, who they want to be and set goals to reach their fullest potential.

Here at CES we have the following groups of Girl Scouts:

- ◆ Girl Scout Daisies for Kindergarten and 1st grade
- ◆ Girl Scout Brownies for 2nd and 3rd grades
- ◆ Girl Scout Juniors for 4th and 5th grades
- ◆ Girl Scout Cadets that start in 6th and continue through 8th

I am excited to be joining this great team as the Girl Scout organizer for CES this year and look forward to working with all of the new and returning scouts, parents, leaders and staff. New troops will be forming and we have some spots available in some of our existing troops as well.

If you would like more information or are interested in finding a troop please email me at: gorganizer@verizon.net or my telephone number is 703-830-8759.

Thanks and have a great start to the school year!

Yearbook

(Sue Lyons)

CES has contracted again with Splendid Portraits to put together a yearbook filled with photos of each student with their class and also all the various activities throughout the school year. The success of the yearbook depends entirely on volunteers to take photos as well as design and create the yearbook. The yearbook will be created digitally using Adobe Photoshop software. Anyone willing to help will be taught how to use this software. It's fun and easy and produces beautiful, professional looking results.

Most of all, we need lots and lots photos of school events, field trips, and class parties! Photos can be dropped off at the main office anytime during the school year (CD is best) or sent via email to slyons417@msn.com. So get those cameras rolling and remember to send us copies of your pictures. Anyone interested in helping with the yearbook committee should contact Sue Lyons at slyons417@msn.com or 703-830-4585.

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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 [Centerville Newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:CentervilleNewsletter@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.

