



PTA NEWSLETTER

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2011

President's Perspective...

I hope you were able to attend the PTA's International Dinner! We had a large crowd of parents, teachers, and fellow students mingling among friends as we ate an assortment of delicious foods. We owe our thanks to the many Crestview staff members, parents and students who set-up, cooked, served, cleaned up... and especially to Al Wilson for organizing the event. So, THANKS, THANKS, and more THANKS!!

Even though we are beginning our downhill run towards the end of the school year, there is still much going on. Read this newsletter or visit our website (www.crestviewpta.org) for more details. Also, please take the opportunity to complete the Membership Survey available in this issue and on our website. Finally, have a fun and safe Spring Break!!!

Ali Brown, PTA President
president@crestviewpta.org

Thanks to all who participate in our recent Family Fun Night at Noodles & Company. With your help, we raised \$226!



CONGRATULATIONS COURTNY KUESTER CRESTVIEW PTA'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Courtney Kuester has been an instrumental member of our Crestview PTA for over 8 years. She has held numerous positions, including, Hospitality, Membership, Secretary, and Volunteers/Room parents, while also being heavily involved with the redistricting project and making sure that our Crestview students stay together. She has always been one to count on if we need the extra help in ordering supplies, such as, playground equipment, popcorn machine, teacher gifts etc. She is a valued member of our PTA and deserves a big THANKS for all she has done for us!! Courtney, CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!!!!!!!

**PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
3RD GRADE HARMONICA AND
4TH GRADE RECORDER CONCERTS**

**TUESDAY
APRIL 5**



7:00 PM

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Crestview PTA is always looking for ways to improve. Throughout the year, we strive to provide valuable services, events, and community centered activities that support Crestview students, families, teachers, and staff. Your feedback, suggestions, and ideas offer us the ability to best meet the needs of our school and are vital to the growth, development, and education of your child! Please take a moment to complete the survey attached to this newsletter and return it to school. (The survey is also available on our website at: www.crestviewpta.org). Thank you. Your input is very important to us!

Coming Soon: COOKIES!!!

Be on the lookout for our upcoming Spring FUNdraiser — COOKIES!!



**KICKOFF: THURSDAY, APRIL 7
ORDERS DUE: MONDAY, APRIL 25
COOKIE PICKUP: THURSDAY, MAY 5**

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Thank You!

The International Dinner on March 25, 2011 was another success. We had 251 families, teachers and guests in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the music of the Mills Family Band and lots of tasty food. I would like to thank the following people who helped make the Dinner such a success:

Mrs. Hammock and the SCA
for the decorations and setup;

Mr. Trinh and the Mills Family Band
for the dinner invitation;

Mekong
for a generous food donation;

Taylor Andrews
as the food manager in the cafeteria;

Mrs. Rawlyk
for her assistance with everything asked for;

Matthew Dickerson
for helping set-up and clean-up; and

All the teacher and parent volunteers who make all of these events possible.

Thank you all, very much!

Al Wilson
International Dinner Coordinator

**And thank you Al Wilson!
You throw a great party!**



TO ALL WHO RAISED A HAND AND SAID, "I WILL" —

THANK YOU!

YOU HAVE HELPED MAKE A GREAT SCHOOL EVEN BETTER!

An invitation to Crestview boys —

Welcome to Cub Scout Pack 708!

Pack 708 meets Thursdays at 7pm
Christ United Methodist Church
6818 W. Grace Street
Richmond, Virginia 23226
(near the corner of Charles St & Horsepen Rd)

Cub Scouting is a fun, active, and challenging adventure for boys in Grades 1-5. To get more information, plan to attend any of our meetings or contact Cubmaster Dave Gustavson at dtgustavson@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://www.cubs780.org/Home.aspx> for more information.

* The Crestview PTA is not affiliated with Cub Scout Pack 7708, Boy Scouts of America or Christ United Methodist Church.

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Heart to Heart Luncheon
Friday, May 13th

Save the date!

Families join their children
for a picnic lunch at Crestview.

More info is coming soon.





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Crestview Elementary

Membership Survey

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Are you a member of this PTA? Yes No

Are you a member of other PTAs? Yes No

If yes, please name them. _____

What do you believe is the purpose of our PTA? _____

Why did you join PTA? _____

What does the PTA do well? _____

What could the PTA do better? _____

Would you recruit a new member? Yes No

What are the weak points of our unit? _____

What is the biggest challenge you face as a parent? _____

What is the biggest challenge our school community faces? _____

What new unit activity would you most like to see implemented? _____

What current unit activity would you most like to see ended? _____

In what areas would you become active if given the opportunity? _____

Overall, I feel the PTA is Very helpful Helpful Not helpful

Meetings and projects are Very helpful Helpful Not helpful

Would you like to see resource materials, such as handouts, videos/DVDs, and brochures, available to PTA members? Yes No

Did you ever request assistance or information from the PTA? Yes No

If yes, did you receive a prompt response? Yes No

Do you believe the PTA has been working on behalf of all children and youth? Yes No

If no, what do you think should be addressed that the PTA has failed to address?

Please return this survey to:

Annie Andrews
Membership Chair

Crestview Elementary School

PTA Officers

2010-2011



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www.crestviewpta.org

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www.henrico.k12.va.us/es/crestview

Henrico County Public Schools:

www.henrico.k12.va.us/

Henrico County Council of PTAs:

www.hccpta.com

Virginia PTA:

www.vapta.org

National PTA:

www.nationalpta.org

SAVE THE DATE

April 1	HALF-DAY STUDENT HOLIDAY
April 5	PTA Board Meeting (6:00)
	PTA General Meeting (7:00)
	3rd Grade Harmonica and
	4th Grade Recorder Concert (7:00)
April 7	Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2011
April 18-22	SPRING BREAK
May 11	All Fired Up Last Class
May 17	PTA Board Meeting (6:00)
	PTA General Meeting (7:00)
	Summer Safety Program (7:00)
May 20	Field Day
May 21	Field Day Rain Date
May 30	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
June 17	FINAL DAY STUDENT HALF-DAY

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 25

Contact Ellie Speer:

newsletter@crestviewpta.org or 282-4919

Crestview Needs You! Crestview Needs You! Crestview Needs You!

Crestview's Nominations Committee will soon be actively seeking persons to serve as PTA officers and other committee chairs and board members for the 2010-2011 school year. Please consider whether you might be one of the individuals we are seeking. Talk to any board member and you will find that each one is part of a team that really feels like a family. The board consists of the Executive Officers, member-at-large, and chairs of various committees. Some areas of opportunity to help at Crestview include:

- After-School Enrichment
- County Council Rep
- Box Tops
- Family Fun Nights
- Directory
- Fitness
- Fundraising
- Hospitality
- International Dinner
- Lay Advisory Rep
- Newsletter
- Reflections
- RIF
- Website
- Silent Auction
- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Coordination of Volunteers/Room Parent
- Coin Drive
- Kroger Plus
- Winter Wonderland
- Yearbook

To learn more, contact a current board member. Contact information may be found at

<http://www.crestviewpta.org/id3.html>; or e-mail info@crestviewpta.org.

We look forward to hearing from you.