



PTA NEWSLETTER

Crestview Elementary School

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under the sparkle of silver and blue,

The Crestview PTA

would like to invite you

to a night filled with games,

fun, & sweet treats!

Dress up in your best,

dancing to holiday beats!

A Silent Auction complete

with something for all on your list

This isn't a night that you want to miss!

Everyone is sure to have a time that is grand,

At Crestview's Annual

Winter Wonderland!!



Winter Wonderland!!!

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY

MISSION STATEMENT

Crestview Elementary School is committed to student achievement guided by innovative teaching through infusion of interactive 21st Century Skills that make connections to diverse life experiences. We collaborate with home and the community to provide and maintain a safe and nurturing learning environment.

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Please join us for this exciting Family event on

Friday, December 9th

7:00-9:00 pm

Crestview Elementary School

Admission \$ 4.00 per person

*children must be accompanied by an adult



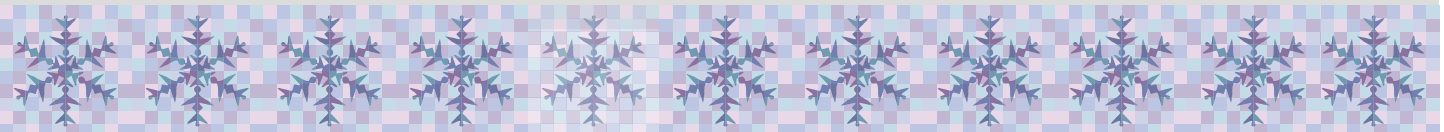
What is WINTER WONDERLAND???

Winter Wonderland is a family event with something for everyone. In the cafeteria, students and siblings (and parents, too) dance the night away. A DJ will be playing a host of kid & parent approved songs, mixed in with games, line dances, and capped off with a dance competition!

Using the cafeteria lines, a dessert bar filled with homemade treats, beverages, and snacks will be available for reasonable prices to keep everyone fueled for dancing.

In the teachers lounge, a quiet escape for grown ups to grab a complimentary cup of coffee. It's a nice break from the music and a place to strategize what to bid on at the Silent Auction.

The library is host to the Silent Auction—a great place for holiday shopping, great gift baskets, and teacher raffles. The Silent Auction will be closed prior to the end of Winter Wonderland so that winners can collect their loot!



*We need your cookies, pies, and cakes,
Brownies and fudge, whatever you make!
It's a bake sale to be enjoyed by all,
We're accepting donations both big and small!
Store-bought or homemade, it's all very good.
But label them please, if you could.
And we want to share our special treats,
So **NUT-FREE** please so we all can eat!*

DONATIONS FOR THE BAKE SALE CAN BE BROUGHT IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE ANYTIME ON DECEMBER 9TH!! PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS IN READY TO SELL PACKAGING!!

CALLING ALL CRESTVIEW PARENTS!!!

The success of Winter Wonderland & the Silent Auction is a direct result of the many volunteers who offer their time to help. It's a great opportunity to get involved—with a minimum time commitment—and do something wonderful for your child's school. Interested in how YOU CAN HELP? This year we are using Sign Up Genius to help manage our volunteer needs. To sign up, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4AA5A723A20-winter

If you have questions about a particular role, or would like more information, please feel free to contact Annie Andrews @ wonderland@crestviewpta.org





Silent Auction!!

The Crestview PTA is getting ready for the Winter Wonderland Silent Auction on December 9, 2011. Unsure what a silent auction is? Here's a quick description. When you arrive at the Winter Wonderland party, you can register to get a bid number. In the library there will be tables with items displayed on them. Each item will have a bid sheet, there is no auctioneer. To bid on an item, you just enter your bidding number and bid amount on the form. Silent Auctions can be a great place to pick up gifts or buy things that you would buy anyway but that result in a donation to the school.

The Crestview PTA is currently seeking donations of products and services that can be auctioned off at our 2011 Winter Wonderland. Donations, such as merchandise, services or gift certificates are typically what we've received from previous donors. So, if you or someone you know work for a company that may want to donate, please let us know. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated and will not go unrecognized. All donors will be noted on our list of supporters in our December/January 2011 PTA Newsletter which goes out to approximately 350 families.

The silent auction serves as a major fundraising generator for our organization. Funds raised from the auction go directly towards meeting PTA budgeted items that either offset or defray the cost of several learning tools and learning initiatives for our students. A few examples illustrating how the PTA helps our students and teachers include:

- ✓ Supporting RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) by matching funding requirements;
- ✓ Purchasing Weekly Reader and Science Weekly booklets (used in all classrooms);
- ✓ Contributing funds to the school library;
- ✓ Purchasing harmonicas for all 3rd grade students
- ✓ Help with any teacher supply shortages.

GRADE LEVEL BASKETS!!

The Silent Auction committee has been busy soliciting local businesses for donations to be auctioned off. But, **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. We are asking parents to make a donation if possible. Along with the silent auction items, each grade level has a basket all of their own. The PTA puts everything each grade collects together to sell as a gift basket. Please consider making a donation of an item, a new unused gift (re-gift) or a gift card or small monetary contribution (no amount is too small). All donations are needed by Wednesday November 30. Label your donations "Silent Auction" and drop them off in the office or send them with your child to his/her teacher.

Here is the list of themes for each grade level:

Pre-k: Kids Kadoodle

Kindergarten: Ooh Spa La

Grade 1: Viva Italiana

Grade 2: All About Dad

Grade 3: Sweeeeet Time

Grade 4: Fiesta Feast

Grade 5: Family Fun



SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS!!!

Here are some of the items we have collected so far:

Jason's Deli

Chick-Fil-A

Baker's Crust

The Little Gym

Plaza Azteca

The Dairy Bar

CORE Kids Academy

Five Guys

Mee Kong

Flying Squirrels

Café Caturra

DeLuca Gelato

A Karen Touch Massage

Kangaroo Jacks

American Taekwondo

Overtime Athletics

The Funny Bone

Lewis Ginter

O'Charley's

Byrd Theatre

Mathnasium

Qdoba

The Tavern

Romp N Roll

Shrader Bowling Alley

Barnes N Noble

Martins

Teacher Time Donations!!

The Children's Museum

Grade Level Gift Baskets

And many, many more!!!

For questions regarding the Winter Wonderland, please contact Annie Andrews @ wonderland@crestviewpta.org

For questions regarding the Silent Auction, please contact Lisa Kubyako OR Valerie Hendricks @ silentauction@crestviewpta.org



From The Principal's Desk

Greetings Cardinals!



As we head toward the end of the fiscal year, I'd like to take this opportunity to revisit a number of topics addressed in our Parent/Student handbook. Everyone's cooperation will help us operate safely and efficiently.

1. **When students are running late and arrive after 7:50 a.m., parents are expected to sign them in at the main office or clinic.** This will allow us to determine whether the tardy will be marked as excused or unexcused and ensure that the student is safely inside the building.
2. Please help us build independence and responsibility in our students by letting them walk to class on their own.
3. During afternoon dismissal, due to hallway congestion, we ask that parents of walkers wait outside of the main entrance until we release your child to you. This way, we can be sure we release/dismiss students to the appropriate person.
4. **Early dismissals cannot be accepted after 1:45 unless a note has been received that morning.** Classes are oftentimes at recess or busily packing up and copying homework at that time, and the office is quite busy handling bus information and other end-of-the-day tasks.

The fall and early winter seasons are full of wonderful traditions and holidays celebrated by a rich diversity of people. At Crestview Elementary, we enjoy and celebrate this richness with our families from all over the world. As I personally reflect on this past year and the upcoming holiday season, I am continuously thankful for our wonderful students who work so hard and put so much effort into everything they do. I am also grateful for the amazing faculty and staff who routinely are "In The Pink" (Preparing Innovative New Knowledge) to help each child succeed and reach their full potential! And finally, thanks to our parents who support our school in so many different ways. I wish each of you a peaceful and relaxing holiday season. Be safe, and I will see you in 2012!

With Warmest Regards,
Karen H. Rawlyk, Principal



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

People sometimes ask me why I became involved in the PTA at Crestview. The answer isn't as simple as you might think. Of course, I joined the PTA as a member because I wanted to show my support for all the things our PTA does to enrich the lives of students. And I knew the PTA is not just a local voice, but a strong, influential, national voice in the political arena. But, I became a volunteer because I wanted my children to see first hand that I care about their educational experience. I also wanted to be 'in the know' about what goes on in and around Crestview. Crestview isn't just my child's school, it is our family's school.



In the spirit of giving thanks, I wish to thank everyone who joined the PTA this year, all those who have lent a hand in some way this year, and every parent who is still looking for a way to get involved. We could not do all that we do without you and there are always opportunities that can fit your schedule.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season,

Valerie Abbott

PTA President - Crestview

president@crestviewpta.org

**PEOPLE
ENCOURAGING
ACCEPTANCE
COMPASSION
EQUALITY**

Your
Secretary
Says:

Check the website!!
Last month's General
Membership Meeting Minutes
are posted. We will be voting to
approve them at the next
General Membership Meeting
on Tuesday, December 6th.





Family Fun Night!!!

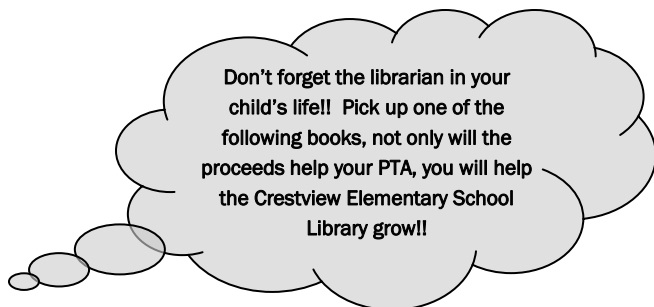
Thursday, December 15
Barnes & Noble at Libbie Place

5501 West Broad Street

3 - 8 pm

Come get your holiday shopping done and help Crestview at the same time!

Student art show, door prizes, and dinner at the café all makes for a great family evening!



Don't forget the librarian in your child's life!! Pick up one of the following books, not only will the proceeds help your PTA, you will help the Crestview Elementary School Library grow!!

Library Wish List:

Wonderstruck, by Brian Selznick

Inheritance, by Christopher Paolini

The Lemonade War, by Jacqueline Davies

The Lemonade Crime, by Jacqueline Davies

#8 in the 39 clues series: Emperor's Code, by Gordon Korman

#9 in the 39 clues series: Storm Warning, by Linda Sue Park

#10 in the 39 clues series: Into the Gauntlet, by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Wicked Will (A Mystery of Young William Shakespeare), by Bailey MacDonald

Clementine and the Family Meeting, by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine and the Friend of the Week, by Sara Pennypacker

Clementine and the Talented Clementine, by Sara Pennypacker

Fancy Nancy and the Mean Girl, by Jane O'Connor

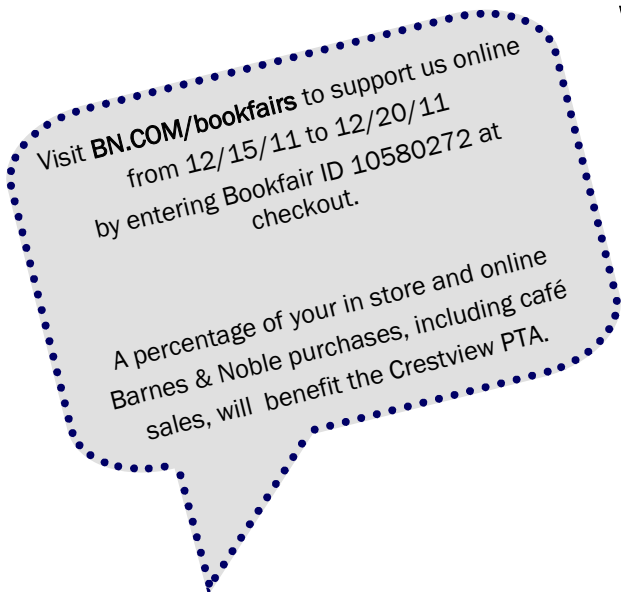
Fancy Nancy Hair Dos and Don'ts, by Jane O'Connor

Too Many Dinosaurs, by Mercer Mayer

If you Give a Dog a Donut, by Laura Joffe

Wodney Wat's Wobot, by Helen Lester

Skippyjohn, by Judith Byron Schachner



Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/15/11 to 12/20/11 by entering Bookfair ID 10580272 at checkout.

A percentage of your in store and online Barnes & Noble purchases, including café sales, will benefit the Crestview PTA.



The Crestview PTA would like to thank



Chuck E Cheese

for hosting November's Family Fun Night!!
Thanks to all who participated in our Family
Fun Nights!!



After School Enrichment

Our fall classes were a big hit! I would like to give a **BIG THANKS** to the teachers and safety kids for helping students to the after school programs.

We are excited to offer Yoga for kg- 5th in January. We are also thrilled to offer "Organizing is Elementary" in January for 3rd - 5th graders. This program is designed to help students who experience any or all of the following: lost homework/school papers, projects put off until the last minute, messy backpack, stressful mornings getting ready for school, no real concept of time.

Spring classes will include ultimate frisbee, cheerleading, gymnastics, art, dance and science.

If you have ideas for after school enrichment programs, please send thoughts to enrichment@crestviewpta.org



HOSPITALITY!!



On November 4th the Hospitality Committee provided a lunch from Chick-Fil-A to the staff at Crestview. The lunch seemed to be a big success and we heard from many teachers and staff about how much they enjoyed it. Thank you so much to all parents who sent in pretzels, chips, veggies and fruit! Our next event will be on Monday, December 5th and will be a spread of "Holiday Treats". We will be asking parents to help with donations of goodies. If you have signed up to donate an item we will be getting in touch with you soon! If you have not signed up but would like to help, please email Bridget Cunningham at cunningham_bridget@yahoo.com

Counselor's Corner



Christmas Mother Food Drive

Nov. 28-Dec. 2

Bring in cans or boxes to help your child's class add links to their paper chain!

The school year is zipping by! I can't believe how fast the time has gone.I have taught guidance lessons in all the classes and am just finishing up the last set. In October, fifth grade lessons focused on study skills; students have a section in their binders for the memory techniques we used. Fourth graders made a booklet of anger management strategies. "It is okay to feel angry but don't hurt yourself, others or property." Third graders learned ways to show respect for themselves and for others.

In November and the first part of December, second grade study skills lessons focused on organization, listening, and good homework habits. Stranger awareness was the topic for first graders; they enjoyed tips from The Safe Side DVD. Kindergartners made "Feelings" booklets with drawings showing when they felt happy, sad, angry, and scared. I hope those will be "keepers" for parents. :]

Mrs. Tera Koch will be returning Dec. 12. I have loved being here at Crestview, working with the wonderful staff and students, and meeting many of you. I hope the Christmas holiday will be a good one for you and your family!

Action Alert!!!

Important notice An emergency Action Item for the Proposed legislation Program was adopted at the state convention on November 5th stating that ".....we the PTA want the governor to give education its fair share of the surplus money that totals 544 million.....". Education has been cut by 15% over the past 4 years. On that note the date of the PTA day at the General Assembly is January 23. It is a day when we the PTA lobby for all of our Action Items and bring them forth to our delegates and let them know that We the PTA mean business!!! It is a day we truly advocate for our children and let our voices be heard. If you are interested in being a part of this yearly occasion please let me know and I will give you all the information I can. You can visit VAPTA.org for specifics by clicking on the legislation link.

The next Henrico County Council of PTA's (HCCPTA) general meeting will be held on January 31, 2012 at 7pm. This is when the county will give us an update on their proposed budget for the next two years. Remember, so far the county has had to decrease over 32 million dollars in the last 4 years. So please attend. The meeting will be held at Highland Springs High School, 15 S. Oak Avenue, Highland Springs, Virginia, 23075.

Ali Brown
PTA Legislation Chair
actionalert@crestviewpta.org



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 9, 2011 through March 31, 2012 Crestview Elementary will have the opportunity to earn cash through Martin's A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Fill out information below and return it to your teacher -

WE WILL REGISTER FOR YOU!

OR

To designate Crestview use ID #03081 and log on to:

<http://richmond.martinsfoods.com/aplus/SchoolDesignationLogin.html>

OR

- 3. Dial 1-888-448-4642 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Martin's using your BONUSCARD earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Martin's website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program and the money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for Crestview to receive credit. We need your support! Please be sure to register your card to benefit **CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY** using ID #03081

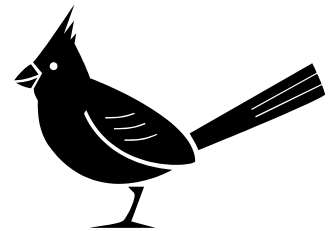
Also, don't forget to encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to do the same. It's super simple - just add as many names and card numbers as you can to this list and we will register them for you!

It could mean the world to our children!

<i>BonusCard Number</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
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Crestview Elementary School
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2011-2012



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**The Deadline for Items to be included in the January Newsletter is
Wednesday, January 4th.
Contact Lisa Kubyako: newsletter@crewstviewpta.org**

SAVE THE DATE!!

**December 6 General Membership Meeting
Program: "Second Grade Performance"**

December 9 Winter Wonderland

December 15 Barnes & Noble Book Fair

December 19 Winter Break Begins

January 2 Schools Reopen

January 16 Student Holiday

January 30 Student Holiday

**February 7 General Membership Meeting
Program: "Third Grade Performance"**

February 20 Student Holiday

February 24 Fun & Fitness Night!!



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Teacher of the Week

Virginia 529 College Savings Plan

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Do you have a favorite teacher? Is he/she someone who is always there for their students? Do they strive for educational excellence in their classroom?

If so nominate your teacher for Radio One Richmond's "Teacher Of The Week" Award.

They will be recognized and rewarded for their success in the classroom.

Go to www.ipowerrichmond.com and follow the link to nominate your Teacher of the Week.

Or enter the following link into your web browser:

<http://ipowerrichmond.upickem.net/engine/YourSubmission.aspx?contestid=43019>



Top Teachers Nomination

We've all had them – teachers who inspired us, challenged us, looked out for us and helped us succeed. In February, the Henrico Citizen will profile some of the top teachers in Henrico County at the preschool, elementary school, middle school and high school levels. We encourage you to nominate one, or several, of the current teachers who have made a difference in your life, or in the lives of your children, friends, brothers or sisters. Public and private school teachers are eligible to be nominated. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 30! Thank you for helping to recognize the educators who are changing lives every day in Henrico County!

To Nominate Your Favorite Teacher

Visit http://henricocitizen.com/index.php/news/teacher_form