



PTA NEWSLETTER

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

President's Perspective...

Wow, it's March already!! We are in the process of selecting our Crestview PTA Volunteer of the Year Award. Please be on the lookout for information on nominating whomever you think deserves this award. If it were up to me, I would nominate all of my board members who are doing a fantastic job of giving back to our school with their valued time and energy. However, only one can win, so please vote.

On a sad note, our Cardinal Fund Drive did not go as well as we hoped, unfortunately, this second half of the school year we are going to have a couple of spring fundraiser's. One is for cookie dough, and the other is for BJ's wholesale membership (for both renewing and new members). Be on the look for information on these coming home in the red folder and at our website.

We are also in the process of looking for more volunteers to join our PTA. We have some parents who have been doing a fine job on some of our committees but they have been working hard for over 3 years and soon they will be graduating from Crestview. Therefore, we need more volunteers in place to fill these positions. Please email or ask any one of our committee chair reps, for information, or go to our website and look up the various committees and board positions. You do not necessarily have to take on chairing a committee. We also need apprentices and committee members. If you want more information on anything the PTA does for your school, please visit our website at www.crestviewpta.org.

Ali Brown, PTA President
president@crestviewpta.org

Congratulations

Crestview

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Ginny Seccia

and

Christie Award Winner

Mrs. Denice Burton



CRESTVIEW STUDENT COIN DRIVE

March 15 - 19

Winners Announced at the
International Potluck Dinner



Crestview Elementary PTA's International Potluck Dinner



**Friday, March 19, 2010
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

3 - 9:00 p.m.

FIVE GUYS®

**FAMOUS
BURGERS and FRIES**

The Shops At Willow Lawn

From the Principal's Office



Hello Cardinals,

Hold on tight, because this second semester is going to ROCK! March is Music in our Schools Month and Youth Art Month. We'll have a few music and art events here at school and around the community. We'd like to thank our Art teacher, Mrs. Hurlburt, and our Music teachers, Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Murphy, for teaching our students and instilling in them love for the Arts. As observed at our school talent show, "Crestview's Got Talent", we are proud of the many talented students at our school, including singers, dancers, hula-hoopers, and yo-yoers that rocked our stage. We also have many artists whose artwork is on display throughout our building and in the community. Special congratulations to our very own second grader, Peyton Crawford, who recently won the Art contest sponsored by the new Richmond baseball team, "The Flying Squirrels." Her artwork will be displayed at the Diamond and she won other prizes that were awarded at a recent press conference.

Parents, ask you child about our recent Write-A-Thon. It was a fun-filled day full of writing activities. The students moved from classroom to classroom, receiving instruction from 5 different teachers, in 5 different classrooms. Everyone enjoyed the day a learned a lot about sprucing up their writing.

Our Fourth and Fifth Grade students are gearing up for their SOL writing tests in March. They have been learning how to write to a prompt and stay on topic with introductory, supporting and concluding paragraphs. They are using good vocabulary, descriptive adjectives, correct grammar and punctuation, and even trying to add a simile, metaphor, or other figurative language into their writing. We know they will make us proud!

Thank you for supporting the Arts, our school, and for helping make every day a great day for learning something new at Crestview. Until next time,

Mrs. Karen H. Rawlyk, Principal 😊
principal@crestviewpta.org



Henrico County Public Schools is currently developing its 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. The development of the strategic plan is the most important thing we will do and will be the road map for taking our great school division to extraordinary heights. It will allow us to set long range goals, with clear measurable targets that will focus our work for the next five years.

A 31 member steering committee, representing the entire Henrico community, has already revisited the school district belief statements and mission, and established parameters for making decisions based on the beliefs. The steering committee also established five broad goals with objectives that will drive the district toward meeting the mission.

NOW, we need additional help to develop the details of the action plans that will help us meet our goals and objectives. We need people to serve on action teams to develop these plans. Please go to the school system's website and click on the Strategic Plan Link to find out more and to see how you can become involved. The HCPS Website is: www.henrico.k12.va.us or call 804-652-3838

THANK YOU!

To all who have participated in any of our Family Fun Nights this year,
THANK YOU!

Here's what we raised:

- \$491.03** at Chuck E. Cheese's in Sept.
- \$161.99** at 5 Guys Burgers & Fries
- \$100.00** at Chee Burger, Chee Burger
- \$164.81** at Barnes and Noble
- \$738.59** Chuck E. Cheese in January

!WOW!

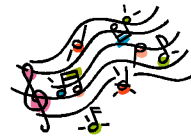
And a special thank you to Valerie Abbott who coordinates these events!

HOSPITALITY

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning the May Teacher Appreciation Week events and luncheon and we need your help! If you enjoy being creative by thought, written word or deed we would love for you to help us plan a week of treats and surprises for the teachers and staff. Please contact Courtney Kuester at kuester1916@verizon.net or 673-0456. The Hospitality committee will have a planning meeting near the end of March to get started on this great event!

Also, if you are a kindergarten or first grade parent, we would love to have your help with a soup and sandwiches luncheon for the teachers in March. Please contact Courtney Kuester if you would like to help and look for a flyer in your child's backpack in the coming week. Thanks so much for your support!

Music Notes



Greetings from Crestview's Music Room! WOW! The winter sure has given us a taste of "Walking in a Winter Wonderland". Our students have been busy since January. The third graders began harmonicas and are having a great time learning an instrument for the first time. They will be presenting a concert on May 18, 2010. Our fourth graders are learning how to play the recorder. Their concert will be on April 20, 2010. Parents, please mark your calendars for these special performances. I know you will be proud! Our kindergarten classes have been singing and moving and grooving. We've learned about money (*Money Rap*), weather (*Snow Day*) and many other fun activities.

Tom Anderson, Music Teacher

YOU LOVE KIDS! YOU LOVE BOOKS!
! YOU COULD BE THE ONE !
CRESTVIEW'S RIF COORDINATOR

2010 - 2011

We are seeking a RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) coordinator for the next school year, 2010 - 2011. Learn the ropes in the upcoming months from Ali Brown, current RIF coordinator.



For more information, contact Ali Brown
(rif@crestviewpta.org).

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

We are also seeking individuals to serve on the nominations committee this spring.

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Crestview Elementary School
PTA Officers
2009-2010**



President	Ali Brown	president@crestviewpta.org
1st VP - Programs	Kim Hynes	programs@crestviewpta.org
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**Henrico County Council of PTAs
Invites You To These
Free Upcoming Programs
Open to All Henrico County
Residents and Friends**

**Underage Drinking
and**

**"Parents Who Host Lose the Most"
Tuesday, March 30
6 to 8 p.m.**

**Deep Run High School
For More Info Visit:**

[http://hccpta.com/sitebuildercontent/
sitebuilderfiles/2010_DeepRunEvent.pdf](http://hccpta.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/2010_DeepRunEvent.pdf)

**Teen Job Symposium
Saturday, April 17
8 to 10 a.m.**

For More Info Visit:

[http://hccpta.com/sitebuildercontent/
sitebuilderfiles/TeenJobSymposium.pdf](http://hccpta.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/TeenJobSymposium.pdf)



RIF

**Friday, May 21
Volunteer Today**

Contact Ali Brown
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SAVE THE DATE

March 15 - 19	Coin Drive
March 18	HALF-DAY STUDENT HOLIDAY NO Cartooning Enrichment Class
March 19	International Potluck Dinner
March 24	Dancing Enrichment Last Class Family Fun at Five Guys
March 25	Cartooning Enrichment Last Class
April 2	HALF-DAY STUDENT HOLIDAY
April 5-9	SPRING BREAK
April 15	Family Fun TBA
April 20	PTA Board Meeting (6:00) PTA General Meeting (7:00) 4th Grade Recorder Concert (7:00)
April 27	Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2010
May 13	Family Fun at CheeburgerCheeburger
May 18	PTA Board Meeting (6:00) PTA General Meeting (7:00) 3rd Grade Harmonica Concert (7:00)
May 21	RIF Distribution
May 31	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
June 4	Kickball Challenge
June 10	Family Fun at Qdoba
June 11	Kickball Challenge Rain Date
June 18	FINAL DAY STUDENT HALF-DAY



Join or renew your membership at \$10 off the fee of \$45, plus have 3 free months added. So, for \$35, you get 15 month membership. Encourage neighbors and family to join, too!

For every membership, new or renewal, Crestview's PTA earns \$5 dollars

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 25

Contact Ellie Speer: newsletter@crestviewpta.org or 282-4919