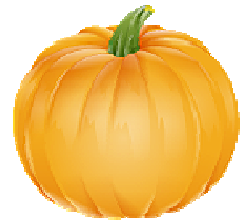




# PTA NEWSLETTER

## CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### OCTOBER 2009



*President's Notes...*

Crestview's back to school night was a huge success! Many thanks to Karen Rawlyk and her video for a view of our wonderful teachers and staff, along with some students faces from our meet and greet in August. Back to school night not only gives families an idea of what the children are learning but a great opportunity to meet new parents and students at Crestview.

I cannot stress how important parent volunteers are!! We have a loyal core of parents who have worked on the same committees for several years. They continue to do a great job, but they welcome the addition of new faces with fresh ideas. New parents, and even veterans of Crestview, are encouraged to volunteer time with one of our many different programs and committees. These programs and committees benefit OUR students, by giving them well-rounded opportunities for education and building their socializing skills. If you would like to volunteer but don't know who to ask, please contact Mary Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteers@crestviewpta.org](mailto:volunteers@crestviewpta.org).

*Don't forget...*

-if you haven't already, sign up for our **CARDINAL FUND DRIVE**. This gives us the advantage of not having a regular fundraiser of selling items. We will leave that to the SCA (Student Counsel Association).

-Turn in your **BOX TOPS** and **SOUP LABELS**. These give us money and learning tools for the classrooms. **EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!!**

Thanks and have a great Crestview Cardinal Year!!

Ali Brown, PTA President  
[president@crestviewpta.org](mailto:president@crestviewpta.org)



**CRESTVIEW HANDCHIME ENSEMBLE  
 TO PERFORM FOR SCHOOL BOARD!**

The 15 members of the Crestview Handchime Ensemble will perform before the Henrico County School Board on Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. This is indeed an honor and the students look forward to representing Crestview. Our student handchime ensemble members are:

KIYERA BANKS, LUIS BARRIOS, DEIJA BOWDEN, YOLANDA CASTANEDA, ASHLEY DOWD, LAURA FERREIRA, DIANA HARLEY, KALEB PATTERSON, LODGE NELSON, MINH PHAM, JEREMY QUICK, BRYNN SHULTS, BRIANNA SMITH, SARRINA SMITH, and WALKER SPEER; and they are directed by MRS. PEGGY HART.

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**P.E.A.C.E.  
 PARENT KICK-OFF EVENT  
 Tuesday, October 20  
 7:00 pm**



*Who is invited?* All Crestview Parents and Students  
*Why should you come?* Learn more about our anti-bullying program. It will be an informative and fun evening.

**Refreshments! Prizes!  
 Free Homework Pass  
 for every student attending with a parent!  
 5th Graders Perform Our New School Song!**

**From the Principal's Office**

Well, it sure has been a busy school opening! New families and new student faces have all added to the excitement in Cardinal Country. The teachers, Big Red, and I look forward to helping each student learn, grow, and achieve daily success.




During the opening weeks, we have placed an emphasis on safety reminders. Please review the Student Handbook, HCPS Code of Conduct, and Dress Code with your children. Our Crossing Guard, Ms. Clarke, would like to ask parents to use their car blinkers when turning in or out of the school bus loop so she may assist you more adequately and safely. To also keep our students safe, we are reminding parents that students may not be dropped off at school before 7:20 AM. Anyone arriving at 7:50 AM must park in the main lot and walk their child to the clinic to sign in for a tardy chip. Staff supervision is not available before 7:20 AM or after 7:50 AM outside of the building for student arrival. We appreciate your assistance in this important safety matter.

Daily attendance, as well as arriving to school on time, is essential for your child's success. Unless your child is ill, please help them to arrive at school daily by 7:45 AM. Students arriving to school late often miss many important morning routines which involve social interaction and organizational skills that help them throughout the day. We want to ensure that each child's day gets off to a great start so their entire day will go smoothly. Thank you in advance for helping us with this important school goal.

Please mark your calendar to join us for the **P.E.A.C.E. Program** parent "kick-off" event, **Tuesday, October 20 at 7 PM**. Parents and students are invited, as we learn about our anti-bullying program. This will be an informative and fun evening with refreshments, prizes, and a free homework pass for every student who attends with a parent. Fifth grade students will perform and our new school song will be shared (It's really cool! I can't wait for you to hear it and sing along!). Don't forget to wear a PEACE shirt to show your support of this valuable program that will help children throughout their lives.

I encourage parents to get involved and volunteer at school. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself with any questions, comments, concerns, or pats on the back. Thank you once again for sharing your wonderful children with us. The Crestview faculty/staff feel very fortunate to serve such amazing students and supportive families. This year, we are **"Coming together, sharing together, working together, succeeding together."** With warmest regards...

Mrs. Karen H. Rawlyk, Principal  
[principal@crestviewpta.org](mailto:principal@crestviewpta.org)



**REFLECTIONS**

**ENTRY DEADLINE  
IS  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Questions? Contact Donna Bowen or Ellie Speer, Chairs  
[reflections@crestviewpta.org](mailto:reflections@crestviewpta.org)

**FALL AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT**



**Yoga**  
Grades 1-5  
Wednesdays  
11/4 - 12/16  
(No class 11/25)  
\$36

**HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
COMMUNICATES THROUGH TWITTER**  
Visit <http://twitter.com/henricoschools> to follow  
HCPS or create a Twitter account.

**Questions About  
After-School Enrichment?  
Contact Treva Thomas**  
[enrichment@crestviewpta.org](mailto:enrichment@crestviewpta.org)



## MEMBERSHIP SIGN UP

**Cardinal Club Selection:** Please make checks payable to Crestview Elementary PTA.

Community Membership	\$25	_____
Family Membership	\$50	_____
Big Red Clubhouse Membership	\$75	_____
Individual PTA Membership	\$ 5	_____
Additional Donation Funds		_____

**Member Information:** Must be completed in full for all registered members.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
_____	_____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____

**Student Information:** Please list all enrolled Crestview Elementary Students.

Student: _____	Teacher: _____
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Student: _____	Teacher: _____

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about volunteer opportunities with the PTA! I'm interested in:

Hospitality      Winter Wonderland Dance      Fundraising      Silent Auction      International Dinner  
 Coin Drive      Reflections      RIF      Fun & Fitness      any way I can!

**Questions about the Cardinal Club?**

**Contact Annie Andrews, V-P Membership: [membership@crestviewpta.org](mailto:membership@crestviewpta.org)**

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



President	Ali Brown	<a href="mailto:president@crestviewpta.org">president@crestviewpta.org</a>
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**Volunteers Needed**

Reading Is Fundamental  
Book Distribution

October 23

Contact Ali Brown ([rif@crestviewpta.org](mailto:rif@crestviewpta.org))

**Your Opinion Counts with HCPS**

Henrico County Public Schools has begun work on the 2010-2011 budget with the knowledge that the county's real estate and sales tax revenues are down, and we are continuing to face an uncertain economy. The budget department has asked principals to make a list of no more than ten items that PTA parents, teachers, and other school employees feel should be reviewed for reduction. The school system is developing a budget work team to review this input/data and make recommendations.

Examples may (or may not ) include:  
higher pupil/teacher ratios, 4 day school-weeks ( longer school day), charging for yellow bus field trips, a longer winter break in December, or another ( possibly February?) break to save on heating, etc.



View the HCPS current operating budget, online at:  
<http://www.henrico.k12.va.us/whyhcps/budgets.html>.

Please contact Crestview principal Mrs. Karen Rawlyk ([principal@crestviewpta.org](mailto:principal@crestviewpta.org)) with your suggestions. She will then forward Crestview's top ten suggestions to the appropriate county parties. Mrs. Rawlyk must receive your input by **October 26**.



**UPCOMING FAMILY FUN**

- NOVEMBER 12 at Cheeburger Cheeburger
- DECEMBER 16 at Barnes & Noble
- JANUARY 18 at Chuck E. Cheese's
- FEBRUARY 11 at Qdoba
- MARCH 24 at Five Guys Burgers & Fries
- APRIL 15 TBA
- MAY 13 at Cheeburger Cheeburger
- JUNE 10 at Qdoba

**SAVE THE DATE**

- October 8 Young Rembrandts (1st class)
- October 12 STUDENT HOLIDAY
- October 13 Student Picture Day
- October 14 Family Fun @ 5 Guys Burgers & Fries Meeting & 5th Grade Concert Parents Kick-Off Project P.E.A.C.E
- October 23 RIF Distribution
- November 3 STUDENT HOLIDAY Morning Parent Conferences
- November 4 Yoga (1st class)
- November 9 Evening Parent Conferences
- November 12 Young Rembrandts (last class) Family Fun @ Cheeburger Cheeburger Handchimes Performance for School Board
- November 17 (6:00 pm) PTA Board Meeting
- November 20 (6:00 pm) Family Movie Night *The Ant Bully*
- November 24 Terrific Kids Award Assembly
- November 25 HALF-DAY HOLIDAY
- November 26 & 27 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Contact Ellie Speer: [newsletter@crestviewpta.org](mailto:newsletter@crestviewpta.org) or 282-4919