



Crestview Elementary School PTA NEWSLETTER

The Teachers, Staff and Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
Invite You to Back To School Night!
Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00PM
Crestview Elementary School
Following the PTA General Membership Meeting,
families will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and
hear more about what students will be learning this year.
Don't miss this opportunity to participate
in your child's educational experience at Crestview!

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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.

Los maestros, el personal y la asociación de padres y maestros (PTA)
Los invitan a Back To School Night!
21 de septiembre a las 7:00 P.M.
Crestview Elementary School

A raíz de la reunión general de miembros del PTA, las familias tendrán la oportunidad de conocer a los profesores y escuchar más acerca de lo que los estudiantes van aprender este año.

No se pierda esta oportunidad de participar
en la experiencia educativa de su hijo en Crestview!

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Crestview Elementary PTA

From The Principal's Office

We welcome each of you to the 2011-2012 school year in Cardinal Country! For those of you returning, it's great to see you again! For those who are new to our area or our school, WELCOME to the greatest school in the nation! We are 350+ students strong and our faculty and staff are ready and eager to continue on the road to academic success with their students.

WOW! What an interesting and unusual opening we had. The weather has not totally cooperated with our best-laid plans, so we appreciate your flexibility and cooperation as we iron out the kinks. Our students are quickly settling into their routines, and our teachers are working hard and making a difference for everyone.

Our theme this year revolves around flamingos, **"At Crestview, we are 'In the PINK' (Preparing Innovative New Knowledge) as we continue to stick our necks out and try new things."** Congratulations to our amazing teachers who were recently awarded First Place for the Best Children's Engineering Program in the State of Virginia. In August, we received recognition for this achievement at the VTEEA Conference in Suffolk, and will also be honored at the HCPS School Board Meeting in October, as well as the National VTEEA Conference in California in March. This is a tremendous honor for our school, and we plan to continue implementing other new techniques to prepare our 21st Century learners.

We hope you will join us at Back to School Night this Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00PM to meet our wonderful staff members and hear about exciting plans for the year. Also, be on the lookout for important information and permission forms coming home about our "International Walk to School Day," which will be held Wednesday, October 5, as part of our health and fitness initiative this school year. This is going to be a HUGE event with the Tucker Marching Band leading the way and several Special Guest speakers on the school lawn following our walk from Christ United Methodist Church to Crestview. Every student and staff member will receive a free T-shirt for the event. The remainder of this day will be station rotations for students involving exercise, healthy eating habits, and fitness, in partnership with the Foundation for Healthy Youth and the prevention of childhood obesity. Our "Virtual World Race" will also have its kickoff on October 5, and more information will be shared with students at school as we set off to run around the world! **We are encouraging students and parents to bring to school healthy snacks, lunches, and classroom treats throughout the school year, including special occasions and birthdays. We appreciate your cooperation as we build happy, healthy children in mind and body.**

Thank you to all our parents who take advantage of HCPS bus transportation. Neighbors have asked that we remind parents to please NOT park in front of private driveways on adjoining streets. A special "high five" to those parents who look through their child's red communication folder weekly and peruse their agendas daily, asking questions about school activities. Whether you make a difference by joining the PTA, volunteering, providing leadership, or supporting your child in their quest for knowledge, every parent can have a positive impact on our school. We appreciate all you will do to help our students and teachers make every day a great day for learning something new at Crestview. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us. We are all looking forward to another exciting year of learning together.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions, concerns, or kudos for our exceptional staff.

Fondly,

Mrs. Karen Rawlyk, Principal



President's Message

Dear Crestview Families,

Welcome Back to Crestview! The PTA has been hard at work over the summer months preparing for the fun-filled year ahead. As you will see, the PTA does a lot to enhance your student's educational experience. During the months ahead, Crestview students will benefit from PTA sponsored events, such as community social events, after-school enrichment classes, free books and Weekly Readers, and free musical instruments (just to name a few). The library will receive funds to add to their collection of books, teachers will be given funds for extra supplies, and teachers will be treated to 'something special' every month through our Hospitality Committee. Sound like a lot? IT IS! That's why WE NEED YOU!

The PTA is 100% dependent on volunteers. Without them, we simply cannot do all that we do. Every donation (time, talent or funds) makes a tremendous difference. Can you bake? Can you lend a hand for an hour? Are you creative? Then we really, REALLY need YOU!

Take a moment and think about how you can lend a hand this year. Your gift could be something as simple as an hour to help to make photocopies, set up the teacher's lounge, bake cookies or clean up after an event. We need help with all those tasks – and many hands make easy work!

I look forward to meeting each of you in the year ahead.



Welcome back!

Valerie Abbott
Crestview PTA President

president@crestviewpta.org

Family Fun Nights!!!



Thursday, September 15

3:30pm – 5:30pm

located at 1320 Starling Dr

Activities to include story time, arts & crafts,
and a scavenger hunt!!



Thursday, September 22

Famous Dave's on West Broad

For More Information on Family Fun
Night, please check us out at

www.crestviewpta.org

2011-2012 PTA General Membership Meeting & Programs Schedule

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
Tuesday, September 14	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #1 Program: "Back To School Night"
Tuesday, October 4	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #2 Program: "Int'l Walk/Virtual World Race Kick-Off"
Wednesday, October 5	All Day	No General Membership Meeting Program: " Int'l Walk to School/Virtual World Race "
Tuesday, November 1	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #3 Program: "Second Grade Performance"
Friday, November 18	7:00PM	No General Membership Meeting Program: "Family Game Night"
Tuesday, December 6	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #4 Program: "Fifth Grade Performance"
Friday, December 9	7:00-9:00PM	No General Membership Meeting Program: " Winter Wonderland/Silent Auction "
Tuesday, February 7	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #5 Program: "Third Grade Performance"
Friday, February 24	7:00PM	No General Membership Meeting Program: "Fun & Fitness Night"
Tuesday, March 6	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #6 Program: "First Grade Performance"
Friday, March 23	6:30-8:30PM	No General Membership Meeting Program: " International Dinner! "
Tuesday, April 3	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #7 Program: "Fourth Grade Performance"
Tuesday, May 1	7:00PM	General Membership Meeting #8 Program: "Kindergarten Performance"

Sponsored by: The Crestview PTA



Individual Member Form

Thank you for your interest in joining the PTA! Please fill out the form below and return it to school with your \$5.00 dues payment. When PTA gets involved, children benefit. When you get involved with PTA, the child who benefits most is your own.

First Name

Last Name

Contact Phone #

E-mail address

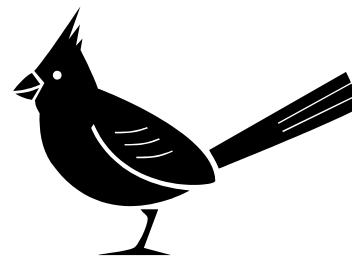
Street Address

Apt.#

City

State Zip

**Crestview Elementary School
PTA Officers and Committee Chairs
2011-2012**



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After School Enrichment Programs!!!

We are excited to offer a variety of after school classes this year. Please look in your child's red folder for registration forms. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Jenn Atkinson. Classes are open to all students grades kg-5th.

For dates and times, see our website!!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS are welcome to assist with ASE!!! To help students enjoy the after school enrichment programs offered, we are looking for parents to assist the instructors with check in/out. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jenn Atkinson @ enrichment@crestviewpta.org or 467-8243. You may sit in on one session or for the entire six weeks. All levels of commitment are welcome!!

FALL CLASSES

- Cheerleading with Overtime Athletics
- Sports Spectacular Variety Overtime Athletics
- Gymnastics with CORE Kids Academy

WINTER CLASSES

- Tap & Hip Hop with Libby Nathews
- Drawing Adventures with Lisa Rossi
- Young Scientist with Robin Young

**Deadline for items to be included in October's Newsletter is Monday, September 17th.
Contact Lisa Kubyako: newsletter@crestviewpta.org**

The Crestview PTA would like to thank Shrader Lanes bowling alley & the JCC for allowing us to utilize their facilities while our power was being restored!!!

Cardinal Club

The **Cardinal Club** Campaign Drive is one of the major PTA fundraisers at Crestview Elementary School. **100% of the money donated** to the Crestview PTA is used to provide enrichment for our students, allowing us to maintain our high standards at Crestview. Please carefully consider your donation to this year's campaign and remember to inquire about matching contributions from your employer.

All Contributors will receive a Crestview Cardinal Vinyl Decal for their car showing their support!!!

For more information on anything in this newsletter, check us out @ www.crestviewpta.org!!

The 2011-2012 Reflections theme is "Diversity Means..."

For 40 years the Reflections program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six arts areas:

- Dance choreography
- Film production
- Literature
- Musical composition
- Photography
- Visual arts.



The deadline for submitting work is October 14, 2011. We are having a "Reflections Create Date" giving your child the opportunity to work on the reflections project on Tuesday, September 20th 2:15 - 3:15pm. More information along with the entry form and consent form will be sent home in your child's folder.

Room Parents

If you are interested in being a room parent, please contact your child's teacher or Jenn Atkinson, Room Parent Coordinator, enrichment@crestviewpta.org. I have prepared a packet this year that includes a Welcome letter with helpful hints and suggestions, a Volunteer form and PTA membership form. There will be two information sessions at Crestview to answer questions for room parents and help plan for classroom winter celebrations.
September 14th @ 5:30-6:30 pm
September 16th @ 8:30 -10:00 am