



Volunteers Make A Difference

CHES PTA Meeting -

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A FEBRUARY MEETING, PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR INTERNATIONAL: NIGHT.

GO GREEN CLOVER HILL ELEMENTARY:

<http://gogreencloverhill.blogspot.com/>

Box Top\$ Challenge

Please send in your Box Top\$ to help your class win the catered pizza party.

..." Last year, CHES students raised \$4307.00 in Box Tops money for the school"

CHES Health Clinic is still in need of donated out-grown children's clothing .They don't have any "bottoms" in the clinic for children to change into in case of accidents. They have tons of shirts though, but need bottoms in all sizes! Any help is greatly appreciated!

CHES GAZETTE

February '12 Newsletter

PTA Website: <http://chesptaonline.com>



International Night

CHES International Night

Tuesday February 21st. 6-7:30 pm.

You are invited to come add to the fun and learning for our CHES students. Have you lived or traveled abroad or worked in International Relations? Do you have a particular interest in another country or culture? CHES PTA seeks parents and students willing to share their experiences or knowledge about their own cultures that interest your family.

We invite you to share a display table, costumes, music, food samples, maps or anything else our students or families may enjoy.

Question contact :

Stefanie Bragdon stefaniebragdon@yahoo.com or

Kristen Scoby kristenscoby@verizon.net

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WAYS to help CHES

- ☺ Martins' A+ Rewards Card
- ☺ Coke Rewards
- ☺ Saving Campbell Soup UPC's
- ☺ Saving Tyson A+ Labels
- ☺ Donate Used cartridges to Cartridge World
- ☺ Using your Kroger Plus card
- ☺ Saving Box Top\$



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[Facebook!](#)

Quote of the Month

"Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.

[Edward Everett](#)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

- 2/8 - Schultz
- 2/26 - Harrison
- 2/27 - Ferranti

"Fridays are Spirit Days!"

Show your school or team spirit every Friday by wearing your favorite CHES t-shirt or a sports team jersey or shirt.

To order CHES spirit wear,

contact Sherri Ingram [in-grams4vt@yahoo.com](mailto:ingrams4vt@yahoo.com) or visit the website.

<http://chesptaonline.com/pages/pta-programs/spirit-wear.php>

February 2012 :

- 6th - 10th CoGAT Testing Grade 3
- 10th - Report Cards
- 10th - Monkey Joe's Night
- 14th - Valentine's Day
- 16th - Chick-Fil-A Night 5-8pm
- 20th - President's Day, School Closed
- 21st - PTA Board Meeting 5pm
- 21st - PTA International Night 6pm
- 24th - PTA Newsletter Deadline
- 29th - 3 hour Early Release

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—PLEASE HELP

You have been invited by to sign up for "Lunchroom Volunteer." Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

To sign up, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944ADA828A57-lunchroom3/155089

CHECK IT OUT!!!

CHES PTA Member Discounts

http://chesptaonline.com/pages/pta-programs.php#Community_Partners



February Message from The Principal

KIDS LEADERS: An Authentic Learning Experience

I just finished participating in one of the most fascinating meetings I have ever had the pleasure of attending...and, trust me, I have attend many meetings over the 30+ years I have been an educator. This particular meeting was with our "Kids Leaders", students chosen last year as displaying the qualities of leadership and who are now in grades four and five. Our meeting was a focus group meeting for the Principal to learn about what these students think we at CHES do well, what we could improve on, and ideas for moving forward with their concerns.

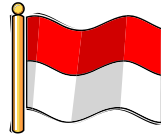
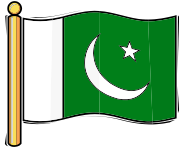
The students began by sharing what they felt CHES does well. Overwhelmingly, they cited that we (kids, staff, and parents) are friendly and positive. Kids and staff take time to get to know new students, help students learn, and support one another during difficulties. They shared that they are proud of our emphasis on Core Values and the 7-Habits of Highly Effective People. These young people see others at CHES showing respect for one another, taking responsibility for learning, and demonstrating accountability and honesty. Our recycling efforts and the Green Team were highlighted as being effective and something to expand, so they would like to see a Jr. Green Team begin again during the third quarter of this school year just as it was last year. These CHES students are grateful to their teachers who not only make learning fun and interesting, but they are grateful to their teachers who have fun teaching and show that they enjoy being with their fellow teachers.

Our Kids Leaders admitted that sometimes they see or hear someone do or say something unkind, but none of these of these students would say we have a 'culture' of bullying. They could distinguish between teasing, accidental unkind remarks, and purposeful/hurtful repetitive bullying behavior or words. Yes, they each knew a bully, but readily understood that one bully does not make a school-wide bullying problem. For them, a caring and kind student body such as ours should and can address teasing, unkindness, or bullying so that no child experiences the hurt of being a victim. These students recognized the lessons and help of our guidance counselors in curtailing hurtfulness at CHES.

Our Kids Leaders Focus Group identified "School Pride" as an area of focus about which they could develop an improvement plan. Working on school pride and respect for the property of others would mean that trash would be picked up, even if it wasn't yours. Being "CHES Proud" would mean that students would take care of their cafeteria, their grounds, and their bathrooms to be sure that CHES is a clean and safe place for learning. These student leaders will be taking it upon themselves to build a "campaign" to build "School Pride" utilizing student designed posters, student written plays, student written daily announcements/trivia questions, etc.

How exciting for a principal to see student leadership at work and in such capable, caring hands. I am so proud of our students. I am proud that our students care enough to speak up when they see something wrong or have concerns that they feel need to be shared. I am so proud that we have students who are problem solvers and solution finders. I am so proud that our parents and staff support our students in the development of their leadership skills. I am proud that I see in CHES teachers using instructional methods that engage children in authentic interactions with the real world, project-based learning, integrated thematic instruction, simulated learning, community service opportunities, partnerships with NASA and other groups. I am CHES PROUD!

Congratulations to ALL of our students, ALL of our families, and ALL of our teachers on a job well done!



International Night 2012

Tuesday, February 21st, 6-7:30 PM

Join us for a special celebration of cultures from around the world !



Dinner provided by Crazy Greek (\$8 adult / \$6 Child)

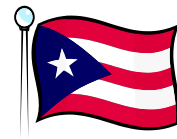
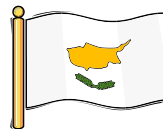
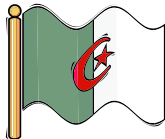
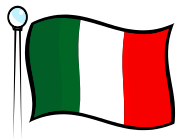
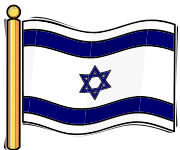
Performances by:

Swift Creek Academy Irish Dancers at 6PM

Dynamic TaeKwondo Demonstration at 6:30 PM

CHES Families will have displays representing various cultures

Questions /Comments please contact: Stefanie Bragdon at Stefaniebragdon@yahoo.com or 387-2148



2012 School Board Meeting Schedule

[http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/chesterfield/Board.nsf/files/8HLS9A6DACB5/\\$file/Board%20Schedule%20-](http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/chesterfield/Board.nsf/files/8HLS9A6DACB5/$file/Board%20Schedule%20-)

School Board News

Chesterfield County School Board has put forth a new and improved website to help keep the public informed of meeting times and agenda items. Take a moment to stay informed on what affects your children and click on web page below:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/chesterfield/Board.nsf/Public>

Chesterfield County Schools new website:

<http://mychesterfieldschools.com/>

Welcome to the new Chesterfield County School Board members

Help Needed

<http://mychesterfieldschools.com/about/school-board-bios/>

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1-3 weeks \$159 /week

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Attention business owners...anytime you order lunch through Chick-fil-A for your employees, tell them you're with CHES.

CHES will receive a portion of the proceeds at our next *Family Night Out.*

MARTIN'S A+ School Rewards Program

Starting November 9, 2011 through March 31, 2012 Clover Hill Elementary will be able to earn cash through Martin's A+ School Rewards Program. You can register your card online at www.martinsfoods.com/aplus or call 1-888-448-4642. Although our school participated in this program last year, your card has to be re-registered for this year's program. This is a great opportunity for us to earn money for our school!

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is a campaign to promote and support Chesterfield County businesses and grow our local economy. We are striving to make our county residents' hard-earned dollars go further by supporting county businesses, which in turn helps preserve everything we hold dear about Chesterfield County. This includes national chain stores as well as locally owned businesses.

Please visit: <http://www.shopchesterfieldfirst.com/> -

Meet your 2011-2012 CHES PTA

https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/chesptaonline.com/spreadsheet/pub?hl=en_US&hl=en_US&key=0AgCOYJz46ZBXdc1sWmQ2QIR1bEhYSWs3b0J6UUhqMHc&single=true&gid=0&output=html&ndplr=1

Visit our CHES PTA website <http://chesptaonline.com/>

New this year...CHES PTA Membership key tag!

Join the CHES PTA and receive discounts at participating business in our area. To see our Community Business Partners, go to [PTA Member Discounts with Community Partners](#) under Programs. If you know of a business that would like to join our Community Partnership, please contact Jamie Hart jamiedhart@yahoo.com or Amy McCreight douglasmom99@hotmail.com

Please Support Our Business Partners!!!

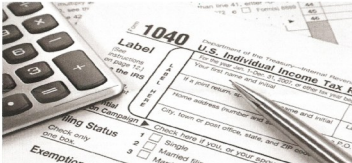
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Clover Hill Elementary PTA Membership Application

Yes! I would like to become a CHES PTA Member

Please make your checks payable to "CHES PTA" and return the application in the attached envelope or mail it to : CHES PTA at Clover Hill Elementary School, 5700 Woodlake Village Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23112.

Member 1 Name _____

Member 2 Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

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Yes! Please sign me up for PTA Emails updates and monthly Newsletters (with important info from the PTA as well as from the school). You can input your own e-mail by signing up online at: www.chesptaonline.com/lists. You will be emailed with a request to confirm your membership. Please make sure to click the link in that message to confirm your subscription.

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e-mail address 2** _____

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