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CHES GAZETTE

January '12 Newsletter

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

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- ☺ *Using your Kroger Plus card*
- ☺ *Saving Box Top\$*



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Quote of the Month

"The most important thing about education is appetite"

-Winston Churchill-

CHES PTA Meeting -
Tuesday, January 15th at
6:30 PM in the library. Re-
flections All are welcome
and babysitting is provided

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out and made this year's Holiday House a great success again.

The support of our parents & volunteers are what make CHES special

Barnes & Noble Book Fair is coming

Hello Fabulous PTA parents! Thursday, January 19th, CHES PTA is partnering with Barnes & Noble to have a book fair. We have a pirate theme and lots of fun pirate activities! We need volunteers to help make the night fun for all the students who attend and to help PTA raise needed funds. Amilyn Brooker is our terrific coordinator. You may contact her with questions by phone 212-8703. If you need to reach someone by email with your questions, please contact Mary Kathryn van Eerden at mkvaneerden@verizon.net

DATE: 1/19/2012 (Thu 4:00PM - 9:30PM)

LOCATION: Barnes & Noble at Commonwealth Center



International Night

Mark your calendars for Feb21st. 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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

1/5 - Marable
 1/13 - Sidoti
 1/14 - Nagel
 1/23 - Tuin
 1/25 - Kegriss
 1/26 - Lake
 1/27 - Davis
 1/30 - Faulcon



Dates to Remember

2011-2012 School Year

- January 2012 :**
- 12th - Jimmy John's Night
 - 16th - Holiday School Closed
 - 17th - PTA Meeting 6:30, Open to All
 - 19th - Barnes & Noble Night 5-8pm
 - 20th - PTA Newsletter Deadline
 - 25th - 3 hour Early release
 - 27th - End of 9 weeks
 - 30th - School closed - Student holiday/Teacher Workday

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

You have been invited to sign up for "Barnes & Noble Book Fair." Please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet.

To sign up, go to:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0848ABAD2C7-barnes1

Welcome to the new Chesterfield County School Board members

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

**"The School-Family Connection:
Parent involvement takes on various forms ..."**

The first quarter has concluded and Parent/Teacher Conferences have been held...In reflecting on our first nine weeks of the 2011-12 school year I am struck by the level of support and volunteerism from our parents. You have repaired bicycles, escorted children during the first weeks of school, helped students in small groups and individually, answered phones, created bulletin boards, organized fundraisers, conducted enrichment activities, planned for programs, delivered pumpkins, opened chip bags, emptied trash, recycled trash, organized and encouraged participation in Reflections, attended informational meetings, baked cupcakes, served treats, made instructional materials, compiled newsletters, chaperoned field trips, etc., etc., etc. CHES rates of parent participation and volunteerism are extremely high again this year!! Thank you.

As I write about parent volunteering, did you know that a 2002 analysis across studies found... "statistically significant relationships between family involvement and benefits for students, one of which is improved academic achievement?" Furthermore, they concluded that the "relationship holds across families of all economic, racial/ethnic, and education backgrounds and for students of all ages." But, what types of involvement do seem to impact student achievement? A 2009 study found that "family engagement has the most significant impact when it is directly linked to learning. Some of the most powerful effects parents can have on their children's academic achievement come from the environment they provide at home..."

Some behaviors cited in the November/December 2010 Principal Magazine (pages 28-33) are:

- *Having conversations with a child about every day and school happenings*
 - *Monitoring television viewing*
 - *Providing opportunities for the child to learn life skills such as the ability to defer gratification*
- Providing a supportive, literacy-rich environment*

This month, on Nov. 7th, you will have an opportunity to attend a parent-teacher conference to discuss your child's strengths and identify any weakness that you and/or the teacher have noticed. This is a chance to truly support your child's learning and work together with the teacher to identify interventions within both the school and home environments that encourage the work/study skills and conduct skills that we know help a student to find the greatest success. Remember, before going to the conference it helps to be prepared and have a list of questions that you may have for your child's teacher. Begin the conference on a positive note and allow the teacher a chance to share what he/she has observed and the results of assessments which have been given. Many of your questions may be answered in the first few minutes of the conference. Pose your questions. Remember, partnering with the school provides the greatest support in developing the key CCPS Core Values of **Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Accountability**. These values do not magically appear in a vacuum...their development takes a commitment from both the school and home. Finally, take a moment to review the 7-Habits of Happy Kids: Be Proactive, Begin with the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand and then to be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen the Saw.

- These habits are excellent reminders for students of what each of them can do to be both a Happy Kid and an Effective Student.

Clover Hill Comrades' Puzzle Piece Project

With the help of children, teachers, staff, and Angie Vigneri (who spent countless hours gluing pins onto puzzle pieces), the Comrades successfully completed the first annual puzzle piece project. CHES students, teachers and staff proudly demonstrated support of Inclusive Schools Week during the week of December 5 -9 by wearing small puzzle pieces representing the unique differences among us and how when put together, these differences create a beautiful whole.

The second grade play held during Inclusive Schools Week also emphasized this concept by depicting on stage a hound dog who originally was left out of the school choir, but who was eventually accepted and became a star. Thank you Mrs. Crenshaw for choosing such an apropos theme for a week devoted to inclusion!

We hope that CHES will keep up the great work and will always be a school in which differences are accepted and celebrated. Thank you to all who participated in this important week.

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. CHES PTA is looking forward to a fun filled, educational new year.

First let me say **Thank You** to everyone who participated in this year's Holiday House. Over \$5400 was raised from the Silent Auction alone! A lot of effort was put into that event as well as the other events of that day. We thank you for helping make it a success.

I want to remind you to check out our website (chesptaonline.com) for our **community partner discounts** as well as the Virginia PTA discounts. As a PTA member, you are entitled to incredible discounts offered through the Virginia PTA. Visit vapta.org for more information.

Be looking for information regarding our **Clover Hill Comrades**. They are scheduling a Coffee Talk sometime this month. If you have questions about this special ed. support group, please contact Angie Vigneri avigneri@gmail.com.

We are collecting denim starting NOW! CHES PTA is getting a jump start on the annual PTA Denim Drive that starts in August. After the top nine Chesterfield County School have been determined, the next four Chesterfield County School that donated the most denim, will earn \$100 each. The school with the most overall donated denim will receive an additional \$200. This past August, CHES was one of the \$100 winners. Proceeds from the sales of the denim at Goodwill stores, will help fund Goodwill job training programs that benefit hundreds of thousands of people each year. **There will be a collect bin located in the CHES cafeteria. Please clearly mark your donation bag and thanks for your generosity.**

Things to do this month...

Jan 12 Jimmy John's (South Shore Dr.)

Jan 17 PTA meeting 6:30 CHES Library

Jan 19 Barnes-N-Noble Night 5:00-8:00 (be a-fillin' out those readin' logs, arrrrr!)

As always, thank you for your support of CHES PTA.

Joelle Hawkins

CHES PTA President

WILD Fundraiser Results

As you know we recently held our CHES WILD Fundraiser!

Our goal was to sell \$27,000 worth of merchandise ... OR the equivalent of \$10,800 in direct donations... and ... WE DID IT!!! During our WILD Fundraiser we sold over \$27,200 worth of merchandise AND took in \$2,277 in direct donations!!! Once we have final confirmation of the totals from the fundraising companies we will report our total net profit. But, right now, we can confidently say that we not only met our goal... but we exceeded it!!

"THANK YOU" to EVERYONE who participated with our fundraiser!! It's because of your hard work that we surpassed our fundraising goal!!

EVERY Contribution Made A Difference!!!

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/>

Help Needed

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!

"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.

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Ways to Help CHES:

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Even the smallest point contribution can lead to great things for students in your community.



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

Meet your 2011-2012 CHES PTA

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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 jamedhart@yahoo.com or Amy McCreight douglasmom99@hotmail.com

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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.

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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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