



# CHES GAZETTE

September '11 Newsletter

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

## \*NEW SCHOOL HOURS\*

Starting September 6, 2011

8:25AM -2:55 PM

## Volunteers Make A Difference



**Welcome Back !!!**

### Back to School Nights at CHES

9/13 Grades K/2/4— 6:30—8:30 p.m.

9/20 Grades 1/3/5— 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Great opportunity to get informed and involved at Clover Hill Elementary. Hope to see you there

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### WAYS to help CHES:

- © 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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## Back to School Picnic

Thursday September 8th

Woodlake Pavilion 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Rain Plan is at CHES

Parents of Cub Scout Pack 2806 will be selling lemonade and popcorn with a portion of the proceeds being given back to CHES. If you would like more information on Cub Scouts for K-5

Boys, Go to <http://www.midlothian2806.mypack.us/contact> or call

Jeff Bragdon at 804-201-1592.

"If you want to receive PTA emails and are not receiving them, **please click here** and add your email address to the **CHES Parents 2011-2012** group email list. Your email will not be shared with anyone and will only be used for email communication.

<http://www.chesptaonline.com/lists/>

[LEGOS ROBOTICS WORKSHOP:- Our CHES Parents in action:](#)

[http://animoto.com/play/x7rBW5HsvUOKdQaYMs2B3Q?utm\\_content=main\\_link](http://animoto.com/play/x7rBW5HsvUOKdQaYMs2B3Q?utm_content=main_link)

## GOING GREEN

This is the only issue of the CHES Gazette that will be printed. The full newsletter is and will be available online at: [www.chesptaonline.com](http://www.chesptaonline.com)

## Quote of the Month

You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.

~Clay P. Bedford



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September

- 9/7 - Mrs. Johnson
- 9/10 - Mrs. Scott
- 9/12 - Mrs. Baker
- 9/12 - Mrs. Stone
- 9/17 - Mrs. Rollins
- 9/21 - Mrs. Sthresley
- 9/29 - Mrs. Greis

**Box Top\$ Challenge will start again in September.**

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 PTA Presents...

A Family Night Out at

September 15th

5:00-8:00 PM

12301 Chattanooga Plaza

Midlothian, VA 23112

804-744-9092

Questions: contact Mary Kathryn van Eerden at [mkvaneerden@verizon.net](mailto:mkvaneerden@verizon.net)

**GO GREEN CLOVER HILL**

<http://gogreencloverhill.blogspot.com>

September 2011 :

- 1 Kindergarten orientation 8:30 to 10:00
- 2 New Student Orientation— 8:30-9:30 am  
Meet & Greet—11-12
- 5 Labor Day School Closed
- 6 First Day of School
- 8 Back to School Picnic Woodlake Pavilion 5:30—7:30 p.m.
- 15 Family Night out at Chick-fila (5-8PM)
- 13 K/2/4—BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6:30—8:30 p.m.
- 20 1/3/5—BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6:30—8:30 p.m.
- 21 Jog Walk Club begins 7:40 AM to 8:05 AM
- 28 3-hour Early Release



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### *"Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence!"*

Yes!! That is correct...September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, marked the 25<sup>th</sup> year that Clover Hill Elementary School opened its doors to students, parents, and the greater CHES community. Mrs. Brown, the staff, parents, and I have welcomed over 800 eager young learners who will be supported by a dedicated and caring staff of over 80 adults during the 2011-12 school year.

Clover Hill Elementary School has a truly incredible story to tell of growth, success, innovation, and adherence to the CCPS core values of respect, responsibility, honesty and accountability. Adding to our list of successes, we are proud to announce that through the collaborative efforts of students, staff, parents, and members of the community, Clover Hill Elementary is once again a fully-accredited VA School and one of the 20 CCPS schools to have met the criteria of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). We met the goals of AYP by maintaining consistently high scores over-all, maintaining/increasing the percentage of students achieving pass-advanced scores across disciplines, and reducing the failure rate of specific sub-groups of students by over 10%.

At a time when families question the effectiveness of a public education and the media cries out that we are not meeting the needs of our 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, I believe that I and all members of the CHES community can hold our heads high; and, we can point to more than SOL scores. This summer we trained a group of teachers and parents to offer an after-school/early evening robotics workshop. At the moment, I know of no other CCPS elementary school doing this!

We have a commitment from our parents and staff to foster the student leadership skills and personal/interpersonal habits conducive to "happy, effective kids and adults". Our Positive Behavior Supports assure that our students understand the core values and receive instruction and practice in implementing them in their daily lives and decisions in order to become productive, responsible, and accountable citizens in their school, community, and nation. ...and CHES Café is now open for students, mom's, dad's, and staff to enjoy lunch together while practicing good manners in a restaurant environment!!!

In short, our school culture promotes the advantages of a public school education as outlined in the Sept. 2011 edition of The Principal Communicator:

***Public schools reflect society.*** *Public schools include all segments of the community – a rich, ethnic mix, students with disabilities, students with a wide range of talents. Students in public schools learn to respect, understand and work with diverse friends and associates.*

***Public schools have many adults ready to serve students.*** *Youngsters learn from modeling behaviors, and in the typical public school, there are numerous teachers with whom students interact. Some children may relate best to a science teacher, others with an English teacher, still others with a coach.*

***Public schools have numerous co-curricular activities.*** *Learning to work in a group, to lead and to follow are important lessons needed to succeed as an adult in our society. And these lessons are easily learned through student activities.*

I invite you to join us and experience the next 25 Years of Excellence at Clover Hill Elementary School!

## Ways to Help CHES:

Take your empty ink cartridges to Cartridge world

### Donate My Coke Rewards

<http://www.mycokerewards.com/mcrSchools.do>

Donate points to your school, so it can get rewards like art supplies and sports equipment, and support all the ways kids play.

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.*

## Shop Chesterfield First

### Shop Chesterfield First

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/> -

### We still need to fill several important 2011-2012 Board positions

Our CHES PTA plans, organizes and funds so many wonderful events & special projects for our school. **Please consider becoming part of our PTA Board so we can continue to make a difference at CHES!**

[Click here](#) to view our open board and committee positions.

### **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](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/>

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,  
but because they're priceless.  
- Sherry Anderson*

"Fridays are Spirit Days! Show your school or team spirit every Friday by wearing your favorite CHES tshirt or a sports team jersey or shirt.

To order CHES spirit wear, contact Sherri Ingram [ingrams4vt@yahoo.com](mailto:ingrams4vt@yahoo.com) or visit the website."

**REFLECTIONS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

"This year's reflection's theme is "Diversity means...?"

Unfortunately, CHES is in **need of volunteers** to run this program. Please volunteer to help keep this wonderful program alive at CHES.

You can go to [vapta.org](http://vapta.org) for more details or contact Stefanie Bragdon at [stefaniebragdon@yahoo.com](mailto:stefaniebragdon@yahoo.com) for more information.



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\* 9 years public school music teaching experience \*

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*Duets, trios, quartets - wind players welcome!*

*"Adult Learn to Play Strings" classes now forming!*

*Ask about:*

*Songwriting Workshop for teens and adults*

*"Piano Crash Course" for musicians*



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## 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>

The Chesterfield County School Board is committed to a public engagement process that allows the community to invest in and benefit from the public school system. The board's intent is to work with the community to deliver the high level of service and education that Chesterfield County residents expect and deserve. School Board members welcome constituent input and feedback:

Write to School Board members at P.O. Box 10, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

Email board members at [ccpsschoolboard@ccpsnet.net](mailto:ccpsschoolboard@ccpsnet.net).

Call or fax board members at these numbers:

**Dianne E. Pettitt, Clover Hill District ( represents CHES)**  
**(804) 897-0075 voice mail and fax**

**U. Omarh Rajah, Matoaca District ( represents CHES)**  
**(804) 639-8035 voice mail**  
**(804) 639-8036 fax**

For more information, contact Board Clerk Carol Timpano or Deputy Clerk Deborah Hodges at (804) 748-1497.

### 2011 School Board Meeting Schedule

[http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/chesterfield/Board.nsf/files/8HLS9A6DACB5/\\$file/Board%20Schedule%20-%202011.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/chesterfield/Board.nsf/files/8HLS9A6DACB5/$file/Board%20Schedule%20-%202011.pdf)



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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.

e-mail address 1\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address 2\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Members \_\_\_\_\_

Total Membership Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* By providing your email, you are agreeing to accept PTA emails. You can unsubscribe at any time here:  
<http://www.chesptaonline.com/lists>

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## PTA USE ONLY

PTA Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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