

# Central Elementary **PTA** Newsletter



Where we "Treasure" Learning!

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## FALL FUNDRAISING



[www.square1art.com](http://www.square1art.com)

By Pamela Murray  
Fall Fundraising Chair

Now that there is a chill to the air, it is time to start thinking of Holiday gifts, and this week brings home to all our families the last piece of Fall Fundraising, the Square1 Art projects. Soon, you will receive your child's beautiful artwork that has been labored over since September, along with a custom catalog that features your child's art on some of the products in the catalog. Also included, for you to keep, is a sheet of custom stickers, as Square1 Art's thank you to all of us for considering their products. Please return your order forms back to your child's teacher no later than Friday, November 11th. All orders will arrive to the school around the first week of December.

I also wanted to update the community on our successful fundraising numbers to date. The catalog sales continue to be in first place bringing in \$8,004. Remaining in second place is the KidStuff Coupon Book bringing in \$5,850 with 234 books sold. WOW, I hope you are all taking advantage of some of the fantastic coupons in that book.

Just in case anyone needs a last minute gift of a Coupon Book, I have some left over on consignment. Coming in at third place is the Spring Bulbs at \$1,485.00. Our direct donations program total is \$1,255.00. So to summarize our success thus far, together we have raised a gross of \$16,595, with a net profit of approximately \$8,925.00 before the Art work is even turned in. Great job everyone!!!

## November IMPORTANT DATES

**November 3**  
Story Teller Night  
5:30 PM

**November 3-7**  
Book Fair

**November 7**  
PTA General Membership  
Meeting 7 PM

**November 9**  
2Hr. Early Dismissal

**November 11**  
Report Card Distribution  
Square1 Art due

**November 21-22**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences  
School Closed for Students

**November 21-25**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
for  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 28-December 2**  
PTA Sponsored Mobile  
Science Lab

A look ahead....

**December 2**  
Movie Night

### Reflections Award Celebration

The ceremony to celebrate all those that participated in the *Reflections Program* will be held at the school at 6pm on **November 7**. All artists should have received a personal invitation to the "ceremony." Please be sure to send in your RSVP's to Kate Jones by **November 4**.

## MEET THE NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### All About Mr. Gruber

*By Analeigh Flieger and Jamie Marceron  
Student Writers*



Mr. Gruber has been working for AACPS for fourteen years and worked in PA for two years. This is Mr. Gruber's dream job, but his second choice would be an airline pilot. He has admired school leaders since he was a kid. His school principal was very, very mean. Mr. Gruber has only worked in elementary schools, nothing higher than sixth grade.

Mr. Gruber has one brother in PA and two stepbrothers in CA. His favorite kind of music is soft rock from the seventies, eighties, and nineties. Mr. Gruber thinks that if you have a dog you should love and cherish it. He has two beagle mixes one is one years old and the other is two years old. His undergraduate college was East Stroudsburg University, his graduate was Loyola College. In a very small town just north of Allentown, PA is where Mr. Gruber grew up. Some of Mr. Gruber's hobbies are spending time with his dogs, yard work, landscaping and he likes good food.

## ABOUT THE STUDENT WRITERS



Analeigh Flieger is 9 years old and is in Mrs. Davis's fourth grade class. Her hobbies include, piano, ballet, reading, and collecting

Madame Alexander dolls. Her special talent is fashion design. Her favorite number is 15 and her favorite color is purple. The last good book she read was *Tarot Says Beware* by Betsy Byars.



Jamie Marceron is 9 years old and is in Mrs. Davis's fourth grade class. This is her first year in the writing club. Her hobbies include reading and playing soccer. Her favorite number is 3 and her favorite color is purple. One of her favorite books is *After All, You're Callie Boone* by Winnie Mack.



## Yearbook Cover Contest

Would you like to have your art work featured on the cover of this years yearbook? Then let your creativity run wild and come up with artwork that's unique and original to this years "We Treasure Learning" theme. You may be the WINNER of this years yearbook cover.

Please turn in your artwork to Mrs. Morris by Friday November 11. Put your name and the date 2011-2012 on the front and add your class and grade on the back. Good Luck!

## UPCOMING CONCERTS



**December 6**

4th and 5th Grade Chorus

**December 20**

Strings and Band

Strings -6:00 PM

Band- 7:00 PM

**January 12**

1st and 2nd Grade Chorus- 6:30 PM

By Kate Jones

It is that time of year when we are all spending loads of time with our kids and giving thanks for it too! But what earth-friendly activities can you do with all that free time and the little voices saying "I'm bored." Give them a green craft to complete!

**Make napkin rings:** Using toilet paper holder rolls, have them cut them into 1-2 inch cylinders and wrapping the tubes with ribbon or yarn. They can even get fancy and glue on a nametag, too.

**Make Centerpieces:** To save some "green" and use some too, have your youngsters make a centerpiece for you out of recyclables. A vase could be made from a clean jelly jar, wrapped in small pieces of overlapping masking tape, and then stained or painted with washable paints. The result is textured, artsy, and the perfect "vehicle" for the rest of the centerpiece. As to what goes in the vase, it could be twigs with brightly colored leaves attached (great "get out for a walk" activity), little pieces of paper each listing something to be thankful for, or even popsicle sticks with colored paper pilgrims (made by your little one) glued to them ready for an impromptu play between dinner and dessert.

**Make Placemats or Place holders:** gather different kinds and size leaves, and do a leaf rubbing (preferably on the backside of an already printed on paper so the paper gets reused). Then have them cut out the leaves (another great time-consuming activity) and glue them on a piece of construction paper.

**Make Thank you cards:** They can cut out letters or pictures from magazines and glue messages of thanks to small pieces of construction paper or index cards that they will give to others (whether it is right away or saved to be used for thanking others later).

There are so many great ways to show we are all thankful by protecting our resources and encouraging that same thankfulness and thoughtfulness in our children. Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

## Have Questions or Comments About Redistricting at Central?

You can contact Mr. Chuck Yokum at 410-439-5695 or by email at [CYocum@AACPS.org](mailto:CYocum@AACPS.org).

Below is a general time-line of the redistricting process provided by Mr. Yokum.

**December 7, 2011:** Superintendent makes his recommendation on redistricting to the BoE (Board of Education). The meeting will begin at 10:00am and will be held at the Carol S. Parham Administration Building at 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

**January 4, 2012:** The BoE will make it decision (most likely, they have been known to push it back one meeting) on what redistricting they wish to take to public hearing. The meeting will be held at the same time and place as the December 7, 2011 meeting.

**February:** Staff will give a briefing on what redistricting the BoE is considering. Date and time TBD, location: Central Elementary

**March:** BoE will hold a public hearing on redistricting. Date and time TBD, location: South River High School Auditorium.

**April:** BoE votes on redistricting. Exact date and time TBD. Location: Carol S. Parham Administration Building, 2644 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

The public, according to Mr. Yokum, can testify at any BoE meeting, between now and April. Note: The Board will not have any inkling on what the Superintendent is recommending until the week before the December 7, 2011 meeting. Testifying prior to that may or may not be helpful.

Happy Thanksgiving Central Families!

# PTA News



# HALLOWEEN



Go Green!

## Clothes Closet A Success

Kate Jones stands with what clothing remains after a successful Clothes Closet distribution. The remaining clothing will be sent to other area schools or donated to the Goodwill. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help with this Green event and those who donated clothing. Central Elementary started the Clothes Closet three years ago as a recycle event for the school and it has expanded and now partners with other area schools to not only recycle clothing but also serve families in the community.

## NEED A NIGHT OUT WITHOUT THE KIDS?

The South River High School Women's Lacrosse team is sponsoring a PAJAMA JAM Fundraiser!

**December 9, 2011**

**WHERE: SOUTH RIVER HIGH SCHOOL**

**WHO: GRADES K THROUGH 5TH GRADE**

**TIME: 5:30—9:30**

**PRICE: \$25.00 PER CHILD + \$5.00 FOR EACH SIBLING**

Come dressed in your pajamas or relaxing clothes and enjoy lots of different activities such as: karaoke, arts and crafts, video game room, relay races, computer room, dancing and lots more. All rooms will be age appropriate and will be supervised.

For tickets or questions please email Hannah Street at [kwstreet@aol.com](mailto:kwstreet@aol.com), Grace Pettey at [Grace.pettey@gmail.com](mailto:Grace.pettey@gmail.com), Ally VanSloun at [ally\\_vansloun@yahoo.com](mailto:ally_vansloun@yahoo.com) or Kim McNemar at [kmcnemar@aacps.org](mailto:kmcnemar@aacps.org).

## Upcoming Parent Involvement Conference

This year's conference, titled "**Strong Families, Strong Communities Working Together to Eliminate the Achievement Gap,**" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 5, at Anne Arundel Community College – Arnold campus. For more information call 410-222-5309 or visit [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org).

Daylight savings time ends

November 5.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on November 5. Also remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

## WHAT A GREAT PLACE TO ADVERTISE!

We offer affordable opportunities to reach out to Central Families please email "[newsletter@mycentralpta.org](mailto:newsletter@mycentralpta.org)" for information and pricing.