

Central Elementary PTA Newsletter



Where we "Treasure" Learning!

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Start The New Year Off Volunteering

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Are you ready for the next five and half months of school? If you have been telling yourself, "Get involved," now is the time to jump in! The teachers are always looking for help in the school. They also have work that can be done at home. Make sure you make time for the **Family Wellness Night** on February 2. This event will get you moving, grooving, laughing, and learning. It is a great way to spend an evening with the family! **Tiger Trot** will be held April 28. This year's director, Jessica Keeny, is looking for lots of help in several areas.

Tiger Trot volunteering is always a great way to meet other parents and find out what is going on around school and in the Edgewater area, as well.

We will need help with the auction, the dinner, stuffing race bags, and getting the course ready, just to name a few. Since the weather thus far has been mild for January, why not tie up those laces and start training for the Tiger Trot.

Participating is a fun way to support **Central Elementary School!** All of the funds raised for the Tiger Trot go back to the school and all students benefit. This year we are raising money for more technology in the classrooms. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me, Juli Bello, at president@mycentralpta.org.

CES Needs Your Volunteer Hours

Central Families if you are working on school activities at home we want to know! Mrs. Turner keeps track of CES volunteer hours and reports them to the county. All you have to do is let her know how many hours you work on school activities at home.

Every hour counts. Perhaps you work on cutting, pasting, sewing or maybe something for the upcoming Tiger Trot all those hours count. You may contact Mrs. Turner at fturner@aacps.org or call her at 410-222-1075. You can also report previous hours you worked.

Thank you for all your hard work it is one of the many ways that makes CES outstanding.

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 11
2 hour early dismissal

January 12
1st & 2nd Chorus &
Gymnastic Program – 6:30

January 16
School Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL
January 17, 18, 19, 20

January 20
End of 2nd
marking period

January 23 & 24
SCHOOL CLOSED
Teacher In-service

January 25 & 26
Vision & Hearing Testing
K, 1st & Students new to the
Anne Arundel Public Schools

A Look Ahead....

February 2
Family Wellness Night
6:30 PM

PTA News



Pictured from left to right front row: Melanie Marceron, Mari Saige Baker, Kayla Nichols, Cassidy Montgomery, Natalie Chick, Kaitlin Nichols, Bianca Ianicelli, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Waring.

Pictured from left to right back row: Mrs. Farrish, Grace Buckley, Ms. Talbott, Nicole Murray, Emily Charnock, Caroline Webber, Ms. Swauger, Mrs. Manojlovic, Mrs. Brought. Not pictured: Megan Burgess, Lizzie Burgess, Amy Sauerwein, Georgienne Shuey, Sara Wooten, Sarah Spears

Girls on the Run

By: Ms. Talbott, P.E.

Our first season of Girls on the Run was a huge success! Our school had 17, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls who met with Ms. Swauger and I twice a week for 10 weeks. Each practice involved games that taught and reinforced life skills, running activities, and lots of fun! At the end of the season the girls ran in the most energetic 5K I have ever been a part of! There were over 400 girls in 3rd – 8th grade running along with their running buddies. Congratulations to all our Girls on the Run! Girls on the Run® is a non-profit organization with the mission of educating and preparing girls for a life-time of self-respect and healthy living. To learn more about the program visit: <http://gotrChesapeake.org/> We are currently looking for coaches for the Spring 2012 team.

SAVE THE DATE!

*By: Jessica Keeny
Tiger Trot Chair*

Our 2012 Tiger Trot will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The 5K/1Mile Run/Walk is a fun-filled family event. Whether you are a seasoned runner or just want to get out and enjoy the morning this is an event not to be missed. Plan to attend the pre-race Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction held on Friday evening the 27th where there is always something for everyone.

Our Community Sponsor Chair is looking for 2-3 volunteers to assist with contacting local businesses to sponsor the 2012 Tiger Trot. This involves writing letters, following up with sponsors and picking up donations prior to the race. The Tiger Trot is a fantastic family event. If you are interested in helping or have questions please contact tigertrot@mycentralpta.org.

Tiger Trot
April 28, 2012



Sponsored Event

Mr. Dooling captured the students attention and imagination as he brought history to life by showing the children how a picture can tell a story. He took the students through the process of how he illustrates children's history books by having family and friends dress up in period clothing so that he may paint them. Several lucky students were even given the opportunity to have lunch with Mr. Dooling and to help finish a painting during the morning and afternoon assemblies.



*History Through
Picture Books
with
Children's
Author
and Illustrator
Michael Dooling*



Writing Club members with Mr. Dooling. From Left : Peyton Selleh, Amanda Drohat, Erin Canter and Caroline Webber



4th grader, Zoe O'Brien and 5th grader, Andrew Criswell

And the Winners Are...

*By Pamela Murray
Fall Fundraising Chair*

Do you ever wonder what the top selling product is or what classroom had the most participation?

From the catalog, these were the top sellers:

- #1: Believe in Majic Gift Tags with 23 sold
- #2: Snowman Soiree Wrap with 20 sold
- #3: Tied for third place was the Snowman & Sweets Reversible Wrap and the Microwave Plat cover with 17 sold
- #4: Tied for fourth place was Santa's Laugh Dazzle Wrap and the Merry Santa Reversible wrap with 16 sold
- #5: Merry Santa Reversible Wrap with 16 sold

The most popular flower bulbs were:

- #1: Giant Dutch Tulips
- #2: Grecian Windflowers
- #3: Striped Squill

The most popular art products purchased were:

- #1: Ceramic Mugs at 115
- #2: Magnets at 97
- #3: Microwave plate at 78
- #4: Key chains at 51
- #5: Custom flags at 48

Here are the top selling classrooms:

- For bulb sales: Mrs. Mangum's class
- For art sales: Ms Politi's class
- For Coupon book sales: There was a tie between Ms. Swanger's class and Ms. Manojlovic's class
- For catalog sales: Mr. Leone's class
- For donations: Mrs. Shoemaker's class
- The top selling classroom: Ms. Manojlovic's class

The classroom with the most participation goes to Ms. Manojlovic's class!



A very big "Thank You" to Pamela for all her hard work and to all those who helped make this a successful Fall Fundraising event for our school!



January Green Tip

By Kate Jones



For the 3rd year in a row, Central Elementary has been collecting Tab Tops (you know, the little aluminum tabs on the tops of soda and soup cans) for the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. There are a few families that consistently send in bags and bags full of the tab tops to support Central's Green School efforts AND a worthy charity. It is clear that these families even have friends and family collecting for them (maybe even flight attendants), given the sheer number of bags that they send in. These tab tops that are collected and brought to the school are given to the Ronald McDonald House to pay for transportation for families to visit their sick kids at 6 area hospitals around Baltimore. Imagine, those silly little aluminum tabs on the tops of cans can pay for a year's worth of transportation. That means, Ronald McDonald House can keep their costs low for the families that are already over-burdened with stress, heartache, and grief.

A very special thanks goes to **Hailey Donelan** and family and **Harley Snead** and family for donating LOADS of tab tops. They are an inspiration to their peers, the staff at Central Elementary School and the greater Central community. Their compassion for others as well as their commitment to environmental stewardship is awesome. It just goes to show you that one person CAN make a difference.

But you don't have to be a rock star and send in bags and bags to make a difference. There are plenty of families that send in small snack size bags with tab tops and those are equally as important. Every tab helps to offset costs and helps our kids to think twice every time they have "trash" in hand. What can your family do to be more green AND help a cause? Think about it. **Think Green.**

FYI

Want an update on the 2011-2012 Redistricting Plan? Go to the AACPS website at <http://aacps.org> and click on the link under the "For Your Information" section.

Weather changes could shift January semester break. Parents beginning to make plans for the two-day semester break in January should keep in mind that inclement weather could force the dates of the break to shift. The Board-approved calendar calls for four consecutive days of semester exams for high school students. Exams are currently scheduled to be administered on January 17 through 20, with the semester break scheduled for January 23 and 24. If inclement weather causes schools to be closed on any testing day, the entire schedule would shift accordingly, moving the dates of the semester break.



Tool Box School Supplies for 2012-2013

By Anna Pfaff

Tool Box sales will be starting very soon. It's never too early to start thinking about next school year. Tool Boxes take the hassle out of finding your child's school supplies. Simply order the box by end of this school year and pick up your child's Tool Box (filled with all their required school supplies) at Sneak a Peak. Look for more information to come.



YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbook orders were due before Winter break! Order forms are in the office and cost is \$20.00. Don't miss out! Please send in your money ASAP to Mrs. Morris, Art Teacher.

Holiday Happenings

By Laura Currey and Amy Burgess
Hospitality Co-Chairs

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

On Wednesday, December 21, the PTA sponsored a luncheon for our staff and teachers. It was a Potato Bar Extravaganza theme and everyone really seemed to like the potatoes and all the toppings. Thanks so much to all the parents who donated items to make the luncheon a success. The staff enjoyed ice cold drinks, a variety of salads, hot and cold side dishes, yummy toppings for the potatoes and delicious desserts. The gift card raffle was a huge hit, thanks to all of your generous donations! A special thank you to Sherri Raimondo and Marygay Cross for helping with set up and clean up, you guys were great!

Thank you to the following families who emailed me to tell me they were donating to the luncheon: Raimondo, Cross, Dover, Suite, Cole, Kucner, Beach, Marceron, Mancini, Abbey, Merkel, Redman, Kolson, Mullen/Foran, Miranda, Holbrook, Jenkins, Pierce, Winters, Ryan, Long, Lopes, Huckelberry, Hart, Taksey Clay, Boyle, Mullen, Mastal, Verow, Cassidy-Cotton, Lainhart, Mikutsky, Jones, Keeny, Rossi, Blonder, Foran, Piermarini, Michael, Bushee, Froble, Mestas, Marceron, Lester, Yamaner, Drohat, Hoyt, Barney, Clark/Snead, Schrand, Leonard, Markland and, Pekel.

I am sorry if I accidentally forgot someone. If you donated an item the day of the event, but didn't email me, thank you and know that your generosity was much appreciated by our teachers and staff!

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2012.



Run-A-Thon Fundraiser

Central will be having a Run-A-Thon to help raise funds for local student Zach Brown. Zach is a 5th grader at Mayo Elementary School and up until October, he was a healthy 10 year old. Zach suffered a cavernous angioma in his brain that resulted in paralysis. He was hospitalized for over a month and still suffers from paralysis on the left side. He has a long road of recovery ahead but with his positive outlook on life he is making great strides. The money raised from the Run-A-Thon will be donated to the Brown family to help pay ongoing medical expenses.

Place: Central Elementary

When: January 17, 2012

Time: 1:45-2:45 PM

Any CES student that wants to participate should return the permission slip and pledge form sent home via backpack by January 13. This is a half day for students therefore your student must be a car rider. Contact Kori Talbott at ktalbott1@aacps.org or Patricia Lynch at plynch@aacps.org if you have questions.

SAVE THE DATE 16th MSP POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

January 28, 2012

The Maryland Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis is a charity event sponsored by the Maryland State Police in support of the Special Olympics.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. Mass Plunges will take place at both 1 and 3 p.m.

You may preregister online at <http://plungemd.com/> or by calling (800) 541-7544 ext. 503. A minimum of \$50 in pledges (or as a personal donation) is required in order to participate in the Maryland Polar Bear Plunge but spectators and festival-goers are welcome to attend free of charge. All participants receive a commemorative Plunge sweatshirt, and a photo gift.

Music Lessons

Monday – Thursday, 2PM-6PM, ½ hr sessions

Monthly contracts (discounts available for quarterly contracts)

Contact Rick Barge @ 410/798-0520



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