

CAVE SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## President's Message

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!  
I know that all the kids are singing this tune, but for the adults it may be a different song. As the Holiday season approaches, treasure all the joyous moments that comes your way because your precious children will grow up in the blink of an eye.

The PTA wants to invite everyone to attend to our Holiday PTA Meeting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to enjoy "Holiday of Music" presented by the CSES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class.

Our next PTA Event that is being planned is a Family Spaghetti Night/Family Bingo Night on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held at CSES. Mark your calendars so you can be sure to bring the whole family out for a fun evening!

The CSES PTA wishes you a joyous Holiday Season and a healthy and Happy New Year in 2012.

Your CSES PTA President,

Jackie Martin



## From the Principal's Desk...

Did you know that students in grades K-3 are exposed to Spanish here at school? Roanoke County Schools has implemented an elementary Spanish program that began with Kindergartners in 2007. Since then, the program has expanded each year to include subsequent grade levels. This year 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is included, as these students have had exposure each year since Kindergarten.

The primary goal of Spanish instruction at the kindergarten level is to expose students to Spanish words and phrases that can be recognized and understood in context. Students may also begin using some Spanish words. First, second, and third grades will continue to add vocabulary with the expectation that students increase their vocabulary recognition and usage at each grade level. Instruction parallels what is being taught in the context of class, it is not an "add-on". For example, when working with the calendar students may learn the days of the week and months in Spanish. Often, students even teach the adults some Spanish! Some classes have a "Kinderamigo" buddy from Cave Spring or Hidden Valley High School who helps with Spanish instruction.

I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday season, enjoying the time with family and friends. This is a great time to take a break from the hustle and bustle of school, work, practice, etc and relax! As always, please do not hesitate to call or email me anytime, [jspoff@rcs.k12.va.us](mailto:jspoff@rcs.k12.va.us). Thank you for all you do!

*Jodi Poff, Principal*

## PTA GENERAL MEETING

"Holiday of Music" program presented by Mrs. Kelly and the third grade class

**Tuesday, December 13th**  
**7:00pm**



## Reflections Art Contest

Winners will be announced and awards will be presented at the December 13th PTA meeting.

Winners listed on page 2 of the newsletter.





## Book Fair News

Thanks so much to everyone who made our fall book fair very successful! Our sales were at an incredible total of \$11,924.58, which will provide a profit of \$2,981.15. This will certainly help with the cost for replacing our many damaged books and buy a few new titles, too! Thank you!!!

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

**12/13 Tuesday**  
**PTA General Meeting**  
The Third Grade Class Presents  
"Holiday of Music" Program  
7:00pm

**12/19-12/30**  
**Schools Closed**  
**Winter Holiday**

**1/2 Monday**  
**School Resumes**

## Congratulations to the following winners of this year's Reflections contest:

### Literature:

- 1st place: **The Treehouse** by Maya Sawh  
2nd place: **The Three Friends** by Maya Sawh  
3rd place: **Diversity** by Kellie Hanson



Judged by Mary Elmore, Christine Morgan, and Trey White  
(7th Grade English teachers at HV Middle)

### Art Winners (Intermediate):

- 1st place: **Diversity Means Being Unique** by Sophia Desimone  
2nd place: **Diversity is Beautiful** by Mike Beckett  
3rd place: **Diverse Colors** by Ava Lorens

### Art (Primary):

- 1st place: **Nest, Egg, Leaf** by Jessica Heasley  
2nd place: **Different People** by Reva Sawh  
3rd place: **Diffrint [sic] Shapes** by Sifti Panesar

Judged by Richard Moon, Coordinator of Art, Roanoke County Public Schools

### Music:

- 1st place: Harrison Huang

### Photography: (Primary)

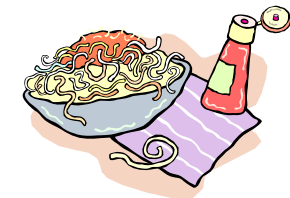
- 1st place: **People and Their Instruments** by Jordan Brewer  
2nd place: **Different Animals, Same Hearts** by Isabella Desimone  
3rd place: **Mohawk** by Ana Chubik

### Photography (Intermediate)

- 1st place: **Big or Small, Always Best Friends** by Natalie Martin  
2nd place: **Diversity Means Love** by Sophia Desimone  
3rd place: **Different Cats, Same Litter** by Caroline Miko

Judged by Kevin Hurley of Kevin Hurley Photography

*Thank you to all of our judges!*



## Spaghetti Dinner/ Bingo/Silent Auction

Our first planning meeting for this event will be on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 in the library. Anyone interested in helping us collect donations or bring ideas for other auction items – we would love to have you!

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# Thanks CSES!!!

Greenvale School was blown away with our donation towards their coat drive. Over 15 large trash bags full of coats and two large boxes full of gloves, hats and scarves were delivered last month. A thank you email from Jenny Lee, the school's Director of Development, reads "It's just overwhelming, and we are deeply grateful for the absolute outpouring of support your school shared with our families! I just don't have the words to properly express the level of gratitude we feel to you and all the generous parents at Cave Spring Elementary School! Your gifts will mean so much to our families, and it's wonderful to know that nobody here – children or adults – will have to be cold this winter!"

*Jenn O'Herron*



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Gifted Art Program

Parents may nominate their children in grades 2-5 to be screened for the gifted art program. Contact Art Coordinator Richard Moon at 540 562-3900 Ext. 10322 or [rmoon@rcs.k12.va.us](mailto:rmoon@rcs.k12.va.us) to receive information on the program and a nomination packet.