President’s Message

Whatever holiday your family celebrated, I hope it was a memorable break from your daily, busy "hustle and bustle." Our students always enjoy receiving "presents" during their holidays, but often the greatest gift we can give our students and staff is our "Presence". In this age of social media and electronics with our heads buried in our newest gadget, we forget that just being present, giving our precious time and communicating the old-fashioned way can make the biggest difference to those around us. Our school community needs your presence, and what a great opportunity we have to do that to start 2015.

Beginning next week, I hope you can be present and bury your head in your favorite books with your children as we begin our annual READ-A-THON. For 2-weeks of intense reading, logging and fundraising, we will discover "oh, the places you'll go."

Happy JaNEWary!
Erica Carter
PTA President

From the Principal’s Desk... 

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 😊 I hope everyone had a wonderful, restful holiday. We are back in the groove here at school so I wanted to take a minute to encourage all students to settle in and get to work. We have LOTS to do with only one semester of school left. So, CSES kiddos, put on your thinking caps and do your best work!

We are looking forward to our upcoming PTA Read-a-thon, what an exciting way to show your love of reading and have fun too! I hope you will join our PTA at the Barnes & Noble event on Friday January 23 7:00-8:00 pm and Saturday January 24 1:00-3:00 pm. There are fun activities planned for students to show off their learning. Hope you can join the fun!

As many of you know, Anne Currin retired as of July 1, 2014 and has been working this school year under the Roanoke County Early Retirement Program. Soon we will begin the search for her "replacement". I am sure you share with me the notion that Anne can hardly be "replaced", and I would like your input/ideas/feedback about the characteristics you consider important as we begin our search. Please contact me with any thoughts you have on this.

As always, thank you for all the support you give CSES, our PTA, and your children -- remember it is a TEAM effort and “Together Everyone Achieves More”.

Jodi Poff
Principal

If you are a PTA Member, please consider serving on the Nominating Committee to select the 2015-2016 Executive Slate (President, VP - Membership, VP - Programs).

The nominating committee will be elected at the February 10th PTA General Meeting. The nominating committee will meet as needed to determine the positions for 2015-2016 Executive Slate. The nominating committee will present the executive slate for 2015-2016 at the March 13th PTA General Meeting.

Please contact Erica Carter
bellc.carter5@gmail.com
DATES TO REMEMBER!

Jan 6 - PTA Board Meeting - 7pm (Selecting Nominating Committee)
Jan 6-9 - Read-a-thon Booklets Distributed
Jan 12-16 - KICS Booklets Distributed and Registration Begins
Jan 12-26 - PTA Read-a-thon
Jan 15 - End of 2nd nine weeks
Jan 16 - Read-a-thon PJ Day and Book Donation Day
Jan 19 - School Closed / MLK Jr Day
Jan 21 - KICS Registration Ends
Jan 23/24 - PTA Barnes & Noble Events
Jan 23 - Report Cards Sent Home
Jan 23 - Read-a-thon Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day
Jan 30 - Read-a-thon Pledges Go Home

What has the PTA been up to?

- Provided Holiday gifts for our staff
- Supported Elves Stock the Shelves
- Planned and executed Holiday parties for all grades to include 90 gingerbread houses, 100s of bags of candy, many toilet paper rolls for snowman and many play doh snow balls
- Sponsored a Chick-fil-a Spirit Night
- Slimed Mrs. Poff
- Distributed Reflections awards and certificates to primary and intermediate winners
- Provided over $500 love offering to those in need at school
- Collected over $5,000 for our fall campaign
- Raised over $5,000 with new Kroger Rewards program

STEAM Update!

Full STEAM ahead In January... Over 40 students in the fourth and fifth grade will begin the construction phase of their Sea Perch remotely operated underwater vehicles! All over the building, students are collaborating to create and problem solve in all areas of the curriculum! With your help, 2015 will bring even more opportunities for project-based learning in (and out) of the classroom!

Kim Hires Smith, Assistant Principal

SAVE THE DATE
Fireman Flapjacks and Bingo Bash
Friday, March 13
6pm – 8pm
Join us for a pancake dinner prepared by the Cave Spring Volunteer Fire Department, tour the fire trucks, and play some bingo to raise funds for the PTA.

Get Ready for KICS!!!
February 10 – March 18, 2015

KICS (Kids in Cultural Studies) is an after-school enrichment program designed to provide fun learning experiences for our students. 1 hour weekly classes will be offered on both Wednesdays and Thursdays for 6 weeks immediately after school on site. Examples of some of our upcoming classes include: Theatre, Mill Mountain Zoo Life, Cake Decorating, Pottery Painting, Karate, Sewing, Chemistry, Gymnastics, and much more! Look for sign-ups to begin in early January. Classes fill up fast….parent volunteers get 1st preference!

For more information, contact Julie Carey: juliecarey@cox.net

Just a reminder…
Parents need to pack spoons & forks for your child’s lunch brought from home! Thank you.
Keep sending in those Tab Tops!
Thanks to everyone who has sent in those Tab tops – so far we’ve collected 23.4 pounds - for the Ronald McDonald house!

On Sunday, May 3rd from 1-4 make plans to join us – as we compete in the Tab Top Extravaganza – so keep those Tab Tops coming!!! At the event they will count all the tabs from every group participating this year!

Come join us as we volunteer on Saturday February 7th from 9-10:30 AM at the Ronald McDonald House – we will have a tour and we’ll help out at the house. For further questions and to RSVP, contact Carol Anderson – 540-520-2704.

Save the Date:
Barnes and Noble Book Fair
January 23-24 in the store
Order online the whole week of Jan 23-30 and the school will get a percentage.
**Jan. 23** - Mrs. Poff will have story time from 7-8pm.
**Jan 24** - will be filled with fun events throughout the day.

Vouchers will be sent home the week of Jan 19.
Voucher code number is 11455250 and can be used online Jan 23-30.
Save those gift cards and help CSES make 10% of your sales.
Complete event details coming soon.

Thank you Mr. David for all you did for CSES, students and staff, and the PTA.
We will miss you.
Welcome to Ms. Isolda!

Thank you

**THANK YOU...**
- Hospitality committee for a wonderful Christmas breakfast for our staff
- All of our amazing families who made donations to our fall campaign
- Reflections chairs for creating certificates and prizes for students
- The front office for all their help with everything
- Amy Grant for creating and sending *Arithmetickles* flyer and stickers to school

Elves Stock the Shelves Update

- Over 375 students made donations during the 2 week event. That’s 80% of the student body.
- Sold about 400 hats and decoration kits. (Not a fundraiser)
- Over 150 students donated $1 to have their name glittered on their hat allowing us to make a $150 donation to Trust House toward Bus Passes for Job interviews and medical appointments.
- Soup was the #1 donation with canned vegetables #2.
- All 27 SCA officers and reps worked: collecting elf hat order forms, processing elf hat orders, bagging elf hats and decoration kits, as greeters, at the check in table, helping elves stock the shelves, sticker and color elf table, elf hat table.
- New this year, high school volunteers from HVHS and CSHS SCA, Key Club and Beta Club came every morning before school to help set up all the Elves Stock the Shelves stations and work until the SCA members arrived at their jobs. Thank you!
- As a thank you, the SCA provided “Elf” Double Stuffed cookies for teachers and staff on Friday Dec 19. The SCA, with donation from the PTA, provided all students with suckers during our “Elf Pajama Day” celebration.
- Thank you Mr. Holcomb (Mrs. Holcomb’s husband) and Phillip Holcomb (Mrs. Holcomb’s son) for picking up and delivering all our donations to Trust House as they have every year.
- Thank you Carol Anderson (Torri and Callie’s mom) for delivering pet donations to Angels of Assisi.
- Thank you Mrs. Strawn for all your hard-work and dedication to CSES, the SCA and our students!
Fun 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
Faculty Facts
Did you know . . .?

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching team includes Mr. Barber, Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. King and Mrs. Mowles.

Mrs. Gibbons (the newest addition to the CSES staff) is from New Jersey, graduated from Georgian Court University, loves to read and travel with her family. Her favorite quote: “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass…its learning to dance in the rain.”

Mrs. King is from Edinburg, VA, has a Master’s degree from Mary Baldwin College, loves to be outdoors and loves animals especially her 6 foot pet python. Her favorite quote: “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened,” Dr. Seuss.

Mrs. Mowles is from Roanoke, went to Salem HS, graduated from Emory & Henry College, loves to run, hike, enjoys coffee, and spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite quote: “Pray. And let God worry,” Martin Luther.

CSES 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Read-a-thon
January 12<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

What is the Read-a-thon?
The Read-a-thon combines the love of reading in our children with fundraising to ensure our school continues to be the best it can be! Becoming a good reader is key to educational success, and our Read-a-thon is a fun way to get students involved and excited about reading.

Where will you go today?
Remember:
- Bring your read-a-thon booklet to school EVERY DAY
- Read, read, read and log your reading
- Get friends and family to sponsor your reading
- HAVE FUN!

Prizes
- Every Class who participates gets a cookie party
- Every Student who participates gets a bookmark
- Read over 500 minutes in 2 weeks and you could win a NOOK
- Check out the Read-a-thon booklet for more details

5-Steps of the Read-a-thon You Need to Know:
1. Sign the participation agreement
2. Get Sponsors to pledge money for our school to help our teachers and staff
3. Record all your minutes you read or are read to
4. Turn in your completed booklet and get prizes
5. Collect and turn in your sponsors’ pledges

December Treasurer’s Report

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Income: Direct Donations, Membership and Class Party Money
\nExpenses: DI, Teacher Appreciation, Love Offering

Barnes and Noble Events
The B&N at Tanglewood Mall will be hosting in-store and online shopping days to raise money for CSES PTA.
- Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pajama Story time and Poetry reading by students and staff
- Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - More fun events planned

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>
Wear your Pajamas
Donate a gently-used book for children in need
Everyone who brings in a book gets a treat

Friday, January 23rd
Dr. Seuss Dress-Up Day

Oh, The Places You’ll Go!
---Dr. Seuss