

CAVE SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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It is hard to believe how much has already been accomplished at CSES and to realize that the date is only November 12, 2007. We all experienced a fantastic, lively and fun carnival last month. The theme of "Get your head in the game" helped to aide in a week of spirit throughout the school with the teacher's doors decorated, the streamers in the hall and of course the fun run. By the end of the week, the children were very excited about the carnival and could not wait for the day to come. The carnival proved to be a huge success thanks to the help of some very valuable people; Suzanne Jamison, Bridgett Leiviska, the staff, and of course each of you. Our volunteers help to make each event a success.

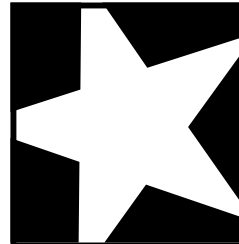
Reflections has come to a close and we will be seeing the result of the children's labor tomorrow night at the general PTA meeting. Thank you Jackie Green for coordinating all of the Reflections entries. Many hours of volunteer time has gone into preparing for the book fair this week in the library. Thank you Karen Cook for coordinating the volunteers for this event. Wrapping paper sales are completed and distributed. Thank you Sarah Pennino, Debi Wilkerson, Patty Frazier. We are still working on a daily and weekly basis in the lunch rooms, library, duplicating, laminating, die cutting, grounds up-keep, and many other places. Please look within yourself to see if you can be of help in some aspect at the school. We are always accepting new volunteers. I look forward to all that the PTA has in store for the remainder of the school year (Auction, some exciting groups coming to the school for assemblies and PTA meetings, class parties, a new and exciting fundraiser). Be a part of your child's school life.

PTA President
Tracy Delaney

Last Call for DI!!!

If you wanted to sign up for Destination ImagiNation but missed the Information/Sign-up Night... Please complete a sign-up form, available in the office & the PTA web site. Return it to the school office ASAP.

Thanks,
Mary Shepard, DI Coordinator, 725-9727



PTA General Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 13
7:00 pm
REFLECTIONS

Cave Spring Elementary School has received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program. Stop In Food Stores, Inc. worked with the school officials to secure the grant which is one of 4,000 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations. The grants were made possible by funding from the Exxon Mobil Corporation.

"Cave Spring Elementary School works hard to make learning interesting and fun," said **Roy Foutz, Vice President of Stop In Food Stores.** "As an Exxon dealer, I am proud to help the young people of our community."

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. ExxonMobil believes that, as members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with local educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support.

Thad James, Principal

An Author is Coming! An Author is Coming!

Mary McManaway, author of Prince's Cat Tale, will be coming to the CSES Library in December. She will be reading an excerpt from her book and sharing her writing experience, as well as her love of cats to the students. Ms. McManaway is a local author and retired reading specialist from Roanoke County Schools. Her book has been given 5 stars by Books-A-Million!

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of Prince's Cat Tale, watch for an order form in your child's backpack near the end of November. The book's cost will be \$7.95. It will be an Accelerated Reader title. Purchased autographed books will be delivered in December. CSES will receive a portion of the book's sales, which will be used to purchase



csespta.com

The place to find out
information about Cave
Spring Elementary PTA

Our website
is your source for:

PTA Budget, Volunteer Information,
Newsletters, Upcoming PTA Events,
PTA Meeting Dates, Fundraising
Information and more!

HELP!!! WATERERS NEEDED! Sue Pettygrove has made the front of our school more inviting with pots of beautiful flowers. Now the school needs some people to keep them watered! If you can help or would like more info. please call Sue at 769-2155 or email her at soozle2@aol.com.

Social Work Chat

Did you know that every school in Roanoke County has a School Social Worker assigned to it? A School Social Worker is someone who provides a wide variety of services to the school system, including assessing the needs of students and their families and making appropriate community referrals, advocating for the special needs/issues of a student, and serving as liaison between the school system and other entities, such as court services, social services, etc. We sometimes make home visits, perform social histories for eligibility for Special Education services, as well as monitor attendance for schools.

My name is Cathy Brown, and I have a Master's Degree in Social Work from VCU. I have worked in a variety of areas of social work since 1995, and this is my fifth year as a School Social Worker. I cover Cave Spring High, Cave Spring Middle, Back Creek Elem., Bent Mtn., Cave Spring Elem., Clearbrook, Green Valley, Oak Grove and Penn Forest. I love working with students and their families, and one of the most rewarding parts of my job is seeing students that I have known for several years walk across the stage at Graduation!!

If you have any issues or concerns in your family which you think may impact your child's ability to come to school or to work to their potential, or if you are concerned about another student or family in your neighborhood, please feel free to call me to discuss these matters, which will be kept in strictest confidence. My telephone number at Central Office is 562-3900, ext. 10194 and my email address is clbrown@rcs.k12.va.us. I look forward to hearing from you!

I would like to thank the following volunteers for helping with unloading and organizing the wrapping paper on Tuesday Nov 6. We could not have done it without you!! **Debi Wilkerson**

Karen Cook and children, Kathy Baylor and children, Rachel McVey and children, Laura Desimone and children, Deborah Bauer and children, and Amy Hunter.

PICTURES, PHOTOS!!!! We need your pictures! Cave Spring Elementary School has a slide show at the end of the school year. The more pictures that we get in from different people the more diverse, creative and fun our show will be. When you are at a CSES event bring along your camera. Then submit your photos on a disk via backpack to Russ Delaney (Samuel Delaney is in Mrs. Wyatt's kindergarten class) or email them to: csespictures@cox.net