President’s Message

Happy, Happy New Year! I hope everyone made some great memories over winter break with family and friends and are looking forward to a fantastic year!

At this time of year, I like to reflect and be thankful for all the volunteers at our school: those who give of their time each day in the library, office or cafeteria; those who work daily or monthly behind the scenes on the newsletter, website, or bulletin boards; those who head a committee; and to those who simply just join the PTA. All levels of volunteer support and dedication make our school better!

We will get a nice long weekend this month to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. I want to share a few quotations with you here.

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?” — Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Even though many of us exchanged presents over the Holiday season, isn’t the best present of all giving? Reach out and volunteer! Share your ideas! Be “present” at our school in your own way! It makes a difference!

All the best in 2018!

Michelle Musser
PTA President
michmuss@gmail.com

From the Principal’s Desk...

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and restful break from school and work. It’s hard to get back in the groove, but if the rest of this school year goes as quickly as it has so far we the end of the school year will be here before we know it! There is still lots of learning to be done, so let’s get to it!

As we begin this new year, please make sure that the emergency information you provided at the beginning of the school year is still up to date before winter weather arrives. Also be sure you have registered with ParentLink via Blackboard so you will receive emergency notifications from Roanoke County Schools and CSES. You may access this system from the “Parents and Students” tab on the RCPS webpage - www.rcs.k12.va.us . Contact me ASAP at jspoff@rcs.k12.va.us or 772-7558 if you need assistance and I will help you get your account set up or updated.

Thank you for your continued support and for all you do for CSES, our PTA, and your children -- remember it is a TEAM effort and “Together Everyone Achieves More”.

Jodi Poff, Principal
jspoff@rcs.k12.va.us
**INCENTIVE REWARDS**

An enormous thank you to Mrs. Kelley and her group of 5th Graders who sang the National Anthem at the Railyard Dawgs CSES Night at the Berglund Center on December 9th!!! This took a willingness to go above and beyond by Mrs. Kelley’s and on the part of the students at a time of year when there are many places to be and lots to do. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your commitment to CSES! We are blessed to have such wonderful teachers and students! We hope you had as much fun as we did! AND the effort paid off with a big reward of **$605.00** for our school!!! Thank you to all of the families and teachers that came to enjoy the game and support the school as well!!!

Easiest CSES restaurant night ever!!! **Domino’s Pizza Fundraiser on Tuesday February 20, 2018** at the 3021 Brambleton Avenue location. Carry-out, Delivery, Dine-In accepted!! 10AM until midnight! Must present the flyer which can be presented from your phone. Feed the family and earn the school money!

What parent doesn’t need a night out from time to time? Here is a great opportunity to enjoy a much needed break and also let your kids have supervised fun! **Superkicks Parent’s Night Out February 3rd, 2018. The theme is "Pillow Fight"**!! The cost is $25 but use the CSES coupon code and get 10% off. Superkicks is donating 30% of sales to CSES PTA!!

We have successfully ended our Campbell’s Labels for Education program with a submission earning our school and additional 424 points! Thank you to all the families and teachers who have supported this program for the last 30 years.

Please continue to send in the BoxTops Labels for Education! We have our next submission for our Spring 2018 deadline March 1st! Please put them in baggies and be sure to check expiration dates! Please don’t use collection sheets unless your child will be heartbroken not to! Current Box Tops are 2017 and after! If you are interested in helping to count Box Tops for the school please email Rebecca atmaxandrebecca@gmail.com. The baggies will be provided to you and depending on the number of people that volunteer, it would most likely be a small amount of box tops to check for expiration date, count into groups of 50, and place into baggies marked with a sharppee. As our program has grown, we are looking for extra help. This is a great job for parents that work and are looking for a "behind the scene" way to help out at their own schedule!

Please consider shopping at www.smile.amazon.com when you are planning to shop Amazon. You can earn our school .05 percent of your purchase. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com and select Cave Spring Elementary on your first visit.

If you have not yet linked our school to your Kroger account, please do so by going to Kroger.com/Community Rewards, then select Cave Spring Elementary. This must be renewed each year!

**JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **January 3**
  School Resumes

- **January 9**
  PTA Board Meeting
  6:00 pm—Library (select Nominating Committee)

- **January 10**
  Bricks 4 Kidz Free Demo Class, 2:30-3:30 pm (registration required)

- **January 15 - 16**
  School Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr Day

- **January 17**
  Bricks 4 Kidz Winter Session, 2:30-3:30 pm (registration required)

- **January 25**
  Report Cards Sent Home

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- **February 3**
  CSES at SuperKicks! Parents’ Night Out! 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (registration required - see attachment for details)

- **February 13**
  PTA General Meeting #4 - 6:30 pm - Gym
  Prevention Council of Roanoke County Social Media Presentation “Keeping Your Child Safe in the Age of Social Media”

Did you take any pictures of your child dressed up as an Elf? Or at a Holiday party? Or at any other PTA event? Send your pictures throughout the year to SlideShowCSES@gmail.com!! Pictures sent to this email address will ONLY be used for the end of the year slide show, presented on June 1st at the annual Ice Cream Social. Keep sending in those pictures!!
A big thank you to all of our CSES Elves who stocked the shelves this year. Together we were able to help residents at Trust House by filling their Food Pantry, their Overflow Food Pantry, and also provide 35 bags of food for residents in permanent housing with no or low income. Wow!

And a big shout out to our student volunteers from middle school, high school, and even college. Our SCA events are always more successful and fun with great role models like these.

Be on the lookout in January for a special email: Elves Stock the Shelves: By the Numbers.

Happy New Year from CSES SCA!

Liz Strawn · Physical Education Specialist & SCA Sponsor

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**November**

**Treasurer Report**

Starting balance: $23,199.79  
Ending balance: $22,995.85  
Checking Account Balance: $22,995.85

Income: Direct donations, class project funds, Amazon Smiles, membership dues, and interest.

Expenses: Instructional materials, Incentive Rewards, Geography Club, staff appreciation, and grounds improvement.

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There is still time to register for the January 10th FREE demo session or the six week winter session. Visit our PTA website for more information!

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**Thank you to our Sponsors!!**

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**KEEP COOL ON RUN FOR SCHOOL**

**Johnson Orthodontics**

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Dr. Nicholas Ramey
Congratulations to all Reflections Participants! All 1st place entries move on to compete at the district level.

**Dance Choreography - Intermediate**
1st Place - Sophia Zeng

**Film Production - Intermediate**
1st Place - Anika Parashar
2nd Place - Caleb Wang

**Literature - Primary**
1st Place - Caleb Mailhot

**Literature - Intermediate**
1st Place - Millie Wiegard

**Music Composition - Intermediate**
1st Place - Miya Morton
2nd Place - Aaron Bhowansingh

**Photography - Primary**
1st Place - Kathryn Wise
2nd Place - Lila Mueller
3rd Place - Annaleigh James
3rd Place - Jake James
Honorable Mention - CJ Garrett
Honorable Mention - Lauren Mueller

**Photography - Intermediate**
1st Place - Caitlin Musser
2nd Place - Ella James
3rd Place - Rojya Bayat Kandi

**Visual Arts - Primary**
1st Place - Kathryn Wise
2nd Place - Sophia Bleiweiss
3rd Place - Lilah Harding
Honorable Mention - Caleb Mailhot
Honorable Mention - Jackson Smith
Honorable Mention - Blair Wiegard

**Visual Arts - Intermediate**
1st Place - Maribel Pan
2nd Place - Sophia Zeng
3rd Place - Caitlin Musser
Honorable Mention - Valeria Dancea
Honorable Mention - Arabella Harding
Honorable Mention - Rojya Bayat Kandi
Honorable Mention - Miya Morton

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2018 Citizenship Essay Project

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO DREAM BIG**

Virginia PTA is committed to promoting a sense of citizenship & responsibility in the lives of our children - tomorrow’s leaders. To demonstrate the value that Virginia PTA & CSES PTA places on good citizenship, CSES is proud to sponsor, support, & encourage students to write an essay for the 2018 Citizenship Essay Contest. Grades 2-5 will be doing a writing prompt on this theme during class, but this essay project is open to all grades. Should you wish to submit your child’s essay, parents can find additional rules & instructions at [https://www.vapta.org/members-only/student-programs/citizenship-essay-contest](https://www.vapta.org/members-only/student-programs/citizenship-essay-contest). CSES entries are due in the front office by January 19. Contact michmuss@gmail.com with any questions.
Run Club

The final tally is in!!! Over 12 Run Club afternoons, thirty-three students ran a total of 394.75 miles!!!! A job well done indeed!!! We have five students run over 20 miles, with the highest total of 26.25 miles!!!

Congratulations to the four students who participated in the Jingle Bell Run: Arabella Harding, Lilah Harding, Meribel Pan, and Thomas Pan. Congratulations to Arabella for placing 2nd and Lilah for placing 3rd in the 9 and under girls division! Way to represent CSES!

Stay tuned for Spring Run Club expected to start in late March!

Thank you to our Fall Run Club participants:


Our CSES nurse, Karen Barr, is requesting donations of unwanted pants, in any size, for boys and girls to be used by the clinic at CSES. Children often rip or spill things and she has very little supply. THANK YOU in advance for helping her meet this need!

A big thank you to Mrs. Strawn for all of her hard work with Elves Stock the Shelves! We appreciate your hard work and enthusiasm and cannot thank you enough for the countless hours you put into this event! THANK YOU!!

Stay Connected!

Cave Spring Elementary School PTA

CSESPTA.COM
Visit our website, the place to find information about Cave Spring Elementary. Our website is your source for information such as the PTA budget, volunteer opportunities, PTA events, PTA meeting dates, and much more!
Cave Spring Elementary

Domino's Pizza

PTA Fundraiser

Carry-Out, Delivery, or Dine-In Accepted.

Must Present this Flyer.

Cave Spring Elementary School receives a percentage of all sales!

Date: Tuesday February 20th, 2018
Location: 3021 Brambleton Ave SW, 540-772-0020
Time: 10am-Midnight
PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

February 3rd! 5pm-8pm
Theme: Pillow Fight!

Cost $25 ea.
Use coupon code CSES and get 10% off AND we will donate a portion of CSES payments to your PTA.

All you have to bring is a pillow and a smile 😊

We will get to do:

• Mini karate class!
• Ninja Games!
• Pillow fights!
• Pizza and more!

To save your spot go to:
http://events.SuperKicksKarate.net

Feel free to text questions to 540-384-0770