



# PTA NEWSLETTER

## From Our PTA President

### Greetings!

Brrrrrr! February is sort of a boring, cold month, but your PTA is doing its part to make it a fun and productive one!

We had a great morning **Parent's Meeting** on the 6<sup>th</sup>! Over two dozen parents came to enjoy coffee and refreshments with Mr. Raff at this informal meeting. Also on hand were our Targeted Intervention Specialists in Language Arts and Math (Ms. Cofone & Ms. Forney, respectively) as well as Ms. Verdi, the CES Reading Specialist. These dedicated professionals joined us for well over an hour, taking time to answer questions and explain how they help ensure the success of each and every CES student. In a school with 800 children, believe me, they have their hands full! Their time was very much appreciated!

The staff enjoyed a "souper" **Valentine's Day** lunch, provided by the busy cooks and bakers of the PTA Staff Appreciation Committee. And of course the kids had their own fun at the school-wide Valentine's Day Party on the 15<sup>th</sup>. (Was that the Valentine's COW?)

On February 29<sup>th</sup>, the PTA Family Activities Committee will host **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**. This is a free event, open to all students and their families, but please note that the activities are designed with school-aged children in mind. The fun begins at 7:00!

Plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Star Spangled Celebration** are underway! As always, we will need many volunteers for a great event. We will again have a **Class Basket Auction**, and will need some help with that as well. If you think you can lend a hand (whether it's giving us an hour at the event or helping with the planning), contact me at [centervillepta@comcast.net](mailto:centervillepta@comcast.net), so I can connect you with the right coordinator.

**Our next parent meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

See you around school!

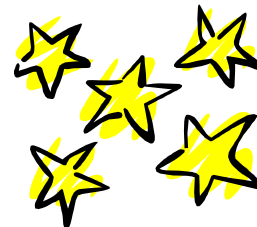
*Barbara Stone*

## PTA OFFICER POSITIONS OPEN FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the PTA, please consider learning more about the Board positions that will be available for the 2008-09 school year.

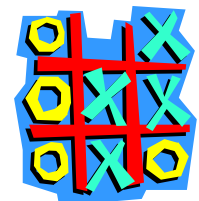
Four positions that work together to run your PTA will be open: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Several Committee Chair positions will also become available in June. We are very pleased that we've already had several people indicate that they are interested in becoming more involved next year – but we want to make sure that *all* interested parents have a chance to participate. No experience is necessary! The only way to learn is to get involved.

Please contact us at [centervillepta@comcast.net](mailto:centervillepta@comcast.net) for details. We hope to announce the proposed slate of officers in April, and hold our election in May.



### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Date: February 29, 2008  
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
Place: CES Cafetorium



This is a free event, open to all students and their families, but please note that the games are designed for school-aged children.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Family Activity Co-Chairs: Monique Rubert, 443-542-7456 or Keina Kipp, 301-874-0397.

## Important Dates

**Fri., Feb. 22** - Early dismissal @ 1:30 p.m.

**Fri., Feb. 29:** Family Game Night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Thurs., March 6:** Evening Parents' mtg., 7:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium.

**Wed., March 12:** "Anger Management: Helping Children & Adolescents Who Get Too Angry, Too Often," with Dr. William Stixrod, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## PTA Officers

### President

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### CES PTA Website

[www.centervillepta.org](http://www.centervillepta.org)

### Frederick County PTA

[www.frederickpta.org](http://www.frederickpta.org)

## Reflections Program Update

Over 500 works of art were created by Frederick County students for the PTA Reflections Program Competition. Eighteen elementary schools participated.

Out of the 227 entries that made it to the County level, 56 are being sent to the State level competition.

The Centerville Stars are very proud to announce that of those 56 students, 4 Centerville students have projects that were selected for the state level competition:

Visual Arts (3-5th grade level):

1st place

**Morgan McGrady**

2nd place

**Madison Janaskie**

Literature (3-5th grade level):

3rd Place

**Payton Steele**

Music (3-5th grade level):

4th Place

**Ann Coleman**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this program! Keep an eye out for our showcase of winners.

## Classroom Emergency Kits are Complete

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Gianni's dessert fundraiser, we were able to purchase the materials necessary to supply the school with emergency kits.

Emergency buckets will be available in every classroom, along with duffle bags for each wing and first aid fanny packs for each team leader. The buckets contain items such as first aid kits, flashlights, baby wipes, solar blankets, sunscreen, etc. The kits have been assembled and will be distributed sometime next week. Additional thanks to all of the volunteers who helped purchase the materials and assemble the kits.