

# Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School of Technology

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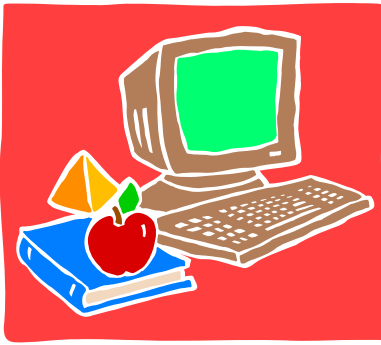
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## From The Principal ~



CALENDAR



Thank you to the students and parents who returned the Digital Dash forms. Approximately 100 students will be participating on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking forward to our first Digital Dash and are hoping for fantastic weather.



THANK  
YOU

It doesn't seem possible that the month of September is almost over. I want to thank you again for attending our Back-to-School Night, the volunteer orientation, and especially taking time to fill out and returning the various necessary forms. We want to again emphasize how important it is that you be an integral part of your child's education.



**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:** On Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm. prior to the PTA meeting, volunteer training will be offered in the library. The orientation covers information relative to safety, confidentiality, child abuse, and food allergies. All volunteers, especially those who plan to assist in the classroom working with children, should plan to attend this orientation session.



On Monday, September 21, our students participated in an International art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace by "planting" pinwheels with messages of peace on the front lawn. The pinwheels are a very attractive addition to our school grounds and will be on display through Friday.



Throughout the school year, if your address, telephone number, cell phone number, work number, or emergency information changes, please notify the school office immediately. Any changes should be made in writing, addressed to the school office and signed by you. In the event of an address change, updated proof of residence information will be required to be presented to the school office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### September ~

15 - 11/30/09

Magnet Applications  
accepted for the 2010-  
2011 school year

28 - Yom Kippur -  
Schools & Offices closed

### October ~

3 - Digital Dash/Magnet  
Expo

5 - School Picture Day

16 - Professional Dev.

Day/MSTA Convention

Schools closed for  
Students

27 - 6:30 p.m. - PTA  
Meeting

30 - Fall Harvest Fest  
6-8:00 p.m.



**From The School  
Nurse ~**

**Fluoride**

**Do you get your home water supply from an underground well?** If you do and your child does not already get daily fluoride tablets at home, he/she can participate in the Baltimore County Public Schools/Baltimore County Department of Health fluoride program. This program provides school-based fluoride mouth rinses in order to prevent tooth decay. Fluoride is administered once per week by the school nurse. The program is entirely voluntary and without cost to you. Your permission is required in order for your child to participate.

**If you have a well at your home,** and you are interested in having your child receive fluoride at school, please contact Trish Ryan-Thiel, school nurse, at 410-825-2897 or email at [pryanthiel@bcps.org](mailto:pryanthiel@bcps.org). Questions may also be directed to the Office of Public Dentistry, Baltimore County Department of Health at 410-887-2780.

**Hearing and Vision Screening**

Earlier this week, a technician from Baltimore County Department of Health was at CVE, to screen children for hearing and vision. All students in Grades K, 1, and 4 were screened. The technician will return on October 5 to screen any students who were absent or need re-testing. If you have a concern about your child's hearing and/or vision and would like to have him/her screened, please notify Trish Ryan-Thiel, school nurse, by October 2. She can be reached at 410-825-2897 or by email at [pryanthiel@bcps.org](mailto:pryanthiel@bcps.org).

**FROM  
CROMWELL COUNCIL ~**

Cromwell Council will be meeting in room 25 at 8:30 a.m. the third Thursday of every month. We will meet in October on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our first spirit day will be on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have Pajama Day! Please remember no nightgowns. Slippers will only be worn in the classroom with teacher permission. Please make sure your pajamas look appropriate for the classroom. Please wear your tennis shoes to school, at recess, and at lunch. Everyone is really excited about this spirit day! We hope you show your school spirit! You can also wear the school colors of blue and white if you prefer!

Cromwell Council will be collecting canned goods for the Harvest for the Hungry. We will be collecting **food** from October 19<sup>th</sup> until November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please place cans/ boxes in the large box in the lobby. Thank you for your support!

**MAGNET APPLICATIONS  
FOR 2010 - 2011 ~**

The Magnet Applications for the 2010-2011 school year are now available on the Baltimore County Public Schools' website. You can download the application and email it to the Magnet Office or print a copy and mail it to the Magnet Office. The Magnet office recommends sending your applications via certified mail so you have a receipt to prove you sent your application should they not receive it by the deadline. The website for Baltimore County Public Schools is [www.bcps.org](http://www.bcps.org). When you log onto the website, click on the word "Systems" in the blue tool-bar, go to "Offices," then to "Magnet Programs."

**THE DEADLINE FOR FILING IS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2009!**

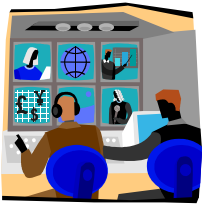
**Siblings: Kindergarten applicants applying to elementary magnet schools and programs who have a sibling who is attending that school the next year will be placed in the magnet school and program. The applicant **MUST** apply within the regular application period in order to receive sibling priority for placement. For purposes of this rule, a sibling shall be defined as a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or foster child living in the same household.**

**Cromwell Valley Elementary's Open House for perspective new students will be on Tuesday, November 17th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m.**



**SCHOOL  
PICTURES ~**

Monday, October 5th will be Fall Picture Day. Individual student pictures will be taken. Information will be coming home as to the package selections and cost.



**WCVE  
PRODUCTION  
NEWS~**

Our television studio is up and running for the 2009-2010 school year. When your child is scheduled to be on the announcements, please make sure to be on time. If your child is doing the weather, lunch menu or birthdays, do not let them wear green or part of them will disappear on camera!

Review with your child the following: look into the camera, smile, and wait for the cue to begin speaking. Don't forget to have fun! If you make a mistake, just keep going! You may borrow a DVD to copy from your child's teacher, the week after the class has announcements.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Lockwood  
Mrs. McGarry  
Mrs. Groth



**EARLY DISMISSAL  
CONTACT FORM ~**

The CVE Early Dismissal Contact Form and letter were sent home earlier this month. If you have not returned the completed form to your child's teacher, please do so ASAP. It's imperative we have this information on file should it be necessary for us to send students home early in the event Cromwell or Baltimore County Schools close early.



**DIGITAL DASH  
SAFETY TIPS ~**

1. Eat a good breakfast before the dash.
2. WALK, don't run around the course.
3. Wear sneakers or other sturdy shoes.
4. Bring a water bottle.
5. Protect yourself from the sun.



**REMINDER FROM  
THE CAFETERIA ~**

Please remember to put your child's **first** and **last** name on the cafeteria lunch forms and your checks so your payments can be applied to your child's account. Also if you send in a cash payment, please enclose a note with your child's **first** and **last** name as well as their teacher's name.

If a payment is sent in with only the child's first name it makes it difficult to determine whose account should be credited.

Thanks for your cooperation.

## CVE Reading Activities 2009-10

Please be sure that you have read the information sent home on Back to School Night pertaining to Reading Activities for the 2009-10 school year. It is very important that your child be a part of our school goal to have all students read beyond the "strive for 25" county goal and track their minutes reading each week. If you have misplaced your child's **ORANGE Reading Minutes Log**, please send a note to their classroom teacher for another copy so that you can get started on tracking those reading minutes right away. Always, keep this **Reading Minutes Log** in your child's **Take Home Folder**. See below results of a research study that shows how the number of minutes read each day is directly related to academic achievement scores. (See below.)

### Variation in Amount of Independent Reading

Test Percentile	Minutes of Reading per year	Minutes Read per day
98	4,358,000	65
90	1,823,000	21.1
80	1,146,000	14.2
70	622,000	9.6
50	282,000	4.6
20	21,000	0.07

Just look at what a little more than 20 minutes of reading a day could do for your child's achievement scores! If reading for 25 minutes a day is too long for your child, start with 10 minutes a night and see if you can increase it a couple of minutes daily the next month. Some children like to read or be read to right before bed. You might also get some reading time in during the morning while waiting to leave for school. How valuable this time would be for your child to read, rather than watch TV or play a video game. So along with some time to get outside and play, make time for "reading for fun" a priority this year. Mrs. Stevens

## We're Off to See the Wizard!

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Parents,

The fourth and fifth grades of CVE will present a stage musical adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" on **Wednesday and Thursday, January 13 and 14 at 2:00 and 7:00 PM**. This production will recreate some of the highlights of this popular musical. Specific parts will soon be cast, and rehearsals will soon start. Most rehearsals will take place during the school day, although it may be necessary for some students to rehearse before and/or after school. If you have concerns regarding any aspect of your child's involvement with this activity please contact me. Also, please let me know immediately if your child will, or will not, be able to participate in this activity by returning the permission slip below. At this point we are trying to establish teams of parents to help prepare this production. If you can lend any time, energy or talent to assist in making "The Wizard of Oz" another fantastic Cromwell production please indicate this in the tear-off list below. You may also email me at [tkjer@bcps.org](mailto:tkjer@bcps.org)

The more volunteers we have will prevent a few from having to do everything.

Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Tim Kjer, vocal music

**PLEASE RETURN THE PORTION BELOW BY OCTOBER 16!**

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**RETURN TO MR. KJER!**  
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My child, \_\_\_\_\_, will be able to participate in "The Wizard of Oz" on Wednesday, January 13 at 2:00 and 7:00 PM and Thursday, January 14 at 2:00 and 7:00 PM. I will see that he/she returns to Cromwell by 6:30 for the evening performances on January 13& 14.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, will NOT be able to participate in this activity.

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help with "The Wizard of Oz" by:

\_\_\_\_ Helping with costumes/props      \_\_\_\_ Coordinating costumes/props for my child's class

\_\_\_\_ Helping with scenery      \_\_\_\_ Coordinating Scenery

\_\_\_\_ Assisting during rehearsals      \_\_\_\_ Assisting backstage during rehearsals/performance

# The Wizard Needs Some Help!

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Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Tim Kjer, vocal music

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## **RETURN TO MR. KJER!**

I can help with "The Wizard of Oz" by volunteering for this/these teams:

\_\_\_ COSTUMES (**need many** volunteers for this)

\_\_\_ SCENERY (**need many** volunteers for this)

\_\_\_ PROPS (preparing/collecting)

\_\_\_ STAGE ASSISTANTS (to help in rehearsals and performances)

\_\_\_ STAGE MANAGER

\_\_\_ ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

\_\_\_ TECH: AUDIO, LIGHTING, SPECIAL EFFECTS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# **MEYERHOFF SYMPHONY TRIP PAYMENT & PERMISSION FORM: K-3**

Dear Parents,

Each year all of our Cromwell Valley Elementary students attend the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra education concerts at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. These concerts support the goals and objectives of Maryland's Fine Arts Essential Learning and the Baltimore County Public Schools music curriculum. All who attend: students, parents and teachers, feel that the experience is most worthwhile. This year all students will attend one concert. The total cost for each student to attend is **\$10.00**, including the cost of the concert ticket and bus transportation. Transportation will be provided by Baltimore County school buses. The cost has increased due to transportation expenses.

Your child will be attending the BSO Concert at Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on Friday, April 23. Please make your full payment as soon as possible. **Make checks payable to Cromwell Valley Elementary. We need to have all money collected by September 30.** If you wish to attend any of these concerts as a parent chaperone, please indicate that on the return form. The cost for parents is \$10.00 per concert. By signing and returning the form below you are also granting permission for your child/children to attend.

## **K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades—The Carnival of the Animals**

Friday, April 23, 2010 (Buses will depart Cromwell at 10:30 and return by 1:00.)

Principal's Approval \_\_\_\_\_

### **KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR INFORMATION!**

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER BY SEPTEMBER 30!**

\_\_\_\_ I am returning this slip with \$10.00 for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in Child's Name.)

\_\_\_\_ I am returning this slip with \$20.00 for 2 children: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in Children's Names.)

\_\_\_\_ I am returning this slip with \$30.00 for my 3 children, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fill in Children's Names.)

\_\_\_\_ I would like to chaperone this concert. (Chaperone space is limited to 5 per class; 7 per kindergarten.)

I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 per concert) for \* \_\_\_\_\_ \* chaperone ticket(s).  
(Fill in amount) (\*Fill in number of tickets\*)

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to CVE.)

My child/children (listed above) has/have permission to attend the field trip to Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on Friday, April 23 under the supervision of the homeroom teacher. I have fully read the information above. I have explained to my child that while participating in the field trip he/she must adhere to the Baltimore County Board of Education's Code of Conduct, Board Policies, and Superintendent's Rules. If there is medical information pertinent to my child's participation, I will contact the school nurse.

(Parent signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency while on the trip, please contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_

If your child or the student for whom you are responsible does not have permanent and adequate housing, is temporarily staying in a shelter, group home, or with friends/family due to economic hardship, please contact his/her principal to ask for a waiver and a copy of the brochure entitled *Homeless Children and Youth in Baltimore County Public Schools*.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL NOT BE FINANCIALLY LIABLE FOR LOSSES DUE TO CHANGES OR CANCELLATION OF FIELD TRIPS.**

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Your child will be attending the BSO Concert at Meyerhoff Symphony Hall on Friday, May 7. Please make your full payment as soon as possible. **Make checks payable to Cromwell Valley Elementary. We need to have all money collected by September 30.** If you wish to attend any of these concerts as a parent chaperone, please indicate that on the return form. The cost for parents is \$10.00 per concert. By signing and returning the form below you are also granting permission for your child/children to attend.

## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades--Music for Youth: Cultural Collage

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Principal's Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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