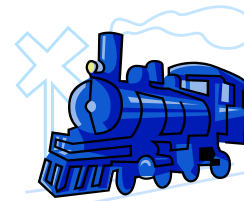


February 2012

The PTA Express

Cranberry Station Elementary School
<http://www.carrollk12.org/cse/pta>



Mark Your Calendar

February 1 – 17

**Yankee Candle
Fundraiser**

**February 9
PTA Meeting
6:30 – 7:30pm
CSE Cafeteria**

**February 16
Domino's Pizza
Doughraiser Night!**





Order Cut Off: 2/17

**Pick Up: 2/23 at 7:00pm
CSE Cafeteria**

Coming Soon....

**SPRING CARNIVAL
March 24**

**SPRING CRAFT
NIGHT
Date to be determined
Painting Bird Houses
And Paper Mache
Animals**

MSA Presentation at February PTA Meeting

Carey Sneska, Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher, will provide a presentation about the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) at the February 9th PTA meeting at 6:30PM in the CSE Media Center. The Maryland School Assessment (MSA) is a test of reading and math achievement that meets the testing requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The test is given each year in early March to students in grades 3 through 8. Mrs. Sneska will discuss how to support your child in preparing for and taking the test. Information about the newly implemented Common Core State Standards for Mathematics in grades K and 1 and future in grades 2 and 3 will also be shared.

REQUEST FOR SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

On Saturday, March 24, the Cranberry Station Elementary School PTA will hold a Silent Auction as part of our Spring Carnival at the school. Please consider donating your artwork, pottery, dolls, baskets, clothing, jewelry, etc.; surprise us with your artistic ability! I like to bake, so last year I donated a Dessert of the Month. Anything you would be interested in donating for the sale will be appreciated. Donated items may include gift baskets, gift certificates, gift items, or professional services. , please contact Aimee Schultz. You will receive an official receipt for your donated item that you may use when filing your taxes for this calendar year. The actual items will need to be delivered to Cranberry Station Elementary School by Monday, March 19, 2012 for auction preparations. Please contact Aimee Schultz if you would like to contribute to our school program or have any questions. Aschult1@comcast.net Thank you for your consideration to donate a gift for our Silent Auction!
All proceeds will benefit the Cranberry Station Elementary School as funding for programs, resources and services.

NRITYA - Rhythms of India Assembly February 3rd

Arriving in stunning costumes, Lakshmi and Lavanya introduce students to India and the different nuances of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi, classical dance forms from Southern India. They gracefully integrate technical dance with storytelling in order to convey the rich imagery embedded in the art forms. Blending facial expressions and body movements, NRITYA brings interpretive traditional dances, as well as folk tales, to life. Lakshmi Swaminathan and Lavanya Thamire are the dancers forming NRITYA. Lakshmi's passion for dance

led her to establish Natananjali School of Dance, where she trains students in Bharatanatyam. Natananjali was awarded a citation by the Governor of the State of Maryland in 2008 for dedication in promoting Asian culture through dance in the United States. Lavanya Thamire has been studying Kuchipudi with Guru Anuradha Nehru, artistic director and founder of Kuchipudi Kalanidhi since 2005. As a company dancer, she has performed at venues such as Wolf Trap and the National Cherry Blossom

Festival. Lavanya currently teaches Kalanidhi students at Kuchipudi Kalanidhi's new branch in Ashburn, VA. Thank you to Kristy Fanning for organizing this cultural arts event.



Please remember to collect your Box Tops for Education. You can also get coupons and enter contests to earn box tops by going to www.boxtops4education.com then search for Cranberry Station and GO!



YEARBOOK

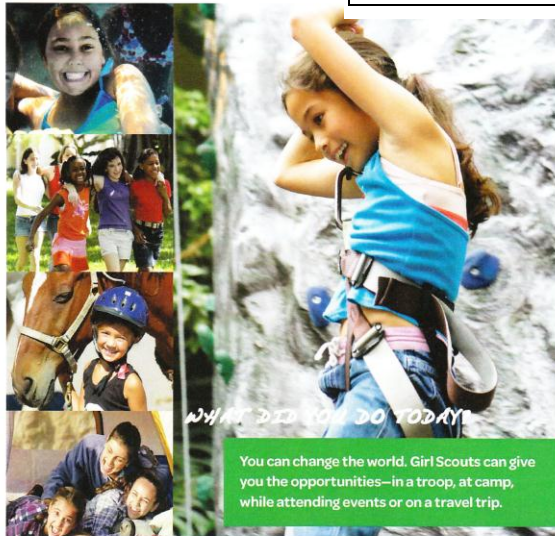
Do you have photos of students participating in CSE events? CSE families are encouraged to email photos of Cranberry students and staff at school sponsored events during the 2011 -2012 school year to Crankids@gmail.com

VARIETY SHOW

At the December PTA Meeting, a motion was made, voted on, and approved to move the Variety Show to a later date. We hope to finalize a date during the February meeting to hold the show in May or April. We need volunteers to assist with communication, preview of acts, rehearsals, stage crew members, etc.

SPRING CARNIVAL COMMITTEES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION
CARNIVAL CHAIR	Oversee all committee activities
COMMUNICATION	Coordinate communications to be sent home with students for main Carnival flier
WRIST BAND	purchase (if needed) wrist bands; create and distribute wrist band purchase form
GAMES	Create/purchase/update games suitable for K-5
SILENT AUCTION	Solicit donations from community, parents, etc.; prepare displays; make bid forms and containers; day of auction – monitor bids, collect, open and document winners; collect \$ distribute purchased items; send tax letter and thank you letters to donators
PRICELESS ITEMS	Send information to staff to start work on priceless items in January; collect items and give to silent auction chair for inclusion in auction
TEACHER RAFFLE	coordinate efforts with teachers to donate raffle items for students to bid on; create and distribute bid forms and fliers listing raffle items; collect money and forms; coordinate end time for entries and drawing of winners
CAKE WALK	create communication for cake walk; coordinate # entries and display; run the event during carnival
BAKE SALE	solicit donations from parents, etc.; coordinate volunteers to staff area during carnival; price items; collect and submit profits to treasurer
FOOD	coordinate efforts with cafeteria staff for use of area; determine what will be sold and coordinate delivery of food items; schedule volunteers to staff during carnival
VOLUNTEER RECRUIT AND SCHEDULE	work with each committee to determine number of volunteers needed for their area; MUST HAVE AN ADULT VOLUNTEER AT EVERY STATION ; high school and middle school students may volunteers to assist with games;; create volunteer agenda and assign people to specific areas for specific timeframes; contact each volunteer to confirm assignment; include volunteers to sell wristbands, etc. on day of carnival
BOUNCE HOUSE	secure event rental of bouncers following MD PTA guidelines
PRIZES	purchase and assign value to prizes; purchase or create coupons to be used by students to get prizes; coordinate volunteers for staffing and prize distribution



Join A Movement 100 years Strong. Join Today's Girl Scouts!

The Girl Scout Program is available to girls in grades K through 12. Join us now for a wide variety of activities throughout the year! Troops are now available in your area.

For additional information contact:

Theresa Saunders at 410-751-7053 OR tas007@comcast.net
OR mail Theresa this flyer to 1096 Plum Tree Run Dr., Westminster, MD 21157
OR return the flyer to your daughter's school

This activity is not affiliated with the Carroll County schools

Girl's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Previous Girl Scouts: Yes No

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Tell me how I can help and volunteer as a...

Troop Leader Co-Leader Troop Committee Member



1.800.492.2521 gscm.org

Thank you to those who have already contacted me to volunteer for these Spring Carnival committees!

Fundraising Updates

YANKEE CANDLE

America's Best Loved Candle



We will be selling Yankee Candles and gifts from February 1 - February 17th. The new Spring Catalog features Beach, Summer, Secret Garden, Spa, and Island Paradise fragrances. There are also tulip designed accessories and so much more! Perfect gift ideas for Easter and Mother's Day. Orders will be delivered on March 27th!

Thank you for supporting the Five Guys Dinner Night in January!

CSE Decals and Magnets

CSE 5x7 Vinyl Decals and 4x6 oval magnets featuring our train logo and "On Track for Success" motto will be available for orders in March.

We raised another \$80.00 in January during Domino's Doughraiser Night. THANK YOU!