



# Husky Herald

Book Fair Sales are November 7-11

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## Veterans Remembered . . .

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day and called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. Now, 57 years later, we still take time to remember those who unselfishly served or are currently serving in the military to protect this great country. Thank you to all who have served in the past and the present. Your service to our country is not forgotten. Because of their sacrifice the United States of America will remain the "land of the free" because we are the "home of the brave".

Please join us for a ceremony in honor of our Veterans on Friday, November 11th at 9 am around the flag pole.

- Joe Haren, PTA President

### Home of the Brave

Through the feel of war they brave this day  
How proud they stand, their unselfish way

Our soldiers bear what we cannot see  
They assure our right to live life free

Each trained will face an unknown fate  
Our support they need, don't hesitate

Just imagine how this land would be  
Without their courage - catastrophe

All the liberties we have grown to know  
Would not exist, this life would go

Find a thankfulness within your mind  
Speak gratitude for our bravest kind

Have the willingness to show you care  
For fallen heroes, hold back no tear

America raise your flags to wave  
For we truly are 'home of the brave'

- by Roger Robicheau

### Things to Remember:

- Turn in your blue envelope donation during parent/teacher conferences this week, 11/7-11.
- Book Fair is open 11/7-11, Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:30 pm.
- Spirit Nights are 11/9 & 11/23.
- Get your Grandparent's Day poems and collages in by 11/16.
- Sign up to volunteer for one of our many great upcoming events.

See details inside...

## PTA Officers 2011-2012

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## Upcoming PTA Meetings

Held in the Husky Den/Media Center at 7 pm, 1st Tuesday of the month. Babysitting services are available.

December 6  
February 7  
March 6  
April 3  
May 1  
June 5

## PTA Sponsored Events

### **Book Fair**

The Fall Book Fair is here! November 7-11, in the Husky Den from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. Children will have opportunities to shop before and after school and during classroom visits. We still need volunteers for staffing the Book Fair during and after the school day, as well as for set-up and break-down. Just some reminders for you to consider if you can volunteer, Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day, parent/teacher conferences are on Thursday, November 10, and on Friday, November 11. Contact Pat Murphy for more information: Patrickjm@verizon.net.

### **Grandparent's Day**

Invite the Grandparents to school on Monday, November 21! Our celebration will begin with a Welcome Reception in the Gymnasium at 9:15 a.m. with light breakfast refreshments. Mrs. Steel will welcome the Grandparents to Clearspring Elementary, and then the Clearspring Chorus & Instrumental Band/Strings will perform. Following the Chorus/Band performance, the Grandparents will have the opportunity to visit in the classrooms.

Children are asked to bring in photos, poems, drawings, etc. in honor of their Grandparents to be posted on bulletin board display. Please have all photos attached to a piece of paper/posterboard with name, teacher and "Grandparent's Day Bulletin Board" on the back of all submitted materials. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, November 16th and will be returned after our celebration.

Students will be participating in their regular class schedule, which may include book club, math or specials during our celebration time. Please be sure that Grandparents know the name of their grandchild(ren)'s teacher(s) during the time of their visit, so that we can direct them to the correct classroom.

### **Snoop Shop**

Coming the first week of December, we will be holding the Snoop Shop for children to browse and shop for holiday gifts for family members. Shop hours will be posted soon!



### **Wednesdays are Spirit Nights at CES!**

Stop by the McDonald's in Damascus on Wednesday, November 9th between 5 -8 pm and 15% of all sales will go to the CES PTA!

Then order from Domino's Pizza in Damascus on Wednesday, November 23rd, mention Clearspring, hand in your classroom slip, and 15% of sales will go our school!

Plus the classroom that orders the most pizzas on Domino's Spirit Night, wins a pizza party for their class!

Easy dinner, easy money!  
Thanks for your support!

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Box Tops 4 Education**

Did you know that there are more ways to earn money for our school than just clipping Box Tops? Check out the web site at: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and see for yourself.

- There are numerous printable coupons for your everyday groceries;
- You can download and print more collection projects for all those box tops you have collected; plus
- If you sign in and become a member you can do your holiday shopping at some of your favorite stores online and earn box top points!



It's simple and it's easy money for our school!

## PTA Fundraisers *The CES Blue Envelope Campaign is Underway!*

We are on our way to reaching our goal but still need your help by making a blue envelope donation!

**OUR GOAL THIS MONTH: TO COLLECT 75 MORE DONATIONS!**

Thank you to those who have already sent their donations in. If you haven't done so yet, do not worry, remember this is an ongoing campaign and we are still collecting blue envelope donations.

In this age of rapidly changing technology, it is tough for schools to keep up. That's why the CES PTA wants to help our school by raising money to provide smart boards (interactive white boards) at every grade level, and eventually one in every classroom.

With a price tag of around \$6,000 each, we will be looking at all opportunities to raise the funds, including alternative sources such as grants and corporate sponsorships.

In addition to raising funds for technology, we must also raise monies for our ambitious operating budget. Here's how the Blue Envelope Campaign works:

**Any amount, anytime.** You decide how much and when you want to donate. This is an on-going campaign throughout the school year, so no pressure or deadlines to make your donation.

**Anyone can donate.** Ask grandparents, aunts, and uncles if they would like to contribute to enhancing your child's educational experience too!

**Check your company for match programs.** Many corporations will match employee donations. Check with your company HR department to find out about possible company match programs.

**It's a tax write-off!** All donations are tax deductible! Please consult with your tax advisor.

Make checks payable to **CES PTA** and send to school in the envelope provided.

So please consider making a donation of any amount you feel comfortable and remember to check your company's policies on corporate donation matching. It could just be the difference in your child's educational experience!

### Inside the numbers:

- 100% profit for CES
- With a minimum donation of \$25 per child, CES would get \$15,725! (629 students X \$25)
- Potential to double the amount of money raised compared to traditional fundraisers

*Watch our profits grow from the Blue Envelope Campaign and our other fundraisers!*

### CES PTA Fundraisers...

*watch our profits grow!*

**Our Goal \$31,000**

\$30,000  
\$25,000  
\$20,000  
\$15,000  
\$10,000  
\$5,000  
\$1,000

*to purchase smart boards for our classrooms!*



## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Book Fair**

Volunteer hours that need to be filled are as follows:

- Monday - Friday, November 7-10, from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Book fair store hours &
- Friday, November 11, from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Book Fair break-down

For more information, please contact Patrick Murphy at Patrickjm@verizon.net.

### **Blue Envelope Campaign**

We need volunteers to monitor a table during parent/teacher conferences (Nov. 10-11) and Grandparent's Day (Nov. 21) to communicate and collect donations. If you can help out any of these days, please contact the PTA at: clearspring.pta@gmail.com.

### **Grandparent's Day**

If you would like to volunteer the day of our celebration, Monday, November 21, please contact Namita Chaudhary, Committee Chair at: namitachaudhary@yahoo.com or phone: 301-509-8647.

### **Snoop Shop**

The Snoop Shop is coming on 12/6/2011 thru 12/8/2011. Volunteers are needed for set up, take down and for helping our little shoppers during the Snoop Shop sale hours. If you can help out please contact Kate Groves at: kategroves@verizon.net.

**Join the PTA** It's not too late to join the PTA. The 2011-2012 School Directories are printed and they look great! We have a few left over, so if you join the PTA today for just \$20 per family/\$10 for a single membership, you will receive your own copy, plus important and informative PTA ListServ messages.

Download the membership form today at: [montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/clearsprings/parents/](http://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/clearsprings/parents/) and send your form and money in to Clearspring PTA!

If you have news to share with the Clearspring community, please contact the Husky Herald Editor: Heather Garrett, garrehe@gmail.com

To be published in the next HH newsletter, please submit articles/information no later than the third Friday of the month.

Deadline for news items for the December issue is November 18, 2011.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, December 6th we will be holding a spirit night at Chick-Fil-A in Germantown.**

Stop in for dinner or dessert between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. When you place your order, say you are supporting Clearspring Elementary School.

Chick-Fil-A will donate 15% of those proceeds to our school.

*\*Only applies to dine-in orders.*

### **Upcoming Dates**

#### **November**

**7-11** - Book Fair

**10-11** - Early Release, 12:35 pm (parent/teacher conferences)

**8** - Rescheduled: *Listen and Learn* with Dr. Starr, DHS, 7-8:30 pm

**9** - Spirit Night at Damascus McDonalds 5-8 pm

**11** - Veteran's Day Celebration at Flag Pole, 9 am

**21** - Grandparent's Day in school 9

**23** - Early Release, 12:35 pm, Thanksgiving Holiday

**23** - Spirit Night at Damascus Domino's Pizza

**24-25** - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

#### **December**

**6** - Spirit Night at Germantown Chick-Fil-A

**6-8** - Snoop Shop

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