

Central Elementary PTA



Working together for the good of our family

February 5, 2019

16 Students Enter Reflections Art Contest

Congratulations to the following students who entered Central's 2018-19 PTA Reflections Art Contest:



PTA REFLECTIONS

- ♥ Kindergarten: Vivian Carrico, Ella Schucker
- ♥ 1st Grade: Josie Bryant, Libby Slaydon
- ♥ 2nd Grade: Louise Conway, Ian Johnson, Olivia McCoy
- ♥ 3rd Grade: Calvin Clark, Carson Slaydon, Annalise Smith, Elinor Swinson
- ♥ 4th Grade: Jessica Camper
- ♥ 5th Grade: Cora Conway, Jackson Crutchfield, Judd DuPaix, Jamie Johnson

These young artists created pieces based on the theme "Heroes around Me" in the categories of literature, photography, and visual arts, and many entries advanced to the Virginia PTA state contest. This year's school contest had 16 participants and 17 entries compared to 9 participants and 10 entries in the 2017-18 contest. We are grateful to Mrs. Greer Stene and Mr. Brian Hamelman who volunteered their time and expertise to serve as judges. We look forward to presenting awards to contest participants on March 29, prior to the Virginia Repertory Theatre performance.

Spring Box Tops Contest

Clipping Box Tops for Education is a simple way to earn cash for our school, and so far this school year, Central has earned \$700. Please include student's name, teacher's name, and house color on your Box Tops baggies. Students in the class submitting the most Box Tops **by April 15** will win McDonald's "Free Hamburger or Cheeseburger" coupons plus another surprise. The House Color collecting the most Box Tops will earn 50 bonus points. The PTA will provide periodic class and house rankings during the morning announcements.



Earn Cash for Our School!

Central Bears LOVE Valentine's Day

Thank you to the many volunteers who are helping to coordinate Valentine's Day celebrations on February 14 at 2 p.m. Kindergarten through third grade will enjoy classroom parties with tasty treats as well as a game, craft, and/or read-aloud story. Fourth and fifth grade students will gather in the gym for socializing, snacking, and dancing to music provided by DJ's Mr. Brown and Ms. G.



In the
Spotlight

Central PTA Seeks Leaders for 2019-20 School Year

The PTA is thinking about next school year, and we're looking for parent/guardian volunteers who want to be more involved at Central. Becoming a PTA officer, board member, or committee member is a great way to contribute to our school community. Plus, you enjoy the benefits of making new friends, working with a team, and experiencing the reward of helping students, teachers, and families. Information about available positions, the nomination process, and the election of officers (in May 2019) will be included in future PTA flyers and newsletters. In the meantime, email centralbearspta@gmail.com to ask questions or learn more about how you can help.

PTA Meeting

Please join us for this month's PTA meeting **Wednesday, February 20th, at 5:30 pm in the Central Elementary Library**. We will review PTA activities to date, discuss plans for future activities and answer your questions.

We appreciate your support and hope to see you on Wednesday.



40 PTA Members Needed to Achieve Goal

The Central PTA needs 40 more members to reach our annual membership goal of 200. If you haven't yet joined, you still can. Your annual PTA dues of \$5 support valuable programs and events that are outside the scope of the school budget. Membership forms are available at the school office or by emailing centralbearspta@gmail.com. PTA members are not required to attend meetings or volunteer, though any help is appreciated. Central and the PTA appreciate your support!

Important Dates 2019

- **February 4-8**—Winter Book Fair in school library
- **Tuesday, February 5**—Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday, February 14, 2 pm**—Valentine's Day classroom parties (K-3) and social (4-5)
- **Wednesday, February 20, 5:30 pm**—Central PTA meeting in school library. All are welcome!
- **Monday, March 4**—SOL Academy begins
- **Tuesday, March 5, 3:20 pm**—Time Together Tuesday on the playground
- **Monday, March 11**—NO SCHOOL for students, teacher workday
- **Tuesday, March 19**—Report Cards distributed
- **Thursday, March 21, 6:00 pm**—Grades 3 & 4 Music Performance
- **Wednesday, March 27**—Kindergarten registration
- **Friday, March 29**—Reflections Art Contest awards presentation and "Jack and the Beanstalk" musical performance by Virginia Repertory Theatre

Visit www.centralelementarypta.com for current PTA information.

Questions? Email centralbearspta@gmail.com.

2018-2019 PTA Officers

Gaye Johnson, President

Catie Brown, Vice-President

Ashley Crutchfield, Secretary

J.C. Crutchfield, Interim Treasurer

Melanie Hickman, Teacher Representative



Have questions? Contact us at:

centralbearspta@gmail.com

Obrigado Gracias

Thank you, Layne's Country Store

Central "shopping days" at Layne's Country Store in December earned \$50 for the Central PTA. Shopping and dining events, hosted by Layne's, Pink Cadillac Diner, Domino's, and McDonald's, have resulted in nearly \$2,400 for PTA programs this school year.

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Central Elementary PTA Scholarship

For a third consecutive year, the PTA is offering an independent annual scholarship, in the amount of \$500, to a Central Elementary student graduating Rockbridge County High School. To be eligible, the RCHS Senior must have attended Central Elementary School for at least three full grade levels, K through 5, and must plan to attend either an academic or technical school program in the Fall Semester 2019.

Applications may be picked up from the RCHS Guidance Office. Or, go to our website to download and print the application, www.centralelementarypta.com. The application packet must be returned to the RCHS Guidance Office on or by May 1st. Questions may be directed to centralbearspta@gmail.com.

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