

# Chittum Chalkboard

E.W. Chittum PTA Newsletter

September 2011

## A Word from Our PTA President

Welcome to a brand new school year! The PTA has many fun and educational events planned to continue the tradition of excellence at our school. We will kick off the year with our Virginia Diner fundraiser, which runs through October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The National PTA Reflections Program, which supports the arts in school, is also underway. This year's theme is "Diversity Means", and we encourage all students to participate. Our Fall Book Fair is scheduled for October 6-13, with a Family Night planned for the 13<sup>th</sup>. Our Spring Event, which is scheduled for late March, will surely be a fun event that you won't want to miss!

As you can see, it will be a busy year once again. Let's show our children that we support their future by being involved. I look forward to working with each of you in the upcoming months. Have a great school year!

Lynn Axsom, PTA President  
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### Important Dates:

9/16 – 10/3.....Virginia Diner  
9/27.....PTA Meeting\* & Open House preK, amK- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9/28.....PTA Meeting & Open House pmK, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
9/30.....Spirit Wear Orders Due  
10/6 – 10/14..... Book Fair  
10/10.....PTA Board Meeting  
10/13.....Book Fair Family Night  
10/21.....Reflections Entry Due  
10/25.....PTA General Meeting 3rd Grade Performs  
10/26.....Fall Pictures  
10/28.....Western Branch Homecoming Parade

\*PTA Voting will take place only on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## PTA Grounds Committee Report

The Grounds Committee has been very busy the past several weeks getting the beds and pots ready for back-to-school! I want to thank Jill Merritt, Paola Then and Heather Holt for putting in three, 3-hour work sessions over the summer. Their hard work has paid off because everything looks great!

I'd also like to thank McDonald Garden Center, specifically Tonya Young - store manager, for their mulch donation. We are very excited to have them as a supporter of Chittum Elementary!

Finally, if anyone is interested in joining our committee, please contact me: kgazroberts@hotmail.com or 757-392-3443. We would love to have you help us keep our school as beautiful on the outside as it is on the inside!

Kristin Roberts, Grounds Committee  
kgazroberts@hotmail.com



## PTA Join Now!

If you join by September 29th, your name will be put in a drawing for a prize- 1/2 off a Mad Science Birthday Party package! Also, every member gets a card for 15% off their entire check (up to 4 guests) at **Zino's Italian American Restaurant**.

Thanks for your support.

Jennifer San Juan, Second VP  
asjjsj@me.com

## Chittum Spirit Wear is here!

- \* Last day to order is Friday, Sept. 30th.
- \* Items should be delivered to your child's classroom by late October.
- \* Please remember that there are no refunds or exchanges, so please order correctly!
- \* PTA Spirit Wear online store: [http://www.cps.k12.va.us/Schools/CHT/pta\\_spiritwear.html](http://www.cps.k12.va.us/Schools/CHT/pta_spiritwear.html)
- \* School Spirit Wear Committee Chairs- Lan Marietta (lanmarietta@gmail.com) and Debi Didawick (deborahd@lmssi.com)
- \* Car Magnets available too!



### Virginia Diner Fundraiser

The annual Virginia Diner fundraiser kickoff starts Friday, September 16, 2011. All proceeds are budgeted to support many educational and fun activities and equipment for our Chittum students. Orders are due in Monday, October 3, 2011.

Thank you for supporting your PTA.

Michelle Burriss (mtburriss@cox.net) & Mary Kahler (mckahler@cox.net)  
Ways and Means Committee Chairs

### Chittum PTA Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$3,909.05
Total Receipts	\$4,644.17
Total Disbursements	\$ 919.15
<b>Balance as of 9/12/11</b>	<b>\$7,634.07</b>

Beth Lydon, Treasurer  
Blydon2002@yahoo.com

## Get Ready for Chittum's Book Fair!

October 6 - 14, 2011  
Family Night is October 13<sup>th</sup>!



<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/chittum>

### School Website:

<http://www.cps.k12.va.us/Schools/CHT/index.html>  
The Student Handbook and Chalkboard can be viewed at Chittum's website.

**Edline Website:** <http://www.edline.net>

## Chittum's Got Talent- Let's See it!!!

### PTA Reflections Contest- Diversity Means....

Time to get those creative juices flowing! The annual PTA Reflections contest is underway and your child can enter in any of the following categories: Literature, Photography, Dance Choreography, Visual Arts, Musical Composition, and Film Productions. Winners will be selected based on creativity, artistic merit, and interpretation of this year's theme- Diversity means. So, get those art masterpieces underway. Entries are due by Friday, October, 21<sup>st</sup>. For more details and complete rules, please email Kelly Peacock at [birdfammom@gmail.com](mailto:birdfammom@gmail.com).

The PTA will now be offering the Chittum Chalkboard on Chittum's website instead of being sent home with your child every month. We don't want you to miss out, so we will offer the Chalkboard as a hard copy if requested. Please indicate your preference below and send this form back in to your child's teacher. Questions? Please contact Connie Aaron, Communications Co-Chair, at [connie.aaron@gsa.gov](mailto:connie.aaron@gsa.gov).

I would like to receive the Chalkboard as a hard copy.

I would like an email notice when the new Chalkboard is posted to the school website.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have more than one child, please just list the youngest sibling)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_