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PTA President's Message

- **PTA MEETING** Jan 7, 7PM
- **SGA SPIRIT DAY- MUSTACHE DAY** Jan 8
- **MARKING PERIOD ENDS** Jan 17
- **NO SCHOOL – MARTIN L. KING Jr DAY-** Jan 20
- **NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DAY** Jan 21
- **FLYER DAY** Jan22
- **SCIENCE EXPO** Jan 23 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- **REPORT CARDS DISTRIBUTED** Jan30

Happy New Year Cedar Grove Families!

I hope everyone enjoyed the nice winter break and got to spend some time with your family over the holidays.

The year ended with a fun Bingo event! Amy Hoffacker did a fabulous job organizing that event virtually by herself!! We look forward to another Bingo Night in March, but we will only be able to have it if more volunteers step up. Please contact [Amy Hoffacker](#) if you would like to help her out!

2013 went by very quickly and I am excited for a new year to begin! Make this the year to show your children how much you care about their education and you love being a part of their school!! I look forward to seeing many faces at our upcoming events! January is a slow month, but we are gearing up for our annual Read-a-Thon fundraiser and other fun events!!

Thank you to each and every one of you who have joined the PTA and do what you can to help make this a great school!

Sincerely,
Michele Tregoning (PTA President)

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Bingo Night

Amy Hoffacker



Our PTA Family Bingo Night was another wonderful success! Despite the rain and having it at Rocky Hill, we had many families come out for some fun and won some great prizes! A HUGE thank you goes to our "Celebrity" Bingo Callers - Mr. Delisle, Ms. Burgdorf, Ms. Carroll and Mr. Moxley - the students loved having their teachers participate! Thank you to our parent volunteers - Sarenee Hawkins and Michele Tregoning! Also, thank you to Ms. Burgdorf's and Ms. Carroll's daughters for all their help. We could not have done it without everyone's support! Mark the calendars for our next bingo on Friday, March 6th :)



THANK YOU!

Thank you so very much to all of the parents, guardians, friends, and other family members who were able to attend the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 11th. Please know that your support of the music program means a lot to me, Mrs. Eschelman, and of course the students.

The chorus and instrumental students put in a tremendous amount of work to make sure both concerts were a success but without your support the concert truly could not happen. Thank you for getting your child/children to the concert on time, thank you for having them dressed appropriately, and thank you for taking time out of your schedule to allow your child/children to shine .

I look forward to seeing you at our future concerts. Until then, have a wonderful holiday & a Happy New Year.

Musically Yours,
Mrs. Jackson

**I'm also looking for a few musically inclined parents to perform a song with us at the spring concert on May 29th for both the daytime and evening performance. The instrument parts are as follows: Shaker and Agogo; Conga Drum; Cowbell; and Bass. If you're interested please [contact me](#) .



The Intersection

Mrs. Karina Hirschhorn

Happy new year everyone! It's 2014 and we are just about to end the second marking period and embark on the third! Incredible! Thank you so much for a wonderful Bingo Night, which I know our entire community enjoyed – even with the drive to Rocky Hill! In addition, we received our spirit wear, which I must say, is absolutely gorgeous. I can't wait until next October when we pink out with our Cedar Grove shirts! Lastly, I know that our entire staff depended on their parent volunteers more than ever this month. Thank you so much for your time and creativity!



Media Moments

Mrs. Karina Hirschhorn

As the second marking period comes to a close, we will continue with our research projects in the media center and start thinking about the third marking period's projects.

Kindergarten will conclude our research on Goldfish and look at insects to compare to our mealworms. We rely heavily on PebbleGo because it is such a wonderful resource for our K students. However, we will also look at print resources to see how text features help us locate information.

First grade is busy completing its culture quilt project in the classroom. After exploring how culture affects us and examining our similarities and differences, we used our research to write paragraphs and create captions for our quilt squares, which are beautiful.

Second grade is deep into country research. Each of our classes is adapting a specific traditional fairy tale to a setting in Japan, Brazil, Mexico, China, South Korea, Russia or India. This will change their characters, their problem, and their solution. Now that we have completed our research, we will rewrite our story to include all our new setting elements.

Third grade is now using the research on how different technologies have changed based on human need – everything from the telephone to the washing machine – to infer what our technology will become in the future and why it will again change to suit our needs. We will complete our writing this marking period, and cite all of our resources.

Fourth grade students completed their Clarksburg business research and have written proposals based on that research. In the next marking period, we are looking forward to analyzing how advertisers “make us look” at their products.

Fifth grade is still enthralled with the Civil Rights Movement. We have researched this topic because it was a revolution which changed our government, our laws, and our way of life. We have analyzed eight different pivotal events of the movement (The March on Selma; The Birmingham Children's Crusade; The March on Washington; The Counter Sit-In; The Little Rock Nine; Ruby Bridges and School Integration; Rosa Parks and the Bus Boycott) and will write an opinion piece based on our research.

January and February winds blow in the testing season – some of our classes will be taking the MAP tests, and many of our students will be taking the ESOL assessments. But it is also a great time for pleasure reading. Please encourage your students to go to the public library and check out books in case of snow days!

Finally, I would be terribly remiss if I didn't thank my library ladies again – you have figured out how to keep our circulation desk covered and we are so appreciative. The last week before break, especially, was probably one of our busiest weeks of the year, and yet our ladies persevered. In fact, we circulated 2,976 books in December, and that includes the snow days!

Join the PTA

If you haven't already done so, please download the [membership form](#) to fill out and send in with your child. A form will also be going home with your child, so please consider sending it in soon to become a member.

PTA Meeting Minutes

Please note that the monthly Cedar Grove PTA meeting minutes will be published on the PTA website, as well as sent out via the PTA listserve, instead of being published in the Bear Facts newsletter. Should you require a hard-copy of the meeting minutes, they will be available on the brochure rack in the front lobby of Cedar Grove. The December PTA meeting minutes can be found at: www.cedargrovepta.org, under Main Menu, Meeting Minutes.
