



# PTA

**It's October!**  
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## THE EAGLE'S EYE Center Grove School PTA Newsletter

### Upcoming Programs/Events

#### Datebook

School Pictures	October 8
School Closed	October 9
PTA Meeting: Coffee with Principal & Vice Principal	October 10 9:15am/Cafeteria
Jack Sprat and the Low-Fat World Assembly	October 13
Fall Book Fair	October 20-22
Red Ribbon Week	October 20-24

#### Coffee with Principal & Vice Principal

Don't miss a chance to brainstorm with Mrs. Iosso and Mr. Dolan about ways to make our school even better. Let your ideas be heard in an informal setting. This school year's first *Coffee with the Principal and Vice Principal* will be held on Fri., October 10 at 9:15am in the Cafeteria.

#### Birthday Books

So, what are *Birthday Books*? *Birthday Books* are a great way to celebrate your child by donating a book to the CG Library.

Ms.Gasior, Center Grove's new librarian, will select a book for each participant. Your child will receive a certificate and will be the first to borrow the book, which will also have a bookplate acknowledging your child.

This program is voluntary. Look for the flyer in this Friday Folder, and return it to school with your \$15 check by Wed., October 15. Any questions? Please call Carla Little at 973-343-6734 or Amy Wagner at 973-659-3360.

#### Spirit Wear

Thanks to everyone who placed an order for the fall *Spirit Wear* sale. We've ordered the items, and they should arrive in about two weeks. If you ordered car magnets, luggage tags, or lanyards, they have been—or will be—delivered soon.

We also will run another *Spirit Wear* sale in November with items arriving before the December break. Look for order forms to come home at the beginning of November.

To order the "Note to School" pads, please contact Lori Knox at [lakadk@optonline.net](mailto:lakadk@optonline.net) or 973-933-2127. They are great for those last minute morning notes to school! One pad is \$3 or two for \$5. Keep one at home and one in the car! We have these items in stock and will deliver them to your child to take home.

#### Important Deadlines

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHAT'S DUE</u>
<b>10/ 8</b>	PTA Membership Forms for PTA Family Directory Listing
<b>10/ 9</b>	Market Day Orders
<b>10/10</b>	Fall Fundraising Orders
<b>10/13</b>	Gift Card Orders
<b>10/15</b>	Birthday Book Orders Red Ribbon Posters Market Day Pickup, 3pm-4pm/Cafeteria
<b>10/17</b>	Gift Card Pickup, 2pm-3pm/Cafeteria

**Join the PTA Today...** Your child can benefit from your involvement in the PTA. When you get involved your child does better! If you haven't already joined, please complete your membership form today. (Forms are available in the school lobby.)

In order to include your family in the *PTA Family Member Directory*, we must receive your membership form by Wed., October 8. For more information, contact Jacky Villar at [jackyvillar3@yahoo.com](mailto:jackyvillar3@yahoo.com).

## From the Principal's Desk

By Mrs. Iosso, Principal

Greetings CG Eagle community! We are into our second month of school already, and everything here is in full swing. It was great to see many of you on both Back-to-School Nights. I look forward to working with you during this upcoming school year.

One of the focuses of the CG staff this year continues to be *Responsive Classroom*. We will run our whole-school monthly meetings by a different grade level each month. These meetings will include the basic components of the *Morning Meeting*—Greeting, Sharing, Group Activity, and News and Announcements. The fifth graders will use the middle school version of *Morning Meeting* which is called the *Circle of Power and Respect*. The four components are the same, but the emphasis switches to address some of the unique needs of older students.

We are also beginning book club activities with staff, not only to stay current on educational trends, but also to encourage collegial discussions on various topics. The first book we will focus on is *The Morning Meeting Book* by Roxann Kriete. Our second book club revolves around the book, *The Differentiated Classroom* by Carol Ann Tomlinson, the University of Virginia expert on the topic. Further, we will address *Service Learning* at our next staff meeting with a discussion around the district money that is available for these types of projects.

During the next PTA meeting on October 10, we will ask for community input on how we can continue to make Center Grove a progressive learning community. Look for the flyer with more explanation in this Friday Folder.

Lastly, we will have a *CG Spirit Day* later in the month of October—watch for further information. We will ask students to dress in school colors and/or CG gear.

Thanks again for all you do for the CG community!

## Counselor's Corner

By Ms. Zemlanicky, Guidance Counselor

September's theme was *Friendship*. Friendship is something that everyone wants—and something that everyone can always work on to improve. I was pleased to see many students making new friends at the start of a new school year.

October's theme is *Responsibility*. Responsibility means to do what you are supposed to do, to use self-control, to think before you act, and to be accountable for your choices. The teachers recommended 10 fifth grade students to serve as Pupil Assistance Leaders (PAL). These leaders will demonstrate responsibility throughout the school year toward classmates, teachers, and the school.

*Red Ribbon Week* is also coming up – from Mon., October 20, through Fri., October 24. The focus this year is to “Show Good Character by Being Drug Free.” Besides participating in classroom lessons and activities, your child can:

- Enter the *Red Ribbon Week* poster contest (posters due by Wed., October 15).
- Wear something **RED** on Mon., October 20, to kick off the week.
- Wear sweats on Wed., October 22, to show that “living drug free is no sweat.”
- Bring in canned food items for donation to the Randolph Food Pantry on Fri., October 24.

Be on the lookout for new things related to character education next month!  
November's theme is *Citizenship*.

I leave you with the words of Bob Dole:  
“When it's all over, it's not who you were.  
It's whether you made a difference.”

### We Want to Hear from You!

If you have something you'd like to contribute to the newsletter, please send your ideas or submissions to Karen Pierro at [mkpierro@optonline.net](mailto:mkpierro@optonline.net).

## On the Fundraising Front...

### Gift Cards

As a reminder, the Gift Card Program is up and running! We place orders every two weeks. Here's how to do it:

- Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).
- Register to create a family account.
- Use enrollment code 6F3ALLF51554L for Center Grove School.
- Choose your gift cards, and place your order.
- Pay by check online, or send in your check to CG PTA in an envelope marked "Gift Card Order" with a printout of your order.

Our next order date: Orders are due by Mon., October 13, for pickup on Fri., October 17, in the cafeteria from 2pm to 3pm. Any questions? Please e-mail Coleen Barbieri at [cbarbieri113@yahoo.com](mailto:cbarbieri113@yahoo.com).

### Fall Fundraising Frenzy!!!!

Our fall fundraiser programs are under way. I hope that you all are enjoying the catalogs with NEW products. We thank you in advance for your support!

Remember: ALL orders MUST be in by Fri., October 10. Please make all checks to CG PTA. Please contact the following with any questions: Yankee Candle/Terri LaPenna at [terlap4@verizon.net](mailto:terlap4@verizon.net), Current/Tara Gerber at [tag131@verizon.net](mailto:tag131@verizon.net), and Beverages/Amy Wagner at [nj.wagners@verizon.net](mailto:nj.wagners@verizon.net).

### Acme Receipts

Please send in your blue Acme receipts. They earn valuable income for our school. Every classroom has a collection bin. Any questions? Call Beverly Mooney at 973-328-8009 or Chantelle Grant at 973-361-9763.

### Market Day

Just a reminder: Market Day orders are due by 12pm on October 9. Pickup is on October 15 from 3pm-4pm in the cafeteria. There are TWO ways to order:

1. Visit [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com), enter our account number (25727), and place your order online.
2. Fill out an order form (available in the school lobby) and send it back to school with your child by Wed., October 8. We will input your order.

Any questions? Please contact Chris Downtain at 973-328-6602 or at [cdowntain@optonline.net](mailto:cdowntain@optonline.net).

### Kidstuff Coupon Books

It's not too late to order your Kidstuff Coupon Books!!! The sale has been extended, so please send in your order envelope or feel free to contact Maureen Stockfish at 973-989-5332 or [Mcfisch5@aol.com](mailto:Mcfisch5@aol.com).

## Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Spirit Wear booth at both Back-to-School Nights. Your business was greatly appreciated! A special "shout out" to Andria Stampone, Sherryl Penney, Dee Pokorny, Trish Ough, and Trish Coyne—and anyone else who pitched in—for helping out with the booth!!!

Thanks too to everyone who came out and enjoyed the Back-to-School Carnival. The volunteers did an awesome job and it would not have happened without them – THANK YOU! Special thanks to the Key Club, Pizza Pub, Sherryl Penney, Chris Downtain, Cindy Ippolito (Cookie the Clown), and Cameron (Mr. Dolan's daughter who worked SO hard and smiled the entire night!).

## Spotlight on Specials

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ART DEPARTMENT?

By Ms. Watson, Art Teacher

Our imaginative K-5 artists have been busy creating wonderful things in the art room. Now on display in CG hallways are:

- Shape collage/prints created by our kindergarteners who are learning their shapes and primary and secondary colors.
- Autumn still-life paintings completed by the first graders who are learning to draw what they see.
- Owls created by our second graders.

Weather changes often bring coughs and sniffles. In our best effort to keep the art room germ free and comfortable for students, we welcome the following donations: tissues, Clorox disinfecting wipes, and Purell. Thank you in advance for your support!

October Artist of the Month: Piet Mondrian

## Student Achievements

The September *Thumbs Up* winners were:

- **William Xocoy**, Mrs. Samuel's class,
- **Carolyn Dagostino**, Mrs. Turner's class,
- **Sean Keenan**, Ms. Konikowski's class,
- **Naya Stephney**, Mrs. Keenan's class,
- **Erica Ortega**, Mrs. Due's class, and
- **Erica Ingold**, Mrs. Gentile's class.



On September 25, the *Thumbs Up* winners had a pizza party with Mrs. Iosso and Ms. Zemlanicky. Congratulations and good work to all the winners!

## Around the Community

### A WORD FROM THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE (MAC)

October is full of activity for Randolph residents who want to promote healthy choices in their families. In addition to the *Red Ribbon Week* events at all Randolph schools, the following events will also address drug and alcohol prevention:

- **Sat., October 18 – Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day.** MAC invites residents to dispose of their outdated and unused prescription drugs. Please bring your prescriptions to the Municipal Bldg. between 9am–12pm.
- **Fri., October 24 – A Natural High Comedy Night** for teens age 14 and older at the CCM Student Center Auditorium. This event will feature NYC comedians Matt Bellace, Dave Siegal and others. Refreshments and prizes will be provided. To register, call 973-285-6860.
- **Wed., October, 29 – Parent Power Forum**, hosted by MAC, at the RHS Commons and Auditorium beginning at 6pm. Keynote speakers will participate in a panel discussion. Information booths from local and county organizations will provide useful tools for parents. Free child care and refreshments are available. To register, please e-mail [MAC@randolphnj.org](mailto:MAC@randolphnj.org) or call Nancie Ludwig at 973-328-7438 and leave a message.

**NEXT ISSUE: October 17.** Please e-mail your submissions to Karen Pierro at [mkpierro@optonline.net](mailto:mkpierro@optonline.net). Articles MUST be received by 10pm on the Tuesday prior to Friday's distribution. In an effort to conserve paper, we reserve the right to edit all information.

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