



CVE 2021-2022 PTO Board

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Dear CVE Families,

On behalf of the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), we would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to welcome all of our new families and returning families.

Last year, the pandemic restricted our ability to have events and, as a result, prevented the PTO from having greater outreach to more families or being as visible as it had in prior years. Therefore, this letter is to not only welcome new

families to CVE, but also to re-introduce the CVE PTO.

What is the PTO and who can be a Member?

The PTO is a parent volunteer organization that works together to enrich and supplement the educational experience of all children at CVE. We also support the efforts of the staff and promote school spirit and pride. Currently, the PTO is made up of several officers (listed above) along with various school staff and volunteers.

Are you a parent, guardian, and/or a person who teaches or assists at or wants to otherwise support Cromwell Valley Elementary? If the answer is YES, then we encourage you to become a member of the PTO!

PTO Programs & Fundraising

Over the years, the PTO has been responsible for or assisted in planning and executing fun and wonderful events like Bingo Night, the Book Fair, Raffle & Movie Night, and the 5th Grade Field Trip. Unlike many other schools, we do NOT participate in sales to supplement the PTO. This means no cookie dough, no wrapping paper, no knocking on neighbors' doors. Additional family donations and fundraising events are the primary methods for the PTO raise the necessary funds to operate, conduct its activities and events, and remain strong for future years.

We recognize that the ongoing pandemic generates a lot of uncertainty for the upcoming year, once again restricting in-person and in-school events, at least for now. However, the PTO still has its mission and all of us are committed to make sure that CVE gets the support needed and provides the best possible experience for CVE families and staff. The PTO program for this

school year is currently in development and will be discussed at our first meeting on September 22, at 7:00 pm. Stay tuned!

We Need You! Become a PTO Member and Volunteer

We are a small and dedicated group but are in need of growth. We need volunteers to not only assist this year, but to also make sure there is organizational continuity and to maintain the PTO's ability to effectively help CVE families and staff in the future. We encourage *every* parent and guardian to get involved in a way that fits your schedule, your interests, and your skills. There are volunteer opportunities before, during, or after school hours. It's a wonderful way to be connected to your child's education, to meet fellow parents, help your community, and to make a positive difference.

By joining the CVE PTO and participating in events, you are supporting the teachers and staff that care for our children each day. The \$10.00 annual registration fee goes toward events like the ones described above, as well as other celebrations, teacher and staff appreciation activities, and much more throughout the school year.

Bottom line... We need your creativity, your skills, your energy, your spirit, and your commitment to CVE. We are all in this together to make sure the school year is as successful as possible and to ensure the PTO remains strong for future years. We look forward to you joining us and participating throughout the year.

Joining the PTO

Becoming a member is simple and easy! You can become a member by accessing the membership form at this link: <https://cvespto.org/pto-membership> and pay \$10.00 via Paypal (select friends and family), via Cashapp at \$CVEPTOINC, or via Venmo @CVEPTOINC. You can also become a member by printing out the form and mailing it and a check made payable to **CVE PTO** for \$10.00 to: CVE PTO, Attn: PTO Membership, 825 Providence Road, Towson, MD 21286.

On your form, please let us know whether you want to volunteer to help plan and/or work at activities or events or can help and support the PTO in other ways and how best to contact you. If you have ideas for events, please also let us know. Please attend our initial meeting (to be held virtually) on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm**.

Our PTO board is happy to help with any questions or suggestions you have for the school year. Please feel free to contact any of the members anytime.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook (@cvepto1) and Instagram (cve_pto) for updates throughout the year!

On behalf of the CVE PTO Board, thank you!

Jason Garber
President, CVE PTO