



# Cardinal Ridge PTO News

26155 Bull Run Post Office Rd, Centreville, VA 20120

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## **Spring ASEP Registration Happening Now**

The PTO-sponsored After-school Enrichment Program deadline is fast approaching (February 20). Log in to your PayForSchoolStuff.com account to see the exciting activities we've got planned for kids- popular Little Einstein Lego Robotics to CDC Dance to Silver Knights Chess and more!

Spaces are limited and are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign-up today at [www.payforschoolstuff.com](http://www.payforschoolstuff.com)!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### FEBRUARY

- 19 Reading Night (6-7:30pm)
- 19 PTO General Meeting (7:30-8:30pm)
- 20 Top Kick Parents Night Out (5:30-9pm)
- 26 Spring Picture Day

### MARCH

- 10 Chick Fil-A Dining Night (4-7:30pm)
- 19 General PTO Meeting (7pm)

## **Cardinal Ridge Spirit Wear Sale**

Spirit wear sales will be going on from the end of February into March. You'll find some new options, as well you will also be able to select a Team shirt for our upcoming Staff Game Night to show support for your chosen staff team (Teams will be announced soon). Go to [PayForSchoolStuff.com](http://PayForSchoolStuff.com) and see options. Anticipated delivery date will be at the end of March.



## Kindergarten Registration Reminder

Mark your calendars- Kindergarten registration will be March 17, from 9:00am- 2:30pm at the school. Check out the CRES website for details of what to bring to register.



## Good News for a Playground at Cardinal Ridge ES!

With unanimous approval by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors of a motion to support public funding to be used to install playgrounds, the School Board will now examine the playset models provided by LCPS staff and make a decision as how best to fund playgrounds at the four remaining Loudoun Elementary Schools which do not have them. Cardinal Ridge Elementary School is on this list and has leftover bond monies available to fund the playground. The amount designated for funding the playground has not been decided, but Mr. Jeff Morse, the Dulles District School Board representative, believes the amount will be roughly \$50,000. Additional money will be needed through PTO fundraising, but the anticipated support will be a huge first step in securing a school playground.



## Valentine's Day Spirit Stick Success

More than 700 Valentine's Day Spirit Sticks were ordered for students, teachers and friends. The kids loved getting them and more Spirit Stick opportunities will come up in the future. (See Box Top contest to the right.)

Also, a special shout out to Suzanne Burch, with back up from Elizabeth Franklin and Beth Robertson, who spent the day filling and sorting orders.



*Do you have more Box Tops?*

*20 box tops gets you a Spirit Stick!*



You know we love Box Tops. For each one the school gets 10 cents. So far this year, we've raised more than \$1,800 for our school.

A short contest will be held from Feb. 20-27. Kids who turn in at least 20 box tops will receive a Spirit Stick!

## Lions & Tigers & Teddy Bears- Oh My!



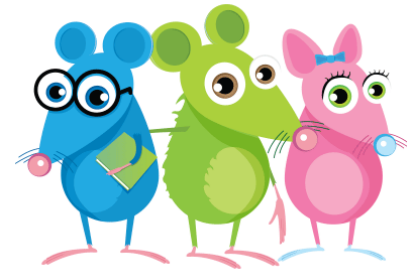
Cardinal Ridge is hosting its first Reading Night on Thursday, February 19th from 6-7:30pm.

Activities to look forward to include teachers and principals reading books, Reading "under the stars", bookmark crafting, photo-frame area, and more. Students: Please bring yourself, your family and a teddy bear or stuffed animal. You can also bring a blanket, sleeping bag or pillow for the "reading under the stars" activity.

Feel free to wear your PJs (footwear required)!

The first 50 kids will receive a reading spirit stick. Other sticks will be on sale for \$1.00.

We can't wait to see you and your favorite Teddy bear (or any stuffed animal). The event is free.



## It's a Read-A-Thon!

Cardinal Ridge is kicking off a Read-A-Thon Fundraiser at the beginning of March, where students will collect pledges online from families and friends, read in school (or at home) for 10 days for an average of 10 to 30 minutes, and then earn prizes online from Read-A-Thon.

Children will receive a website address with access codes to request sponsors and log their reading time.



Watch your Friday Folders for more details!

## Valentine's Day Fun Facts



- Who was Valentine? There are different ideas about the origins of Saint Valentine, the most popular historical account is that he was a Roman Saint.
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s.
- In Finland Valentine's Day is called Ystävänpäivä, which translates into "Friend's day". It is about remembering your friends, family and loved ones.

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## Upcoming Dining Nights

*What's for dinner?*

**Chick-Fil-A** – March 10th from 4pm -7:30pm  
in Chantilly

**Mc Donald's** – April 14th /15th from  
5pm-8pm in South Riding

**Kuleyos** – May 20th /21st from 3pm-9pm in  
South Riding

Remember to mention Cardinal Ridge  
ES when paying for your order.



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## PTO Board Members

President: Elizabeth Franklin

Vice President: VACANT

Treasurer: Amy Riviello

Secretaries: Suzanne Burch & Beth  
Robertson

VPs of Communications: Elizabeth Kiken &  
Surabhi Agarwal

## Parent's Night Out at Top Kick

Are you looking for an evening to yourself?  
Parent's Night Out at Top Kick (25031  
Riding Plaza, Suite 115 ) is happening  
again on February 20th from 5:30-9pm.  
Children ages 4 to 12 may attend.

Sign up now at  
[www.payforschoolstuff.com](http://www.payforschoolstuff.com). Select the  
Parent Night Out option. Minimum  
donation amount is \$22. for the first child  
and \$12 for the second. No cash or checks  
will be accepted at the door.

## PTO Board Changes

Our PTO Board President, Harsh Govind, has had  
to resign due to other professional  
commitments. We will miss his leadership and  
sense of humor. Stepping up to lead our Parent  
Teacher Organization is Elizabeth Franklin, who  
has been an excellent Vice-President and has  
seamlessly taken the reigns We are now in  
need of a Vice President for the organization. If  
you are interested or know someone who would  
like to be more involved with our school, please  
email the PTO at [cardinalridgepto@gmail.com](mailto:cardinalridgepto@gmail.com).

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