

**\*\*\* Most Parent/Teacher Conferences occur on Nov. 10 and Nov. 11. If you still need to sign up for a Parent/Teacher Conference or would like to double-check your conference details, please follow the VolunteerSpot directions below.\*\*\***



## Carderock Springs Elementary School's "Report Card" for Parents!



Dear CSES Parents,

November, 2011

The first marking period is now officially over; therefore, it's report card time, even for parents! The CSES PTA and the CSES Educational Foundation are proud to announce that you've achieved an "A" for both your volunteer support *and* your financial support of our school. Our students and teachers are grateful for your impressive involvement, thank you!

Here is your Marking Period 1 "Report Card":

### CSES PTA ([www.csespta.org](http://www.csespta.org))

- ☑ 220/276 families have joined the PTA, thank you! Feel left out? Please join today at [www.csespta.org](http://www.csespta.org) via PayPal on our homepage.
- ☑ Classroom parent volunteers are signing up on [www.VolunteerSpot.com](http://www.VolunteerSpot.com) to work with our students in a variety of ways (Writers Workshop, math help, science projects, etc...).
- ☑ Recess/Lunch Duty parent volunteers have already logged 350 volunteer shifts!
- ☑ Countless hours have been donated by our parents by serving on various PTA committees: community service, special events (Book Fair, Back-to-School Picnic, etc...), programs, fundraising, and staff appreciation.
- ☑ Our parents are volunteering their time and energy in various other ways: media center, class parties, field trips, specialists' help, tech support, and Habitat Garden work.
- ☑ Lastly, our parents have purchased hundreds of items from our teachers' "Wish Lists" for classroom materials via VolunteerSpot.

### CSES Educational Foundation ([www.csesef.org](http://www.csesef.org))

- ☑ Our parents have donated approximately 50% of our annual Technology Program budget to date. Every child in every grade receives specialized computer instruction each week in our unique Computer Lab. To donate via PayPal, please visit our website, [www.csesef.org](http://www.csesef.org).
- ☑ Thanks to the financial generosity of parents, the Foundation has approved many mini-grants which have been submitted by teachers and staff (see back of this page for details.)

***We encourage you to continue this wonderful support in Marking Period 2! Thank you!***

**\*\*\* VolunteerSpot directions:** To access your child's teacher's parent/teacher conferences sign-up schedule and classroom volunteer opportunities, simply go to [www.volunteerspot.com](http://www.volunteerspot.com) and click on the orange "Find My Sign-Up Sheet" button. To sign-up to volunteer for Recess/Lunch Duty and Media Center, go to our PTA website and click on the "Volunteer" tab. Thank you!

Carderock Springs Elementary School Educational Foundation  
Mini-Grants  
(September/October 2011 approvals)



- Storyworks Magazine to supplement and enhance the Grade 4 reading/language arts curriculum.
- Classroom libraries for our three new classroom teachers
- Materials to support the Introduction of the Engineering Design Process (Students in Grade 3 will build and race light-weight balloon powered vehicles. This project supports STEM, the integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.)
- Software to support and enhance instruction in the Autism Program
- Magnatiles, a math manipulative to use in the teaching of geometry
- PebbleGo Biographies, a PreK - Grade 3 reading database
- Art supplies for our art program
- Listening library and math games for Kindergarten
- Instructional materials to support the occupational therapy program for all grades
- "Reading A - Z" to support our reading program in the primary grades
- Enrichment materials to support implementation of Curriculum 2.0 in Grade 1
- Software to support the music program
- Computer games for Grade 2
- Funds for Mrs. Shaw, our speech pathologist, to attend a conference