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September 2026 PTA Meeting	
September 14, 2026	6:00 pm
AGENDA	
Welcome	• Remarks from Mr. Hurley ◦ CBB has 6 new teachers this year ◦ The Virginia Language & Literature Screening System (VALLSS) assessment takes place soon. CBB's scores have been high the last couple years. ◦ CBB's fall festival is coming up. It's lots of fun, so make sure to check it out.
Intro to PTA	The mission of PTA - To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. • Virginia Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is the largest and oldest non-partisan volunteer child advocacy association in Virginia with more than 175,000 members across more than 950 of Virginia's schools. • Founded in 1904, and chartered by the National PTA in 1921, the primary goal of the Virginia PTA is to strengthen our schools and communities through parent and family involvement and to advocate for resources and funding to enable the academic success, health and well-being of ALL children in the Commonwealth. PTA recognizes parents as the first educators in the home and works to promote parents as partners in school in order to create a critical bridge between home and school. • CBB PTA includes teachers, staff, parents, and grandparents. ◦ CBB 2026-27 PTA Board Members: ▪ President: Alexxus Harris ▪ Vice President: Nona Henderson ▪ Treasurer: Kristy Ambrose ▪ Secretary: Ashlee Gitkos • CBB PTA events last year - large fundraiser, bi-monthly coffee cart for teachers and staff, Paw Ball, Fall Festival, Reflections Art Contest, yearbook, spirit wear, hospitality events for teachers and staff, mini grants for teachers, teacher appreciation week events, 5th grade graduation breakfast, and spirit nights. • Plans for this year's PTA – fall festival, teacher mini grants, glow-a-thon fundraiser, first science fair + STREAM night support, community kickball classic, teacher appreciation and hospitality events, yearbook, spirit wear, 5th grade graduation breakfast, and advocacy. ◦ Plan to participate in PTA Day at the Capital with VA PTA.



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	- o Continuing focusing on how we can best support our kids and teachers. • Questions, comments? (There were none.)
Business to Discuss:	• Proposed budget for the year - o Budget was unanimously approved. • Memberships – 81 - o Would like to coordinate another Membership Mania – the goal is 200 members. ▪ House with the most members will earn points • Spirit wear - o Currently coordinating the opening of the Spirit Wear store. Information will be sent home once it is open. ▪ Designs will be the same as last year's House Designs to include new CBB design. ▪ Kindergarteners find out their House assignments on 9/17 • Spirit Nights - o Chick-Fil-A – Wednesday, September 23, 5-8PM ▪ Mobile-Thru App - o William & Mary Football Fundraiser - October 3, 3:30PM - o Bruster's – Thursday, October 15, 5-8PM • Business sponsorships – we've mailed out around 150 letters requesting financial support from local businesses. • Coffee Cart & Hospitality Updates - o Coffee Cart will start in October. We will send out information once the date has been finalized. • Fall Festival – Friday, September 25, 2026 - o Food trucks – Tacos Ramirez ▪ Would attendees be interested in paying \$1 for a slice of pizza, cash only? PTA would like to provide options as only (1) food truck responded this year. (Attendees are interested.) - o Games, seasonal crafts, balloon animals, and music/dancing - o PTA will provide water and popcorn • Other updates/discussions



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	- o Bike to School Days are grant-funded, and the funding runs out this year, so bike days will be planned & announced month to month. - o Reminder about other fundraising opportunities: Clothing to Cash (averages \$300/month for the school) and Boxtops for Education (must download the app & submit purchases that way). - o Opportunities for parent volunteers throughout the year with PTA: Paw Ball, House breakfasts, fifth-grade graduation & breakfast, field day, Glow-a-Thon, Fall Festival, hospitality events, Teacher Appreciation Week (with car wash!). - o Mr. Hurley asked parents what time works best for them for meetings. Overwhelming response for 6 p.m. - o PTA is working on ability to share meetings online, either through FB Live or Zoom. Parents can visit the CBB PTA website to read meeting minutes. - o Ms. Green announced the first pep rally on Friday, 9/18. Students should wear house colors.
Attended	• Joanne Dansereau • Michael Hurley • Alison Mitchell • Allison Bauman • Jackie Woodroffe • Gayle Harmon • Lara Barrick • Ashley Green • Alison Grygalonis • Elizabeth Hornsby • Lara Maddern • Trevor Marsh • Chris Caulkins • Geoff Logan • Ashlee Gitkos • Alexxus Harris
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