

September 30, 2009

Dear Crescent Valley Parent:

Crescent Valley High is off to another school year and, in science, we think it's been a great beginning. Even though spirits are high and enthusiasm is great, we must share a serious concern. As you might guess, science classes are some of the most expensive courses a school offers. This year the science supply budget for our 34 offerings is less than \$50 per class for the entire school year. This amount simply won't cover the hands-on work that we feel is imperative to student learning. On top of normal lab supply needs, our thirty-some laptops that we daily share among the classes are six to eight years old and getting tired—there are some days when they are used each block from 7:45 until 3:05. The laptops are used almost exclusively in data collection and analysis—representing the techniques used in industry and higher education. At this time there are no District technology funds to replace or repair the laptops, nor have we been able to locate any grant opportunities to meet this need.

The bottom line is that we cannot maintain our science program this year on District funds alone. If we are to continue with our successful science curriculum, we will need your help. We know that most families cannot donate a laptop or large sums of money. What we are asking instead is that each household with a student in a science class donate \$5.00 or \$10.00. Even a dollar or two can make a difference if everyone participates.

There are a couple of ways you may donate to support your child's science program. You may send a check with your student made out to Crescent Valley High School or made out to the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation. In either case please be sure to indicate that your donation is **for the CV Science Department**. If you wish to send it through the mail you may send it to CV or to:

Corvallis Public Schools Foundation
P.O. Box 3509J
1555 SW 35th Street
Corvallis, OR 97339-3509

As stated above, we welcome and appreciate any size donation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Crescent Valley principal, Cherie Stroud. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Sincerely,

David Beran
Marine Science, Biology

Jenni Bunkelman
Anatomy & Physiology

Malia Hee
Honors Biology, Anatomy & Physiology

Adam Kirsch
PST, Physics, Chemistry, Introduction to Engineering

Dan Bregar
Field Biology, PST, Recording Studio

Peggy Cornell
AP Biology, AP Environmental Science

Ryan Kanter
Applied Science, Chemistry

Through a generous donation of \$30.00 per month for Staples, we are able to keep routine classroom supplies available. The items below are some of the specific needs for the class your student is enrolled.

- Laptops
- Thumb drives (used or new)
- Classroom set of individual student-response devices for use with Smart Boards
- Field trip to OHSU, Portland \$200.00
- Transportation for other field trips \$450.00
- Kilowatt meters \$200.00
- Sustainable School Project materials \$200.00
- Dissection specimen \$20.00 and greater
- Drosophila computer simulation lab program \$100.00
- Restriction Enzymes Lab \$100.00
- Bacterial Transformation Lab \$100.00
- Green Gene Transformation Kits (AP Bio)
(\$102 per class X 5 classes) \$510.00
- Dry ice & liquid nitrogen \$70.00
- Microbiology consumables \$200.00
- DNA consumables \$200.00
- Food & supplies for animals in classroom \$100.00
- Microphones
- Microphone cables
- Instruments (guitars, amplifiers, keyboards, drums, sound modules)
- Headphones
- Rite-In-The-Rain paper
- Field measuring tapes (300 feet)
- Gardening gloves
- Boots and raingear
- Yogurt containers (small & large w/lids)
- Cleaning supplies (e.g., sponges, dish tubs)
- Old towels for cleaning
- Measuring cups
- Yogurt containers (small & large w/lids)
- Measuring spoons
- 3x5 index cards
- Playdough
- Colored pencils