

March 24, 2010

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Saturday School

A reminder that this Saturday, March 27 is SATURDAY SCHOOL. School will run as a half-day from 8:30 – 11:30 AM. There will be no before or after school child care. Please ensure that your child(ren) attend. It is critical for making up the lost instruction and the percent of attendance counts toward our standing with the state.

Waiver For Missed Days

We are aware that Watauga County successfully petitioned the legislature to have five days of the required 180 school days waived due to severe weather circumstances. We are also pursuing this waiver and will let you know if we are successful.

Art Show

Special thank you to Tim Miller, one of our new parents this year. He has really jumped in and has gotten involved. He is very involved in the monthly Teacher Appreciation Lunches and offered to have a juried art show of our student art work. His gallery, Blowing Rock Frameworks and Gallery hosted a show of student work. He generously framed the works selected by the jury of judges and on Saturday, March 20, the gallery was open to the public for viewing and voting on their favorite work of art. Maddie Roark and Sadye Franklin, both from Grade 3, were the top vote getters and the recipients of savings bonds from Wachovia Bank. Other students in the art show were:

- Riley Darnell and Sidra Miller in Kindergarten,
- Walker Franklin, Galen Miller, Kayla Jackson and Fiona Marty from the Grade 1 -2 Multi-Age,
- Beckham Jacquot and Zoe Frongillo from Grade 5,
- Riley Tardiff and Savanna Randle, Grade 6 and
- Jadus Combs and Laurel Miller from Grade 7.

Congratulations to all who participated and again thank you to Tim.

School Calendar For Next Year

We are finalizing the details for the 2010 - 2011 School Calendar. Parents Beth Jacquot and Sabrina Goebeler with teachers Joy Schlagal and Halle Pilkington met with me to develop the new calendar. The calendar is being brought to the Board of Directors meeting for final discussion and will be distributed as soon as possible. Thanks to those who participated on the committee and also to

those who provided input and feedback that helped with the development of the new calendar.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Our spring expedition will kick off on April 1! We're calling it, "The History of the World...Seriously?" Our investigations will focus on understanding examples of how history truly repeats itself, elements of drama, as well as writing an original piece of satire. This expedition will most likely last for the rest of the school year and will involve the use of 21st century technology!

Next Wednesday we will be sending six students from grades 6-8 to participate in Model United Nations. They will be working with students from other schools to try and solve major world issues! Good luck to: Ryan Austin, Connor Conrad, Karen Ehrhardt, Nate Fischer, Terran Martin, and Erik Middlesteadt!

All middle school students are currently studying various aspects of geometry. National Pi Day - 3.14 - March 14th!) fell on a Sunday this year, but our 6th and 7th graders still celebrated on Monday with a contest to see who had memorized the most digits. No one reached the end (LOL), but we had some impressive performances with several students memorizing over fifty digits! The top 6th grade participants were: Karen Ehrhardt (1st), Nikhil Dass (2nd) and Josef Goebler (3rd). The top 7th grade participants were: Al Lewis (1st), Ethan Lewis(2nd) and Sequoyah Wildwyn-Dechter(3rd). Congratulations to ALL students who participated.

Mrs. Cronk has noticed a decrease in the amount of time some students are spending on ALEKS at home. Please set a goal for your student to make the most of this valuable resource that TRCS has provided for them. We cannot emphasize enough how helpful ALEKS can be. Each student should be working for 15-20 minutes 4-5 days a week at home. If you do not have Internet at home, try to get your student online at the library or at a friend's house to work on ALEKS. Please take an active role in improving your child's math performance by ensuring that your student is working on ALEKS outside of school. Thank you!

Science Fair Reminder: All students must bring in their assembled display boards next Monday, March 29th for teacher feedback. Students will then have the opportunity to make any changes before the final project is due on April 12th.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT RESCHEDULE AND FINAL NIGHT

April 29th – 5:30-7:00

Please join us for our final author's night this year!

WRITING CONTEST

Students are invited the Watauga County Public Library's 3rd Annual Young Writers Writing Contest

Students may send their best poetry or prose (include your name, age, grade, phone number and email) to ogray@arlibrary.org or bring it by the youth services desk at Watauga County Library for a chance to get published and win prizes.

All entries due by April 30, 2010



THANK YOU TIM MILLER!

TRCS would like to thank Tim Miller (a TRCS parent) for donating his time, materials, and art gallery space to host the 1st annual Two Rivers Juried Art Show at Blowing Rock Frameworks and Gallery. The show was this weekend and it was a great success. All artwork in the show was framed and on display in a fine art gallery setting.

Maddie Roark and Sadye Franklin in 3rd grade were voted Best in Show by the viewers.

All of the artwork was fantastic and our young artists were very pleased to see their art on display. Tim plans to make this an annual event, so look out next year for information on entering art in the show.

TRCS PTO

Middle School Students

Please submit any ideas you have about activities we could have at a community park event.

What Can The PTO Do For TRCS?

We want to hear from you! Please contact the PTO with thoughts about how the PTO can improve TRCS.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night (3/26/10)

Friday will be a "make up" spirit night. Please make sure to inform the cashier that you are there to support TRCS.

The PTO would like to send out many thanks to everyone that came out to support TRCS at AURA and the TRCS Art Show. We would also, like to thank all of you that are working behind the scenes to make our school great.

Keep up the good work!

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WE WANT YOUR



IDEAS!



TRCS PTO MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 15, 2010

Attendance: Larry C. Jennefer S., Mimi A, Kelly S., Tim M.

*minutes recorded by Kelly

Minutes: Approval/ Correction

Good

Announcements

Pepsi grant waiting on Board approval

Aura – complete, good show, very modest amount of money raised

Treasury Report

\$5,679-\$200 (Vicki's wish list)= \$5,479

New Business

Budget questions, 501C3 questions, access to money
Jennefer and Larry- Kiwanis meeting went well. They are interested in helping us.

Upcoming Events

End Year Party

TRCS Art Contest: Saturday March 20th 1-3 pm. 3-6pm refreshments. Prizes awarded by email notification. Framed art delivered to school Monday 3/22

Staff Appreciation: 3/17 School dismisses at 3:00, food should be delivered at 3:00

Chick Fila Spirit Night

Staff Appreciation Next Year

Wish Lists

PTO Direction

Mission statement

Goals: Improving communication in school community, get regular school events newspaper column.

Tasks on Hand

Funding Request

Mimi-scholarship fund for Buffalo Cove. \$15 per day per child. @ 4 families needed assistance last year.

Multi Age Classroom- \$170 for classroom rug. The rug Ms. April wants is \$298.99, Whitney VanSant requests PTO to make up the difference.

Sarah Jackson requests funding for a healthy snack program. \$50 a month funding is requested.

TRCS PTO requests money to buy a TRCS PTO stamp and address labels-will donated by Larry

After school

Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 12