

April 14, 2010

PTO NEWS

Rising Freshman Parents

WHS PTO is looking for a Secretary. If you are interested, contact the TRCS PTO.

Staff Appreciation

Wednesday 4/21/10
Contact Tim Miller for info
timkmiller@bellsouth.net

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.

trcspto@gmail.com

The next meeting of the PTO is May 10, 2010 @ 3:30.

The PTO is pleased to announce that we have been chosen as Earth Fare's "Friend of the Quarter".

Please, stop by Earth Fare and reuse a bag to earn money for TRCS during the months of April, May and June. **Tell your friends!**

WE WANT YOUR



IDEAS!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

ASU students will come and do one drama lesson on Thurs. April 8th with the class. The 3rd grade will ride the bus with grades 4-5 for a field trip to ASU to see the Appalachian Young People's Theatre "Nightingale" on Thurs. April 8th between 12:40 - 2:00. The students will present their Hero expedition on Friday April 16 in the classroom and adjoining room. We will begin at 6pm and end by 7:30pm. The class is excitedly looking forward to going to Buffalo Cove on Thurs. April 22nd and Fri. April 23rd. Maddie Roark and Emma A. will present their stories at Author's Night at the Watauga Library on Thurs. April 29th.

~ Miss April

A reminder that order forms are now due for the Flower Power fundraiser. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kati Hamm 828-964-2313.

5TH GRADE NEWS

We have had an exciting and interesting month in the 5th Grade classroom. Each new week has us working on many different projects and investigations across the curriculum. Take a look in the hallway outside of the office to see just a few examples.

In Math, we celebrated Mathematical Pi Day (3.14). It was a day-long celebration of circles. The day began with a fierce Pi digit memorization contest and it ended with the victorious sighs of our two winners who both memorized exactly 100 digits of Pi in order – pretty amazing! Congrats to Beckham Jacquot and Maria Goebeler! We also read Circumference and the Dragon of Pi, wrote circular stories and poems, and measured circular food to find the circumference and area of each food. Pi Day shares a day with Albert Einstein's birthday so we also studied about a mathematical genius as well. Also in Math, we have been working hard weekly to complete our ALEKS pie charts. Please make sure your child makes an effort to work on ALEKS at home as well. It helps to reinforce the key concepts we have been covering in class.

In Social Studies, we have been avidly studying current events and learning so much each and every week about what is happening in the world around us and right here in our own community. Keep up the good work! March was Women's History month and each student worked on an individual research project on the American Woman in "Herstory" of their choice. The students shared their projects and learned a lot about many different amazing and inspiring women in the history of our country. Our Guided Reading this month also focused on famous women and we all agree that our country has a lot to be proud of. You go girls!

April has been a month filled with drama in 5th grade. The ASU drama class came to visit our classroom for a series of workshops integrating storytelling, literacy and drama. The 5th grade students really enjoyed this great experience and did a fabulous job participating. To end our drama month, the students attended a wonderful performance of the Nightingale by Hans Christian Anderson.

Thanks to ASU for all of their dramatic support of literacy learning in our classroom.

In other news, many of our class members have been working diligently to finish all of the Battle of the Books titles. Keep an eye on the newsletter for news on the upcoming BOB competitions. Our Author's Night participants for this month will be Zoe Frongillo and Nigel Plude, and they will be sharing creative poetry and stories. Congratulations to both of them on their writing achievements. Our Buffalo Cove trip is quickly approaching on May 6 – May 7. The buzz of excitement is already beginning in the classroom. More news to follow on that trip.

~ Miss Jessica

The 5th grade science class will be making "ecocolumns" (a combo terrarium and aquarium) and they require 3 bottles each! I will need about 60 bottles with lids. Since the ecocolumns will have plants and animals in them, I request that the bottles be rinsed with water, but not washed out with soap. I would like them asap so that I can get them prepped for the project.

Thanks for your help!

~ Miss Natalie"

BRAIN GYM VISITS ASU AND THANKS PTO !

Recently our third grade and kindergarten students attended ASU to work with college students in the dance program. Prior to the visit, I was invited to share Brain Gym concepts and movements with the dance students so that they could incorporate the ideas into their program. This is the third semester I have done this and it is a very satisfying integration of programs!

Thanks to the PTO for purchasing several items for the Brain Gym program. I work with approximately 30 students individually in my office, in addition to teaching in the classrooms. Most of the purchased items are being used in the office, for individual sessions.

A white noise machine is greatly reducing the sounds of students working on the other side of my office wall. A new "teen version" of a Brain Gym poster acknowledges middle school students and two copies of the 2010 Revised Brain Gym Teacher's Edition book are available for me and staff. New low odor dry erase markers are on the way!

Over the years many items used in my program have been purchased by the PTO or by parent contributions. The students always notice and feel good that they have been thought about. The items are always used and add new dimensions to the program. The students and I thank everyone for the support!!

~ Ms. Cyndi

PARTY IN THE PARK

Friday,

April 23, 2010

4:30–7:30

Green Valley Park

Please join the

TRCS community for some Springtime fun!

Bring friends, musical instruments, Frisbees, balls, etc. Please leave pets and glass containers at home.

*Please bring a dish to share and your own picnic supplies - plates, utensils, etc.



COMMUNITY EVENT

Watauga Swim Team 5K Race and 1 mile Fun Run Benefit

Saturday, May 1st

Greenway Trail, Boone, NC

all ages and walkers welcome

Registration 8:00am | Race 9:00am

\$20 pre-register | \$25 race day | \$10 fun

run

For more information, see <http://www.wataugaswimteam.com> or email wataugaswimteam@gmail.com or bethjacquot@bellsouth.net

