



Home of the Otters!

### FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Sixteen fourth and fifth grade students participated on the junior Battle of the Books team. BOB is a competition in which student read books from an assigned list and work together to answer very specific questions about the books (for example, in which book did a character have red velvet cake for her birthday?). The TRCS teams competed against the Parkway teams on April 1st. Our teams played eight rounds and won seven of them! The students did an amazing job at the competition and at all of the practices leading up to the competition. It was wonderful to see the students talking about all of the books they read (about 130 in all!) and getting excited about an academic competition.

As some of you know, TRCS cannot participate in the official BOB competitions because we do not have a library or librarian. The BOB team, Beth and Natalie will be meeting after school on Thursday to write letters to the North Carolina School Media and Library Association to try to get the rules changed or to get an exemption for the school. If you are interested in helping with this effort, contact Beth or Natalie.

### FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL

The final day of school for this year will be Friday, June 19. Both Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19 will be half-days with an 11:30 AM dismissal. Report cards will go home on the final day of school.



### AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS CLUB

The first day back from our break yielded a number of bead earners.

Challenges completed are as follows:

- 50 meters – 7.48 Sequoyah(6th), 7.62 Kelsey(8), 7.93 Sara(8), 8.13 Savanna(5), 8.18 Josiah(7), 8.25 Oisin(8), 8.41 Dargan(8)
- 200 meters – 34.52 Kelsey(8), 35.37 Oisin(8), 35.66 Dargan(8)
- Jump Rope in 3:00 – 352 Reilly(5)
- Handstand against Wall – 1:02 Reilly(5)
- Double Unders in a Row – 13 Savanna(5)

The Double Unders are a new challenge. This is where you jump rope, spinning the rope twice during one jump. Double Unders must be performed without stopping. This exercise teaches quick, explosive jumping and is far from an easy task to perform consecutively.

### ART NEWS

Congratulations to Rory Green, Walker Franklin and Kacie Rominger in Kindergarten, Calvin Keener, Maria Goebeler, and Cora Roark in 4th, Karen Ehrhardt in 5th, and Cassidy Jorgenson in 7th. All of these students have artwork on display in the office.

Last month Amelia Darnell, Calvin Keener, Savanna Randle and Ms. Kelly participated in a TV interview. They were interviewed by Cherry Johnson of the Watauga Arts Council. The spot aired on MTN. To watch the interview online, go to the following web address: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRzxVeguWZA>

~ Ms. Kelly

### VOLUNTEER HOURS-- PLEASE HELP US!

As you know our End of Grade testing begins on May 13, 2009 and we will be testing every day until the end of May (except Memorial Day). Every testing session must be attended by a Proctor and we call on the parents, guardians, and friends of Two Rivers Community School to fill these important positions. Testing cannot proceed without proctors, as mandated by the state. We need at least three proctors per day--that's a lot of spots to fill!

Proctoring is a great way to make up or add to your volunteer hours. You will know the exact date and time you are needed so that it's easy to work into your schedule. Amy Williams has agreed once again to take on the task of scheduling proctors. Please call her and sign up early. Her phone number is 297-6175.

We appreciate so much all the generous help we receive from our caring volunteers. It's what makes our school a real community.

~ Joy Schlagal

### PTO

The PTO will meet on Monday, April 27 at 3:30 PM. Weather permitting, the meeting will be held outside on the benches.

*The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain.*

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## PERFORMANCE

Next Monday, April 27 will be the culminating activity of our partnership with ASU for the Brundibar project. This partnership has brought together ASU staff and students from several departments working with our students to study issues related to tolerance and the Holocaust.

Our students have been preparing their age-appropriate contributions to the general performance that will be held at the Valborg Theater on the ASU campus next Monday.

Kindergarten through grade 4 will perform from 1:00 - 1:45 PM. They will then leave to return to school and the fifth through seventh graders will perform. These students will then return to school for regular dismissal.

Parents, friends and families are invited to attend the performance next Monday beginning at 1:00 PM in the Valborg Theater at ASU. Parking will be available on the Rivers Street Parking Deck. The walk to the Valborg is about 5 - 10 minutes from the parking deck. Parking costs \$2.00 for the first hour and \$1.00 for additional hours to a maximum of \$5.00.

All students must return to Two Rivers by bus and be picked up from there. We have a very tight transportation schedule and must stay on time to ensure all students are back for 3:00PM dismissal. Thank you for your understanding and support.

