

May 5, 2010

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Puppet Theater

Thank you to the Playground Committee for the excellent Puppet Theater. Many of our students have made use of the puppet theater and their imaginations!

Coffee Talk

I was contacted by BREMCO last Wednesday right after the folders and newsletter went home to tell us that they needed the room on Tuesday May 4. We have rescheduled Coffee Talk to the following Tuesday, May 11 still at 8:45 – 10:15. Sorry for the inconvenience, but a condition of our use of the room is that we can be bumped if they need it. Anyway, plan on meeting Tuesday, May 11.



Reading Patch Club

Students who have participated in the Reading Patch Club, have earned their cap, and have discussed books with me this year, will be travelling with me to Old Salem Village in June for a 2-day field trip. Congratulations to those who qualified: Alexander Moore, Beckham Jacquot, Calvin Keener, Cora Roark, Darion White, Grant Pilkington, Josef Goebeler, Julian Wolfe, Laney Pilkington, Levi Rawl, Lilly Pilkington, Maria Goebeler, Mary Leah Reese, and Zoa Archer.

End of Grade Testing

The schedule for End of Grade testing was sent home last week. Testing begins Monday and continues through June 2. Please refer to the schedule and ensure that your child(ren) are in school for testing. A reminder that any student scoring a 2 on his/her test must retake the test.

Board Survey

The Board of Directors is asking for parent input as part of the evaluation process for the Director. The survey is online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FT5RLZZ>. Please complete the survey by Wednesday, May 19.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kinders kicked off their Frogs in Appalachia Expedition last month. We are learning how frogs are indicators in the environment and how important frogs are to humans.

Kinders explored around our TRCS campus and found there are no places for frogs to live near our campus. We found polluted water where no living things were. The polluted water had trash and indicated no living thing could live there. The water was not healthy. We created our own pond habitat for some tadpoles that we are observing outside our classroom. We will soon go on our Day Trip with Nathan Roark for field work to find out more about habitats for frogs. As part of our Expedition, Kinders are assigned to be Puppeteers who will write their own scripts, create their own puppets and present a show to the public on U-Day. It will be our UNBELIEVEABLE Expedition Presentation Day! We will present our, "How Frogs are Indicators in the Environment" PUPPET SHOWS to the community and we'll be using our new outdoor puppet theater that is located at the outdoor classroom.

Speaking of the new puppet theater, the Kinders collaboratively wrote a thank you note to the people who worked so hard to get the puppet theater there.

Hello!

Thank you everyone who made the puppet stage! That was very nice of you. We like it. We LOVE it! It's awesome! Thanks for building it Ayden, Walker and Sayde's dad, we can't wait to use it. We like it so much, some day we're going to have our own puppet show. Please mark your calendars because our Unbelievable Expedition Puppet shows will be Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 4:00 at the new outdoor classroom puppet theater!

Love, Mrs. Vicki, Mrs. Laura, Mrs. Holley and the TRCS Kinders

Kinders enjoyed our free Earth Day healthy lunches. We enjoyed the sandwich rollups, Cheddar Bunnies, fresh fruit, fruit cups, Blueberry yogurt, Apple Sauce, Gummy Fruit Snack, Wheat-Free Oatmeal Snackimals, fruit and Stringle cheese sticks.

Congratulations to Riley Darnell and Sidra Miller who represented the Kindergarten class at our last Author's Night at the Watauga Library. Both students shared their stories very nicely and signed copies of their books for fans! Kinder through 7th grade students should be on the lookout for the MOUNTAINEER SUMMER READING PROGRAM fliers that will be going home closer to the end of school. Students who turn in completed tally sheets when school begins in August will receive a gift from the Appalachian Mountaineers!

~ Mrs. Vicki

CONGRATULATIONS AUTHORS

Author's night was a huge success last Tuesday. Thank you parents and teachers. Author's night showcased how our writing program is evolves from K-8 grades. Our students not only wrote amazing stories with lots of detail and organization but also read them fluently with lots of expression. WOW! We were all impressed.



Students wrote personal narratives, fables, fantasy, realistic fiction and poetry. A special thank you to the hard work our students are doing. It really shows!!

Our Authors:

Kinder: Riley Darnell and Sidra Miller

- 1st grade: Zeb Scott and Lucas VanSant
- 2nd grade: Lilli Frongillo and Jaden Plude
- 3rd grade: Emma Aldridge and Maddie Roark
- 4th grade: Lilly Pilkington and Journey Hamm
- 5th grade: Nigel Plude and Zoe Frongillo
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Thanks to all who participated!

~ Halle Pilkington

PTO NEWS

The next meeting of the PTO is Monday May 10th @ 3:30.

Party in the Park was well attended. The weather held and we had a great time. Thanks to everyone that came out! A very special thanks to Green Mother Goods and Earth Fare for donating all of our wonderful raffle prizes.

Friend of the Quarter

Don't forget to bring your own bag when you shop at Earth Fare. TRCS earns a donation for every bag re-used at Earth Fare through the month of June. We are already seeing some benefits of the program at TRCS. Ask your student about their Free Lunch or some of the yummy new items in the snack baskets.

We are also partnering with Earth Fare to offer a variety of events at the store as well as on campus at TRCS.

Wednesday May 12th @ 1:45

Join us at Earth Fare for a lunch box make over.

"Learn quick and easy recipes for nutritious lunches even picky eaters will like. Registered dietitian and mom Margie Mansure, will share tips for reducing waste and getting kids involved in cooking. There will be lots of free samples, plus recipes and coupons to take home and a drawing."

Free Lunch Update

Our free lunches were more of a successful than predicted. We are in the process of re-evaluating the menu and pricing options. The PTO is currently working with Earth Fare to make the program available to TRCS on a regular basis for a small fee.

PTO would love to hear your thoughts on the subject-- send us an email.

Save the Date

JUNE 5, 2010

End of Year Celebration

Last year's event was so much fun, we're going to do it again. Mark your calendar for some TRCS fun!

UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS



The AURA (Artists United Reaching Out for Academics) committee is happy to announce that the funds raised from the AURA performance in March will help to fund a four day artist residency with Orisirisi African Folklore. Don and Tutu Harrell will come to TRCS May 24-27 and work with all of our students. Students will learn through drumming and percussion, dance, singing, and storytelling. This performing arts residency is brought to you by AURA and Original Works fundraisers. Thank you for supporting the arts and making this opportunity possible.

Art at Earthfare

Earthfare has adopted TRCS as Friend of the Quarter. As a result, they've invited us to display artwork in the Earthfare cafe in the Boone store. During the month of May you can check out art by TRCS students. Later in the month there will be an artist reception, the time and date are TBA.

AFTER SCHOOL NEWS

Jr. Garden Club

Three students from the Jr. Garden Club won state youth awards for their bird drawings:

- Mary Leah Reece won 1st place for her bluebird drawing for grades 3-5
- Ivan Tzotschew won 1st place for his bluebird drawing for grades K-2
- Emma Tzotschew won Honorable Mention for her cardinal drawing for grades 3-5

Congratulations Jr. Gardeners! And thank you for the beautiful tulips you planted last fall and the lilac you planted yesterday!

Spanish

Parents please note there will be **no Spanish class May 11 and 13**. Class will resume the week after.