

May26, 2010

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Battle of the Books

Two Rivers Community School, team Funky Monkeys, won the Battle of the Books held last Wednesday at the Watauga Public Library. Congratulations to Nicholas Daly, Maria Goebeler, Julien Wolfe, Zoa Archer, Levi Rawl, and Bianca Smart as members of the winning team and to all the others in grades 4 & 5 who read their books, practiced, and participated in Battle of the Books. Also, a special thank you the Natalie Oransky and Jessica Gilway for coaching Battle of the Books.

We were fortunate to be able to participate. As a charter school without a librarian on staff, we were not eligible to compete previously. This year, the Watauga library hosted Two Rivers Community School, Mountain Pathways, and Grace Academy using their librarian as the "sponsor".

Calendar for Next Year

I am including a copy of the school calendar for next year in the Wednesday folder again this week. We are fielding calls with questions about the first day. The new calendar went home as soon as it was approved by the Board of Directors, but as with most things if we receive them when we are not thinking about them, we may not pay much attention. Another copy will be in the folder for your refrigerator.

The first day of school for students in grades 1 – 8 will be August 16. Kindergarten will be screening by appointment on Monday, August 16 and Tuesday, August 17. The full kindergarten class will attend Wednesday, August 18 which is a 1:00 PM dismissal for the whole school. This schedule will give us useful information about our new students and give them a period of adjustment for beginning school here.

Winding Down and End of Grade Testing

We are winding down to the end of the year. Regular testing ends this week and retesting begins immediately upon our receiving results. A reminder that all students who receive a "2" on his/her test must be retested. A student receiving a "1" may be retested at the parent's request.

There are many student activities planned as we finish the year. Please plan to have your child(ren) in school until our last day, June 10.

Reminder: Wednesday, June 9 and Thursday, June 10 are 11:30 AM dismissal.

Field Trips

The eighth grade is travelling to Charleston SC for their trip this year. They will be gone June 1 – 5. Kindergarten is on a field trip June 2. The grade 1 – 2 Multi-age will be travelling to Doc Rocks on June 4. And some members of the Reading Patch Club members will be visiting Old Salem on June 8 & 9.

Alumni News

We are often asked how our students fare when they move on the high school. You may be interested in this news. Ashlyn Henson, Natalie Deutch, and Aaron Pierce, our first eighth graders to leave TRCS for high school, were recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

End of Grade Test Results

End of Grade test results will be sent home with student report cards on the last day of school. If your child scored a "2" s/he will be retested and those results will be included. If your child scored a "1" you will be notified and given the choice about retesting. If you do not hear from the school, your child passed the End of Grade tests with a score of either "3" or "4". So far we have not had to make many phone calls and we are about 2/3 finished with testing.

ORISIRISI PERFORMANCE THURSDAY 5/27

You're Invited
TRCS Campus
1:45-2:50 pm
Bring your chair and umbrella (just in case)



Our OrisiRisi pronounced (O-re-she-re-she) 4 day artist residency is in full swing. The kids and teachers are having a lot of fun the African way!

On Thursday afternoon TRCS students will perform African drumming, dance, and singing with Don and Tutu Harrell of OrisiRisi African Folklore. This will be an exciting show, so don't miss it.

OrisiRisi will have CDs for sale. The two selections are Drum Sermons, a collection of stories with musical interludes and Moonlight Stories, a teaching model with sto-

ries, lessons, music and a teacher guide. The CDs are specially priced for us at only \$10.

This residency is funded by AURA (Artists United Reaching Out for Academics) TRCS's Spring performing arts fundraiser.

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STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH TWO RIVER'S ON-LINE CALENDAR

Are you wondering about next year's school calendar or the next date and time for your favorite committee meeting? Remember that all the school calendar information is available 24/7 at <http://tworiverscommunityschool.net/calendar> (or go to the home page and click "Calendar" link). Below the calendar there are links to subscribe to the school calendars in MS Office or Apple's calendar application so your desktop calendar is always up-to-date with Two Rivers. There are three calendars you can subscribe to: one for the official school-year calendar, one for committee meetings, and one for special school events.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5th 1-4pm - End of Year Celebration

Please join us at TRCS for our final community event of the year. Jumpies, tie-dye, snacks and FUN will be provided. Don't forget your water bottle!

Lunch

Order forms will go out Wednesday. They are due Friday. Please return the order form and cash to your child's homeroom teacher.

Lunch is \$3.25. Exact change is appreciated.

Lunch will be delivered on Tuesday June 1st.

The lunch project is a PTO fundraiser.

Friend of the Month

TRCS is Earth Fare's friend of the month until the end of June. We earn cash for every reusable bag used in the store. **BOXES DO NOT COUNT!** Don't forget your bags when you shop at Earth Fare.

Thanks to everyone that came out for the artist's reception!

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