



Home of the Otters!

TWO RIVERS COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE 3, 2009

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

As we draw to a close for this school year, I want to take time to thank the many people who have volunteered their time and have helped to offer enrichment opportunities to our students.

Elise McLaughlin, with the help of Rhett Todd, offered an environmental science club to our primary students.

Phil Smart offered a math club to our grade 3–5 students and took two teams to the Math Olympiad held at Hardin Park School. Our students placed well as we noted in an earlier newsletter.

The Junior Great Books program got rolling mid-year. Thanks to all of the parent volunteers and teachers who took time each week to bring this literary enrichment program to the classrooms. (Jill Nicklaw, Sabrina Goebeler, Kathy Parham, and Beth Jacquot)

Natalie Oransky, with the assistance of Beth Vossen, ran a Battle of the Books club. We were not eligible for regular competition as we do not have a librarian on staff, but Parkway School graciously agreed to compete with our team...we won!

Matt Hendley took on coaching the Model UN team this spring while Rachel Wood completed her masters degree. Again, our students did very well and represented the school admirably.

Austin Pack has offered Fitness Club for students in grade 5 – 8 all year. He is constantly reporting the new personal best record of his participants.

I offered Writing Club with less than expected success as it was scheduled during the winter and we had so many weather days the impact was not what I had hoped. Maybe next year!

The Reading Patch Club I offer to students reading "chapter books" is

producing some prolific readers. We have 14 students who have earned their Reading Patch cap and six students who have read more than 15 books that they have discussed with me.

A special thanks to Amy Williams who coordinated the proctors for the End of Grade testing and to all those who volunteered to proctor the tests.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who give their time to help in the classrooms, serve on committees, and contribute to the general improvement of the school community.

We are excited to see a renewed PTO effort and to see the many people who are involved in the planning of the end of year celebration on Saturday, June 6 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM here on the TRCS campus. Please try to stop in and visit with staff and families. New families who will be bringing their children to TRCS for the first time in the fall will also be invited so it is a good chance to give them a TRCS welcome.

Finally, just a reminder about the last week of school. Wednesday, June 17 will be a regular 1:00PM dismissal. Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19 will be half days for students with an 11:30 AM dismissal. There will be no After Care on June 18 & 19.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

The orientation meeting for families of students entering our Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, June 11 at 6 PM in the Kindergarten room. Letters will be sent home to all families with entering Kindergarten students.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

On May 15th, Kinders went to Farthing Auditorium to see, "Kickin It Down the Yellow Brick Road" presented by a cast of 40 PreK through 5th grade students with varying intellectual abilities, a diverse student population, and a spectrum of social backgrounds from Newland Elementary School in Avery County. The show was a spin-off of The Wizard of Oz and the theme of the show was, "Don't let the past dictate who you are, let it dictate who you become." A great time was had by all at this interactive show and tied perfectly into SPARK at TRCS!

Kinders will be finishing their Water, Water Everywhere Expedition on Thursday, June 11th from 3:45 to 4:45. Kinders will have puppet shows to present to family and friends how water creatures are indicators of healthy or unhealthy water.

Congratulations to Kyla Jackson and her mom, Sarah for winning the Community Healthy Cooking Contest for having the Local Favorite! Kyla and her mom won a \$100 gift certificate to Boone Mall! Congratulations also to Xavier's mom, Juliana, who organized the whole event!

Kinders have been enjoying dancing classes with Mrs. Holly Roark. We've had a great time with Mrs. Holly and look forward to two more dance classes! THANK YOU MRS. HOLLY!

~ Miss Vicki



THE PTO INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

A Community Event For All To Enjoy!

Saturday - June 6th/1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- Inflatable Obstacle Course/Climbing Wall
- Arts & Crafts, Refreshments
- Lot of Fun for all!

Spend the afternoon and get to know the TRCS community better.

Be sure to bring sunscreen, water bottles, chairs or picnic blanket. Are you musical? Bring your instrument.

(No animals, please)

Volunteers are still needed to help make this event a success:

- Refreshment Table
12:30 - 2:00 (2-3 people needed)
2:00 - 4:00 (3-4 people needed)
- Tye-Dye Napkins
12:30 - 2:00 (1-2 people needed)
2:00 - 4:00 (2-3 people needed)
- Crazy Hair Table
12:30 - 2:00 (1-2 people needed)
2:00 - 4:00 (2-3 people needed)

Can't sign up for any of the above? Help is needed with set-up and clean-up.

If you want to lend a hand, please call either Sarah Jackson 268-0321 or Josephine L'Heureux 263-0743

****Please note that the rain date will be Saturday, June 13th****



HONOR OUR DEPARTING TEACHERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR PARTY

The PTO would like to recognize the fine educators who will be leaving at the end of this year: Leni Smith, Matt Hendley, Sophie Minis, and Amanda Hensley. We will have a special container for each of them at Saturday's celebration and invite everyone to bring flowers from your garden, treats from your kitchen, heartfelt notes, or pictures to fill them. We hope that all the Two Rivers staff can attend the party so that we have a chance to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our children.



A prudent question is one-half of wisdom.
~ Francis Bacon



AFTER SCHOOL FITNESS

We held another Bead Challenge day this past Monday. The numbers in the club were low, but the performances were, once again, remarkable.

- 800m - Dargan (8th) - 2:28
- 50m - (8th) Sara - 7.62, Kelsey - 7.94, Colleen - 7.97, Becky - 8.12; (7th) Josiah - 7.69, Emma - 7.78
- 1:00 Jump Rope - (8th) Colleen - 140, Kelsey - 147, Becky - 130; (7th) Josiah - 143; (5th) Reilly - 142

Our last two Mondays will also be Bead Challenge days. I'm still in need of an adult that would be willing to help me oversee the challenges; an extra set of eyes is always helpful.

Thank you greatly,

~ Coach Pack

