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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Things are going smoothly as we settle into the year. Our 20th day is next Monday, September 14. After that, enrollment for the year will be closed for this school year. If you have any friends or acquaintances that are considering enrolling, please let them know our cut off date.

We are pleased with the article in the local papers acknowledging our academic success as being designated by the state as a "School of Distinction". Thanks to those who worked hard to be sure we got the recognition.

There is a request from the After School Care program regarding drop-in students. As in the past, if you are attending a school-related meeting, you can drop your child off in After School Care while you are in the meeting. However, we are requesting that you inform Gabe, or the office, 24 hours in advance so that he can prepare properly. Our After School Care providers work hard to offer healthy snacks and engaging activities. If a large number of students drop-in without prior notice, Gabe and his assistant cannot properly prepare for their attendance in the program.

Also, students dropping in to the After School Care program must understand that they are in the program, cannot come and go from it, and are under the supervision and direction of the care providers. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this.

Our students in grades 3 – 8 will be going to Buffalo Cove during September and October for one or two nights, depending on their grade level, for our Mountain Adventure Program (MAP). We want to remind everyone that this is an integral part of our school program and our charter. Please ensure that all students scheduled to participate in MAP attend the program. Students are always enriched by the experience and glad they went, despite coming back tired and in need of a bath!

Enjoy your short week and what looks like lovely fall weather.

~ Ms. June Gilch

NOTES FROM THE PTO

PTO meeting **Monday September 14th at 3:30.**

Please join us to discuss Peace Feast & Chick-Fil-A Spirit Nights.

As always, You can send questions and comments to the PTO at trcspto@gmail.com

A NOTE ABOUT EARLY RELEASE

There has been some confusion about release time when we have a half-day. Half-day release time is 11:30 AM. The only time 1:00 is our release time is on Wednesdays for Professional Development. There may be on occasion when a weather release is at a different time, but that will be an unusual situation. Please be sure we have reliable contact information so we can reach you if we need to.

ART NEWS

Third graders Emma Tzotschew, Lucas Wiley, Amelia Darnell, Megan Lewis, Sadye Franklin, Huxley Sinanian, and Erik Salvesen have still life collages on display in the office.

1/2 Multiage students Miles Spell, Steely Forrester, Kyla Jackson, Shelly Parker, Rowen Todd and Olivia Nicklaw have Andy Warhol inspired collages on display as well.

Please stop by and see some of our student artwork. Exhibits will change about every two weeks.

~ Ms. Kelly

KINDERS ARE LEARNING AND WORKING ON:

- Math: One to one correspondence, counting and shapes
- Art: Using different materials to create work, overlapping and scissors!
- Reading: Sight words the, I, a, & and. Capital letter is at the beginning of a sentence, we read and write top to bottom left to right.
- Writing: We are learning our first and last names only have one capital letter and writing alphabet letters.
- Listening: We listen to the story then illustrate and write about our favorite part of the story we just heard.
- Blocks/Puzzles: Exploring puzzles, blocks, games, sharing and working together.

We will be contacting members of the community to help us with our Expedition "WHO AM I IN THE COMMUNITY" and hope that if you have a job in the community you can share it with the Kinder Class! If you have a vehicle we can use for our Vehicle Fair, please let Mrs. Vicki or Mrs. Laura know!

~ Vicki M. Krueger

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

We have had a great start to fifth grade. Our first field trip is just around the corner on Monday, September 14th. We have been invited to join the other 5th grade classes in Watauga County for an Environmental Field Day. There will be experts teaching us about soils, the water cycle, recycling and pesticide and chemical usage. We will learn about the forest from a forest ranger and get to see and touch skins and skulls brought in by a park ranger from Elk Knob Park. We hope the Wildlife officer brings lots of neat animals to show us. We have been working on our science facts by playing a game similar to Jeopardy except that all the questions relate to science.

This first semester our expedition is social studies based. We are teaming up with Mrs. Natalie's 4th grade class. Have you ever heard of Greg Mortenson? How about the book *Three Cups of Tea*? Mr. Mortenson is famous all over the world but especially in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Why, do you ask? He has built over 60 schools for both region's poorest and most remote villages. His adventure started when he went to Pakistan on a mountain climbing expedition. He ended up lost, hungry and all alone until he found his way to the small village of Korphe. They took him in and cared for him. He wanted to repay their kindness. He decided to build them a much needed school. Mr. Mortenson couldn't believe that the village could only afford the school teacher three days a week even though the cost was only one dollar per day. He couldn't bare the thought of the village's children sitting outside in the cold scratching their math problems in the dirt with sticks. He knew he had to do something.

There is a fundraising effort called Pennies for Peace that TRCS will take part in. We will help Greg Mortenson continue building schools. If you would like to learn more about Mr. Mortenson's work pick up one of his books (available in children, young readers and adult versions). Greg Mortenson will also be speaking at ASU September 10th. He has four engagements for our area that day.

We will start our Pennies for Peace fundraiser on Monday, September 14th. We will have collection bins in your child's classroom. The top two classes in donations will be treated to an ice cream celebration along with the 4th and 5th grades. It is called Pennies for Peace but we will gladly accept all forms of cash. Thank you in advance for your help.

Thank you,

~ Sandi Priest and her 5th grade class

CARPOOL COORDINATOR

Wayne Middlesteadt has volunteered to be the carpool coordinator.

He would like all of those interested in carpooling to email him with their requests. wmiddlesteadt@weberhohdges.com

MULTIAGE NEWS:

We have kicked off the year with our expedition: Different, Diverse, Dynamic. We love this expedition because we learn that we each have things that are the same and different and that is OK! We will learn about each others gifts and share them through a pen pal relationship with the residents at Deerfield Assisted Living. We are excited to learn about each other, learn how we are alike and different from others in our world, and making new friends with people in our community.

~ Halle and April

LOOK WHAT'S COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!

Our school has teamed up with Original Works – the #1 art based program in the country – to offer a very special program. This program allows you to have your child's very own artwork reproduced onto a selection of over 20 quality products. These products range from magnets, mugs and mouse pads to t-shirts, tote bags and tiles. The wide selection of professionally produced, full color products offers something for everyone. Your child will be creating their artwork in school, using the regular art curriculum as the basis for their work of art. You will then have the opportunity to order whatever products you wish with your child's own artwork featured on each and every product. We are thrilled to be participating in this unique and innovative program. Look for complete program, product and pricing information coming soon. Additional product and program information, as well as customer testimonials, can be found at www.originalworks.com.

The funds raised from this program support our arts program at TRCS and help us to bring visiting artists and performers to our school. Your child's artwork and an order form will come home in their Wednesday folders in early October.

~ Ms. Kelly



JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS NEEDS 1 OR 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS

If you can give 1 hour of each week to this literacy enrichment program, please contact Beth Jacquot, bethjacquot@bellsouth.net.
