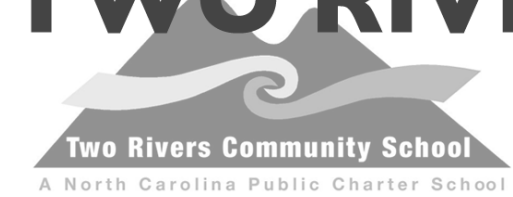


TWO RIVERS COMMUNITY NEWS



“Home of the Otters”



October 28, 2009

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Drop-In Meeting with Director June Gilch

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

BREMCO meeting room

8:40 – 9:30 AM

Report cards go home today. If your child's teacher or you had any concerns, you should have already had a conference, but if you find you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact him/her to make an appointment.

The School Report Card as mandated by the No Child Left Behind legislation will be available online Thursday, October 29 at 10:00AM at www.ncreportcards.org. A hard copy will be sent home next week in the Wednesday folder. The information about technology is incorrect, we had 100% connectivity and our Students with Disabilities percentage is in the high 20% range. Please note that the information is about last year not this year; it is for school year 2008-2009.

I have been able to schedule the meeting room at BREMCO on the corner of routes 421 and old 421 for a Drop-In Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 from 8:40 – 9:30 AM. It is an opportunity for you to drop in and have a casual conversation about school and our activities, plans for the future, hopes and concerns you might have. Please stop by if you can. I will plan several others during the year and I will try to stagger the times to accommodate varying schedules.

We hope you enjoyed the Fall Break scheduled for last week. Many of you have mentioned that you like the calendar for this year. Before you know it, the time will be upon us to make the calendar for next year. If you have feedback about the calendar, please let us know what you liked or did not like about this year's calendar.

A reminder about the November holidays: Wednesday, November 11 will be NO SCHOOL, and the Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27. There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE on Tuesday, November 24. Students will return to school on Monday, November 30.

Last year, between now and Thanksgiving, we had missed several days due to bad weather. Hopefully this will not be the case again this year, but please keep the inclement weather information handy.

Finally, please review the Halloween information regarding costumes. Many of our students are travelling to a

performance at the Valborg Theater in the morning and will not be wearing costumes. Costumes will be put on after lunch for classroom parties and a parade (weather permitting).

MULTIAGE NEWS

Author Melanie Brooks will speak with K-3 Students on October 30th.

Melanie Brooks travels nationally with her dog Spenser addressing the problem of childhood hunger. As part of the Spensernation LLC and Operation Hungry Child, Inc. program, TRCS will be collecting non perishable canned and dried goods. Please have your student bring in items throughout the week. Parents from the multiage class will count the food and Spenser will tell us how much we were able to collect at the community meeting. All food will go to our local food bank. You can visit Spenser at www.spensernation.com for more information. ALERT: Spenser is a real dog- he will be in the K-2 learning cottages and at the community meeting.

Here are some possible items to send:

- rice
- dry beans
- canned goods
- crackers
- cereal
- soup
- cake mixes
- meal mixes

Basically, anything that will not spoil.

Our first Author's night was a success!

Those representing TRCS this nine weeks were:

K- Kazia Orkiszewski

1- Kylah Jackson

2- Timothy Rushin

3- Claire Bowling

3- Amelia Darnell

4- Rowen Burnett

5- Mary Leah Reece

(I don't have middle school names: will send them if we have any)

~ Halle Pilkington

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THIRD GRADE NEWS

Claire Bowling will represent the third grade for Author's Night on Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30 at the Watauga Library. Come and support her and the other students who will be sharing!

Betty Wells will visit our classroom to present Mountain Heritage to the students on Thursday October 29. Students will get to church butter, peel apples using an antique apple peeler, and use a spinning wheel and other antique items from the colonial period. Her mother was the first mail deliverer in the mountains, and our school is located on her family's land. It will be a delight to have her share with the students.

The students were able to earn 100 SPARK points as a class in four weeks by demonstrating SPARK behavior each week. We are going to celebrate with a class fall festival party on Friday October 30. Well done, third grade!

~ Mrs. April Hill

ADVENTURE FITNESS

As winter weather approaches, this shall serve as a gentle reminder to students and parents. Except for instances of rather frisky weather (too cold, too rainy), Fitness class will be held outside. Multiple layers of clothing are suggested to help control body temperature. Scarves, hats, gloves, thermals, and wool socks will aid in keeping students comfortable.

As contradictory as it may sound, it is vital to continue to bring water bottles and stay hydrated during cold weather.

Thank you,
~ Coach Pack

BOX TOPS

The first BOX TOP submission deadline is fast approaching! Please gather your collection over the weekend and send them in this Monday, October 26. If it is possible for you to do so, please trim them around the dotted line and group them in bundles of 50. This will be so helpful! Thank you TRCS families!



AFTER SCHOOL UPDATE

Cooking Class with Jane Colglazier meets Mondays until 5:00 (will meet until 5:30 the last couple of weeks starting November 30 to complete a special project).

Music and Movement with Megan Donavant and Christina Barrus meets Tuesdays until 4:30 through November 3.

Junior Gardening Club for 9-11 year olds will meet the first Monday of each month starting November 2. Please register with Elise McLaughlin at 295-9672, or complete the form that went home with your children. There is room for 15 students.

An adult is needed to be present while the club meets simply to serve as a representative of the school (the Garden Gardenerettes of Boone will have plenty of adults to lead their activities). If you would be willing to be present, please call Elise McLaughlin.

Spanish Class will begin soon for all ages. Watch for details.

Year Book Club The school needs a volunteer to lead a yearbook club. If you're interested please contact Elise McLaughlin.

Note: Parents please come into the school to pick up your child at the designated time. Children who are not picked up when their after school activity is over will go to after school care for which there is a fee. Thank you.

Thank you for supporting these after school enrichment activities!

CARPOOL HELP NEEDED

We have a child that may be forced to transfer to another school due to lack of transportation.

Do you travel near WalMart to get to and from school? Do you have room for an extra rider in your car?

If so, please contact the PTO. TRCSPTO@GMAIL.COM

Gas can be provided!

Well done is better than well said.
~ Benjamin Franklin
