

December 9, 2009

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Peace Feast

Peace Feast is upon us this Friday. I hope to see you there. It is my first one and I am looking forward to the experience. Thanks, in advance, for all who worked hard to make this event happen. There are many beautiful items in the Silent Auction and Raffle Baskets, so that should help raise funds.

There will be no child care available at Peace Feast so we ask that you make plans to supervise your own children. You might want to consider signing up for a turn to supervise games or outdoor play to help share these duties. Children will have talked about the appropriate SPARK behaviors for the event and a copy will be sent home in the Wednesday folder. Children will be returned to their families if they are found unsupervised.

Coffee Talk

Twenty-one people returned the preference survey for Coffee Talk meetings and the scales tipped for quarterly morning meetings. Thanks for those who shared their opinions. I will schedule the next one for late January or February.

Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences are today. If you did not sign up for a time to attend, it is not too late. Contact your child's teacher for a time. Student Led Conferences are one of the features of our school that make it stand out from others. They are also part of the Expeditionary Learning model of instruction, so we encourage every family to participate and support the school in this manner.

Christmas Break

As the holidays begin to approach and we begin to make plans, I want to remind everyone that we will dismiss at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 22. There will be no after school care. Please make plans to be at school to pick up your child at 11:30AM. In the past, there has been some confusion about release times. Students will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2010

Snack Cart

The snack cart is doing well. As you will remember, this is a fundraising activity intended to provide support for the Reading Patch Club for incentives. Initially, I planned to charge \$1.00 and lowered it to \$.50. The selection of items

that can be offered for that price and still make some profit is very limited. Several people have mentioned healthier snacks. I am careful about what is on the cart, but other items such as fruit and vegetables are cost prohibitive and storage is an issue. If anyone would like to donate items for the snack cart, they would gladly be accepted.

Weather Delays and Cancellations

As I keep watching the weather reports and these huge wet storms keep rolling across the map, I think it is only a matter of time until one hits when our temperatures are low enough to cause snow and ice. Please dust off your Weather Delay and Cancellation information that has been sent home on a couple of occasions. With luck, whatever snow we get will fall on weekends or holidays, but that is probably too much to hope for!

~ Ms. June Gilch

REMINDER STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS:

Please continue to collect and turn in your box tops, ink cartridges, juice pouches and old cell phones (without accessories) as we recycle AND earn money for Two Rivers! Thank you!

BRAIN GYM- BRAIN PROFILES IN 5TH, 6TH, & 7TH GRADES

The 5th, 6th, & 7th graders have recently learned about Brain Profiles as a tool that assists in identifying and understanding a person's learning style. Each of these students identified their profile (out of 32 possibilities) and the Brain Gym movements that may be helpful for their profile. These students will be sharing the information at Student Led Conferences, and some have plans to help identify their parents' profiles.

PEACE FEAST UPDATES AND PTO INFO

PEACE FEAST IS FRIDAY!!!

Boone United Methodist Church, located @ 471 New Market Blvd, behind New Market Center. Doors open at 5:30, Pasta Dinner served from 6-7:30 Dinner Admission: \$7 adults, \$4 children, \$20 Family of Four or more & General Admission \$2 adults. Activities, Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, & fun! All proceeds will go to Two Rivers Community School! Please come on out with family and friends for the TRCS annual Peace Feast!

No childcare will be provided at the Peace Feast. Please attend to your children and remind them about SPARK behavior!

Raffle Packets are due TODAY.

If you have not turned in your packets, please drop the packets (including any unsold tickets) in the office ASAP. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets.

Attention Peace Feast Volunteers!

We will begin set up on Friday at 9am. Please park in the rear of the building. The gym will be on your left. If you signed up to bring a desert, it can be dropped off at BUMC anytime on Friday after 9am.

Messages from the PTO

Staff Appreciation

The next staff appreciation day is next Wednesday December 16th. Currently, we have no one signed on to help. If you can help out it would be greatly appreciated. The food needs to be at school by 1pm on Wednesday December 16th.

Please bring enough for 20 hard working folks at Two Rivers School. Contact Tim Miller to contribute.<timkmiller@bellsouth.net>

Schedule Change

The PTO meeting scheduled for December 14th has been CANCELLED. The next meeting of the PTO is scheduled for January 11, 2010 @ 3:30.

Spirit Night

There will be no spirit night at Chik-fil-A during the month of December. Spirit Night will resume January 14, 2010.

Members Needed

- Do you have experience with PTO or serving on a Board of Directors?
- Would you like to assist in helping to build the TRCS community?
- Can you help to make the PTO a better organization?
- Do you have an hour of free time one Monday a month?

If so, please come to the January meeting of the PTO. We are building the organization and need your help!

Thanks to all of you for the generous donation of your time and efforts!

2nd Annual Holiday Store

The second grade class will have their second annual holiday store on Friday, December 18th. If you have items you would like donate, please send them to Ms. April's (second grade) class during week of December 14th. We will sell items for students to buy for their immediate family members: mom, dad, brothers and sisters. The more we have donated, the more our proceeds will go to support our TRCS community. We also need wrapping paper and bows.

BUFFALO COVE IS GEARING UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS!!

This summer we are offering EARTH Camp Explorers, a 6 day session for 8-12 year olds, in addition to our normal 2 week long EARTH Camp for 12-17 year olds. Please visit our website www.buffalocove.com for details on our summer camps and to view pictures from TRCS programs this past fall. Discounts are offered to all who sign up before the end of the year, and space is limited... so don't delay!

SPANISH CLASSES SLATED TO BEGIN JANUARY 2010

Watch for sign up forms in the Wednesday folders. The forms will have information about the dates, times, and costs of the after-school Spanish classes. If there is enough interest, the classes will be available to students in grades K-8 and will be held two days a week. Some monies will be set aside for scholarships for families with financial need. Please let me know if you have any questions or if your family is interested in a scholarship.

Saludos,
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