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**TWO RIVERS COMMUNITY NEWS**

**OCTOBER 8, 2008**

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## **BRAIN GYM® ACTIVITIES AT TRCS**

**From Brain Gym instructor  
Cyndi Rapenske**

Brain Gym is a fun way to stimulate and/or calm brain activity. At TRCS each classroom receives a weekly formal Brain Gym class with me-focusing on positive goal setting, the brain gym moves, and how our brains learn. Daily, each class uses Brain Gym in a variety of ways-starting the day, transitions, during centers, or to re-establish focus. I also work with students individually to assist with academic, behavioral or social school goals. By now your student has learned a variety of the Brain Gym activities that are used in school each day. Ask them to teach you their favorite move!

## **MULTIAGE NEWS**

WE ARE FINISHING OUR FIRST FIVEWEEKSOFGUIDEDREADING! Our students are learning wonderful strategies for becoming good readers. We are so proud of their hard work and effort! Congratulations! In math, our students finished a math unit using apples. We measured, we weighed, we graphed, we even opened an apple decorating store! We finished our first writing genre and celebrated with an apple juice toast. Our students were very excited to be published writers. We are also hard at work on our expedition: Me, my family, my community, and my world. We will be taking a field trip into Boone to see what's in our own community. It's a busy time for our multiagers!!!

## **SNACKS AND PIZZA DAY**

Please remember that Friday is Pizza Day not school lunch day. Please remember to send the usual snacks and beverages with your children. Many students come to the office on Fridays looking for snacks because they did not bring one. The school does not supply food for students. Occasionally there is something available, but no one should count on that being the case.

Again, please send the usual snacks and beverages on Fridays even if your child is ordering pizza. Thank you!

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## **ORIGINAL WORKS**

Artwork and ORDER FORMS should be returned by Friday, OCTOBER 10.

If you have a piece of **artwork from home**, a photograph, or a friend who wants a cool mug...photocopy the order form and send it, a check made out to TRCS, and your original work back to us by October 10th. Just remember...Your artwork must be 8 x 10 ½".

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## **TWO RIVERS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Two Rivers Community School Development Committee is charged with "matters of public relations, student recruitment strategies and programs, and development projects of the School" and has big plans for the 2008-9 school year. The committee's priorities for the coming year include 1) long-term facility planning to lay the foundation for a capital campaign, 2) increasing public awareness of Two Rivers through coordinated outreach and promotion, and 3) developing grant applications to supplement our funding for school projects and programs.

The committee is currently forming task groups to work on these initiatives and is seeking parents with experience in planning and design, grant writing, and preparing press releases. A specific goal is to develop a team of people to help provide a steady stream of press releases to local media to expand the general public awareness of the unique educational opportunities our school provides. If you'd be interested in being a part of these important and exciting activities, contact Lynnwood Brown at 828-260-7265 or [lynnwoodbrown@tworiverscommunityschool.net](mailto:lynnwoodbrown@tworiverscommunityschool.net).

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**If you would like to help  
with the TRCS Expeditionary  
Learning  
MURAL please call Eunice  
Conway at (828) 964-5296**

## **EARTH FARE FALL FUN DAY!**

**Lunch for \$1**

**Hot or Not dogs, chips and a drink!**

**Earthfare**

**Saturday, October 11**

**11:30-3:00**

**Fun Activities and Music**

**Tell your friends!**

**All Proceeds from the Earthfare lunch go directly to TRCS!**

We still need volunteers and ideas for the Earthfare Event on Saturday! If you can volunteer or suggest an activity, contact Jennefer Spell. jenneferhill@hotmail.com or 828-963-5466.

### **Pumpkin Carving Contest at Earthfare Fall Fun Day**

Contestants are invited to bring their carved up, spooky or happy pumpkins to Earth Fare on Saturday, October 11, between 11:30 am –3 pm for a chance to win a Thanksgiving Feast. All entries will be numbered, photographed, and posted in the store. Customers will have until October 31st to vote on their favorite

The winner will be announced during our Kids Healthy Harvest Event on Saturday, November 1, at 2 pm. (Contestants must be present to win).

For more information, contact, Angela Walsh, 263-8138.

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## **BLOOD DRIVE – URGENT NEED**

The American Red Cross will be at the Best Western 840 East King Street in Boone on Friday October 10, 2008 from 2:00 until 6:30 pm. There is an urgent need for type O blood. To schedule an appointment, call Shannon at 406-2472.

## **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

Advertise your barter/sale/lessons or announcement here!

Please submit your item to trcsnewsletter@gmail.com by Monday to have it included in that week's newsletter.

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### **REMINDER: JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS TRAINING IS OCT. 10TH**

If you signed up to volunteer, please respond to Beth Jacquot, 264-3669 or bethjacquot@bellsouth.net.

See you on Friday!

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### **PLAYHOUSE CONSIGNMENT SALE**

The annual Playhouse Consignment Sale will be starting on October 23rd and we need you! TRCS will be accepting donations of clean, gently used children's clothing and plastic hangers on Wednesday, Oct. 15th and Friday, October 17th. Items that are stained, torn or excessively worn will not be accepted. We will have collection boxes at the shed, behind the dumpster, next to the 7th grade classroom. We will price, tag, and deliver the clothing with the help of a few brave volunteers and will receive 60% of all profits made from TRCS donations. The other 40% will benefit the Children's Playhouse. For more information, you can visit <http://www.goplayhouse.org>.

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### **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Turn in your boxtops, ink cartridges and old cell phones (just the phone no accessories please) to help raise funds for TRCS. Ask friends, family, and your workplace to save these items for you to turn in as well. Thank you.

## **YEARBOOKS**

The yearbook this year will be created by a yearbook club comprised of 7th and 8th grade students and Ms. Sallie and Ms. Vicki. The club will meet every week on Thursday from 3-4 pm. Interested students need to apply to Ms. Vicki or Ms. Sallie and get parent approval. It is a computer based program for page design that students will learn to use and they will also photograph school events. Exciting!!!

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### **TEE SHIRTS**

Tee Shirts will be offered for purchase in all sizes for a yet determined, but reasonable price. An order sheet will be sent to all classrooms. The TRCS design logo will be on the back and TRCS on the front left. Profits will go for student support supplies.

Peer mediation dealing with respect for one another has been a goal for this quarter. Many students have made gains. SPARK goals are lifelong!

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### **CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH!**

As soon as you come in the door, you will be directed to a table where you will receive a ticket to give to the cashier before you order your food. Spirit Night will begin at 5:30pm and end at 7:30pm. We hope you will all come out and support TRCS!! It is also a great way to get your volunteer hours in as we need a minimum of 2 people to man the ticket table and the games. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please email me at TRCSPTO@gmail.com