

WEATHER UPDATE

The cool fall weather has descended upon us and it has been quite cool in the mornings especially. Although some days have warmed up nicely, others have stayed cold all day. Please remember to send your child to school in warm clothing, perhaps layered. If it gets warm during the day, they can take off layers and still be comfortable. Students who come to school in lightweight clothes on days that do not warm up, and go out for Adventure Fitness or recess, get quite cold. We do not have spare clothing at school. Unfortunately some of our students get quite chilled.



It is the practice of Two Rivers to have students outside in the fresh air whenever possible. Unless it is pouring or storming in some other way, students are outside daily. Please send warm outerwear for these occasions.

AUTHOR NIGHT A SUCCESS

Our first Author Night for the 2008-09 school year highlighted some wonderful writing by TRCS students at all grade levels. The young authors who read their works were Joshua Morgan, Kindergarten, Allie South and Mariyah Rawl, 1/2 Multiage, Aiden Powers, 3rd grade, Mary Leah Reece, 4th grade, Grace Bowling, 5th grade, Rachel Burnett, 7th grade, and Brooke Bacot, 8th grade. The students' writing covered a variety of genres and it was evident through their work that writing is an important part of the curriculum at Two Rivers.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

We are finalizing the school directory to be distributed to our TRCS families. The directory will be set up by family and by grade. If you do not wish to have your contact information included in the directory and have not filled out a form stating so, please do so by November 5.

READING PATCH CLUB UPDATE

Students have been reading up a storm! They are meeting with Ms Gilch often and we are happy to tell you that eight students have earned their caps for reading ten books. Congratulations to:

- Alexander Moore
- Cora Roark
- Jenna Woods
- Nicholas Daly
- Maria Goebeler
- Grant Pilkington
- Jaxon Wiley
- Calvin Keener

The Reading Patch Club is open to any student reading chapter books and beyond. Students can join any time. Just see Ms Gilch for the backpack reading record. Keep up the reading and look for some fun surprises as we go along!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the middle school Model United Nations team! We had four delegations from Two Rivers, and three of those groups won awards! All students deserve special commendation for representing our school's dedication to learning.

Way to go Model UN team: Devin Beitzel, Madelaine Beitzel, Becky Bradshaw, Emma Deutch, Nate Fischer, Maeve Broyles, Dargan Powers, Oisin Reed-Kelly, Sara Russell, Deacon Sinanian, and Lee Williams. Model UN is a great opportunity for young people to begin learning about current world issues. Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader interested in participating will have the opportunity in January when we begin to prepare for the spring conference.

Expedition News: Last week our seventh and eighth graders began their fall expedition. The title is "You say you want a revolution?" We will be studying several important revolutions that have happened in history. Our focus will be on trying to understand how revolutions begin, and how propaganda plays a part in getting people on board. We will be looking at music and artwork from different revolutions in America and in the world!

3RD GRADE NEWS

Farthing Field trip – October 31st: On Friday, Oct 31st we have a field trip opportunity to Farthing Auditorium to see “The Amazing Adventures of Anna Marie” by Open Dream Ensemble at 9:30am. The show will last an hour. Grades 3 – 5 will be going to the show. Be sure your child does not wear his/her costume on the field trip.

Thank you to those parents who will be driving our students to Farthing – Phil Smart, Heather Burnett, Renee Roark, and Sabrina Goebeler. Students will need to be in their seats by 9:15am, so we will need to leave the school by 8:45 am.

Halloween Parade and party: Students should bring their costume to school to put on after they return from their field trip to Farthing in the morning. The class party will begin at 1:30 and the school parade will begin at 2:15 with the Kinders coming to the lower grades to lead us to a school wide community meeting at the end before the students are picked up by parents. If you are able, please send in any healthy drinks (ie. cider or apple juice) and healthy snacks (ie. cheese, crackers, cupcakes) for the party.

November Field trip: Students will have an opportunity to attend a dance class at ASU on Tuesday, November 4th for one hour starting at 9:30am. Last year’s 3rd grade went to the class and had a great time. I will need parent drivers for this trip as well. Please let me know if you are available.

Author’s Night: Congratulations to Aidan Powers who read his creative writing at the October Author’s Night! Sam Eagen will be reading his creative writing at the November Author’s Night at the Watauga library. I will send the date in the next newsletter.

Scholastic Books: Please have your child select books they want from the Holiday Scholastic Books form I sent home and send in their order and a check to class. Thank you to Mrs. Smart, Bianca’s mother, who will handle these orders for the class!

Writing Club: Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for your child to be in a Writing Club with Mrs. Gilch beginning either in November or in February on Monday after school. This enrichment activity will enhance their writing skills.

Yearbook photos: There will be a photo shoot on Thursday, October 30th for students for the yearbook.

Guest visitor: Marjorie Persons, the creator of Classical Magic (<http://www.classicalmagic.net/>), will be visiting our class on Thursday, October 30th to introduce students to Edvard Grieg’s music. The students have been enjoying learning classical music each morning from her curriculum.

Report Cards and Student-Led conferences: Reports Cards will go out Wed. Nov. 5th. Included will be an invitation from your child to attend their upcoming student-led conference on Wed. Nov. 19th after school. I will send out a sign up time list with the report card.

Thank you! – Mrs. April Hill

WRITING CLUB UPDATE

The Writing Club for grade 1 - 3 is full. A waiting list has been created to fill any openings that may occur or to fill a group to begin in February if there is sufficient interest.

There are still a few openings for students in the upper grade group.

Groups begin next week. Notices are going home in the Wednesday folder.

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to the club.

THE CRAZINESS OF NANOWRIMO

Think your kid could never write a novel? Oh yes, they could, with the help of the Watauga County Library and the people who invented NaNoWriMo, a.k.a. National Novel Writing Month, a.k.a. November. The object is to just write—without regard for spelling, grammar, or perfection—50,000 words, or your own word count goal, in a month. No writer’s block or “inner editor” allowed; creativity, fluency, time management skills and confidence increased.

Kick off with inspiration from playwright Derek Davidson, who will host a writing workshop for our intrepid child and young adult novelists at the library on Thursday October 30 at 4:00 p.m. Then start writing on November 1. The library will hold a half-way party on November 15 and will give out T-shirts commemorating the attempt. Info: 264-8784 (Library; ask for Owen) or ywp.nanowrimo.org

TRCS SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

Bring your best smile and your portrait selection form.