

THE BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

May 3	First Grade Program 7:00 pm	May 24	SOL TESTS Grade 3: History/SS Grade 4: History/SS
May 7	Report Cards Go Home	May 25	SOL TESTS Grade 3: Science Grade 5: Science
May 7	All County 5th Grade Chorus 7:00 pm—BMS	May 28	School Closed Memorial Day!
May 8	All County 4th Grade Chorus 7:00 pm—BMS	May 29	SOL MAKE-UP TESTS
May 10	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30—6:30 pm	May 30	SOL TESTS Grade 5: History
May 15	4th Grade Chorus Concert 7:00 pm—Gym	May 31	SOL TESTS Grade 5: Math
May 16	5th Grade Orientation at BMS	June 1	SOL MAKE-UP TESTS
May 17	5th Grade Chorus Concert 7:00 pm—BMS	June 4	4th Grade Performance 7:00 pm
May 21	SOL TESTS Grade 3: Reading Grade 4: English	June 4	5th Grade Awards Program 9:00 am—Parents Invited
May 22	SOL TESTS Grade 5: English	June 5	4th Grade Field Trip Amazement Square
May 22	Pre-Kindergarten Parent Program 6:30—7:30 pm	June 5, 6, and 7	Dismiss at 1:10 pm (2 Hr Early Dismissal)
May 23	SOL TESTS Grade 3: Math Grade 4: Math	June 8	Dismiss at 11:10 am (4 Hr Early Dismissal)

From The Assistant Principals Hive...

Mr. Jonathan
Hardie



In late May and early June, we will be conducting the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Listed below is some helpful information and tips on how you can help your child be successful during testing.

Be on time. If a student is tardy, they will not be able to enter the classroom once testing has begun.

Change any morning appointments for your child to the late afternoon. Testing will begin in the morning and is un-timed. We cannot allow interruptions for early dismissals.

Get a good night's sleep. Research shows that students that are well rested test better.

Eat Breakfast. Students perform better when they have had a balanced breakfast.

Encourage your child to do their best. As a parent, you are the single most influential person in your child's life. So please encourage your child to do their very best when it comes to testing. It is also very important to have your child to school on time so that he/she can do their best without any interruptions.



Thank You!

Tammy Slade, PTO President

This is our last issue of the school year, and I don't want to miss the chance to say thank you to all our volunteers for all you've done this year for our school - and for the kids and the families and the staff who make up our school community.

Parent involvement at our school helps all the kids do better on a wide variety of measures. So take a bow. You've earned it! And know that your commitment to the Tomahawk PTO affects our school and students more than you can imagine.

I have enjoyed being the President of the PTO this school year, and I am looking forward to the exciting things that next school year will bring.

Please mark your calendars for September 29, 2007 for our Fall Carnival. We are going to use this Carnival for our fall fundraiser so if you do not want to sell anything next fall please come out and enjoy our fun activities. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the carnival. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me at 239-5024 or tes86@aol.com.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe summer!

Hospitality

Kathy May

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7th-11th. This is the perfect time to thank your child's teacher for everything they do for Tomahawk and our children. The Hospitality committee is planning a variety of events for the week,

including a dinner for the teachers during parent/teacher conferences on May 10th. We will be calling our volunteers asking for help during the week. If you would like to donate a prize towards a raffle or if you have any suggestions, please call Kathy May at 525-3619.

Thank you to all the great volunteers that have helped us this year. Your help is really appreciated.

SPIRIT FUN CONTINUES

Barbara Rypkema

Fabulous Feet Contest

VOTE NOW! Don't forget! The "Fabulous Feet" Contest is in full swing!

Take a look through the halls of TES and then cast your vote for the best feet! The feet with the most "votes," i.e. coins collected wins! All coins collected will be donated to the TES Faculty "Relay for Life" team!

Entry "Feet" belong to TES faculty and staff members so feel free to try and "guess" who the feet belong. Person with the most correct guesses will win a prize as well! VOTING lasts through Friday, May 18th!

Summer Fun

The final "Spirit Day" of the school year will be on Friday, May 18th! Everyone is encouraged to wear their funniest, brightest, coolest summer shirt or TES spirit wear to school for the day!

Family Fun Picnic

Join us for a special night of fun and food! The 2nd annual TES Family Fun Picnic will take place on Friday, May 18th starting at 7pm. Hot dogs, drinks and popcorn will be available for pur-



chase. The "Fabulous Feet" winners will be announced and to carry through with the "Summer Fun" spirit day theme, there will be a "Hilarious Hats and Fantastic Flops" contest! Decorate your favorite hat or flip flops to enter into the contest! (Please NOTE: Hats and flip flops will NOT be allowed at school during the day, bring them only to the picnic!) Bring a blanket or your favorite chair and join in the fun! Volunteers ARE needed to help with this fun evening! Contact Barbara to sign up (phone number below)!

Spring T-Shirts

Thank you to everyone who ordered a spring t-shirt! Shirts should be arriving the last week of May! Delivery has been guaranteed BEFORE the end of the school year! This order was done a bit differently so we would love to hear any comments or suggestions on how everyone liked the order process, delivery, shirts, styles, colors, etc! Feel free to email Barbara with any thoughts! (Email below)

THANK YOU!

And finally a HUGE THANK YOU to all of the parents, faculty, friends and staff who have volunteered throughout the school year to help with the many assorted spirit events! As everyone could tell by the cancellation of a few events, due to lack of volunteers, the fun nights, shirt sales, carnival, etc. are ONLY possible when everyone works together to support TES! We may not say it often enough... but if you take time to volunteer for the PTO, in the library, in the classroom or elsewhere in the school system, you are VERY much appreciated! Thank you for caring and for helping to encourage more parents to participate in this exciting time in their child's life!

As always, if there are any questions about upcoming Spirit events or to VOLUNTEER for the picnic, please contact Barbara Rypkema at 525-7124 or email Rypkema@verizon.net!

Keep on Reading In the Summer!

Mrs. Kathy Meredith, Librarian

It's hard to believe the school year is winding down already! As we look towards June and the end of the school year, I'd like to encourage you to encourage your children to keep on reading! Our A.R. program will continue through the end of the day on Friday, June 1. Our culminating activity will be the program, "Celebrate! — A Magical Celebration of Learning and Achievement" by Steve Somers, to be held on the morning of Monday, June 4. Students who have met their individual goals (set by their teacher) for 4 of the 6 six-weeks periods or their minimum grade-level benchmarks (20 pts. for 2nd, grade; 30 for 3rd grade, etc) will be invited to attend.

Our 5th grade students have completed voting on their Virginia Readers' Choice books for this year. Our winner was Friend on Freedom River by Gloria Whelan, with Ida B. by Katherine Hannigan in 2nd place. The Double Digit Club by Marion Dane Bauer and Each Little Bird That Sings by Deborah Wiles tied for third place.

If your child has a lost or damaged book, please take this opportunity to demonstrate responsibility to your child. If a book is lost or damaged, it is your responsibility to pay for it. If it is found at a later date, your money will be refunded to you.

The Campbell County Public Library is hosting a puppet show entitled From the Sea to the Sky: Celebrating the Jamestown's 400th Anniversary. Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rustburg H. S. Auditorium. (<http://tlc.library.net/campbell/viewpage.asp?position=407>)

Over the summer, please read to and with your children. Find time in your busy schedule to stop by the Timbrook Public Library. Their staff would be happy to help you

Music Programs Scheduled

Mrs. Diana Parker, Music Teacher

Some exciting music programs are planned for the month of May. Everyone is welcome to come out and listen to the wonderful music the students have been working so hard on.

1ST GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM

Thursday, May 3rd
7 PM - Gym

5TH GRADE ALL-COUNTY CHORUS

Monday, May 7th
7:00 PM— Brookville Middle School

4TH GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

Tuesday, May 8th
7:00 PM—Brookville Middle School

4TH GRADE CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

Tuesday, May 15th
7 PM - Gym

5TH GRADE CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

Thursday, May 17th
7 PM - Gym

to find books for your children to read during the summer break. The Campbell County Public Library system's summer reading program "Trails to Reading" kicks-off with a performance featuring magician Joseph Young at Rustburg High School at 2:00 on Wednesday, June 13. Their lineup of summer reading events can be found at: <http://tlc.library.net/campbell/viewpage.asp?position=375>. The summer offers the opportunity for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to get a head start on next year's Virginia's Readers' Choice books. There is no better indicator of success in school than time spent reading.

For each and every one of you that has volunteered in the library this year....THANK YOU! It would be impossible to run the library program as we do without your help.

I sincerely wish for you a wonderful summer filled with time spent reading!

Cell Phone Policy

Please be aware of our policy on cell phones. Recently, I have had to speak to several students and their parents about cell phones going off in the classroom and disrupting our school day. If during school hours students are using a cell phone or it is on and they receive a call or message, disciplinary action will be taken. The first incident will result in a warning and the parent having to come to school and pickup the cell phone. Further incidents will result in more severe disciplinary action.

Please talk with your children and make sure cell phones are at home whenever possible and if they must be with the student that they are turned off. We need your help to make sure there are as few disruptions as possible during the school day.

Speech News

Mrs. Regina Mauzy, MS
Speech Pathologist



Dear Parents:

I would like to use the column this month to list some terms that you as parents may see on reports but not be sure exactly what the terms are:

Receptive Language: This is in reference to what the child actually understands versus what he/she uses.

Expressive Language: This is the language the child actually uses to communicate with others.

Intelligibility: How understandable that child is to another person who does not know them. This can be in reference to speech sounds individually or in connected speech.

Oral motor exercises: Specific movement exercises for tongue, lips, jaw, etc.

Language Delayed: Child is acquiring language targets but at a later age than would generally be expected.

Language Disordered: Child's language acquisition is not proceeding along developmental lines and is unusual in form or use.

Pragmatics: Language differences related to social speech (greetings, conversational topics, the ability to stay on topic or answer questions, etc) speech use and interpersonal relations and appropriateness.

Semantics: Word meanings.

Syntax: Word order in sentences.

Oral Peripheral: Basic evaluation of tongue and lip mobility, lip seal etc, related to speech production.

I hope this sheds some light on those reports. If you have additional questions, please contact your speech therapist!

This is my final column for the school year. I have enjoyed writing the column and hope you will visit my website for activities and further education in matters related to speech therapy. Thank you for allowing me to work with your children!

SOL Testing Dates

Monday, May 21

- 3rd Grade Reading
- 4th Grade English

Tuesday, May 22

- 5th Grade English

Wednesday, May 23

- 3rd Grade Math
- 4th Grade Math

Thursday, May 24

- 3rd Grade History
- 4th Grade History

Friday, May 25

- 3rd Grade Science
- 5th Grade Science

Wednesday, May 30

- 5th Grade History

Thursday, May 31

- 5th Grade Math

May 29 and June 1

These two days will be used for make-up testing.

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In Remembrance
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