

# THE BEE THE BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter



*Thank you to everyone for their support and dedication to TES!*

## PTO President's Buzz...

Tammy Slade, PTO President

I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

## Editor's Correction:

Sundae Grill was listed by mistake as having been a sponsor of the 2007 Fall Carnival. While Sundae Grill continues to sponsor the Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance awards given to students every six weeks they were not involved in the Fall Carnival. The company which did assist in sponsoring the food for the carnival was Innovative Catering, Inc.

We apologize for the error and wish to thank both businesses for their continued support of TES.

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## Mission Statement

Tomahawk Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization's goal is to provide ongoing and organized programs and activities for students that will enhance their educational experience and to offer opportunities for parents to share in their children's education.

We encourage parents to get involved in their child's education! There's no better way to show them that we care!

## From The Principals Hive...

Mrs. Donna Brown



On my travels to and from school lately, I have encountered several traffic delays, road blocks, and a few detours. This allowed me some time to think about a quote from Anthony Robbins and how it relates to education.

*The road to success is always under construction.*

Roads are important to us and they help to get us where we need to go. Sometimes roads are bumpy with lots of potholes needing to be repaired. Sometimes roads are blocked and we have to detour by traveling a different way to reach our goal. There are speed limits on our roads and sometimes we want to travel a little faster than the posted speed in the construction area, but we have to be patient and pace ourselves!

Education is like the road, it is the manner in which we get from one point to another to be successful and it is always under construction. We are always working daily as parents and teachers to provide our children with opportunities for learning. We want our students to be successful, to make good choices, and learn those skills that will encourage students to be lifelong learners. There are times when students may experience difficulties or delays in learning a new skill, so we as teachers and parents must utilize strategies or techniques that will motivate them to persevere until they have mastered the skill. Students need our guidance in setting and accomplishing goals, making sure that students have time to rest, play, review, or complete homework tasks nightly pacing their time and energy on their educational goals

During the morning announcements students listen to various daily messages from Project Wisdom, which focuses on students making good choices, building character, developing confidence and encouraging them to be contributing members within their community. Hopefully, these messages and the guidance from teachers and parents will encourage our students to continue on the road to success!

**\*School Snow Day... If classes are held 2 hour early dismissal.**

## DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

December 3	Report cards sent home
December 4	Kindergarten Field Trip (Cox and Davenport)
December 5	Kindergarten Field Trip (Weaver and Hensley)
December 6	Kindergarten Field Trip (Stanley and Martin) Pre-K Field Trip
December 17	1st Grade Holiday Play (Key and Kiger) 7pm
December 18	1st Grade Christmas Breakfast (Key and Kiger) 9:45am
December 19	Breakfast with Santa (Pre-K, K and T-1) 1st Grade Holiday Around the World HABIT Party (Key and Kiger) 1 ~ 3:30pm
December 20	School Closed*

## JANUARY IMPORTANT DATES

January 2	School Reopens
January 8	Pre-K Parent Workshop 6:30 ~ 7:30pm
January 17	5th Grade Assembly Program 7pm End of First Semester
January 18	Lee/Jackson Day School Closed
January 21	Martin Luther King Day School Closed
January 24	PTO Board Meeting 7pm Parents Welcome!
January 28	Report cards sent home
January 31	Parent/Teacher Conferences

## Fundraising

Susan Litchford

### Box Tops:

Box Tops have been turned in for our 1<sup>st</sup> deadline date. We raised over \$1,300.00. Congratulations to Mrs. Anthony's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class for being the winning class. They brought in 865 Box Tops. Grade Level winners were:

- K ~ Mrs. Davenport – 442
- 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Mrs. Kiger – 487
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Mrs. Armontrout – 770
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Mrs. Bowling – 809
- 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Sligh – 831
- 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Mrs. Jensen – 349.

Our next deadline is February 28, 2008, so keep those Box Tops coming in.


### Spirit and Pride T-shirts:

Our sweatshirt and t-shirt order has arrived. If you have any problems with them, please contact me at 832-8166. Also, if you would like to order, you may



**NEEDED!**

A volunteer with professional knowledge concerning concrete! Money is available to purchase the supplies to have a slab of concrete installed under the preschool play equipment at the back of the building. All that is needed is a qualified volunteer to install it! Can you help? Do you know of someone? If so please contact either Mrs. Brown or Tammy Slade!



**Parent Reminder:**

Please make sure you bring a picture ID to the office if you are to check out a student from the office. This is being done for the safety and well being of our students! We appreciate your understanding and cooperation!

use the Spirit and Pride website at [www.spiritandpride.com](http://www.spiritandpride.com) any time during the year.

## Hospitality

Kathy May & Cherie Stamey

We just finished celebrating American Education Week and we have a lot of people to thank for helping to make things happen.

A BIG Thank you to Shane and the folks at Stressless Massage who provided mini-massages to the teachers during American Education Week. It was a great way to begin the week! If you know of someone who needs to "stess less", surprise them with a gift certificate to Stessless Massage.

Thanks also to the following people that provided prizes for a raffle on Friday. Merry Maids, Susan Anderson, Kim Nicholson, Kim Schulz, Anne Jensen, Lisa Arrington, Allison Schmitt, Sharon Taulbee, and Food Lion.

We would like to thank the following for providing a soup and dessert luncheon as well as other edible treats during American Education Week. Lila Walters, Beth Chess, Schre Shockley, Krista White, Cindy Watson, Kim Schulz, Lisa Arrington, Candy

Justice, Miranda Yoklic, Ginger Blanks, Allison Schmitt, Melissa Sutherland, Mitzi Bible, Deborah Poole, Jenny Underwood, Miranda Wade, Sara Hall, Kim Viar, Sheryl Marston and Gina Hawkins.

And finally, thank you to Miranda Wade for making us a beautiful and delicious cake.

## From the School Nurse...

Susan Anderson, R.N.

Just a few tips for keeping you healthier this winter:

- ⇒ Wash, wash, wash your hands! This is the single most important way we can help prevent infections! And while you're washing, make sure you create **friction** by rubbing your hands vigorously together with soap & water. Remember to wash between your fingers and into your fingernails too. According to the Centers for Disease Control, cold water is just as effective as warm water to clean your hands, when done correctly. Soap & water do not kill germs, they wash them down the drain. Always use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap & water

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are not available.

- ⇒ Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until they are healed. Wounds usually heal from the inside to the outside, so they need moisture and protection to build new skin cells.
- ⇒ Avoid contact with other people's wounds or bandages.
- ⇒ Avoid sharing personal items such as towels, combs, caps, toothbrushes, etc.
- ⇒ Use tissues to cover your coughs and sneezes. Stay home and rest if your fever is greater than 100 degrees. Your body needs rest for it to heal and recover.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season!

## Fifth Grade News

Debbie Caldwell, 5th Grade Teacher

The Fifth Grade students recently had local physicians talk to them about the dangers of smoking. The culminating activity was a poster contest sponsored by Centra Health. The winners of the local poster contest were:

- 1st place ~ Ashley Mauzy in Mrs. Jensen's homeroom.
- 2nd place ~ Tyler Williams in Mrs. Caldwell's homeroom.
- 3rd place ~ Brian Cox in Mrs. Davis's homeroom.

We appreciate the physicians that came in and spoke to the students and cheer those that won the contest.

## Happy Holidays from the library!


Kathy Meredith, Librarian

By the time you read this, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will have finished hearing all 10 of the Virginia Readers' Choice Primary titles for this year, and voting will be underway...Our winner will be announced in our next article!

The most exciting thing on the

horizon for the library is that **BOOK FAIR** is coming up! We're happy to announce that we've booked a fair with the Bedford Falls Book Fair company out of Raleigh. Our fair should be open to the public from Wednesday, Feb. 6 through Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008. Keep an eye out for more exact scheduling information as the time gets closer at [www.campbell.k12.va.us/tes](http://www.campbell.k12.va.us/tes) (and postpone the snow wishes 'til Valentine's Day!)

With apologies to Clement C. Moore, Mrs. Giuliano and I wish for everyone, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good" BOOK!



**Christmas Ideas!**

**Doing holiday baking?** The PTO has Vanilla, Butter, and Lemon Flavorings for sale. These flavorings are great for holiday cookies and cakes and also would be a wonderful addition to a holiday basket for the baker in your life! All bottles are 7oz and the cost per bottle is ONLY \$3.00. These are high quality flavors at a great price! Be sure and call 832-8166 today to place your order!

**Need a stocking stuffer?** The PTO has a great one. The TES Vinyl Cling. This two color cling, in burgundy and gold, can go on your children's windows, your car window or any place they would like to put it. It is easy to remove and place so the location can be changed at anytime. The price of the cling is \$2.00 for 1 or take advantage of multiple item discount and by 3 clings for \$5! Clings can be purchased one of three ways: 1) Send the money in with your child. Be sure to include parent's name, child's name, teacher, and grade level on the note. 2) Call Tammy Slade at 239-5024 or email her at [tes86@aol.com](mailto:tes86@aol.com). Be sure and mention if it is a holiday surprise so the clings can be mailed instead of sent back by your child! Please supply an address if you want them mail.

Thanks for supporting the PTO this holiday season!

