

Odyssey

Mrs. Lani Patrick, Odyssey Teacher

The students are off to an excellent start in Odyssey. They have been actively engaged in the study of Physical Science.

The students will be investigating the following concepts during the first and second six-weeks:

1- The student will plan and conduct experiments in which a hypothesis is formulated, observations are made, and a conclusion is reached.

2- The student will investigate the nature of matter based on its characteristic properties, elements, components, and chemical reactions.

3- The student will investigate and understand scientific principles and technological applications of work, force, and motion.

4- The student will explore the concept of energy and how it



TARGET

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

The PTO would like to say a VERY special THANK YOU to the Target Corporation! The Tomahawk PTO applied for and received a \$1,000 grant, courtesy of Target. The funds from the grant will be used to help fund the Artist-in-Education program which is fully funded through the TES PTO and community sponsors.

Parents, Faculty, Staff and the Community... working together for the future of our children!

relates to work, including energy forms such as electrical, mechanical, and chemical.

5- The student will investigate the properties and behavior of light and sound.

6- The student will discover the properties and types of magnets and the regions of force around a magnet.

Project information was sent home the week of October 1-5.

Projects are due the week of November 12-16. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at lpatrik@campbell.k12.va.us or you may call either Tomahawk Elementary or Brookville Middle.

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Parents:
Please feel free to email your ideas or suggestions for future issues of our newsletter to the email address above.

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!

THE BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1	2nd Grade Field Trip Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra ~ 9am to Noon
October 1 ~ 5	4th Grade Stanford 10 Testing
October 8	End of 1st six weeks
October 9	School Pictures Pre-K to 2nd Grade
October 10	School Pictures 3rd to 5th Grades
October 10	2 Hour Early Dismissal (Teacher Workday)
October 11	PTO Board Meeting 7pm ~ Library PARENTS WELCOMED!
October 12	Science Museum of VA Space Travels/StarLab Performing Arts Program
October 14 ~ 21	"Read Aloud to a Child Week"
October 15	Report Cards
October 16	Pre-K Field Trip to Drumheller's Farm
October 16 ~ 17	Conference Scheduling
October 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30pm to 7:30pm
October 31	Dress as Your Favorite Book Character Day



PTO Fall Carnival

a HUGE Success!

THANK YOU...

to everyone for helping to make the carnival so successful!

A special thank you goes to the Volunteers, Sponsors, Carnival Committee, TES Administration and Staff! And to the parents and students who came out to support us! Without your help we couldn't have done it!

Final fundraising total will be announced in the November newsletter!

PTO President's Buzz...

Tammy Slade, PTO President

Boy that first month of school just went flying by. The PTO and volunteers were very busy that month with a variety of projects that included a Playground workday, Louie Louie Performing Arts Program, the kick off to our Box Top Contest and the biggest of all the Fall Carnival.

October might not be quite as busy but we do have a few things planned. One of those is the Science Museum of VA will be coming to visit. I was here the last time it came and the children

really enjoyed all of the great information it contained.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the volunteers that help at the playground work day and the carnival. All of the projects and programs that the PTO brings to the school would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers. THANK YOU!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 18th
3:30pm to 7:30pm

If you would like a conference with your child's teacher please call 237-4090 on October 16th or 17th from 9am to 2pm to schedule a suitable time!

Box Tops Contest Ends This Month!

Susan Litchford



Just a reminder of the contest we are

holding between classes to see who can bring in the most box tops. The winning class will receive an ice cream party. The contest deadline is 10-31-07. We will also have a contest in the Spring, so please continue to save your box tops even when this contest ends. Watch the newsletter for the next

Hospitality Helps

Kathy May, Hospitality Co-Chair

Thank you to those who provided food for our teachers' lunch on registration day. Thank you to:

Gina Hawkins, Sheryl Marston, Dee Ferrell, Kim Viar, Angie Pettry, Sara Hall, Kathy Reed, Tracy Nichols, Beth Chess, Barbara Rypkema, Lisa Pennington, Krista White, Susan Litchford, Robin Viar, Jennifer Vaughn, Annalee Bondurant, Sheila Yeatts, Carol Bertrand, Rena Glover and Schre Shockley.

HELP WANTED:

Interested in teaching our children Junior Achievement? We're still seeking volunteers! Contact Joan Deal, JA Coordinator at 528-2254 or joan.deal@centrahealth.com.



The teachers' appreciated it immensely and enjoyed every bite!

The next hospitality event will be October 18th. We will be providing dinner for the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences. As a hospitality volunteer you could be called to provide an item for a meal. Please contact Kathy May at 525-3619 or Cherie Stamey at 237-8470 to become a part of the hospitality team!

Fitness is Fun!

Mr. Woody Woodriddle, P.E.

We would like to welcome all students, as well as parents back from hopefully a busy but restful summer vacation.

The 2nd through 5th grade students have been busy getting ready for the fitness testing that will begin at the end of September. These tests will be taken by all the students with results being sent home to you shortly thereafter. Please make sure that your child is wearing comfortable clothing and tennis shoes in order for us to assess their fitness levels accurately.

All grade level students need to dress appropriately for their PE class. Tennis shoes are a must!! We appreciate your help in this matter.

If your child ever needs to be excused from PE they must have a note written by yourself or a physician stating the reason why. If you are unsure about whether they should participate or not please let us know what your concerns are and let us determine

Earn \$ for the PTO!

Need trash pick up? Want to help TES raise money easily? Call Calloway Enterprises (434) 525-1147. For every new customer Calloway Enterprises will donate \$10 to Tomahawk's PTO. Just let them know you are a parent of a Tomahawk student when you call!



the amount of participation that they should be involved in.

Parents, you are a major influence in your child's growth. Make sure that your children are getting some type of vigorous activity daily. Get them involved in an outside activity that will help in their physical, mental, and social growth. Encourage your children to eat healthy snacks and emphasize the importance of good nutrition combined with physical activity. Habits are developed by children early in life. If you guide them in the right direction, then hopefully they will make these habits a daily part of their life.

If you ever have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to make your child's Physical Education experience an enjoyable one as well as one that may carry on with them throughout their lifetime.

Also if you ever have any type of exercise equipment or sports equipment that you are going to dispose of please consider us when you do so. We can use

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these things within our program as well as letting the children use them during their recess time.

Thank you and once again welcome back!

R.E.A.D.

Mrs. Kathy Meredith, Librarian

Like the Nike ad says..."Just Do It!"

This year the TES library staff encourages the whole Tomahawk community to READ! As you visit your child's classroom, notice the posters of the teachers with some of their favorite books. Ask your child when they have D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) time in their class, and show an interest in what they're reading! Read with your child!

The library is again sponsoring Accelerated Reader (AR) and The Virginia Readers' Choice Program for grades T/1 – 5. Kindergarten stories will go along with the focus letter in the classroom for the week. This year we're trying something new with Research Hound for 4th and 5th graders.

5th grade has a couple of projects of their own. "Library Lunch Bunch" has started with a small group of Mrs. Caldwell's students meeting each Wednesday in the library for dining and discussion of Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park. 5th grade library helpers have been chosen, and are in training. They're going to be a great group! The last 5th grade-only project is a competitive "Adopt-a-shelf"; a new twist on an old theme for our oldest and most

responsible students.

My most hearty thanks go out to our new and returning library volunteers. We've still got a few slots open, and would love to have you come and join us. Volunteering in the library is a great way to help out for just a couple of hours once a week. You get to help children of all ages choose and check out books to enjoy...you might even find some YOU'D like to read!

As the leaves turn outside on the trees, keep turning the leaves of your books as you read with your child!

Fourth Grade News

Mrs. Sonya Yoder, 4th Grade Teacher

We are planning our field trip to Jamestown on November 1, 2007. Details and cost information

to be sent out in the near future. Their is limited seating on the bus, but all parents are welcome to follow along and attend this fantastic field trip. Thank you for sending us such wonderful children each day. They are a pleasure to teach.



Used Cell Phones

Tammy Slade, PTO President

The PTO is in the process of collecting used cell phone to raise money. Information will be coming soon. If you have gotten a new cell phone and do not know what to do with the old one please keep it until you receive the information then send it in to us so we can send it back in.



Kroger PLUS Card

Don't forget to register your Kroger PLUS Card today! You only have to scan this bar code one time and from 9/24/2007 - 4/21/2008, every time you shop at Kroger and use your Kroger Plus Card, our school will electronically earn credit toward free educational equipment.

If at least 100 shoppers designate TES on their PLUS Cards by October 31, 2007, the school automatically earns a 10,000 tape value bonus! So sign up today and to help us earn extra supplies for our school!

Keep forgetting to take the bar code with you? Just ask at the register! They have the code on file and may be able to access it immediately for you and take care of the process right then!

Be sure and share the information with friends and families as well! No matter where their Kroger store is they can help TES earn educational equipment! So this is a great way for out of area family and friends to support the education of a child they love!

