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Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

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physical exam and immunizations, along with any pertinent health information.

- All Pre-K students going into Kindergarten must have a repeat physical exam, along with any needed immunizations.
- Individualized Health Care plans for the 2008/09 school year may be picked up at the TES clinic anytime. This form needs to be completed by the parents and the child's physician. This plan is for children with asthma, diabetes, seizure disorders, food or insect allergies, or any other medical diagnosis that needs a plan of care.
- If your child has medication in the clinic, it must be picked up by the last day of school or it will have to be discarded.

Please make time for yourselves and your families this summer. Make a promise to eat healthier, to rest more, play more, and to be more thankful. It's good for your immune system, your longevity, and your sense of humor! Have a safe, healthy summer and see you in the fall!

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

## Don't forget the FUNdraisers!

Keep collecting over the summer! Thanks to everyone's participation we raised over \$2,231 in Box Tops alone! Making us the #1 school in our area in Box Top collections! Thank you for helping us to avoid "catalog sales!"

**Box Tops for Education** – Don't forget to visit their website, [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com), and see what all they have to offer. The Box Top contest will continue in the fall! Start saving them now and help your child win an ice cream party. Each teacher has a box in their room for collection of the box tops.

**Campbell Soup Labels** – Campbell Soup labels are used to purchase gym equipment. Save your UPCs from qualifying products and return them into the school for TES to receive credit. Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of qualifying products. There is a collection container in the lobby for you to place these in or have your child turn them in with their box tops.

**Printer Cartridges and Cell Phones** – We collect used inkjet and laser cartridges and cell phones for recycling and earn cash in the process. There is a donation box in the lobby for you to place these items.

**Tyson Labels** – Tyson has a program called Project A+ in which you turn in the labels from qualifying Tyson products. Please visit [www.tyson.com/projectaplus](http://www.tyson.com/projectaplus) for a list of qualifying products. These can be turned in to your child's teacher with their box tops.

**Nestle Pure Life Water Labels** – We also collect the full label from Nestle Pure Life Bottle Water. With these, we are able to purchase recess equipment for the teachers. There is a collection container in the lobby for you to place these in or have your child turn them in with their box tops.

**Kroger Shopper Credit** – Kroger offers a shopper credit program. This program only is available during the school year. You have to register your card with Kroger (each year). At the beginning of the year, we will send out a flyer with our number on it. The next time you go to Kroger, ask them to scan this with your Kroger card and we get a percentage back of your purchase. With this, we are able to buy items for the teachers to help in their classrooms.

**Food Lion** – Food Lion also offers a shopper credit program. Their program is available all year. You can either go online at [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com) and register your MVP card or return the enclosed form to the school.

Questions? Contact Susan Litchford at 832-8166.

JUNE IMPORTANT DATES	
Monday June 2nd	Yearbook Autograph Day  4th Grade Science Fair ~ 7pm to 8pm
Tuesday June 3rd	5th Grade Awards Assembly ~ 9am
Wednesday June 4th	Field Day ~ T1 - 5th  Two Hour Early Dismissal
Thursday June 5th	Field Day ~ K  Field Day Rain Date for T1 - 5th  Two Hour Early Dismissal  Last Day for Pre-K and Kindergarten
Friday June 6th	Last Day of School ~ T1 - 5th  Four Hour Early

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**THANK YOU**

To all of the 5th graders and their families!

We will miss you but know you will "Bee" all you can "Bee" at BMS!

Good luck next year!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Playground clean up day for the 08-09 school year will be on Sunday, August 17th at 2pm! Make plans now to join us so we can have everything in top shape when school starts! The more volunteers the quicker the work!

(Rain Date: Sunday, August 24th, 2pm!)

**Stay in the know over the summer!**

Sign up to receive summer email updates about the carnival, playground upgrades and more! Register at [www.tespto.org](http://www.tespto.org)



**Don't forget about Box Tops and the other FUNdraising items during the summer! See page 4 for details!**

Mark your calendars now!

**3rd Annual TES FUNdraising Carnival**

**Saturday, October 4, 2008**  
**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

There will be: Food, Games, Prizes, Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Bingo, Kids Crafts, Dunking Booth, Inflatables and MORE!

Please be watching for further information on how you can HELP make the carnival a SUCCESS!!!!



## Students' art draws attention...

By: Lisa Snow

Tomahawk students participated in the Virginia School Board Association's annual art contest. The first place winners from each grade level had their art displayed at River Ridge Mall April 13th through the 20th, the county libraries from April 23rd to May 7th. The art will also be displayed on June 7th at Uncle Billy's Day in Altavista.

TES winners include:

### Kindergarten:

**1st place** ~ Caroline Malachowsky  
**2nd place** ~ Erin Hedrick  
**3rd place** ~ Christopher Martin  
**Honorable Mention** ~ Tyler Sutherland.

**T-1: 1st place** ~ Jamison White

**1st: 1st place** ~ Lauren Mascera  
**2nd place** ~ Karen Vaughan  
**3rd place** ~ Kayla Georgiana  
**Honorable Mention** ~ Skylar Taylor

**2nd: 1st place** ~ Ashleigh Brown  
**2nd place** ~ Emily King  
**3rd place** ~ Anna Wooten  
**Honorable Mention** ~ Ashton Davis

**3rd: 1st place** ~ April Williams  
**2nd place** ~ William Kang  
**3rd place** ~ Semin Sohn  
**Honorable Mention** ~ Jada Lee

**4th: 1st place** ~ Lindsey Mason  
**2nd place** ~ Sung Woo Cho  
**3rd place** ~ Geoffrey Dill  
**Honorable Mention** ~ Danielle Medinger

**5th: 1st place** ~ Sarah Tao  
**2nd place** ~ Andrew Lennon  
**3rd place** ~ Cassidy Ruhland  
**Honorable Mention:** Ian Baker

## Camp CHILD

By: Mary Crites

Camp CHILD is a "summer bridge" camp held at James River Day School. The mission of this day camp is to provide an opportunity for children with learning disabilities and other mild disabilities to continue their education throughout the summer. Camp CHILD helps the students to retain their present level of skills and to continue to develop emotionally and socially.

This is the camp's 30th year! The camp has professionally trained teachers and specialists. Mornings focus on academics while afternoons focus on self esteem and social skills.

Our Tomahawk PTO has graciously provided funds over the years to supplement the cost of the camp's tuition for our students. This year the PTO scholarship program was renamed the **Boolie Martin Camp CHILD Scholarship Fund**. This fund was established in memory of Boolie Martin, former Campbell County School Board member, whose tireless dedication to the students of Campbell County will not be forgotten.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the **Boolie Martin Camp CHILD Scholarship Fund** may do so. Please make the donation payable to the TES PTO and indicate in the memo field "Camp CHILD." Donations may

## Congratulations Zachary Brame

The Hillcats Raffle WINNER!

be sent to the PTO through the school office.

A huge thank you to the PTO for their support and also to Campbell County for providing transportations to the students with Camp CHILD!

## Hospitality

By: Kathy May & Cherie Stamey

Thank you to everyone who donated good during Teacher Appreciation Week. We had snacks, desserts, ice cream, breakfast and lunch all in one week! Thank you to all the room moms that helped us put on the wonderful "Appreciation Lunch." There was so much food it lasted for 3 days.

The Hospitality Committee sends a special thank you to all the 5th grade parents that have helped us over the past years. You have all been very generous with your donations and TES will miss you (and your good cooking!) Thank you and enjoy your summer!

## News from the Library...

By: Kathy Meredith

As we wrap up another school year, I have 2 requests: 1) if you owe the library for any books that have been lost or damaged, **please** acknowledge the

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responsibility, and work with us so we can clear your child's record before the school year ends. 2) Encourage your child to read, READ, READ over the summer. I've heard of 2 different reading programs that have been set up to help entice and reward your child for reading over the summer.

**Barnes & Noble** has a summer reading program that rewards your child for reading 8 books during the course of the summer. There's a form to fill out that will be coming home in a Monday folder. If you return this form to Barnes & Noble by Aug. 27, your child will receive a certificate for a free book, and your child will be entered into a drawing for a free *\*autographed\** Andrew Clements book! There's more information on their website ([www.bn.com/summerreading](http://www.bn.com/summerreading)) or you can call Laura Dale (239-7207)

The **Campbell County Public Library's** summer program is entitled "*Catch the Reading Bug*". It's for children ages 5 – 12. You must pre-register. Signups are going on now through June 25. Their goal is for the children to read for 20 minutes a day. They'll provide you with a reading log, and reward you for reaching each milepost: 280 ; 560 ; 840 ; and 1,120 minutes. When you reach 1,260 minutes you are eligible for the **Gold Medal Reading Award**. They also have weekly programs throughout the summer both at the Rustburg and the Timbrook branches.

The best news of all is you don't have to choose...you can do BOTH!!! The way I figure it, you can spend 1,260 minutes reading

8 or more books, and you get rewarded both coming and going...AND...you know that you've kept your child's brain in gear throughout the summer!

Before closing, I want to again take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us complete another lovely, library year here at Tomahawk. To Mrs. "G", our fabulous parent (and grandmother & aunt) volunteers, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade library helpers, our 2 BHS high school helpers, our book fair volunteers, and our sleepover chaperones, I offer a heartfelt THANK YOU for all the help you've given us this year, and my sincerest hope for a terrific summer vacation to you all.

## Congratulations Young Author

By: Carol Honaker

Congratulations to our Campbell County Young Authors' winners!

These entries competed at the regional level.

**First Place** ~ Kayla Bradley, Mark Druding, Courtney Smith, Jayla Smith, and Makayla Spruce.

**Second Place** ~ Maddie Anderson, Angela Bowles, Anna Burns, and Shelby Gerringer.

**Third Place** ~ Dylan Craig and Kayla Rypkema.

**Honorable Mention** ~ Jasmine Dooley, Jamie May, Cameron Roberts and Madisyn Tyree.

Tomahawk is proud to announce two regional winners, selected from our county winners, for the

Young Authors Contest.

**Kayla Bradley** from Mrs. Shannon's second grade was the first place winner in the Short Fiction category "*The Girl that Went to China*."

**Dylan Craig** from Miss Key's first grade was the third place winner in the Poetry category, "*Friendship Poems*".

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## From the School Nurse...

By: Susan Anderson, RN

Our 2007/08 school year is coming to a close and summer break is almost here!

Just a few reminders to think about and to put on your calendar for the coming school year this fall:

- It is a state requirement that fifth graders have their T-Dap booster shot before entering 6th grade. If your child did not receive this shot at school, please have it done at the Campbell County Health Department on any Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., or at your child's doctor's office. Please give either myself or the school nurse at BMS a copy of the immunization. Thank you.
- New Kindergartners must have their School Health Entrance form completed and turned in by the first day of school, which is August 25, 2008. This form includes the