

# The BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

work has progressed to judging at the county level, are:

Mia Preston, Kindergarten, Mrs. Keesee's class; Justin Lee Lynch, 1st grade, Miss Kiger's class; Stella Kim, 2nd grade, Mrs. Shannon's class; Kaitlyn Swan, 3rd grade, Mrs. Bowling's class; Courtney Elder, 4th grade, Mrs. Yoder's class; Grace Deal, 5th grade, Mrs. Morton's class.

Congratulations to all of our talented winners!

## Character Corner

Becky Yaffee, Guidance

Classroom guidance will be completed in Third and Fourth grades this week. I continue to run small group counseling sessions with Children of Divorce, Children of Alcoholics, Children of Incarcerated, and Anger Management. Please let me know if you feel that your child could benefit from participating in one of these groups.

I am very proud of the Character our students are exemplifying every day. They certainly know the six pillars of character. Please continue to use this terminology when speaking with your children; it is always good to instill values at home and in school.

## Cafeteria Notes

Cafeteria Staff

The breakfast and lunch program provides students with a well

balanced meal. The cost of meals are:

Breakfast ~ Full Price: .80c, Reduced and Approved Free are no charge. Lunch ~ Full Price: \$1.50, Reduced: .40c, no charge for Approved Free.

Snack items are also for sale on a daily basis.

Students are told when an account is low. Low balance notices are also sent home. Please ask your child about their account status regularly. Try to keep track of your child's account and send in money when needed. When sending in money please write your child's name and number on it and also indicate if it is for an open account or pre-paid breakfast/lunch account. Thank you for your participation.

## Kindergarten Connections

Vicky Weaver, Kindergarten Teacher

During the 5th six weeks of school, one of the things our Kindergarten students will be learning in Math is measurement. Each student will need to be able to identify the following measurement instruments and the use of each: ruler (length), analog and digital clocks (time), calendar (date, month, year), thermometer (temperature), and scale (weight). Please be reviewing these with your child.

Our Kindergarten students are working very hard to prepare for

our Music Program. Please check your child's classroom newsletter for exact times for her/his performance. A BIG THANKS to our Music teacher, Mrs. Parker, for all her hard work with the students.

## Music Notes

Diana Parker, Music Teacher

We will be having the music program for Kindergarten on Friday, April 10th and here are the following correct times:

**Keesee & Weaver's: 9:15-9:45**  
**Cox & Dailey's: 10:00-10:30**  
**Stanley & Martin's: 10:45-11:15**

The program is entitled "Three of a Kind." It will be held in the gym. All family members and friends are invited to attend to watch their child perform.

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## From The Principal's Hive...



Mrs. Donna Brown, Principal

We have had a very busy winter and are looking forward to all of the new adventures that spring has to offer. Our students have had the opportunity to work with Mrs. Jean Arthur, Mrs. Nada Anderson, Mrs. Vicky Kelly, and Mrs. Terri Wilson, retired Campbell County School teachers in small group or individual practice on various reading and mathematics skills within their classrooms. We

are very grateful for their assistance and sharing of their expertise with our students.

Our before school remediation program is in the second week of instruction with students arriving by 7:30 each Tuesday and Thursday morning on a review of skills that will provide students practice and strengthening of the Standards of Learning objectives. Thank you to the parents that provide transportation to our students and enable them to get to school on time, so that they can benefit from the program.

A tremendous thank you to all

the parent and grandparent volunteers that take the time to be of assistance within our classrooms! Your assistance with the art projects, reading of books, and helping with various activities is so greatly appreciated!

## APRIL DATES

Fri. 4/10	School Open Dismissal 1:10pm K Music Program <i>* Please see page 4 for details!</i>
Mon. 4/13 To Fri. 4/17	Spring Break School Closed
Tues. 4/21	School Pictures Group & Individual Photos ~ Pre-K through 2nd
Wed. 4/22	School Pictures Group & Individual Photos ~ 3rd through 5th
Thur. 4/23	Pre-K & K Registration 9:00am - 2:00pm. K Open House 6:30 - 7:30pm.
Tues. 4/28	PTO Student ART SHOW 6:30 to 8:00pm

## TES PTO Art Show! Tuesday, April 28th, 6:30 ~ 8pm

After months of hard work (and fun), TES is proud to present it's annual art show on Tuesday, April 28th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. We will have a complimentary Exhibition Guide for each family to admire the projects placed throughout the school. And, as an added bonus, several students, faculty and staff have volunteered to demonstrate their musical talents. Please plan to come view your child's art projects and enjoy the evening with your TES family.



The PTO would also like to take this time to say "Thank You" to the Target Corporation for helping to fund the 2008/2009 TES PTO Artist In Education Program! The support is greatly appreciated and is what helps to make the program possible.

As spring activities increase, please make sure that students continue to read, study, and complete homework practice each night. We encourage students to be active and to have many opportunities to express their talents, but also we must encourage them to take the time to complete their school tasks and be prepared for school each day. We have much to learn and a short amount of time due to the days missed for snow. Thanks for encouraging students to complete schoolwork first!

Just a reminder; Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will be held April 23, 2009 from 9:00 until 2:00. Open House will be held that night at 6:30 until 7:30 for all incoming Kindergarten students.

### **Wanted: Cartridges to Recycle**

Do you have used/empty ink and printer cartridges? Are there used/empty ink/printer cartridges at your work? Now Staples will accept ALL brands of cartridges to recycle. When you donate cartridges to TES we redeem them on a monthly basis for "rewards money." This "rewards money" (coupon) is used to purchase colored paper and supplies for PTO events. Cumulatively every cartridge counts and helps the school. Thank you for your efforts!

### **FUNdraising**

*Susan Litchford, Chair*

**Nestle Water Labels:** Thank you for your support of our water label collection. We collected almost 18,000 labels this year. The PTO will be purchasing recess items with our points that we have earned. The PTO is sad to say that Nestle will no longer be running this program. Thank you for your support.

**Spring Fundraiser:** Thank you for your orders of the children's artwork. These orders should arrive at the school by April 29th. All orders will be sent home with the students unless you notify Susan Litchford at [susanlitchford05@aol.com](mailto:susanlitchford05@aol.com) or 941-4042 before April 15th to make other plans. Also, all orders may not come home on the same day. Please give us a couple of days to get all orders sorted and sent home.

**Box Tops:** Congratulations to our winners from the 2nd contest:

**Overall winner:** Ms. Dailey's Kindergarten class with 1,024 box tops.

**Grade Level Winners:**

- ⇒ K ~ Mrs. Stanley - 314
- ⇒ 1st ~ Mrs. Webb - 503
- ⇒ 2nd ~ Ms. Shannon - 284
- ⇒ 3rd ~ Mrs. Hawkins - 654
- ⇒ 4th ~ Mrs. Avery - 408
- ⇒ 5th ~ Mrs. Morton - 526

We have one more contest

from now to the end of May.

### **From the School Nurse...**

*Susan Anderson, R.N.*

With springtime almost here, students have started complaining of itchy, watery eyes and allergy headaches. Check with your doctor about allergy medicine, if you feel your child needs it. To help prevent sunburn at recess and outdoor PE classes, you might consider applying sunblock in the mornings. Yellow jackets, bees and mosquitoes will be out soon, so educate your children not to swat or aggravate these insects in case they sting.

**TDaP BOOSTER VACCINE:**

Effective July 1, 2006, the General Assembly approved legislation that requires students to have a booster dose of pertussis-containing vaccine before entering the 6th grade, if at least five years have passed since the last dose of a tetanus toxoid containing vaccine. This immunization is the Tdap vaccine which includes protection against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Please check your child's doctor to see if he or she is due for this booster shot.

You will receive the Tdap paperwork with your child's report card. Please review,

sign and date it, and return to me as soon as possible; no later than Friday, March 27, 2009. Thank you!

### **Library Tales...**

*Kathy Meredith, Librarian*

"Fred Bowen rocked my world!" – a direct quotation heard the 4th grade hallway last week. Author Fred Bowen visited TES on Monday March 9 and entertained the 3rd – 5th grade students with sports trivia and advice on writing. Mr. Bowen is an expert on both. An author with 10 books in print, and 4 more on the way, Mr. Bowen's visit was a direct result of comments made on BOOK BUZZ, the 4th grade reading blog.

Illustrator Chris Arbo will be visiting with the K – 2 students in May.

Voting for the Elementary Virginia Readers' Choice award will be held during the week of April 6-10. Students must have read four of the ten choices to be eligible to vote.

As you begin your "Spring Cleaning" please keep an eye out for lost library books. There are quite a few that have been overdue for quite some time. One of the many lessons our children must learn eventually is to be responsible. If a library book has been lost, the responsible thing to do is to pay for that book. If it is later found and returned, your

money will be refunded to you. Happy School Library Media Month!

### **VSBA Art Contest**

*Susan Armontrout, 2nd Grade Teacher*

The art committee would like to thank all students who submitted entries for the VSBA

Art Contest. We also thank all the teachers who supported the contest and everyone who willingly helped with the job of judging all this work. We had many beautiful pieces of art to choose from. It was very difficult to narrow the winners down to one per grade level. The first place winners, whose

### **PTO President's Buzz...**

*Tammy Slade, PTO President*

Nominations are currently open for ALL PTO positions. The Election will take place at the PTO General Meeting on May 5th at 7:00 pm at the school. We need all PTO members to attend this meet so we can vote on the board and on our budget for the school year 2009/2010. Below is a list of current nominees who are willing to be on our board.

**Executive Committee:** President ~ *Tammy Slade*; Vice-President ~ *Caren Bowling*; Treasurer ~ *Cindy Watson*; Secretary ~ *Cathy Vance*

**Committee Chairs:** Artist in Residence ~ *Keith Trent*; Fundraising ~ *Susan Litchford*; Hospitality ~ *Michelle Noel & Sheila Yeatts*; Membership ~ *Kelly Gardner*; Publicity/Information ~ *Barbara Rypkema*; Performing Arts ~ *Lisa Arrington & Christina Haskins*; Spirit ~ *Jennifer Sodder*; Volunteer Coordinator ~ *Open*; Junior Achievement Coordinator ~ *Not to be filled at this time*; Yard Maintenance/Playground ~ *Mark Schmidt*

If any other parents would like to be nominated/volunteer for the board nominations are currently open to all PTO members in good standing. Please contact me by phone 239-5024 or email [tes86@aol.com](mailto:tes86@aol.com) as soon as possible. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. If the ballot has more than one nominee for a given office the vote will be conducted by ballot.

We need all the help and input we can get. If you liked an event that we held this year and would like to help us with that event please let me know. If you would like to coordinate an event or introduce a new event please bring that information to the board. All inquires and suggestions are welcome. Thank you!