

The BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

art lessons, donated supplies and attended the Art Show. Last but not least, thank you to our amazing art teacher, Mrs. Glinski, for her inspiration and infinite talents. We are blessed to have her here at TES. Together we can make a difference in our children's (creative) lives.

As we move to the end of the school year, if your child has lost a book, please be responsible and pay for any items that your child may be responsible for. Thank You!

Sherry Stamey.

Physical Fitness testing is winding down for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Their fitness scores will be recorded and sent home in the next few weeks. Assessment of their performance will be noted on their reports. When these come home with your child they may keep them. I encourage the students to put them in a safe place and make an effort to note improvement in the years to come. Students will be tested twice yearly up through the 10th grade. Encourage your child to always live up to their potential when it comes to fitness.

Please encourage your child to be as active as possible and encourage any type of physical activity that they may enjoy. Sometimes they may need a little push in order to participate but once the spark is there the fire may roar. The American Academy of Pediatrics says what children really need for healthy development is more good, old fashioned playtime.

Library Tales...

Kathy Meredith, Librarian

May will bring challenges and wonderful opportunities to the library. The challenges involve the library being used for SOL testing, causing the library to be closed much of the month. I will take "my show on the road" to take classes, and limited check-out to the students during that time. It's not ideal, but it's the best situation we can come up with.

On May 12, during Children's Book Week, we'll welcome illustrator Chris Arbo to speak to our K-2 students. Her newest book is *In the Trees, Honeybees!*

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have voted on their favorite Virginia Readers' Choice book. This year's winner (at least for Tomahawk) is *The Ghost's Grave* by Peg Kehret. These votes have been sent to the state contact, and we'll hear about the state-wide winners, hopefully, by early June.

Our A.R. Finale – "*The Great Cake Decorating Day and Book Give-Away*" will be held on Wednesday, June 3 for those who have earned the right to attend.

BHS Cheer Clinic

August 22nd. More information at www.brookvillecheer.com

County Winners

Carol Honaker, Resource Teacher

Congratulations to our county contest winners for Young Authors. Each student will receive a certificate and ribbon. Their entries will be submitted to the Piedmont Area Reading Council to compete at the regional level.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS

- Gabrielle Hogg
- Ethan Hooker
- Dylan Onuffer
- Audrey Webb

SECOND PLACE WINNERS

- Katherine Druding
- Nikayla Kosse
- Kendall McDowell

THIRD PLACE WINNERS

- Olivia Austin
- Jonathan Bumgarner
- Tyler Deaton
- Landon Foutz

Fitness Fun

Woody Wooldridge, P.E. Teacher

First of all I would like to thank all those who assisted in making our JRFH a great success. We raised over \$11,800. This brings our 23 year total to over \$140,000. A special thank you goes to those volunteers who assisted in this event. They include Bonnie Booth, Claudette Haskins, Stephanie Patchell, Lucy Raven, Elise Williams, Austin Lester, Kathy Shiflett, and

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From The Principal's Hive...



Mrs. Donna Brown, Principal

This has been the most difficult newsletter article that I have ever written. By now, most of you have heard that this will be my last year at Tomahawk Elementary School due to my upcoming retirement. I have been blessed to have been a part of the Campbell County Schools as a teacher, parent, and principal for the last thirty-five years. I have had the opportunity to

share in the excitement of learning with so many delightful students, dedicated teachers, and considerate parents. I want to express my appreciation to each member of this Brookville community for your unending support, words of encouragement, and for allowing me the opportunity to work with your most precious gift-your children. One of my favorite

quotes from Marva Collins states so eloquently my thoughts on education as "When someone is taught the joy of learning it becomes a lifelong process that never stops." My wish for you is that you continue to find joy, happiness, and fulfillment in all that you endeavor making learning a lifelong process!

JUNE DATES

Tues. 6/2	4th Grade Chorus Concert ~ 7pm
Wed. 6/3	Yearbook Signing
Thurs. 6/4	Field Day Grades T-1 through 5th 1:10pm Early Dismissal
Fri. 6/5	Field Day Kindergarten 5th Grade Awards Assembly 9am - Gym <i>Parents are invited to attend!</i> 1:10pm Early Dismissal Last school day for PK and K.
Mon. 6/8	1:10pm Early Dismissal Last Day of School Year!

SOL Testing Information

Mr. Jon Hardie, Assistant Principal

In May 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 might feel anxiety and not perform their best.
- **Get a good night's sleep.** Research shows that students that are well rested test better.
- **Change any appointments for your child.** Once testing has begun we cannot interrupt students during their testing session.
- **Eat Breakfast.** Students perform better when they have had a balanced breakfast.

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MAY DATES	
Thurs. 5/14	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 6:30pm 5th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm
Mon. 5/18	SOL Testing Starts <i>*See SOL calendar for schedule.</i>
Mon. 5/25	Memorial Day School Closed
Tues. 5/26	2nd Grade Field Trip: Allen, Armontrout, Martin
Wed. 5/27	2nd Grade Field Trip: Ferguson, Key, Shannon

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 so very important to have your child at school on time so that he/she can do their best without any interruptions.

Passionate Performers

Caren Bowling, 3rd Grade Teacher/ PTO Vice-President

Tomahawk Talent Show

The Tomahawk Talent Show was a huge success. The students in grades 3 – 5 displayed a variety of talents which made for a fun and entertaining night.

The PTO would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped with the show.

Theater IV Production

On March 30th Theater IV performed "Rumplestilskin" for the school. The students were all excited about the play. Many students had never experienced a live performance before. The P.T.O. is planning on having Theater IV perform again in the fall.

FUNdraising

Susan Litchford, Chair

Attention all Trash to Treasure Collectors

First, the PTO would like to congratulate all of TES for the wonderful job of collecting Box

Tops. Together, we collect almost \$4,000.00 in box top money this year. This is the best ever for TES. Remember to save your box tops during the summer and bring them to school in August.

Also, we just received word from the box top company that a new product is being added to their box top line. All Avery products will now have box tops on them so be on the look out for these as you start buying school supplies.

As you go through the summer, remember to save all your used ink cartridges, Tyson labels, Box Tops, and Campbell Soup Labels. We will continue our collections again next year.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Keep collecting your trash to treasure!

METAMORPHOSIS?

Cindy Watson

Remember how a plain caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly? Well, we can do the same miracle with ink cartridges. Do you have empty used ink/ printer cartridges cluttering your desk at home? Do you have used ink/printer cartridges cluttering your desk at work? When you donate these cartridges to TES, these ink cartridges will be able to experience metamorphosis into colored paper and misc supplies that the PTO uses to benefit your child(ren).

Please collect as many of these as you can and have your child(ren) turn them into his/their classroom. We accept ALL brands of ink cartridges.

SOL TESTING DATES

3rd Grade	
Wed. 5/20	Reading
Tues. 5/26	History
Fri. 5/29	Math
Tues. 6/2	Science
4th Grade	
Tues. 5/19	Reading
Fri. 5/22	History
Thurs. 5/28	Math
5th Grade	
Mon. 5/18	Reading
Thurs. 5/21	History
Wed. 5/27	Math
Mon. 6/1	Science
Make Up Dates	
Wed. 6/3	Make Up
Thurs. 6/4	Make Up
Fri. 6/5	Make Up

*Make-up tests may be given to students any day after the regularly scheduled test.

Cumulatively every cartridge counts and this can make a big impact for the school. Thank you for your support.

Hospitality Heroes

Kathy May & Cherie Stamey, Co-Chair

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped us this year. This committee provides meals and treats to the staff at Tomahawk during Teacher Appreciation

Week, American Education Week, Registration Day and parent/teacher conferences. We have provided pizza, ice cream, breakfast, raffles, massages, candy, etc. We need the help of volunteers to provide food and items for these events. We really appreciate our volunteers -THANK YOU!!

From the School Nurse...

Susan Anderson, R.N.

Spring is here and so is POLLEN!! Students have been coming in with red, watery and itchy eyes. Sometimes it's hard to know if it's pink eye or just irritated eyes from allergies. If your child does take allergy medication, please make sure you give it to him or her as directed, whether it be in the morning or the evening. I have plenty of eye wash in the clinic to soothe irritated eyes! The Campbell County Health

Department was at Tomahawk on April 30th to administer T-dap booster shots to the 5th graders who needed it. This shot is required for any student going into 6th grade, if it has been more than 5 years since the last one.

Just a few reminders for the warmer months while your children are out and about:

- Look for patches of poison ivy, oak or sumac, and remove or spray with weed killer.
- Check around your house and porch furniture for bee, wasp or hornet nests, and remove.
- Check bicycles to make sure the tires are properly inflated, that chains are well oiled, and that the brakes are working well.
- Review safety rules about crossing streets, riding bikes or skateboards and not talking to strangers. Make sure your children check in with you or

babysitter throughout the day.

- Apply sun block as needed.
- Most importantly....hide the TV remote, turn off the computer and get the kids outside for fresh air and playtime! Commit to a family day every week! You can go hiking, swimming, have a picnic or just to take a walk together! They may not always say it, but nothing means more to your child than to spend time with you!

REMEMBER to pick up your child's medications from the clinic by the last day of school, which is Monday, June 8th. Any medications left in the clinic must be disposed of, if not picked up by an adult.

Art Show a Success

Cindy Watson, Chair

On Tuesday, April 28, we proudly displayed THOUSANDS of works of art from our very talented TES students. Background music was provided by some gifted students, faculty and staff. A complimentary Art Show Exhibition Guide was given to each family attending. Delicious refreshments were served.

Since the art program is 100% funded by the PTO, we are appreciative for all the support we receive. A great big THANK you to Target for the very generous grant that helped make this art program possible. Also, a big thank you to Frito Lay and Hershey for their product donations for our refreshments. And, a very big thank you to all parents, families and friends who helped in the classrooms for the

PTO President's Buzz...

Tammy Slade, PTO President

Welcome Spring!!! This month there will be a lot going on due to the SOL testing and it being the last full month of school. I hope everyone has lots for plans for the summer. One thing I would like for you to be thinking about is volunteering. Especially volunteering at the school. The PTO can not survive without our volunteers. We are short on committee members on our board so if you are interested please let me know. You will not have to undertake anything alone. Most committees have a chair person but that person needs help. All the events that the PTO does is strictly done by volunteers. If you enjoyed an event that was held this school year and would like to see it again next year please become involved. Whether your child is a 5th grader or a kindergartner it's never to late to become active. So please remember volunteering at the school is a great way to become involved in your child's education.

Thank you for a great year!