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Terrific T-1

Andrea Webb, T-1 Teacher

T-1 students are busy learning how to read, write, and spell words with short vowel sounds. In our Sing, Spell Read, and Write series, students always learn a song to help them learn a new skill. Our newest song is the Ferris Wheel Song which teaches how to blend sounds together to identify words. On October 1 we went to Drumheller's Orchard in Nelson County where we were able to learn more about plant processes. We each got a bag

of apples and a pumpkin to take them on a regular basis, even as rewards for doing something good. These bribes may also lead to serious health conditions. The message we send to kids by bribing them with unhealthy foods is wrong and goes against what they should be learning about staying healthy. How come fruits or vegetables have never been considered treats? After all, they treat the body a whole lot better than junk food. We should teach kids that food is what you use to nourish your body, not a reward for doing something good.

Many thanks also to everyone who has sent in items for T-1 activities this year. You're all very much appreciated.

ARTifacts...

Cindy Watson, Art Co-Chair

Artistic abilities are at their peak right now at TES. Our awesome art teacher Mrs. Glinski, with the help with some great parent volunteers, are sparking the interest of our students and creating genuine works of art. The 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will be finishing their art classes within the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who brought in 2 liter bottles. The donations made it possible for 5th grade complete their projects. On Oct 27 the 2nd grade will start experiencing their artistic creativity. And, the Pre-K, K, T-1 and 1st grades are being scheduled to start after Christmas break. Fantastic projects are (will be) created for both our spring art fundraiser and the annual art show scheduled for April 28th, 2009.

Awesome Art Helpers!



Thank you to...

Robbie Fordham
Krista Murphy
Jennifer Vaughn

For being terrific art helpers! Your time and commitment to the TES art program is greatly appreciated!

Anyone interested in volunteering with the art program please contact Sonja Yoder!

Thank You...

To La Villa, on Timberlake Road, for all the pizza boxes for our 4th grade Language Arts Class. We appreciate your supports. Thank you for being a special part of our community.

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We are once again participating in the Kroger Plus Card for Education School Program. Please take the bar code below to a local Kroger store. Have the cashier scan the bar code along with your Kroger Plus Card.

The BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

NOVEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

Tues. 11/4	Election Day (School Closed) TES PTO Day at FunQuest 12 to 6pm
Wed. 11/12	TES Night at Barnes & Noble 5 to 8pm
Thurs. 11/13	Make up Day for Individual School Pictures
Tues. 11/18	End of Second Six Weeks
Tues. 11/25	2nd Grade Native American Pow-Wow 9:15 to 11:30am
Wed. 11/26 through Fri. 11/28	Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed)
Sat. 12/6	Breakfast with Santa

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From The Principal's Hive...

Mrs. Donna Brown



The Virginia Department of Education published the results recently of how all the students in the state of Virginia performed on their achievement tests. The Virginia School Report Card is available for you to read and it has been created to enable the public and parents the opportunity to note the progress of our schools in raising student achievement. The ratings for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and school accreditation for a specific school year are based on the achievement of students on tests taken during the previous academic year. We are very pleased that Tomahawk Elementary School made AYP and is fully accredited. I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the efforts of the students, teachers, instructional aides, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, educational community partners, and the support of our parents that worked tirelessly together to

enable our school to attain our goals having made Adequate Yearly Progress and accreditation.

If you would like to read this report or seek additional information please go to the Virginia Department of Education site at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/src/>.


Carnival Wrap-up


Barbara Rypkema, Carnival Committee



We did it! Almost \$9,500 was raised during the PTO Fall Carnival and the Chick-fil-A spirit night kick off! We couldn't have done it without you! **Thank you** to the almost 80 volunteers who worked the day of the carnival as well as the faculty and staff for their support of the carnival. Also, **Thank You** to the many businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated items to the Silent Auction. A **special Thank You** to Southern Air, Saturn of Lynchburg, Advanced Rental Properties, Glad Manufacturing, Weyerhaeuser, Cheryl and Ronnie Brooks,


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Rivemont Avenue Baptist Church, Hershey's, Print Works and Mike Mascera with Innovative Catering, Inc. Your donations of time and items are appreciated!

Parents a "Carnival Report Card" was sent home on Monday, October 27th. Please

take a moment to complete the form and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, November 7th. The feedback is invaluable in planning next years carnival and helps to make it grow each year. Thank you for taking a moment to return the form.

Library Tales...

Kathy Meredith, Librarian

I firmly believe in libraries... in allowing the TES community to borrow, free of charge, books and other materials, as long as they are returned in a timely fashion...**BUT**...I also firmly believe that some books are so good they need to be bought and read again and again, and again...

SO...I'd like to invite you all to **Tomahawk Night at Barnes & Noble on Wednesday Nov. 12, 2008.** You will be receiving vouchers to use at B & N that day (all day...in every Barnes & Noble across the country... so let Grandpa, Grandma, Aunts, Uncles, College Roommates, etc., know). TES will get a portion of the sales generated with these vouchers. Between **5:00 an 8:00 p.m.** at the Wards Road location, we'll have faculty readers, including Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Meredith; student performers (Mrs. Key's 2nd grade; 4th grade readers, and both chorus groups), and you'll be able to view student artwork on display.

We're still planning it, but I'm truly excited about the evening. To have our school getting back a percentage of sales that include the voucher is an added bonus! Vouchers are available at the school. Unfortunately, they won't be available on site that night... **Y'ALL COME!!!**

Fantastic Fans

Cindy Watson, PTO Board Member

Approximately 300 entries went into the basket for a chance to...

- Have dinner with the BHS football team.
- Have a photo taken with the team.
- Attend the last home football game vs. Heritage on October 24th.
- Be recognized at halftime at the game.

Our very own TES alumni and

4th and 5th Choruses

will be performing at Barnes & Noble TES night on November 12th at 7 PM. Hope to see you there for a great evening!



Breakfast With Santa

Saturday morning,
December 6th



Santa Claus is coming to Tomahawk Elementary again this year to have an "all you can eat pancake breakfast" and also to have priceless photos taken with each student. Look for more information to be sent home in the Monday folders throughout the month.

current TE/DE BHS player Zach McCray drew the 2 lucky winners. **And, they were LeAnn Justice from Mrs. Webb's class and Sarah Dooley from Mrs. Sligh's class.** Congratulations to these two girls and thank you to all who entered the contest!

Kindergarten Connections

Vicky Weaver, Kindergarten Teacher

On Friday, October 31st the Kindergarten students were asked to dress up as a job person s/he wanted to be one day. There were many wonderful occupations/people represented that day and everyone had a lot of fun.

And as a reminder... as the weather starts getting chilly, please have your child practice zippering and/or buttoning her/his coat.

Kindergarten students have homework each week. The goal of homework for

Kindergarten is to reinforce what we are learning in class, teach responsibility, and prepare for 1st grade. Thanks, parents, for supporting school by making sure your child does her/his homework.

Fitness Fun

Woody Wooldridge, P.E.

By now, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students should have received their child's Physical Fitness Report Card. When you receive it, please sign and return the card as soon as possible. Please assess the fitness level of your child in correlation with their age. If you noticed that your child scored below 50% on any test items then encourage the participation of some of the activities listed below that test item. Thanks for your support and be looking to see if your child improves in the spring when these tests will be given again.

A thought for the day... Everyday, thousands of

FUNQUEST

PTO FunQuest Election Day Fun!

Tuesday, November 4th
12:00 pm - 6:00pm
FunQuest
327 Graves Mill Rd.

TES is closed for Election Day so come join your friends at FunQuest for a day of fun! The 1st attraction is only \$1.00 w/ coupon (sent home in Monday folders on 10/27/08). Additional attractions are only \$3.00 each. Or use your coupon for \$1.00 off Special Packages.

Please note ~ Children are required to have a parent or guardian with them while at Fun Quest! Adult supervision will not be provided.

children are bribed with food to get them to behave, listen, or do things parents or teachers want them to do. We offer them "treats" when they do a good job or conform to our expectations. But, are these so called treats helping our kids? Absolutely not!! In fact they are adding to the ever increasing problem of obesity. Kids are learning that Happy Meals, soft drinks, Lunchables, and donuts are all acceptable because they are given to