

The BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

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add your name to our list of volunteers and call you when we need a donation. We try to have a long list of volunteers, so we don't have to call the same people too often.

Please call Kathy May, 525-3619 or Cherie Stamey, 237-8470, if you would like to be part of the Hospitality team.

Library Tales...

Kathy Meredith, Librarian

Congratulations to this year's 5th grade library helpers. They are:

Ms. Arrington's class:
Amanda Johnson, Krissy Page & Bre McConnell

Mrs. Caldwell's class:
Scott Poindexter & Greyson Taylor

Mrs. Creasey's class:
Charissa Kinchen, Ciera Ramos & Amber Tripp

Mrs. Davis' class:
Landon Foutz & Kendall McDowell

Mrs. Jensen's class:
Paris Anderson & Calah Mayhew

From Mrs. Morton's class:
Da Eun Ahn, Sydney McCray & Jessi Miller

I'd also like to point out a couple of websites of particular interest which can be accessed from the Tomahawk School Website at www.campbell.k12.va.us/tes.

Internet Safety: If you click the <Links> button on our homepage, you'll find a ton of sites, but as I write this, I'd especially like to point out the top link, to the Campbell County Schools' Internet Safety site.

Media Center: If you click the <Media Center> button on our homepage it'll lead you to several possible selections, but specifically guide you to the A.R. quiz list page and the Virginia Readers' Choice pages. Enjoy and Learn!

Lastly, please put the date **Wednesday, Nov. 12** on your calendar. That's the evening that Barnes and Noble will be hosting Tomahawk Elementary School Night! Between 5 - 8 p.m., several groups of our students will be performing, and 10% of all purchases made in the store will be donated back to the school. Sounds to me like the

perfect time to start your holiday shopping!

New Playground Equipment

Mrs. Caren Bowling, PTO VP/3rd Grade Teacher

This summer, after several years of fundraising, the PTO purchased and installed a new piece of playground equipment for the upper grades to play on. The new equipment, made by Miracle Equipment Company from Chesapeake is located behind the fourth and fifth grade classrooms.

With the help of parent volunteers and the B.H.S. football team the new pieces of equipment were installed and all of the playground equipment at the back of the school received a new layer of mulch.

Our goal, through continued fundraising projects such as the Fall Carnival, is to install Phase II of this piece next summer!

Be sure to join us on **Saturday, October 4th at 1:30pm, during the Fall Carnival, for the Grand Opening Ceremony** to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment!

CALLOWAY ENTERPRISES



Helping 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 \$20 to Tomahawk's PTO. Just let them know you are a parent of a Tomahawk student when you call!

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

From The Principal's Hive...

Mrs. Donna Brown



"Fall is not the end of the gardening year; it is the start of next year's growing season."

Fall is a wonderful time of the year with all of the many activities and array of fall colors. It is also a time that the farmer reflects on his hard work, bountiful crops, and pride in his successful growing season. The farmer knows full well that it

takes patience, hard work, warm sunshine, and adequate rainfall to make his garden grow. The same holds true for the educator who knows well the awesome responsibility that is entrusted with us to nurture, enrich, and inspire our students to work to their greatest potential. This is the start of our student's growing season of learning and we encourage each parent to work with us as a team so that each child can have a successful school year. There are a few suggestions of ways that you can assist the students and teachers to create a season of

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TES Appreciation Day

Thursday, October 2nd

To help promote the Fall Carnival the Chick-fil-A Cow will visit the students as they arrive that morning! Also, anyone who makes a purchase at the Chick-fil-A on Wards Road that day during regular business hours and mentions you are with TES Chick-fil-A will donate a portion of the proceeds to the PTO!

PTO Fall Carnival

Saturday, October 4th ~ 11 am to 3 pm
NEW PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING AT 1:30PM
Free Admission!

Game Tickets: 25¢ each majority of games take 1 to 4 tickets!

Volunteers are still needed! To volunteer contact Sonja Yoder at syoder@campbell.k12.va.us or send a note to your child's teacher addressed to her!

For Carnival Information contact Tammy Slade at 239-5024 or Susan Litchford at 832-8166



OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. 10/1 - Fri. 10/3	4th Stanford 10 Test
Thurs. 10/2	TES Appreciation Day ~ Chick-fil-A (Wards Road)
Sat. 10/4 11am - 3pm	PTO FALL CARNIVAL
Mon. 10/6	End of 1st Six Weeks
Wed. 10/8 1:10pm	Early Dismissal of Students
Thurs. 10/9	Pictures for Grades 3rd, 4th & 5th
Fri. 10/10	Pictures for Grades Pre-K, K, T-1, 1st & 2nd
Tues. 10/14	Report Cards
Wed. 10/15 & Thurs. 10/16 9am - 2pm	Schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thurs. 10/16 3:45pm - 7pm	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues. 10/21 6pm	Pre-K Workshop
Fri. 10/31	Spirit Day Wear TES, Brookville Bee or favorite team shirt!

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growth:

Students need to arrive to school on time! They are considered tardy after the bell rings at 8:40 A.M. When a student comes in late he/she must be accompanied by a parent to explain any tardy arrival or bring any excuses from the doctor or dentist. If your child is a car rider and eats breakfast, please arrive to school around 8:15-8:30 so that the student has plenty of time to eat.

Students who are absent need to provide the teacher with a written explanation of their absence upon the return to school. Notes should have full name of student, teacher's name and parent signature.

Review Monday folders, read weekly newsletters, and check the agendas or assignment sheets so that you are aware of the skills covered in class and the Standards of Learning objectives that are being taught. Provide time each night to review skills taught during the day and take time to read a good book!

School days ends at 3:10. Please make appointments for the doctor or dentist when possible before or after school hours. Regular attendance is vital to the success of our students.

If students are going on a different bus or going home with a friend...please write a note and encourage the student to give this information to the teacher. Please remember that if a child is going home with a friend...both students need to have a note!

Remember student's full name, teacher's name and parent signature!

Your continued patience in the morning and afternoon traffic has been greatly appreciated. We have all been working to make arrival and departures a matter of safety for all our students.

Morning-please pull up to the first cone or to the car in front and allow students to exit from the passenger side. This way the person on duty can see the students clearly. Parents-please remain in your car and remind students to have belongings ready as they exit the car.

Afternoon-Please remain in your cars and wait patiently. For the safety of your child it would be best to have them enter the car on the passenger side. All students need to be picked up by 3:45, if this is not possible then you will need to contact an after school childcare.

We appreciated your assistance and your comments or concerns to improve our school are greatly encouraged.

Junior Achievement...

Shelia Yeatts, JA Coordinator

Junior Achievement Worldwide is a partnership between the business community, educators and volunteers. JA programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities

PTO President's Buzz...

Tammy Slade, PTO President

WOW can you believe that a month has passed since the beginning of school. The PTO is off and running with our various projects. I would like to say thanks to all the parents that came to the open house in September.

Our Fall Carnival is coming up THIS weekend! We have an awesome Silent Auction collection this year as well as many assorted fun games and activities planned. This year promises to be even bigger than last year! Please come by and check it out. I hope to see everyone there.

more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. The purpose of JA is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

The PTO would really appreciate volunteers to teach JA to our students at TES. JA Worldwide's 287,000 classroom volunteers come from businesses, college students, parents, grandparents, and retirees. It's a fun way to be involved and a great cause. If you would like to volunteer you may contact Sheila Yeatts at sheila.yeatts@suntrust.com or tryandtry29@msn.com or call 942-1607. For more information about JA visit the PTO website or www.ja.org. **Volunteer today and let "Their success be Your inspiration!"**

Art Program Needs:

- 1 or 2 inch American flag stickers.
- White bed sheets (flat or fitted).
- Burlap fabric scraps.
- Popsicle molds.
- 1 or 2 liter clear plastic bottles (new and rinsed out with no lids please.)

FUNdraising

Susan Litchford, FUNdraising Chair

Box Tops ~ Just a reminder that we are still collected Box Tops our first deadline is October 30. The class who turns in the most for this period will receive an ice cream party. Each grade level winner will receive a candy bar. Please keep those Box Tops coming.

Water Labels ~ We are off to a good start!! Kickballs were bought with the labels that we collected March thru May for Pre-K, Kindergarten, T-1 and First Grade. We will be ordering items for the other grades as soon as we can. Thanks for collect the labels. Keep sending them in.

Kroger ~ The Kroger program should be starting soon. Watch Monday Folders for information. They have been going through some changes. When they get us the information we will get it to you.

Trash to Treasure ~ The PTO is still taking Ink Cartridges, Tyson Labels, Campbell Soup Labels and old cell phones. If you are

cleaning out and find these items do not throw them away turn them into CASH for the school. A collection box for all of the items is located in the school lobby!

Thermometer ~ his year we have created a new way of tracking our fundraising progress. A thermometer has been placed on the wall outside of the office. If you get a chance please take a look at it and see how the PTO money is coming along.

TES FAMILY FUN DAY ~ The PTO has scheduled a Family Fun Event at FunQuest on Election Day, Tuesday November 4 from 12-6. Watch for more information in Monday Folders and the November issue of the BUZZ.

From the School Nurse...

Susan Anderson, RN, TES Nurse

Fall is upon us so here are some general tips to keep germs away!

*Wash, wash, wash your hands! This is the single most important way to help prevent infections! And while you're washing, make sure you create friction! Rub your hands together vigorously with soap & water. Remember to wash between your fingers and into your fingernails too. According to the Centers for Disease Control, cold water is as effective as warm water to clean hands, when done correctly. Soap & water do not kill germs, they wash them down the drain; soap suds help draw dirt and germs off of the skin. When soap & water are not available, be sure to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

*Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed. Wounds heal from the inside out, so they need moisture and protection to build new skin cells. Band-aids keep dirt and germs out too!

*Always avoid sharing personal items such as towels or razors.

*If your child is sick, please keep him or her home to rest & recover. Doctors recommend that students be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Hospitality

Kathy May, Hospitality Chair

Our committee is looking for volunteers! We are planning a meal for the teachers during parent/teacher conferences in October, as well as, some special days for the staff during American Education Week in November. We also have other events throughout the year. We need volunteers to provide food items for these events. If you are interested in helping us, let us know. We will



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

TARGET. The PTO would like to say a VERY special THANK YOU to the Target Corporation! For the 2nd year the PTO applied for and received a grant courtesy of Target. This year's grant was for \$2,500! 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.