

The BUZZ

Tomahawk Elementary PTO Newsletter

granddaughter, but she has lived in artistic hubs like Paris. This year she's looking forward to getting to know the students and helping them find the artist inside of them!

Physical Education

By: Woody Wooldridge, P.E.

We would like to welcome all students as well as parents back from hopefully a restful summer.

Parents you are a major influence in your child's growth. Make sure that your children are getting some type of vigorous activity daily. Get them involved in an outside activity that will help in their physical, mental, and social growth. Encourage your children to eat healthy snacks and emphasize the importance of good nutrition. Habits are developed by children early in life. If you can guide them in the right direction, then hopefully they will make these lessons a daily part of their life.

Having fun, experiencing a variety of activities, excelling, and feeling that having an active lifestyle is their own choice are just some of the reasons that could turn your child on to fitness.

Putting winning above all else, never improving, doing the same thing over and over, not having a say in the sports that they play, and frequent injuries are just a few of the reasons that could

turn your child off to fitness.

If you ever have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. We want to make your child's experience with Physical Education an enjoyable one as well as one that they will carry on with them throughout their lifetime.

Physical Fitness testing will begin for all 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders during the week of September 14. Please make sure that your child dresses appropriately not only on these dates but for all PE classes. Tennis shoes are a must and if your daughter has to wear a dress on their PE day please make sure that they wear shorts underneath.

News from the Library...

By: Kathy Meredith, Librarian

Happy New Year!!

I've often heard the saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". I believe several parts of our library program most assuredly "ain't broke"...so we will continue to support both the Accelerated Reader (AR) and the Virginia Readers' Choice Program for grades T/1 - 5.

I'm looking forward to a new "staff" of 5th grade library helpers, and also hoping for the opportunity to expand our

"Library Lunch Bunch" to more students this year.

My most heartfelt thanks go out to our new and returning library volunteers. We've still have a few slots open, and would love for you come and join us. Volunteering in the library is a great way to help out for just a couple of hours once a week, or more often if you desire. You get to help children of all ages choose and check out books to enjoy...you might even find some YOU'D like to read!

Look for your child to bring home their first book the second week of school. Please try to find time in your busy schedules to read to &/or with your child daily. Just minutes of reading a day will make a world of difference!

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From The Principal's Hive...



Mrs. Debbie H. Elliott, Principal

Welcome to another great New School Year at Tomahawk!

I am so excited to be here at TES and look forward to meeting each of you. As the teachers returned, it was

exciting to watch the classrooms literally come to life as they prepared for your return. Our custodians have also cleaned and polished every corner, classroom, and hallway in anticipation of your arrival. It was wonderful to meet many of you on registration day and I look forward to more opportunities to meet with you and your children.

The month of September will be

full of opportunities for you to be involved in your child's education, from buying new back to school clothes and supplies, to meeting your child's teacher for the first time. This is a great time to show your child that his/her schooling is a priority for you and your family by establishing good work habits and routines that will last for the entire school year. Our Open House PTO Night will be held on Thursday, September 10th at 7:00p.m. I hope you will plan to attend, see your child's teacher, network with other

PTO President's Buzz...

By: Tammy Slade, PTO President

Welcome to the 2009/2010 school year at Tomahawk Elementary School. There have been many positive changes since the school year 08/09 ended. We have a new principal and assistant principal. Welcome Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Bradt.

Help TES/PTO say NO TO CATALOG SALES! Come visit us at our Fall FUNdraising Carnival on October 3, 2009 from 11-3. We will need plenty of volunteers for this day beginning early in the morning and running into early afternoon.

The PTO has a lot of wonderful events planned for this school year so please make sure to read your Buzz newsletter, visit us at tespto.org or join our Facebook family by becoming our friend on Facebook.

I am looking forward to a new year and getting to know all the new students and families. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, or would like to become a member please contact me at tes86@aol.com or 239-5024. Have a wonderful school year!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER DATES

Mon. 9/7	Labor Day ~ No School ~
Thurs. 9/10 7pm	Open House
Thurs. 10/1 6:30pm	Carnival Volunteer Meeting
Sat. 10/3 11am - 3pm	PTO Fall FUNdraising Carnival
Mon. 10/5	End of 1st 6 Weeks
Wed. 10/7	2 Hour Early Dismissal

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parents, and hear about all the exciting plans your PTO has made for this year. We are fortunate to live and work in a community where parents are so involved and supportive of their children and schools.

Mrs. Bradt, Assistant Principal, and I are looking forward to a bright and productive year with the dedicated adults and children that make up our Tomahawk family. We thank you for welcoming us into the TES family! We also welcome the following new or transferring staff members: Ashley Harris – 4th Grade, Allison Norris – Resource, Lauren Gullitti – Resource, Laura Putney – PALS Assistant, and Kelly Glinski – Pre-K Teacher Assistant. It is our goal to ensure that your child will have a positive, challenging, and fulfilling learning experience at TES. If there is anything that we can do to make your child's transition to this school year any smoother, please do not hesitate to call.

FUNdraising Updates!

By: Susan Litchford, Chair

Welcome back to Tomahawk! We are looking forward to a great year. We will once again be collecting our "trash to treasure" items. Please remember to save your used ink cartridges, Tyson Labels, Box Tops, and Campbell Soup Labels.

Just a couple of reminders. For the Tyson Labels, please make sure that you send in the entire label. Tyson will only accept complete labels.

For the Box Tops, we will once again be doing classroom competitions. Make sure your child puts his/her box tops in the homeroom teacher's collection container. Our first contest will end on October 28, 2009.

School spirit-wear orders will begin on October 5, 2009. Please watch Monday folders for

more details and also the next newsletter.

At this time, we are not collecting Nestle Water Labels. This program has ended. If the program restarts, we will pass this along to you.

Our Kroger card program will also continue for this year. We have not received this information yet, so please watch Monday folders for the information.

Also, if you have not registered your Food Lion card, please use the form below and return to the PTO. Encourage all relatives, friends, neighbors, etc. to complete and return the form as well!

Hospitality

By: Allison Schmitt, Co-Chair

Hospitality is off to a fast start providing lunch for the teachers on registration day. A big thank you for all who donated for this event. We could not have done this without you!

All the up coming events for the year can be found on the PTO web site. Our next event is American Education week November 16-20th and Parent/Teacher conferences in November.

We look forward to providing the teachers and staff a little TLC in the upcoming year for all they

PTO Is On The Web!

Go to www.tespto.org for PTO information, the PTO FACEBOOK link, membership and volunteer forms, "Get to Know Your Teacher" information, and much more!

TES PTO is also now on FACEBOOK! Become a friend and get updates and reminders!



do for our children each and every day. Please contact either of the hospitality board members, Allison Schmitt or Keith Trent, if you wish to donate or have any ideas for the 2009-2010 year.

Playground Positives

By: Mark Schmitt, Chair

The PTO would like to thank everyone who helped with the playground work day. Fourteen tons of new stone were spread across the equipment area and the weeds pulled.

A special thanks to the Brookville High Football Team for their help in putting mulch down around our school. The team met at 8am one Monday morning and helped us spread mulch in the front of the school and back by the playground equipment. We appreciate all they did for us and

we wish them the best of luck for a very successful season.

Some of the older wooden equipment was removed before the start of the school year. The goal is to install some swings, in that area, as soon as funding is developed. TES is the only elementary school in Campbell County that does not have swings as part of their play equipment. If you or anyone you may know would like to make a donation towards this project or have any ideas please contact Tammy Slade or Mark Schmitt.

The Final Transformation...

By: Cindy Watson, Treasurer

Thanks to everyone who has donated used ink cartridges to the PTO. Over the summer we were able to purchase THREE new 4 foot by 8 foot bulletin boards for the school. Two are placed in the Odyssey/Music room and one is now holding the pictures of our fabulous Tomahawk family of faculty and staff at the front hallway. We have also purchased copy paper for the PTO flyers and other assorted supplies. PLEASE PLEASE continue to send in any and all old ink cartridges. The donation of these cartridges helps to cover the PTO's operating expenses, which means that more funds are then available to be used to directly benefit the students of TES! Thank you for your efforts



What's NEW?

Stop by the school and check out our new "Welcome to Tomahawk" artwork above the cafeteria doors in the front foyer. This summer we had a local artist paint this for us to brighten the foyer. We are also looking at doing a few more projects to continue to improve the appearance of our school. Suggestions for other projects are always welcome.

towards this project, it is greatly appreciated!

ARTiFacts

By: Angel Harney, Chair

Last year Mrs. Glinski did a fantastic job teaching the students art and letting them create their own masterpieces. Many of you got to know and become friends with her, and this year she will be assisting in the Pre-K classroom. So, stop in and say Hi!

In 2009-2010 school year, Karen Warner will be joining the "Tomahawk Family" with lots of experience and she is an award-winning artist herself. Mrs. Warner has taught art to children at several private schools. Currently residing in Forest, VA with her husband and



This form is to be used for registering members' MVP cards. Customer Sign Up:

MVP Card # (12 digits) _____
 First Name _____ MI _____
 Last Name _____
 Day phone () _____
 List name and address of charity you wish to support: Tomahawk Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization.

**Please complete this, cut it out, and return it to your child's teacher in an envelope marked "Attn: PTO/Susan."