



Two Rivers Community NEWS



September 1, 2010

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Short Week

Please do not forget that Friday, September 3 is a half-day (11:30 AM dismissal) and Monday, September 6 is no school. The long weekend is due to Labor Day. Wednesday, September 1 is a regular 1:00PM release. Please make plans to pick up your child(ren) on Friday promptly at 11:30 so all staff can enjoy their long weekend too.

Absence Notes

We want to remind you to send a note to the office if your child has been absent. Even if you call to let us know, we still need a written note. These notes are kept on file for the state should they request documentation.

“Who Loves Short Shorts?”

Many of our students had the expected growth spurts over the summer and we are finding that there are a lot of shorts that are very short. We use the standard of “no shorter than your fingertips when your hand is held by your side.” Please use this standard when sending your child to school so we do not have to get involved. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Classroom Phone Trees

Each class will be developing a phone tree to help in instances when we have to get information out quickly. The phone tree will be set up so each person will have to make only one phone call in most cases.

Classroom Reporters

Each class will be asking family members if they would help out with classroom news and photos. We are trying to make a concerted effort to get positive information into the press about Two Rivers Community School. We tend to take for granted the great things that happen as part of how we do business and forget that there are still many in the community who do not even know we exist. If you are able to help out in your child’s classroom, please contact his/ her teacher to let him/her know. WE have a small public relations committee together to gather and disseminate information. The classroom reporter will just need to get the information to the committee.

Reminder

EARLY MORNING CARE begins at Mrs. Vicki’s classroom at 7:00AM and lasts until 8:00AM each school day. Early care fees are \$5 for an hour. If

your child comes 10 minutes early and is in Early Care, the charge is only \$1.00. Time is added up and bills go home every quarter (end of NOV, FEB, MAY and all balances are due before school ends in JUNE). If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email at vicki@trcsboone.org or stop by my classroom in the early morning!

PTO BOOK SWAP

September 7th @ 3:30.

TRCS PTO invites you to bring a book to trade.

Join us as we get reacquainted and discuss our plans for the year.

Snacks are always encouraged.

Kids are welcome to swap books or go to after school.



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET ON THURSDAY, 3:30-5:00

In this first meeting of the year, we will focus on:

- Review staff and committee work on defining the school’s space needs and desires to inform a feasibility study regarding a possible new school facility.
- Brainstorm possible committee priorities for the coming school year and what individuals are particularly interested in working on.

TWO RIVERS COMMITTEES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP TWO RIVERS GROWTH

Part of the core design of Two Rivers Community School is the opportunity for parents to directly participate in the governance and development of their children’s school. In addition to volunteering in classrooms and special activities, an key avenue for this is participating in school committees. As we start into a new year, we all naturally think about the wonderful possibilities for what the school can become. So this is a great time to consider how you can

personally help those possibilities a reality by participating on a committee.

Before listing the school's standing committees and their areas of responsibility, here's a few things to keep in mind:

- Signing up for a committee doesn't mean you have to be a "full-time" committee member or attend every meeting. Much of the actual work of the committees is done by small "ad-hoc" groups focusing on a particular project. The committees really serve as information conduits for coordinating these projects and channelling recommendations and requests to the governing board.
- Simply serving as a resource-person for a committee is valuable. Just knowing you have expertise in an area related the committee's concern allows the committees to tap the expertise and talents in our school community as needed.
- Taking a leadership role in a committee provides a very real opportunity to make a difference in the school.

Here's the list of standing school committees (as defined in our bylaws) and their responsibilities:

- Board of Directors - The school's governing body. Establishes school policies and overall direction. Meetings monthly on 4th Monday of each month.
- Finance Committee - Participates with staff in development of annual budget, monitors school finances, advises board on fiscal matters.
- Development Committee - Facilitates and advises board on matters of public relations, student recruitment, fund-raising, and other school development initiatives. Regularly scheduled meetings are on 1st Thursday of each month.
- Building and Grounds Committee - Coordinates all facility and grounds improvements.
- School Leadership Committee - Helps evaluate board functioning and helps recruit board members.
- Human Resources Committee - Supports director and board in developing personnel policies and procedures. Meets on as-needed basis.
- Committee for Academic Standards - Works with director and the board to help assure that high standards are being maintained in the standard curriculum and advises on modifications to the academic curriculum.

MOUNTAINEER READING PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following 11 students who completed and returned their Mountaineer Reading Program sheets to Mrs. Vicki:

Grade 1: Cricket Conway, Kazia Orkiszewski, Kirra Laws and Rumi Sha Peterson

Grade 2: Kacie Rominger, Joshua Morgan, Khaia Thompson

Grade 3: Colter Conway, Samara Carlough, Blaine Evey-Staley

Grade 7: Hattie Cox

These 11 students read a total of 491 books during the summer! The top reader at Two Rivers Community School was 3rd grader Blaine Evey-Staley in Ms. Ali's class. He read 89 books! Congratulations Blaine!

Reading 83 books was 1st grader Kazie Orkiszewski from Ms. April's class. Way to go, Kazia!

A special thank you to Hattie Cox who was the only middle school student to turn in a reading form. Thank you Hattie!

All 11 students will be getting special prizes from the ASU Mountaineer Summer Reading Program in about 6 weeks. Congratulations and KEEP READING! We are all so very proud of you!

Thanks,
~ Mrs. Vicki

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten has been full of busy students who have learned the basics of being a great student at TRCS! We are learning all about Letterland and getting adjusted to many new things at school. Kinders enjoyed making crowns for the parade last week with Mrs. Kelly and our guest art teachers from the Elkin Art Center. They also enjoyed walking in the parade with our 4th grade Book Buddies from Mrs. Natalie's class! The best part was meeting the Green Man (Mr. Michael). Kinders bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Holley Quick who is going off to work at a new school. We welcome Ms. Victoria Sica to our classroom and are so glad she is here with us. The Kinders hosted the 1st and 2nd graders at our second Cluster meeting and we all had an opportunity to practice saying the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Spanish, singing Happy Birthday to students having birthdays in August and September in Spanish and English, singing the months of the year and the days of the week in Spanish and English. Our Cluster also learned to say DEMOS GRACIAS, which means, WE GIVE THANKS, to our Food Lion friends in a large Thank You poster card for all the school supplies delivered to our classrooms last week. Kinders have been very busy these first few weeks of school and are looking forward to many more and new adventures at Two Rivers Community School. Please remember that school begins at 8:30. If your child is absent, please remember to send a written excuse for the absence.

Hasta luego,
~ Mrs. Vicki



AFTER SCHOOL NEWS!!

After School would like to give a BIG thank you to Ms. Halle in the 1/2 cluster for being so supportive and allowing

after school to be held in her learning cottage!! We greatly appreciate your support!

Reminder~ No After school Friday Sept. 3 or Monday Sept. 6.

ART PROGRAMS AT THE TURCHIN CENTER (ASU)

The Art Education Area of Appalachian State University is pleased to announce Fall 2010, Saturday Art Workshops. Classes will meet for eight sessions on Saturday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00. The first workshop session is scheduled for Saturday, September 18. (The last workshop session is November 13, and classes will not meet October 23 due to Fall Break.) Classes will be held in the Turchin Community Art School.



The following classes will be offered (please choose one class per child):

Building Forts and Hideouts

Students will use a variety of construction materials to build life-size forts and will compose fictive clubs, upon which to base adventures in their forts and hideouts.

imovie making (ages 8-13)

Make your own story and build your own set. Film and edit your production on imovie. All materials included. Work in pairs or alone. May possibilities for special effects and sound.

Puppet show

Write your own script, build props and paint the backdrop. Build your own puppets from a variety of materials! Perform your production at the last class! Past productions: The Trojan War, The End of Polar Bears, Brundibar.

Saturday Classes

The Saturday Art Workshops are open to all children between the ages of 5 and 13. The classes are taught by Art Education students and staff. To cover the cost of expendable materials and maintain the variety of Art Education outreach programs \$40.00 fee per student on the first day of class.

Drawing Club (ages 7-13) Firm adherence to age restrictions

Come and draw. Sketchbooks and drawing materials available!

Tuesdays 3:15- 4:30 Program run by art education faculty and art education majors

Classes will meet for eight sessions beginning September 19-November 9 Cost \$15

After school Art

Inspired by Room 13 in Scotland where children ages 8-14 are free to use an art studio to make what has meaning for them. (painting, printmaking, monster drawing, comic books) Children will elect a management team to order supplies, decide on fund raising and to oversee the room. Children must be 8 years old to attend! No Exceptions ! All children who attend must want to be making art ! Program run by art education faculty and elementary education majors

Wednesdays 3:15- 4:30 beginning September 22 for 6 weeks until October 27 Cost is \$15

Turchin Community Art Classroom Room 3200

Please register by phone at 828-262-2891– leave your name, address, phone number, email and the student's name, age and selected class. You may also register by e-mail: vickygrube@gmail.com REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN. ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED.
