



Tulip Grove Elementary School

Newsletter

March 2008

Vol. 7 * Number 4

From The Desk Of The Principal Mr. Brian Baudoin

It's hard to believe that Spring Break is upon us. The weather has changed, the third quarter of school ends today, and the 1,000 tulips will soon be in full bloom! What a glorious sight that will be!

School will be closed for the break starting tomorrow Friday, March 14th through Monday, March 24th. Students return to school on Tuesday, March 25th.



Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Read-in Night. It was a huge success. It was a perfect example of the excellence that occurs when parents, children, teachers and school all work together. Thank you to our outstanding Reading Specialist, Mrs. Hall and to our secretary, Mrs. Gomes (now Campbell) both of whom were instrumental in planning the event. I also want to thank all of the Tulip Grove teachers who came out on a Friday night to support this amazing event. Our teachers are one more reason why "Tulip Grove is fantastic!"

Congratulations to Ms. Kristen Holt on a job well done! She is this year's recipient of the City of Bowie's Excellence in Education Award. Mrs. Holt will be honored by the mayor and Education Committee at a reception in May. We are proud to call her one of our own!

The Maryland State Assessment (MSA) is the annual measure of each school as mandated by federal law under the No Child Left Behind Act. The children in grades 3 – 5 will be assessed in Reading on April 1st and 2nd and in Math on April 8th and 9th. Please make every effort to have your child eat breakfast and arrive to school on-time. Testing will begin promptly at the ring of the 2nd bell. Later this year, our fifth graders will participate in the Science on-line MSA testing. I had the pleasure of attending a "practice" session for our 5th graders yesterday in our computer lab. This certainly was an exciting session. I was amazed and in awe at the number of students who can probably type faster than I can.

Inside This Issue

	<u>Pages</u>
TGE News	2
Winners	3
Calendar	3

As we enter the 4th quarter please be on the look out for information about upcoming school events. There is much left to be done and we thank you, in advance, for supporting your child and our school in being successful. Working together we can ensure that Tulip Grove Elementary is truly the school "Where Children Bloom!"



Special Events:

On April 11th, TGE will be celebrating Arbor Day. We will plant our "Tree of Peace" right after our school-wide assembly kicking off Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Thanks to all the students, staff, and parents who help support these special events.

Mark your calendars: Spring Picture Day – April 22, 2008

JANUARY WINNERS

FEBRUARY WINNERS

“You Were Caught Being Good”

Mrs. Nay’s - K Class
Mrs. Gilbert’s – 2nd Grade Class
Ms. Lopez’s 3rd Grade Class



“You Were Caught Being Good”

Ms. Kress’ - Kindergarten Class
Mrs. Gilbert’s - 2nd Grade Class
Mrs. Holmes’ - 5th Grade Class

Compassionate Student

Pre K - Jaden D.
K - Sophia D.
1 - Jackie S.
2 - Collin M.
3 - Sydney W.
4 - Charli H.
5 - Samantha W.

Compassionate Student

Pre K - Isiah B.
K - Abigail H.
1 - Jordan W.
2 - Sarah G.
3 - Jeric C.
4 - Francis A.
5 - Billy Z.



1st & 2nd - MSA Testing Reading

2nd - F.T. – 1st Grade PG Playhouse
4th - 5th Grade Middle School Articulation MPR
- School Pride Day – Wear School Colors
8th & 9th - MSA Testing Mathematics
11th - Math-A-Thon Assembly
- 9:00 – Peace Tree Planting
- 3rd Quarter BBQ
- School Pride Day – Wear School Colors
14th - Mobile Dentist
- Science Club – 2:30
15th - F.T. – 4th Grade to NSO
- System-wide Open House
18th - Career Day
22nd - Spring and Class Pictures
25th - Math Fun Day
28th - Science Club – 2:30
29th - F.T. – 9:30 – MD Science Center
- Middle School Articulation – Parent Night 7 p.m.



1st - F.T. – 3rd Grade Green Meadows
2nd - School Pride Day
5th - Teacher/Staff
- Appreciation Week Begins
8th - F.T. Lipford Pat. River
9th - F.T. Lopez Pat. River PK
- School Pride Day
- F.T. Six Flags
12th - Sci. Club – 2:30
16th - Fundraiser Celebration
28th & 29th - 5th Grade Rehearsal
30th - School-Wide Play Day
- 5th Grade Social 6 pm

Parents, when dropping students off in the am, please be conscious of others; those in and out of cars. Please adhere to the speed limit. In addition, please do not pull in nor park in the "U" located in the front of the building from 7:30 – 3:00.

Our #1 priority is student safety.



See Calendar for Important End of The Year Events!

TGE NEWS

First Grade

Read Across America

On February 29th, we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day. The first grade classrooms were filled with students in their crazy hats and we had many guest speakers stop by to read. The students had so much fun going on a parade through-out the school showing off their crazy hats! Read Across America Day was such a blast...

We can't wait to do it again next year!



Second Grade News

The second graders are reading about families in our FAMILY TIME reading theme. We are working on measurement and probability in math class. We are learning about OUR COUNTRY LONG AGO in Social Studies. We are learning about where different Native American tribes lived, what they ate, and what kind of shelters they built. In Health class we are learning about

being safe in water, around animals, on bikes, etc. In science we are studying the three states of matter - solids, liquids, and gas. We have enjoyed writing letters to our 5th grade pen pals!

Fourth Grade News

Fourth graders have begun their fifth theme in reading, "Heroes". We are enjoying reading stories about not only famous heroes, but also every day heroes. On April 15, we will be attending the Kennedy Center to hear a special concert for fourth graders performed by the National Symphony Orchestra. In Science, we continue to study Physical Science, focusing on energy. Be sure to check out the great poems we wrote, and then typed in the computer lab!

Science Club News

Science Club enjoyed a great demonstration of physics by Dr. Richard Berg from the University of Maryland. He also shared his knowledge with the fourth and fifth graders. We constructed different kinds of bridges using K'Nex. Have you seen the crystals we grew? The bulletin board at the end of the intermediate hallway has some of the designs we made. Dr. Heyward also showed us how to make invisible ink! But of course, we couldn't see it. (Just kidding)