The
TIGER NEWS

Tusculum View School   **February 10, 2009**

Dates to Remember

2/11 – Tusculum View 5th Grade Science Fair
2/12 - Valentines Day Parties
2/13 – NO STUDENTS - Professional Learning
        Day
2/16 – NO SCHOOL, President's Day Holiday
3/6 -   Spring Picture Day

Early Dismissal Plans

Thanks for your patience with getting children to the right places during the early dismissal last week. It is very important that you have a plan for early dismissal and that your plan is on file with your child's teacher, and that your child knows that plan. It is also very important that you keep your emergency contact information updated in your *SchoolCast* account. Even if you have given the office or your child's teacher a new contact number, only you can update that information in *SchoolCas*t. Unless it is an absolute emergency, please do not call the school office during an early dismissal. Our number one focus is making sure that our students are where they need to be in order to facilitate the dismissal process and to ensure our students' safety.

Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Melissa Morgan has been nominated by Tusculum View as our building level Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Morgan currently teaches third grade, but has previously taught 5th grade.   In addition to being an outstanding teacher, Mrs. Morgan also is actively engaged in several leadership roles in our school and school system. She serves as facilitator of our Site Base Council,

chair of our school's AR Team and is also a member of the system's AR Team. Mrs. Morgan is recognized by the Tusculum View staff as a skilled teacher, a champion for children, a collaborative team member, and school leader. We wish her the best of luck in this year's selection process at other levels.

TCAP Testing

Our 5th graders completed the state Writing Assessment this past week and we look forward to receiving those scores and celebrating their success in the coming weeks.   Our 2nd through 5th graders will be taking the TCAP Achievement Tests in April. Those dates will be April 15-22.

Winter Break

There will be no school for students this Friday, Feb. 13 through Monday, Feb. 16. As I have been telling the students, this is a great time to work on math facts, or AR reading goals. Even if you have some traveling planned over this long weekend, some quality time can be spent working on these important skills.

Parent Connect

Additional information is being sent home with the newsletter for parents of students in grades 3-5. If you choose to set up a Parent Connect account, you will be able to access your child's grades and attendance records on line. Please be reminded that Parent Connect is totally different from *SchoolCast* which is the system's messaging system.

Global Initiative Update

This past Friday several members of the Tusculum College faculty went to Belize to establish contacts with schools in San Ignacio (western Belize), and will be taking students to Beize in March as part of one of their classes. The faculty graciously agreed to take materials and equipment for us on this trip.   Wal-Mart donated four suitcases and we were able to send school supplies, books, and teaching materials for the schools in San Ignacio, and teaching materials and equipment for the Greeneville City Schools' partner schools near Belize City. Karen Fine, our art teacher, is working on units of study in art for exchange with schools and students in Belize, and Tusculum View is looking forward to providing other opportunities for exchange of information as we grow learning partnerships with students in Belize.

Boxtops for Eduction

It's time to turn in Boxtops for Education. If you have any at home that need to be turned in, please turn them in now. The Boxtop program is continuous, so please keep collecting. The speech/language program uses them to purchase needed software and materials for the students use. We appreciate your help!