



NEWS

Tusculum View School

February 23, 2009

Dates to Remember

March 2		4 th Grade Science Fair
March 2		Silly Sock Day
March 6		Spring Picture Day
March 6		Crazy Hat Day
March 12	2	System wide Science Fair
March 20	0-29	Spring Break

Four Tenure Candidates

Four of our Tusculum View teachers will be presented as candidates for tenure at the February meeting of the School Board on Thursday evening. All GCS tenure candidates will be honored at a reception preceding the board meeting which will be held at Highland School. Tusculum View candidates are Mrs. Bowman, Special Education, Mrs. Irwin, Title Reading and Math, Ms. Renner, 5th grade, and Mrs. Williams, 3rd grade. We celebrate with these teachers and their families in recognition of this professional milestone in their career.

<u>Special Activities Set for</u> <u>Dr. Seuss' Birthday</u>

Next week, March 2-6, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, we will have a fun week of activities, including dress-up days and opportunities to "Book a Lunch with Someone Special" and hear guest readers share favorite Seuss stories.

Monday we will kick off our week with *Silly Socks Day*. Pull out all the stops and don your wackiest socks!

Tuesday, March 3, Kindergarten (11:20-12:00) and 1^{st} grade (10:40-11:20) are invited to bring someone special for lunch.

Wednesday, March 4, 2nd grade (10:55-11:30) and 3rd grade (11:30-12:10) will have their special lunch day for inviting a friend to lunch.

Thursday, March 5, 4th grade (12:30-1:00) and 5th grade (12:00-12:30) will have their chance to invite a special guest for lunch. Just tell your loved one to come sign in at the office a few minutes before lunch time and wait for you in the lobby. Then you can share a great lunch in the cafeteria and hear some favorite Seuss stories.

Friday will be *Crazy Hat Day*. This is your chance to bring out your craziest toppers. If you have a Cat-in-the-Hat hat, we would love to see it! Parents and special friends, celebrate the love of reading by spending some extra time reading to and with your child during the next few weeks.

Fourth Grade Colonial Day

Fourth graders have been studying about Colonial America. They have been learning about the crafts and trades of early settlers in America, their relationships with the Native Americans, and the daily life in the 13 colonies.

On Wednesday, February 11, fourth graders came to school dressed in colonial clothes and took a trip back in history to the late 1600's. During the morning, students participated in several activities which included quill pen writing and quilting. They played colonial games and learned an American folk dance. They enjoyed a tea party where they drank tea and ate delicious desserts. They also watched and participated as Mary Ann Kinser, and her daughter Kelly (Kenzie Ellenburg's grandmother and mom) demonstrated basket making. Students also made clay marbles and practiced their skills at playing marbles.

After a busy morning, students were entertained with a group from Rock Mount Historic Site. They listened and participated in a very interesting presentation of the practice of medicine in colonial times.

For lunch, the cafeteria ladies prepared a lunch consisting of a chicken biscuit, fruit, veggies, and a cookie served in a bucket with a cloth napkin which was the way it would have been done during colonial times.

This was a day filled with wonderful hands-on learning experiences. Hopefully the students gained an appreciation of the struggles and determination of the early setters that help mold this country into the great nation it is today.

Many, many thanks to all the parents and volunteers that helped make Colonial Day so special.

Fifth Grade Science Fair

The 5th grade class recently held the 2009 Science Fair at Tusculum View. All the projects were great and each student put in a lot of hard work. Winners for the 2009 Science Fair are: 1st place – Mark– "The Effect of Temperature on the Strength of Permanent Magnets", 2nd place – Sarah– "Does Color Affect the Taste of Food", 3rd place – Hannah– "Flaming Fabrics", honorable mention – Gavin– "Keep It Warm", Lauren– "High Performance Pasta" and Cameron– "Lemon Battery"