



# NEWS

**Tusculum View School** 

### **Dates to Remember**

March 11	End of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine weeks
March 11 & 12	Birthday Book Club
March 12	Systemwide Science Fair
March 13, 8:05	Virtue Assembly
March 16	Yearbooks go on sale
March 18	Grade cards go home
March 20 – 29	Spring Break

#### A Note from the Principal

It is hard to believe, but Wednesday ends the third nine weeks of this school year, and we look forward to the many important events taking place during the final nine weeks. Our students in grades 2-5 will be taking the TCAP Achievement Tests April 15-22. You will be receiving more information about this from your child's teacher in the coming weeks. Our teachers are continuing to work on new skills as well as review those covered this year in order to prepare our students for these important assessments. Parents can help at home by looking at assignments and homework skills and reviewing with students. You can also help by reinforcing the importance of "doing one's best," and making sure that the students are getting plenty of rest the days before and during the test. There are many special activities planned in late April and May including a performance of "Snow White Goes West" by our 4th and 5th grade students and 5<sup>th</sup> grade chorus, Tiger Walka-Thon, class field trips, D.A.R.E Day with the Smokies, D.A.R.E. Graduation, 5<sup>th</sup> grade visit to GMS, Field Day, and Awards Day. Thank you for working with us to complete another successful year at Tusculum View.

### <u>Science Fair Winners,</u> 4<sup>th</sup> grade

March 9, 2009

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grades students have completed their science fair projects. All the projects were well done and very interesting. Congratulations to the winners in 4<sup>th</sup> grade who were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Jarod; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Kaitlyn; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jackson and honorable mention certificates went to Alan and Gray. All our students have enjoyed seeing the great projects researched and exhibited by our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. These winners will be showing off their projects at the System Science Fair at Hal Henard on Thursday, March 12.

### Community Visits

One of the goals of the new principal is to lead community visits to several of our surrounding communities to meet parents, share information, and answer questions. Three community visits were conducted last week. Several teachers attended with Mrs. Donaldson and information packets and activities were distributed to families of Tusculum View students. Future community visits are planned to encourage family involvement and build partnerships as we seek to meet the needs of our students "one child at a time.

<u>Happy Birthday</u> Dr. Seuss



Tusculum View students participated in several special activities to celebrate reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday last week. Monday many

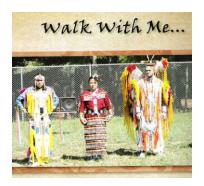
students wore silly socks and on Thursday we celebrated by wearing hillarious hats. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were "Bring a Special Friend to Lunch Day" and we were delighted to see so many parents, grandparents and special friends at lunch, between 40 and 50 special friends each day! Guests were treated to readings of Dr. Seuss' books by parents, Christa DelSorbo, Rushmie Bakshi, and Shannon Wallin. Guest readers also shared some of his most famous books with students in Mrs. Bowman's class. The students listened intently to the stories and participated in activities such as matching rhyming words, sorting word families and searching opposite words. With the help of Mrs. White and Mrs. Ervin the students concluded the week by making a trail-mix with pretzels, Cheerios, M&M's and Colored Goldfish. They also watched the animated movie of The Cat in the Hat and Hop on Pop. We all thank Dr. Dianne Casteel, Mrs. Terri Rymer and Mr. Michael Bowman for volunteering their time to read with Mrs. Bowman's classes. Preschool also had guest readers who were greeted with lots of excitement, enthusiasm, and questions by our youngest students. Thanks to Mrs. Fay and our 5<sup>th</sup> graders who provided some special effects and surprises during our morning broadcast last week for the celebration.

# <u> Yearbooks Are Here</u>

The 2008-09 Tusculum View Yearbook is in and will go on sale Monday, March 16. The cost is \$15.00 and they will be on sale as long as the supply lasts. Send a check made out to Tusculum View or \$15.00 cash in an envelope marked <u>yearbook</u> to your child's teacher.

# **A Beautiful Donation**

The Tusculum View Media Center recently received a copy of the book, <u>Walk With</u> <u>Me... A Day with the Cherokee</u>. This beautiful book is a photo story on 4<sup>th</sup> grade's Native American Day that was held on September 19, 2008. Mrs. Christa DelSorbo created this hard cover book through her Creative Memories consultant website at <u>www.mycmsite.com/christadelsorbo</u>. She generously donated a copy of the book to the library. Please feel free to come to the library to see this wonderful pictorial book of Tusculum View's Native American Day.



# **BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB**

On Wednesday of this week, students who joined the Tusculum View Birthday Book Club will come to the media center and choose a new book that they want to donate to the library. A special bookplate will be place in the book listing the honoree's name, birth date and a picture of the honoree. On Thursday, as a thank

you for donating a book to the library, members will get to eat a yogurt sundae with their choice of toppings. Mr. Scotty Long of TCBY has once again generously agreed to donate and make the sundaes for the birthday book club members.



# <u>Peer Tutoring Coming to a</u> <u>Successful End</u>

The Tiger Pals Peer Tutoring Program has once again been a huge success! It is very difficult to believe that our hours for this extended contract program is about to expire. <u>Our last day for tutoring will be on Thursday,</u> <u>March 12</u>.

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Hurst, and Mrs. Haynie would like to thank all who made this program possible. Thanks to the parents for getting their children here. It is quite a commitment to be here by 7:30 in the morning! Thanks to our  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$  grade tutors who were dedicated, creative, and vigilant in doing their best. They were such good role models. There are definitely some future teachers in this group! We hope they realize what an impact they have left on the younger students. We also want to thank all the K-3 kids that were being tutored for their hard work and pleasant attitudes. It was truly a blessing to be a part of this special program!

#### **TVAP News**

Students who plan to come to TVAP over Spring Break should be signed up prior to attending. Please contact the Program Director at 823-0411 to let her know which day(s) your child will be attending. There is also a sign up sheet at the door if you pick up your child from TVAP during the week. Students will need to bring a lunch on the days they attend. (No soft drinks, sweet tea or candy, please.)

## **Parenting Fair**

The fourteenth annual Greeneville-Greene County Parenting Fair will be held this Saturday. March 14 at Hal Henard School. The hours of the fair are 10:00 - 2:00. Admission is free. There will be fun, games and entertainment for everyone, plus lots of information about schools, programs and services in our community.