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# The TIGER NEWS



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Tusculum View School

April 13, 2009

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## Dates to Remember

Wed., Apr. 15	TCAPs begin K to Bays Mountain
Mon., Apr. 20	1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. To Aquarium
Wed., Apr. 22	Finish TCAPS
Thurs., Apr. 23	5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Job Shadowing
Fri., Apr. 24	No School
Mon., Apr. 27	Interim Reports go home
Apr. 27 – May 1	Kindergarten Registration
Thur., Apr. 30	Walk-a-thon

## Principal's Message

Our students in grades 2-5 will be participating in the TCAP achievement tests this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (April 15-18), and next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 20-22). Our teachers and students have worked hard this year and now it is time for the students to show all that they have learned. Tusculum View traditionally has done well on these tests and we expect this year for our students to do equally as well. There are several things that parents can do to help with this process these coming weeks:

- Make sure your child has an appropriate bedtime and is getting plenty of rest.
- Provide a good, nutritious breakfast at home, or allow your child to eat breakfast at school. We begin serving breakfast at 7:30 each morning.
- If you normally transport your child to school, please have them here on time (by 8:05) so that they

can be settled, organized, and ready to test. We will dismiss from the cafeteria at 8:05 a.m. and our testing schedule begins promptly at 8:30.

- Encourage your child to work hard, and give his best effort on each section of the test.

## Kindergarten Registration

The Greeneville City School System will hold kindergarten registration during the week of April 27 – May 1. Hours of registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents of kindergarten children residing inside the city limits must register their children at the school in their zone. Parents of kindergarten children residing outside the city limits who will be making application as tuition students must register their children at Hal Henard Elementary School. Tuition applicants for kindergarten will be on a first-come basis. Registration for kindergarten tuition students will be on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All tuition kindergarten students will be registered for the Greeneville City School System's kindergarten program generally rather than for a specific school. Parents will be able to request the school of their choice. Placements will be confirmed later.

Tuition applicants for grades 1 through 12 will be handled at the school being requested. Applications for these grades also should be filed on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuition and out-of-zone students currently enrolled in the Greeneville City School System will be supplied the

appropriate forms for registration before the end of the school year.

At the time of registration, parents should present the following items for their child: certified birth certificate (kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2009); physical examination report; required immunizations; and Social Security card.

It is important that all children entering the Greeneville City School System for the first time be registered so that personnel and materials will be available at the beginning of the school year. Also, it is a state law that children must successfully complete a state-approved kindergarten program before they be allowed to enter first grade.

## **Lunch Charges**

The cafeteria is trying to clear up all lunch charges. If you have received a call or letter regarding charges to your child's account you are requested to send money to clear your child's account. All charges must be paid in full by the end of April and no charges will be allowed in the month of May.

## **Global Art Connections**

Students in our Tusculum View art classes have been studying about the country of Belize. We started in February learning about the country through discussions, Internet research and Google Earth. They learned about the flag, people, terrain, climate, art, schools and much more.

Ms. Fine tied into her art curriculum projects that the 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade students did that were ultimately (at the end of March) sent to schools in Belize. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders learned about the differences between Belize and Tennessee. They did a drawing about things unique to Tennessee which included a TN map, state flag and their picture. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students focused on large Alphabet Books of things "American/Tennessee" which could be also put on a wall in a classroom.

Once these artworks were done, students from Tusculum College came to talk about Belize. Approximately ten students from

Tusculum College go to Belize each year to do projects connected to their Service Learning Class which is taught by Mrs. Robin Fife. Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders met with the college students at the end of March. There was a lot of sharing, questions, and at the end we gave them our artwork to take to Belize.

Once the college students returned we asked them back to our school to find out about their trip and what happened to our artwork. At the beginning of April they came and all of our students enjoyed a Powerpoint presentation, question and answer session and real artifacts discussion. They even gave us artwork that the Belize children did in return after receiving the artwork that we made. We have that artwork on display across from the artroom.

This was a wonderful experience for Tusculum View to "Go Global" and learn more about a country that many of us did not know anything about. We all look forward to more projects in the next school year that we will share with our "school friends in Belize".

## **Fourth & Fifth Grade Play**

If your son/ daughter is in the play "Snow White Goes West" (grades 4/5) please make sure they show you their costume list. These costumes are due back at school labeled with their name by May 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mrs. Sams or Ms. Fine if there are any questions regarding the play.

We need some parent volunteers to help construct and paint the sets...PLEASE contact Ms Fine if you can donate some of your time to help. We will start working on this May 1-6<sup>th</sup> and set everything up the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. This work can be done anytime...even after school time on the weekend...let me know what works for you!

We need several items donated to the school for use during the play. If you have these items please bring them to the music or art room ASAP labeled with your name:

Wooden Barrels (2)

Banjo

Hobbyhorse (we need 8 of these)

Old beat up suitcase (small size)

Small wooden bucket with handle

Scrub brush (wooden one)  
Tin looking plates (7 of them)  
Miner's lantern  
Old fashioned wooden stool (2)  
To make the sets we need:  
4 plywood pieces 6 ft tall (approx)  
Burlap fabric the size of a doorway  
Interior paint colors (purple, black, green, brown, white, gold)  
Paintbrushes (4 wide ones)  
Rolling casters for under the set (6-8 of them)

## **TVAP Information**

TVAP will now be accepting registrations for their summer program up until the May 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. The program begins on May 27<sup>th</sup> and will continue through June and July.

For those students who are currently registered at TVAP, parents will just need to sign a "Permission for Attendance" form (available in the TVAP office) if they plan for their child to attend. Students who are not currently registered will need to have a completed registration form and their registration fee, along with a Permission for Attendance form, turned in by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you need more information, please call Linda Flanagan at 823-0411 or you may stop by the TVAP office.

## **SchoolCast**

We are continuing to use *SchoolCast*, Greeneville City School's messaging system to send alerts for emergency and other important information. It is extremely important that you check your account and keep it up to date with the correct contact numbers so that you can receive important messages from Tusculum View or the Greeneville City Schools Central Office. We cannot update your account for you even if you send a new contact or phone number to the office. You are the only one who has access to your *SchoolCast* account.

## **Foothills Film Festival**

### **Winners**

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> was a big day for a group of Tusculum View fifth graders. Four groups attended and competed in the Foothills Film Festival held at Pellissippi State. Since late fall students have been working on Public Service Announcements to be entered in the festival. This is the first year that Tusculum View has entered the festival. There were originally nine Public Service Announcements made during guidance class, and once the voting at school was completed, four winning entries were made to the festival. The topics entered for the festival were: Stay in School, Stealing, Internet Safety, and Going Green. The winning Public Service Announcement was awarded to Stay in School. Members of Stay in School were Roan Arrington, Chase Broyles, Brooklyn Burkhart, Charlee Doty, Micah Grady, and Allison Gray. Other group members included: Breanne Everett, Jessica Freshour, Lisa Hartman, Hannah Haynie, Lauren King, Morgan Wiginton, Travis Malone, Watson Manual, Michael Martin, Bryant Metcalf, Emily Susong, Weston Tipton, Madison Buchanan, Faelyn Campbell, Sarah Daugherty, William Ervin, and Alyssa Everett,