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# The TIGER NEWS



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**Tusculum View School**

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**August 18, 2008**

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## Dates to Remember

Friday, Aug. 22, 8:05 am	Virtue Assembly
Friday, Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Labor Day
Break	
Sept. 9-29	Fall Fundraiser
Sept. 23	School Board Mtg. At T.V.
October 2	Open House
October 17, 4-8 p.m.	Fall Festival (formerly Balloon Day)

## A Note from the Principal

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. I enjoyed meeting many of you at our Grade Level Parent Meetings and look forward to seeing you again soon. As I said in the Parent Meetings, we look forward to establishing a partnership with you and your family in order to ensure your child's greatest success in school this year. We are committed to being champions for children and to providing a safe and supportive learning environment where all students are challenged to excel at the highest levels academically, socially, and emotionally.

The staff at Tusculum View seeks to communicate with you frequently with information which is important to your family and your child's education. You will receive a school newsletter every two weeks. You may also check the school website for information or links to grade level or teacher websites.

You will be receiving more information in the coming weeks about our emergency notification system called *SchoolCast*. When this program is initiated, you will be able to set up

your account on-line and provide information on how you wish to receive important emergency messages from the school or school system.

I would encourage you to support your child this year by providing a specific time and place for homework each night and maintaining a routine for bedtime so that your child gets enough rest to be ready to class each day. Please make sure that your child spends some time reading each night. Listen to your children read, talk with them about what they are reading, and model reading for them. Establish a positive open relationship with your child's teacher and let your child know that we are all part of his/her team this year.

Pat Donaldson,  
Principal

## TVAP

### **Tusculum View After School Program**

If you are looking for after school care for your child, please consider our TVAP. The program provides a snack, time for homework with help as needed, and time for supervised play. The program is open until 6:00 p.m. each day. Linda Flanagan is our director and she has a wonderful staff trained to provide these services for your child. Registration packets are available in the school office.

## GSIA

GSIA (Greeneville Schools in Action) is our parent/teacher organization. They are a very active group which provides many services to our school. They organize our fund-raising efforts

and through these events our students and teachers are provided with many additional opportunities. Most recently the school has obtained a wonderful outdoor pavilion with picnic tables. This provides for a wonderful outdoor classroom as well as space for special events and lunchtime celebrations. This year the GSIA is hoping to provide teachers with additional technology equipment to improve teaching strategies and allow students more access to hands-on learning with tools for technology. Please join our GSIA and volunteer to help with the numerous activities sponsored by this group. Information was provided in the "First Day Packets." If you need additional information, please contact the school.

## **Virtue Assembly**

Our first Virtue Assembly for this school year will be held in the cafeteria at 8:05 a.m. this Friday, August 22. We will have the morning announcements at this time and a drawing will be held to recognize students for exhibiting the character virtues. These virtue assemblies will be held every two weeks on Fridays at 8:05. Please make every effort to have your child here before 8:05 for the assembly, and talk with them about the virtues which we expect students to demonstrate (*respect, kindness, perseverance, honesty, self-discipline, fairness, responsibility, courage, self respect*).

## **Fifth Grade Update**

Thank you so much to the parents who have returned the many papers, permissions and the school fees (\$15) to the homeroom teachers. All of those colorful forms are now accounted for and only a **very few** folks have yet to send in the fees. We appreciate you getting all of that done! We also thank those of you who attended our parent night. For the first official day of school we had a great turn-out.

**\*\*\*\*A Change!!!!\*\*\*\***

The dates for our trip to Camp Explore have been changed to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. This means that the students will be going on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and will have the weekend to recover (so will the teachers

☺). The paperwork for that trip is included in the Monday folder which should be coming home with your child today.

## **Art News**

If there are any parents that are interested in volunteering in the art room (no previous art knowledge necessary) please contact Ms. Fine. Since there is no assistant teacher assigned to the art room it is wonderful to have parent volunteers from time to time.

Please send in any of the following items to the art room for some "Recycling" projects that we will be doing this school year: buttons, lace, fabric scraps, beads, colored wire, yarn, small puzzle pieces, camera film containers, and any other little "embellishing items".