
The
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Tusculum View School

November 24, 2008

Dates to Remember

Nov. 26-30	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 8	Holiday Performance at NPAC
Dec. 19	Abbreviated day
Jan. 6	Students return after Christmas break

Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of the first half of this school year. As we anticipate the season of Thanksgiving, I am mindful of the many things which make Tusculum View such a special place. Every day there are many parent volunteers in our school giving their time and energy working with teachers and students in the classrooms or working on big projects like our Fall Fund-raiser, Fall Festival/Balloon Day, Book Fair, and Angel Tree. Last week in celebration of American Education Week, the staff was treated to a delightful luncheon hosted by our GSIA and prepared by many wonderful volunteers. I am thankful for a tremendously talented, creative, and caring staff who are committed to providing excellence in education each day for every student at Tusculum View.

ANGEL TREE

If you have taken an ornament from the Angel Tree in the school office, please remember that the gifts need to be returned to the school office by Monday, December 1st, unwrapped, with the ornament attached to the gift. There are still some ornaments on the Angel Tree so if you

can help, please come by the office and pick one up to help provide a Christmas wish for a student in need.

Weather Alerts

As the possibility of bad weather approaches, remember that news of early dismissals or school closings will be broadcast on local TV and radio stations and will also be announced through our system's emergency messaging system, *SchoolCast*. It is important that you keep your contact information updated through your *SchoolCast* account so that you can receive these messages. Remember Tusculum View is part of the Greeneville City Schools.

PARENT INPUT NEEDED

At the end of the 2007-2008 school year, the school system's Title IV committee met to make decisions on how best to utilize the Safe and Drug Free Schools grant. The committee decided that the funds would be most beneficial in purchasing materials and equipment used to target bullying behavior in our schools. As a result, we would like to have parents' input on the issue of bullying. A short survey has been provided through a link on our Tusculum View School website at <http://www.gcschools.net/tusculum/>. Please take the survey online or request a paper copy from our school's guidance counselor. Your input on this important issue matters very much to us. These surveys need to be completed by December 10.

Parent Connect

Beginning with the second semester in January, parents will be able to check assignments and grades online through Parent Connect. Information will be coming home soon explaining how you can set up your account to access your child's assignments and grades.

December 8th Performance

Tusculum View's gift to the community will be our program "Holidays Around the World," presented by our kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students on Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. This performance will celebrate the cultural diversity of our own school as well as some emphasis on our global initiative with Belize. There will also be an art show featuring the work of our students in the foyer of the NPAC that evening. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to bring the whole family for this special presentation.

Go Green Devils

Congratulations to the Greeneville High School football team and best wishes as they play Maryville at Burley Stadium this coming Friday night. We hope you will make plans to attend and support GHS in this championship endeavor. Buy tickets early!

Third Grade News

Third graders recently completed PowerPoint presentations related to the community of Greeneville as the grand finale of our unit on communities. Working in groups of 2 or 3, third grade students used the Greene County Guidebook to research the community of Greeneville. Each group took notes on the information that they found and used their notes to create a PowerPoint presentation. Finally, each group shared their presentation with the class. Third graders learned a lot about our very special community through doing this project, and they did a great job of sharing what they learned with one another. Way to go, Third Grade!

Nathanael Greene Writing Contest

Several students from our third grade class are participating in the Nathanael Greene Writing contests this year. Each student in third grade wrote a story about their experiences "Growing Up in Greene." Each student also wrote a poem about growing up in the community of Greeneville. Though many students wrote awesome stories and poems, the students whose writing was chosen to send in to the contest are listed below. We wish these students the best of luck, and we look forward to finding out who our winners are when we attend the annual "Growing Up in Greene" Celebration on December 5.

Spelling Bee Winner

Congratulations to Brandon W., 4th grade, who placed 3rd in the citywide Spelling Bee on Nov. 18. First and second place winners were from GMS.