Triadelphia Ridge Elementary

Retriever Report 3/3/17

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear TRES Families,

Thank you to all of our students who participated in this week's Read Across America activities. I especially enjoyed observing our older students reading and sharing their favorite Dr. Seuss books with our younger students on Thursday afternoon. It is always such a joy to see our student's passion for reading.

Sincerely,

Lisa R. Smithson

Principal

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School

IMPORTANT DATES

| March 7 th @ 7:00 p.m. | PTA Meeting |
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| March 8 th | Quarter 3 Interim Progress Reports Issued |
| March 9 th and 10 th | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| March 17 th | PTA Bingo Night |
| March 17 th | Wacky Tacky Day |
| March 24 th | Career Day |

TRES News:

CONGRATULATIONS:

TRES First Lego League Team: A huge CONGRATULATIONS to the TRES First Lego League (FLL) Team, the Anglerfish Overlords. Our 4th grade team made up of Gabriel Alexander, Felix Baum, Seth Park, Camille Schlanger, Raaga Seshadri, and Andrew Yu, competed at the state level at UMBC. Their robot scored 122 points, earning them 17th place out of 72 of the top teams in the state of

Maryland. Additionally, the team earned a 3rd place trophy for their Project Presentation. Way to go!!!

TRES GeoBee Winner: A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Samir Gupta. Samir won our school level Geography Bee earlier this year, which advanced him into the County Level Competition. This week we were informed that Samir has now qualified for the State Level Geography Bee, which will be held at the end of the month. Awesome job Samir, and good luck at the State Level competition.

CAREER DAY @ TRES: We would like to invite you to participate in Career Day! Career Day will be held on March 24, 2017 at Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School. Career Day is a perfect occasion for school children of all ages to explore and understand different professions in our society.

We would like to encourage all professions to participate. Presentations should be between 15-20 minutes and geared toward the intended grade level. Presenters should include information such as what you do, what type of education you need to be certified, how your occupation helps the community, and why you find it so interesting and rewarding. Your presentation should include a hands-on activity for the students. Please consider bringing a take-away (Ex: a pencil, stress ball, etc.) for the children to enjoy after your presentation, if applicable.

Coming to school is a rewarding experience for you and our students. If you are interested in being part of our special day, please fill out the form by visiting http://tinyurl.com/TRESCareerDayForm. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Stacie_Walker@hcpss.org. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to your participation in Career Day 2017.

COUNSELING CORNER: A Wolf/Loving Wellness Tip (Offering periodic tips and strategies from School Counselor, Mrs. Wolf and School Psychologist, Dr. Loving):

Happy March! In Friday Folders this week, your youngest/only student is bringing a new *Home & School Connection* newsletter. In this resource you'll encounter ideas for teaching your youngster about drug safety, a fun engineering challenge, tips for building vocabulary, continued ideas for raising a HELPFUL child, and more.

Just for fun!!

Q: What was the farmer doing on the other side of the road?

A: Catching all the chickens! :0)

Also, in conjunction with our newest TRESmission video broadcast, a "Unique & Proud" home follow-up page is being sent. We want you to be aware of some of the valuable character messages that are being shared with students school-wide. The optional "dinner discussion" prompts can serve as a great tool to dig into some meaty discussion about: respect, fairness, honoring others, and being proud of the differences that make us interesting and unique.

Everybody's Different. Expect It, Respect It!

FROM MRS. BUCCI-LEE & MR. WEHR'S ART STUDIO:

Artist of the Month: Our Artist of the Month for the month of March is 4th grader, Camille Schlanger. Please congratulate her on this amazing award and stop by the art studio to check out her bright, beautiful, and cheerful spring bloom painting. Please remember, if you would like to be considered for upcoming A.O.T.M. awards, please make sure that any artwork you submit is something you created completely on your own, did not create in my art classroom, and includes your full name and class code on the back, so that nothing is accidentally misplaced. Submissions can be placed inside the box in my classroom. Keep creating!

<u>Golden Paintbrush:</u> Our Golden Paintbrush winning class for the month of March is Mr. Finnegan's 4th grade class. Thank you for showing respect, responsibility, caring and integrity in the art room each and every week. Who will be the next class to win?

Youth Art Month Showcase: This years' Youth Art Month showcase will be featuring the artwork of HCPSS from grades PreK-12. Being showcased this year are 5th graders Anusha Patel & Genevieve Rosenhsylop. Please congratulate them on this amazing accomplishment. They will be honored with an artist's reception on March 7th from 5-6:30pm at the Miller Branch Library. Please stop by the library to view all of the incredible artwork anytime during the month of March. Congrats to our TRES artists and others who are being honored in this incredible showcase!

Imagining Home Showcase: This years' theme art showcase at the Howard County Arts Council is focused on the idea of Imagining Home. Our 1st graders, Vincent Bruzzi, Ethan Sun, & Kaylan Zhang are having their works displayed in this incredible show. Please congratulate them on this amazing accomplishment. There will be an artist's reception in their honor on March 31st from 5-7pm at the HCAC. Please feel free to stop by the HCAC to view all of the incredible artwork anytime between March 10th-April 21st. Congrats to our amazing TRES artists!

<u>Art Studio Needs:</u> Throughout the school year, the art studio will be asking for donations of things you may have lying around your garage or attic, things that may otherwise be "trash" or "recycling." Currently the art studio is looking for:

-Tissues (the cold season is upon us and we are in need of tissues to keep our sniffles contained)

If you happen to have any of the requested items, please feel free to send them in with your students to the art studio. Thank you so much, in advance, to those of you who contribute, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

STAY CONNECTED: Communication is an essential component of a successful school experience for both students and parents. There are many ways to stay connected to TRES and to HCPSS. Please consider the following ways to stay connected:

Visit the TRES website often at: http://tres.hcpss.org/

- Follow TRES on Twitter at: @hcpss tres
- Check out TRES pictures at: https://www.flickr.com/photos/tres_retrievers/
- Visit your child's individual teacher and grade level team Canvas Homepage often
- Visit the TRES PTA website: http://trespta.digitalpto.com/
- Visit the HCPSS website often at: www.hcpss.org
- Download the HCPSS app on your mobile device (search Howard County Public School System)

Community News:

Folly Quarter Middle School Community Indoor Yard Sale: Sat. March 25, 8:00am -12:00pm, 13500 Triadelphia Rd. Ellicott City. Get your spring-cleaning done early! Clean out your closets, basements, and garages! Sell your items at our yard sale. Space available/\$20 per table. Vendors keep their profits. Space available on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve a space go to http://www.follyquarterpta.org/

For more Community News visit the Community News and Programs page http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/ on the HCPSS website for announcements of upcoming events and programs sponsored by non-profit organizations.

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