

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary

Retriever Report 5/5/17

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear TRES Families,

What a great week we have had a TRES! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our awesome PTA and the TRES community for the many ways that you showed your appreciation during Staff Appreciation Week. The breakfast, lunch, snacks, goody bags and raffle were a treat for us all.

This week many of grades participated in PARCC and/or MAP assessments. It has been so encouraging to witness the amount of effort that our students are putting into doing their personal best. Leading up to these assessments, many of our students set personal goals for themselves, and it has been exciting to hear stories about them accomplishing their goals. Take some time and ask your student about his or her personal goal for these assessments; if they have not made one yet, help them come up with one (i.e. a goal to use their scratch paper, a goal to check over each answer carefully, a goal to use helpful tools like calculators or highlighting tools when appropriate). Setting goals like these has the potential to make a big difference.

We are looking forward to International Night this evening. This family event begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be food, performances, displays and more. The event is free, but please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to contribute the food drive. All collected items will benefit the Foreign-Born Information and Referral Network (FIRN), which is a nonprofit organization in Howard County that empowers immigrants, refugees, asylees and other foreign-born individuals by helping them to access to community resources and opportunities.

Be sure to check out detailed information regarding these awesome upcoming TRES events:

- May 12th: **TRES Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast-** [Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast Invite.pdf](#)
- May 18th: **TRES Annual Art Show-** [Artome Show Flier 2017.pdf](#)
- May 26th: **TRES Field Day-** [FieldDay2017.docx](#)

Sincerely,

Lisa R. Smithson

Principal

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School

IMPORTANT DATES

May 5 th 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	International Night (PTA Sponsored)
May 12 th 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	TRES Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
May 17 th	5 th Grade Simulated Congressional Hearing (SCH)
May 18 th	2 nd Grade Field Trip- Piney Run Nature Center
May 18 th 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Enrichment Fair/ TRES Art Show
May 19 th	Schools Closed- Professional Learning Day/Articulation
May 23 rd	5 th Grade- Middle School Visitation
May 23 rd @ 7:00 p.m.	Spring Band Concert
May 25 th @ 9:30 a.m.	Kindergarten End of Year Show
May 25 th	3 rd Grade Field Trip- Robinson Nature Center
May 26 th	Field Day
May 29 th	No School- Memorial Day
May 31 st @ 7:00 p.m.	Spring Orchestra Concert

TRES News:

YEARBOOK ORDERS- FINAL CALL: If you are interested in ordering a 2016-2017 TRES Yearbook, all order forms and payments must be submitted by **Tuesday, May 9th**. At this time, only cash or checks will be accepted. Please see the attached order form and be sure to submit it with your payment. [TRESYearbook.pdf](#)

TRES FIELD DAY 2017: This is a friendly reminder from Miss Short and Mrs. Lewis that **Field Day is only three weeks away (Friday, May 26)!** Volunteer sign-up is off to a slow start. **We are still in need of approximately 44 volunteers for the AM session and 43 volunteers for the PM session.** It is necessary to have this large number of volunteers in order to have a full-day event. **If you are planning to volunteer but you have not yet signed up, please go to the following link ASAP.**

<https://goo.gl/forms/fWmydJX4tjOAXZL53>

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up. As always, we deeply appreciate the support we get from our TRES community. This school wide event could never be a success without your help.

PARCC AND MAP TESTING: The PARCC Testing Window begins on April 24th and closes on June 6th. The MAP Testing Window begins on May 1st and ends on June 9th. Attached, you will find the testing schedule for TRES. Please do all that you can to ensure that your student attends school on their designated testing days. If they are absent, they will complete testing during a designated make-up session, which may cause them to miss classroom instruction. If you have any questions regarding PARCC or MAP Testing, please contact Assistant Principal, Heather Moraff at Heather.Moraff@hcpss.org. [SpringTestingSchedule16.17.docx](#)

CLOTHING TO CASH RECYCLING BIN: Are you spring-cleaning? Use our new Clothing to Cash recycling bin to help the environment and raise money for TRES at the same time! This program accepts clothing and textiles in any condition to donate, repurpose, or recycle – just place your materials in plastic bags before depositing in the bin located on the car loop!

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

We heard a lot of Star Wars jokes yesterday ... "May the fourth be with you." :-)

In Friday Folders this week, your youngest/only student is bringing a new *Home & School Connection* newsletter. In this final May installment, you'll find ideas for exploring the outdoors as a family, strategies for celebrating learning, tips on encouraging your child to recognize and act with *empathy*, and fun ways to apply math thinking during the summer months.

Just for fun-- Q: Why do fluorescent light bulbs always hum?

A: Because they don't know the words. :0)

Additionally, this week and next, students are viewing the newest TRESmission video broadcast, focusing on the final **E** in T-R-E-A-S-U-R-**E**: **E**liminating Conflict, Seeking Peace. With this installment, Mrs. Wolf shares the importance of calming down and making efforts to work things out peacefully by using compromise and negotiation strategies. (**Talk** calmly, **Listen** to understand the other person's view, **Plan** ideas of compromise, **Check in** to be sure both people are mostly happy). Thanks for encouraging your child to put this life-skill and learning into action -- at school, at home, and in the neighborhood. Things turn out better when we work together!

MEDIA MATTERS: In partnership with the Howard County Library System, Books in Bloom (the inaugural book festival presented by the Downtown Columbia Partnership) will launch the library's summer reading program, "Summer @ Your Library," and will include children's craft areas and story time corner. This event takes place on Sunday, June 11th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Chrysalis in Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods. More details about the book festival can be found at <http://www.downtowncolumbiamd.com/books-in-bloom/>

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

3rd Annual ARTOME' Showcase & Fundraiser: It is that time of year again. We are VERY EXCITED to announce our 3rd Annual School-wide art gallery show and fundraiser, which will be held on Thursday, May 18th from 6:30-7:45pm. Please join us in viewing the amazing works of all of our TRES students, matted, framed, and gallery displayed for your enjoyment. Families will have an opportunity to purchase the Framed artworks at the show, or to pre-order them starting today. Payments made via cash, check (made out to TRES) or CC (<http://tinyurl.com/TRES-OnlinePay>) in the amount of \$25 will ensure you receive your artists' matted and framed masterpiece! (If pre-ordering, please send payments attn: Artome) Please contact me if you have any questions, and thank you for supporting our TRES Art Department!

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Artist of the Month: Our Artist of the Month for the month of May is 2nd grader, Zyonn McCullough. Please congratulate her on this amazing award and stop by the art studio to check out her incredible interpretation of an owl at night. Please remember, if you would like to be considered for our last A.O.T.M. for the school year, please make sure the 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!

Golden Paintbrush: Our Golden Paintbrush winning class for the month of May is Mrs. Haven's Kindergarten class. Thank you for showing respect, responsibility, caring and integrity in the art room each and every week. Who will be the last class to win this year?

[Community News:](#)

For 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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