



# Pioneer Pages



PEAK VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents:

We hope everyone had a restful and fun spring break. Spring brings warmer temperatures, but also preparations are underway for end of year events. Teachers are reviewing daily for SOL tests in grades 2, 3, 4 and 5. **SOL tests are scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>-May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** In addition, we have spring PALS assessments in the primary grades. Thus, it is very important that your child is in school each day. Hopefully spring break has afforded you the opportunity to take care of appointments and personal trips. Parents are **STRONGLY** urged not to schedule vacations or non-emergency medical appointments at this time.

Our May newsletter will focus on “helpful test taking tips”. It is very important that students be aware and practice test taking strategies in preparation of the spring SOL’s. In the meantime, encourage your students to practice the released questions on the Rockingham County Website.

<http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us>

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There are merely 43 school days left in this school year. Please help us keep the students focused and in routine as the weather gets warmer. We appreciate your partnership!

We love having parents visit our schools and participate in the learning process. We hope you can visit your child’s classroom in April.

Happy Spring!

*Marcy Williams*

Principal

## 2009 Summer Playgrounds

June 15 through August 14 from 7 am to 6pm

The day care program Summer Playgrounds will be held at the following schools: John Wayland; Cub Run; Lacey Springs; McGaheysville; and John C. Myers Elementary Schools. Fulks Run Elementary School will be added if enough children pre register.

### Cost:

(One time registration fee: \$50 per child)

**\$50\*** per week **full-time** – child will attend between the hours of 7am – 6pm.

**\$15** per day – **part time** – child will attend a few days per week, any hours.

**\$25** per week – **summer school** – child attends after classes of Summer School.

\*The first child in the family will be charged \$50 per week; each additional sibling will be charged \$40 per week. Only siblings attending full time will receive this discount.



## CiCi's Night


CiCi's Night has been rescheduled for **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm**, due to Spring Break. As before, the class that brings in the most money wins a pizza party. Congratulations to *Mrs. Shank's class* for winning in March!

## Texas Roadhouse Night

Come join us for our first fundraising night at Texas Roadhouse **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4-10 pm**. Monday is their Kids' Night, so there will be some fun extras for the children. They will donate 10% of the proceeds back to the PTA, if you present a copy of the newsletter, or a flyer which will be sent home with the kids. Take out orders will also be counted for the proceeds. **ALLERGY WARNING: There is a lot of peanut dust at this restaurant!**

## President's Message

Can you believe April is half over? I hope this finds you relaxed after a wonderful Spring Break and ready to hunker down for the last two months of school. On **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm** we will have our Executive Committee meeting at school—you are welcome to attend! Come to learn what we do as officers and committee chairs. I am still looking for PTA officers for next year. *Cindy Noftsinger* will be President. Cindy will begin recruiting committee chairs soon—think about how you can help next year. Peak View is lucky to have so many great volunteers. Please come to be recognized on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all you do!

 The Target Foundation made a generous grant to our Book Buddy program. During the book fair each student in grades 3-5 picked a book for the K-2 class they were matched up with. Pre-K's books were selected by their Spotswood High School buddies. Book Buddies met on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to give their younger buddies this special treat. Thank you Target!

### Rotarian Honors

Each year the Harrisonburg Rotary Club honors two students from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the Code of Ethics Award. Two students (boy and girl) are chosen by the teachers for exhibiting consistent, exemplary ethical behavior in school. This year we would like to congratulate *Angelberto "Junior" Correa* and *Edith Espinoza-Silva* as our recipients of the Rotary Code of Ethics Award.

### Destination Imagination

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Destination Imagination district competition: *Bryan Albertson, Caitlin Morgan, Ethan Quirion, Angel Quirion, Seth Diehl, Jonathan Krauss and Nick Rehkemper*. We are especially proud of them for showing poise and confidence throughout their competition, thus receiving the Spirit Award.



### County Choir Concert

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade county chorus concert on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009: *Hannah Blankenship, Alex Gardner, Benjamin Strickler, Caitlyn Miller, Caitlin Morgan, Brittney Walls, Andrew McDaniel, Bailey Spitzer, Sarah Strickler and Sierra Lambert*. These students, with other 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

from around the county, practiced from 1 to 7 pm, then performed a county-wide concert for family and friends. Thanks to the music teachers for providing this opportunity and congratulations to the students.

### Volunteer Appreciation Tea

The week of April 20-24 is Volunteer Appreciation Week. There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Tea on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 - 4 pm**. All who have volunteered at school or helped out from home (such as colored, cut or put together activities) are welcome. Please come and enjoy a snack and our sincere thanks for all you do for Peak View.



### Young Author's Celebration

There will be a Young Authors' Celebration on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 pm** at Bridgewater College for interested students in grades 2-5. Students were told about this event and offered a form to participate. Author Ellen Levine will speak, and then small groups of 8-12 students will meet to read aloud something they have written this year. Ellen Levine will also have autographed books for sale. Each family must provide their own transportation. Forms are due by Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need one, please e-mail Mrs. Lanoue at [mlanoue@rockingham.k12.va.us](mailto:mlanoue@rockingham.k12.va.us).

### Upcoming Events

CiCi's Night	<b>Fri., April 17 5-8 pm</b>
Volunteer Appreciation Week	<b>April 20-24</b>
Secretary Appreciation Day	<b>April 22</b>
Young Author Celebration	<b>April 22 4-6 pm</b>
Volunteer Appreciation Tea	<b>April 23 at 2-4pm</b>
K-1 Program/General PTA Mtg.	<b>April 23 at 7pm</b>
PTA Executive Comm. Meeting	<b>April 24 at 12:30</b>
Texas Roadhouse Night	<b>April 27</b>
SOL Tests	<b>May 4-May 19</b>

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