



# Pioneer Pages



PEAK VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents:

We are quickly wrapping up the school year. We only have approximately five weeks left in this year. For the remaining weeks we will be concentrating on end-of-the-year SOL testing and PALS testing. It will be extremely important to have all students at school each and every day for the remainder of the school year. Please recognize that the next several weeks will go by quickly and each day will be filled with lots of review for these very important tests.

There will not be any evening events scheduled at Peak View during the SOL testing period of **May 5-May 22**. We asked that parents notify the teachers if they plan to visit during the test window for lunch or to visit the classroom. Drop in visits are discouraged during the SOL testing window, as schedules may be different. There will be one final letter from the administration, along with a supply list for next year in your child's final report card.

Finally, below are a few quick tips for parents in helping your child do their best on the SOL assessment. Please encourage your child to do his or her "Best on the Test"! Thanks for your continued support.

See ya at school,

*Marcy Williams*  
Principal

## Test Taking Tips

- \*Use the index card provided to help keep your place on the answer sheet.
- \*Use the process of elimination to help guide your choices.
- \*Answer ALL questions. A guess is better than leaving it blank.
- \*Read the answers, then read the question, and then read the answers again.
- \*Slash the Trash! ... There is usually one that you can "throw out" as not being a reasonable choice.
- \*Get a good night rest and eat breakfast on test day.

Practice SOL tests can be found on the Rockingham County Website at <http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us>. Click on Parents/Students, click on SOL Practice Test. For Name, type **rockingham**. The password is **fenn**.

## Book Fair

Thank you all the Peak View parents and students who supported the book fair, and especially *Ashley Privott* for organizing it, *Mrs. Lanoue* for hosting it, and all the moms and dads who volunteered throughout the week.



## Watch D.O.G.S for May

Thank you all the fathers, grandfathers, and guardians who have supported our Watch D.O.G.S program this year. I recently opened the May calendar for anyone interested in selecting a May date. Please be advised that due to testing, on the local and state level, some days are restricted. If a particular grade level has a test on a given day, we are asking that no Watch D.O.G.S with a child in that grade select that date. Your flexibility is appreciated!--*Jacqueline B. Schmidt*



## Picture book donation

Are you spring cleaning? I am looking for gently used Pre-K picture books. These books would be offered to students during the screening process for our Pre-K program. If you have any books to contribute, please drop them off in the main office. Thanks!!  
--*Jacqueline B. Schmidt*

## Sarah's Ice Cream Fundraiser

Come get a treat at Sarah's Ice Cream on **Thursday, May 7**. Sarah will donate 10% of the proceeds from that day to the PTA. It will run all day, and it is not limited to Peak View purchases. If you come in the evening, you may get to see some special "guest dippers." Hint: their initials are M.W. and J.S. Hope to see you there!



## CiCi's Night



The next CiCi's Pizza night will be **Tuesday, May 12** from 5-8 pm. CiCi's will donate 10% of the proceeds to the

PTA. The class that brings in the most money wins a pizza party. Congratulations to *Mrs. Neese's class* for winning in April. Come support your PTA and get a chance to win some pizza for your child!

### President's Message

May flowers are finally here – one of the best months of the year! I just have a couple of quick things for you: We will have an **End-of-Year Social** to celebrate the end of SOLs and a great school year the last week of May. We're still planning the details but it will be a fun party so plan to attend!

Parents, we need you! **Field Day** is fast approaching – **June 5<sup>th</sup>** – and it is entirely staffed by parent volunteers. We want to see you out there having fun with your kids!

Our **PTA meeting** for the month will be **Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 pm** in the library. All are welcome to attend.

May brings our **Volunteer of the Year nominations**. If you know someone who has made a difference at Peak View through his/her volunteer efforts please nominate him/her! Forms will be available on the table in the front lobby.

Thanks for all you do to make Peak View a great place!

--*Paula Polglase*

### Fun in the Sun

Field Day is **June 5** for all grades. Please keep your eyes open for our volunteer letter that will be coming home soon!

We look forward to a wonderful sun and water filled day!

Thanks! --*Sarah H. Peters*

### Young Authors' Celebration

Wednesday, April 22, eight Peak View students attended the Young Authors' Celebration at Bridgewater College. Ellen Levine was the author presenter who spoke about her work, research, and books. We really enjoyed her tales of the Great San Francisco Earthquake, a farm veterinarian, and the adventure of Henry "Box" Brown. The student authors who attended were *Hannah Couric, Evelyn Barker, Victor Pou, Andrew Graham, Brice Estes, Lindsey Revercomb, Emma Hall, and Caitlin Morgan.*

Thursday, April 23, there was a Volunteer Appreciation Tea from 2-4 pm. Thanks Peak View faculty and staff for providing the delicious refreshments. People who attended registered for a drawing to win a dozen roses. The lucky recipient was *Mrs. Cindy Noftsinger.*

--*Mary D. Lanoue*

## SOL Tests and other Upcoming Events

### May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4*	5* Judd's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Science Turner/Combs' 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math	6* Combs's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Science	7* Sarah's Ice Cream Fundraiser 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. Reading Judd's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math Turner's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Science	8*
11 Report cards home	12 CiCi's Night 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. Math Judd's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Social Studies Turner/Combs's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading	13 4 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading Combs's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Soc. Studies 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Science	14 PTA Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. Social Studies Judd's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Reading Turner's 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. Social Studies	15 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Reading
18	19 3 <sup>rd</sup> gr. Science 4 <sup>th</sup> gr. Math	20 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Math	21 4 <sup>th</sup> gr. VA studies	22 2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. Soc. Studies 4 <sup>th</sup> gr. Science
25 Holiday	26	27	28	29 Move Up Day

\*May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please show your child's teacher how much you appreciate him/her.

### June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 SCA Campaign Week	2 SCA Campaign Week	3 SCA Campaign Week	4 SCA Campaign Week SCA speeches 9:00 am	5 Field Day (rain or shine)
8 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Farewell	9 1:00 pm release	10 9 am Award Assembly 10:00 am SCA Installation 1:00 pm release	11 1:00 pm release Last day of school Report Cards home	12

