



# Pioneer Pages

PEAK VIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

*Dear Parents:*

*As we make our way into the "Winter Stretch", we hope everyone continues to have a positive school year. We have finished one semester of the school year. As we start the final semester of the school year our focus will continue to be on providing quality education opportunities with our instruction being very intentional towards getting all students ready to be successful on the SOL testing this spring.*

*The fourth and fifth grade SOL tests will begin in March with a writing test, but the bulk of the SOL test will come later in May. This month teachers have conducted mid-year assessments. This information will help teachers to look at how well students have comprehended what has been taught to this point and what information will need more attention in the upcoming semester. We will also use this information to offer after school programs to students who need extra help. If your child is invited to an after school program, it is highly recommended that he/she attend. If your child is not recommended but you are interested in giving him/her extra support, please notify your child's teacher.*

*We hope you continue to have a successful and happy school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Thank you once again for letting us work with your children each and every day!*

*See you at school.*

*Marcy Williams, Principal*

**"Take Your Family to School Week"** has been postponed. Information will be shared as we plan.

Join us!

**International Fair Night - Family Fun!**  
**(Art/Science and Math Activities)**  
**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8pm**

## YOU CAN TOUR THE WORLD IN JUST 1 NIGHT!

Come to the gymnasium to see, taste and experience cultures from around the world such as Pakistan, Japan, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, Puerto Rico, Peru, Native America, and France! Families from our community will be there to share family traditions, favorite recipes and activities from places they have lived or visited around the world.

We had to postpone Math and Science Night because of bad weather, so Math, Science and Art activities will be set up in the cafeteria.

There will be many fun things to do, and not enough time to do them all. Make sure you're here at 6:30 sharp so you don't miss a thing because everything shuts down at 8.

We encourage parents to help their children with the activities and understand that most activities are for school age children. If younger siblings attend, they will need to be closely supervised.

Bring a shoebox to carry home your "create and take" artwork. Have fun creating! This should be a wonderful night.

## Attention Watchdogs!

Please mark your calendars for a "Soup-er Dads" meal of soups and sides on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:45. Please e-mail me or return the blue invitation that was sent home ASAP so we can plan accordingly. *Please keep in mind that this event is for current Watchdogs.*

Jackie Schmidt, [jschmidt@rockingham.k12.va.us](mailto:jschmidt@rockingham.k12.va.us)

Gaye Hensley, School Counselor

Message From the PTA President:  
**PTA Board Positions Available for 2010-11**

Believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking ahead and getting prepared for the next school year. PKVES PTA will nominate and elect next year's officers and board members at the General Meeting in May. PTA by-laws state that members of the board are allowed to serve in their current capacities no more than two years. Our VP of Membership and Treasurer are not eligible to continue their duties next fall. We also need a President and President-Elect to complete our slate of officers. We need your help in order for the PTA to continue to be a valuable resource for our community! Please refer to a list of officers and individual roles on our website to see how you might best serve. It is my personal testimony, after presiding this year that we have amazing parents, faculty and students at Peak View Elementary and all are extremely supportive and grateful of our PTA efforts. It has been a rewarding privilege to participate in my children's school in this area of leadership. I encourage you to consider working in collaboration with others in our school community to keep the tradition of greatness at PKVES!

Family Dinner Night

We look forward to having a Sarah's Ice Cream day the first Thursday of every month. Sarah's will donate 10% of all proceeds that day to Peak View. They are open from 11-8. Sarah's also has coffee, sandwiches, and soups. Thank you to everyone who ordered pizza on Domino's night. Congratulations to Mrs. Lamb's and Mrs. Neese's classes. They tied for turning in the most slips on Dominos night and each win a pizza party. *Coming up in March: Chick-fil-A Spirit night March 23.*

Fifth Grade Farewell:

**June 7<sup>th</sup> at noon** is the planned date for our farewell ceremony. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Vicki Krauss, Committee Chair

Year Book Sales:

We will be extending our Yearbook sales until **March 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in your child receiving a yearbook the first week in June, please reserve one by purchasing now. The cost is \$14.00, cash or check. Checks need to be made out to PKVES.



March is Reading Month!

Authors Ginjer Clarke and Carolyn Reeder will be speaking to our students in March. Students who wish may pre-order books from the authors and get them autographed! Details coming soon.

Talent Show:

Our annual talent show is coming up in March. Be thinking about what you want to do, and be on the lookout for the application – it will be coming out soon.

Spring Book Fair

The spring book fair will be March 15 - March 22. Thanks to having two book fairs this year, we will be able to get free books for our school reading room! With book fair profits this fall, we gave almost 100 books away to students! If you will be able to help any day during the book fair, please contact me. Volunteers are needed the first three days when students are writing wish lists and in the mornings until 9:00.

Mary Lanoue, Library Teacher

Results of the Spelling Bee:

Thursday, January 21, Peak View held its annual spelling bee. The nine fifth-grade contestants, representing the top three winners from their classroom were Zoey Fox, Tyler Nesselrodt, Neal Visvalingam, Kyle Eichlin, Danielle Soard, Christian Hayes, Lindsey Rivercomb, Tyler Smith, and Courtney Cushman. The school competition was intense and players made it to round 17! Our school winner is Neal Visvalingam and the runner up is Zoey Fox. Congratulations! The county level spelling bee will be held at Cub Run Elementary on **Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm.**

Events in  
February:

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Rhythm Around the World Assembly  
(1pm-3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade) (2pm, Pk-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – **County Spelling Bee @  
Cub Run, 7 pm, Rescheduled**

February 18 – International Night 6:30pm-8pm  
(Plus Math, Science, & Art Activities)



March 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing SOL

March 3 – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing SOL