



Pioneer Pages

PEAK VIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

Dear Parents:

Parent-Teacher Conference Day will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. You should have received a parent teacher conference form to sign up for a conference with your child's teacher. If you have not received a form, please contact the teacher to arrange a conference. This is the perfect time of year to check in with the classroom teacher and review your child's progress. Please meet with your child's teacher to make certain your child is progressing at a steady pace.

Please understand that teachers have many parents to meet with, so it is important to keep with your scheduled time. If you need a longer conference, please arrange to meet with the teacher after school on a different day. It would be best if children not be present during the conference. Thank you for your cooperation.

See Ya at School!

Marcy Williams, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER:

- 3rd - Parent Teacher Conferences 12pm - 7pm
- 3rd - **No School for Students**
- 6th - Read Aloud Virginia Day
- 10th - Join us at CiCi's
- 4th -17th - Book Fair in the Library
- 12th - School Council/PAC
 - Title 1 and Technology Presentation - 6:30pm
- 25th - 1:00 pm release for students
- 25th - End of 2nd Six Weeks Grading Period
- 26th - Thanksgiving (**school closed**)
- 27th - Thanksgiving break (**school closed**)
- *Put December 4 on your calendar -
- 4th/5th Grade- Winter Music Performance

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PEAK VIEW RECEIVES GRANTS FROM EXXON AND MILLER/COORS!!

Peak View Elementary wants to thank Rudy Propst and Mike Davis of Cline Energy in Harrisonburg for their generous grant of \$750. The money will be used towards purchasing science and math materials for the school.

Miller/Coors has contributed \$100 towards purchasing hand sanitizer to help keep our students at PKVES germ free during this cold and flu season.

Thank you!! It takes business partners such as Exxon and Miller/Coors to truly make a difference in education.

WINTER IS AROUND THE CORNER!

In anticipation of weather related early dismissals and delayed openings, please review the following:

*If possible, have your personal email notified when schools are closing early or opening late. To register, send an email to Joe Hill, Director of Math and Technology for Rockingham County Public Schools jhill@rockingham.k12.va.us.

*If there is an alternate plan for your child when school closes early, please make sure it has been submitted to us in writing.

*On early release days please let your child know that if they arrive at home and no one is home to tell their bus driver and get back on the bus. The bus will bring your child back to school, where we will notify the parent. We will do our very best to ensure that no child is left alone at home.

*All after-school activities will be cancelled on early release days and students will be sent home on their regular buses.

*Please make it a practice to listen to the radio, check Rockingham County Website www.rockingham.k12.va.us or watch WHSV for local school closings.

*Please note that if school is operating on a 1 hour delay, breakfast will still be served and students may be dropped off beginning at 9:00. If school is operating on a 2 hour delay, students may be dropped off at 10:00 and breakfast will not be available.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Jackets and sweaters are popping out everywhere. It seems that Fall has arrived. Our membership drive is coming to an end and the directory should be ready soon. Thanks to Mrs. Shafqat for delivering rewards to classrooms obtaining 75% PTA membership...I just know the students enjoyed ice pops and extra recess! Other PTA committees have been in full swing with activities for our students and families. As always, PTA is working hard to provide fantastic student programming!

Speaking of activities, wasn't the HarvestFest a BLAST?! Thank you to Mrs. Branner and Mrs. Dumler who worked tirelessly to plan the whole event. Thanks also to all the volunteers and faculty who kept the fun going all day. Our gratitude is extended to Ms. Minskoff for planning the Family FunRun 5k also. We so appreciate members of SHS Cross Country Team who provided course guidance and managed the race. Thanks to sponsors and participants, too, for without them the event could not have happened.

The Innisbrook Fundraiser was a HUGE success! Once, again, our PKVES students and families came through in an awesome way and exceeded sales goals. On behalf of the PTA, I want to express our most sincere appreciation to Mrs. Albertson and Mrs. High for diligently motivating and rewarding our students for this successful event. The faculty/student basketball game was great fun too! Our top salespeople had the opportunity to shoot hoops with faculty in recognition of their great efforts.

The money we get from these fundraisers helps to improve our school so much. Thank You! Brain Pop is up and running. This is one of the things that your contributions allowed us to provide. If you haven't done so, check out www.brainpop.com. We are also going to be able to provide Mrs. Coffman with a complete set of ORFF instruments for the music department.

Look for more Fall fun as the Book Fair and Read Aloud Virginia approach. These events promote literacy throughout the school and provide yet another opportunity for you to join in lots of fun!

*Cindy Noftshinger, PTA President
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PTA Reflections Program



There will be a breakfast on December 4th to honor the students that participated in Reflections.

MERCHANTS PROGRAM

You will be receiving a flyer detailing all the ways that you can support our school just by doing your normal shopping. We have entered programs with Campbell's, Tyson, Box Tops for Education, Martin's, Target, Kroger and Food Lion. **BONUS: Please send in Campbell's labels by December 11th.** If we submit 2500 points by December 31st we get a bonus of 2500 points.

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HARVEST FEST

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Harvest Fest this year. We hope you enjoyed it! Thank you to the parents that volunteered their time and for those of you who contributed items to our beautiful baskets. Thank you to the Room Moms and Dads for the unique and creative flower pots. Thank you to ALL the teachers, administration, office and custodial staff for supporting our efforts in make this event a success. Thank you to the executive committee for their hard work and to our friends and family for all their time and effort in helping us week after week. We know we owe you!☺

Sherrie Dumler and Betsey Branner

PEAK VIEW FALL BOOK FAIR

The Fall Peak View Book Fair will be Wednesday, Nov 4 - Tuesday, November 17. Visit the book fair site at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/pkves>

The fair will be open 8am - 3pm each day. Wednesday, Nov 11 the PeakView Cafeteria and Mrs. Lanoue invite students to come to breakfast with someone "Grand" and then come to shop at the book fair until 9am. You should have received a sign-up sheet last week. If not, contact Mrs. Lanoue. Thursday, Nov. 12 the book fair will also be open 4-6pm for families. Proceeds will buy books for the VA Reader's Choice Primary and Elementary books for 2009-2010 and the School Book Room.

HOLIDAY WISH BOOKS

During November and December we invite families to donate books for our library in honor of your child, a teacher or staff member. In the entrance way we will have a tree with ornaments to choose from which list books and the cost to purchase them. If you'd like to participate, send a note to the homeroom teacher. Families may also come in and choose together. Make checks to "Peak View Elementary School" (memo line: Holiday Wish Books). You may send in the money or to go to Barnes and Noble and make a purchase. (Sending in the money does allow the school to purchase either library bound books or to get the educator discount at Barnes and Noble.) With budgets cuts, this is wonderful way to honor our school and to make a contribution which helps every reader. Thank you. (Most books under \$20)
Mrs. Mary Lanoue - Library Teacher.

PEAK VIEW VS. CUB RUN VOLLEYBALL GAME TO BENEFIT REFI (ROCKINGHAM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION)

We earned almost \$3,000 with the game and the events leading up to it. Way to go!! Thanks for all the support faculty and staff, students, parents, and families. And thank you to the many donors that helped make the event a success. The students raised \$159 with the coin drive. Mr. Judd, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Shull's classes had the most donations and participated in those very entertaining tricycle raises.

Generous donations were also made by the following:

Daniels T-Shirts	Printing Express-posters
White Wave - \$500	Montevideo Middle School- Gym
Sheetz-drink coupons(prizes)	Smart Shopper
Hershey's - candy bars	Pepsi - drinks
Walmart Distribution Ctr. Bottled water & soda	Rockingham Recreation Dept - Pom-poms for cheerleaders
Stephanie Anstey-Referee	Gerald Lehman -ice cream coupons (prizes)

REFI GRANTS RECEIVED BY PEAKVIEW AND CUB RUN STAFF:

- *Al Marcovitz - Computer Lab as Art Studio
- *Jackie Dinsmore, Mary Lanoue-Reader's Choice Book Club
- *Margaret Johnson, Terri Tucker, Margo Jantzi - DVD's for Reading Rainbow for the ELL Program
- *Mary Lanoue, Terri Tucker, Megan Roach - Bilingual Lit for Little People
- *Betty Coffman - Motivation Through Melody

READERS CHOICE BOOK CLUB (5TH GRADE)

Attention fifth graders and families: We will be meeting the following Mondays after school: Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Jan. 18, Feb. 8 and Feb. 22 and March 1 till 4pm on each date. We will be covering books recommended for the upper elementary level of the Virginia Reader's Choice contest. Adults are also welcome to take part in reading the books and meeting with us for discussions and activities. A sign up note will be going home shortly with all fifth graders who registered. If you don't receive one and are interested, please contact Mrs. Lanoue or Ms. Dinsmore at school via note or phone call.

3rd and 4th graders will also be invited to take part in the program by checking out and reading at least four of the ten from the school library.

Grades K - 2 also take part at their level. Mrs. Lanoue reads each of the 10 K-2 picture books aloud between January and March, and then we vote on a favorite and send the count to Richmond.

Mary D. Lanoue, Library Teacher

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

It is that time of year again for us to be thinking of our Peak View Destination Imagination teams. This year once again Peak View Elementary will be competing in the Destination Imagination program. We are in need of more members. If you or your child is interested in participating in DI this year, please contact Mrs. Lamb (2nd grade teacher) at PKVES by November 10, 2009.

Mrs. Lamb-clamb@rockingham.k12.va.us

HOLIDAY GIVING COMING IN DECEMBER

Spread some holiday cheer December 3-11. Participate in the "LOAD THE HOLIDAY WAGON" giving campaign! Look for more details in class newsletters on how you can share wrapped toys with needy families in our community this holiday!!

CHICK-FIL-A, CICI'S AND DAIRY QUEEN

*Thank you to all who attended the Chick-Fil-A event last month. We raised over \$300!

*On November 10th CiCi's will donate 10% of sales from PeakView families. Come out and join us.

*DQ has offered a unique opportunity. They are giving us 10% of all the receipts we collect for the entire week of Dec. 7-11. They won't put out a collection jar, so we have to man a collection box. We are looking for 15 people to donate one hour to collecting receipts M-F 4:30 to 7:30. If you go to Dairy Queen any other time of day during that week, just send the receipts into school.

Kathleen Judica - kiudica@gmail.com

SOME VERY USEFUL FLU INFORMATION

Please check out these websites for helpful information and videos.

<http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/highlights/SwineFlu.html>

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/influenza/index.shtml#

MEALS TAX REFERENDUM

In the November general election, voters in Rockingham County will be asked to consider a meals tax referendum.

If passed, the tax will benefit the county school system. PTA members are encouraged to learn the facts about this tax at

www.rockinghamcountyva.gov/webimages/mealstax.pdf

RCPS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY

The School Board has begun to evaluate the 2006-2011 RCPS Comprehensive Plan. The community can complete an online survey to share their views. So far, **only** 200 people have responded. They hoped to complete the survey in October. We need you to respond **THIS WEEK** to let your voice be heard.

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

