



# Pioneer Pages

PEAK VIEW ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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## THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

*Dear Parents:*

*It is hard to believe the first six weeks of school has slipped by. We are well into the swing of things here at Peak View. Students will be receiving their first report cards on October 19, 2009. Parents look for those to come home in their book bags. With the first six weeks ending, we hope that everyone has had an opportunity to visit the school or has had a conversation with your child's teacher. If you have not, please do not let another six weeks slip by without getting involved in some way. The PTA has many opportunities for parents to be involved and the classroom teachers are always looking for volunteers.*

*See Ya at School!*

*Marcy Williams, Principal*

## Get Ready for A Busy Month!!!

### Look What is Coming in October:

- 1<sup>st</sup> School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 3rd Grade on Field Trip
- 6<sup>th</sup> After School Challenge (grades 1 & 2)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Peak View vs. Cub Run Volleyball Game at Montevideo Middle School @ 6:00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> No School For Students
- 12<sup>th</sup> No School For Students
- 14<sup>th</sup> Golden Corral Night, 5 - 8pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> 2nd /3rd Grade PE Program 1:30pm and 7pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Joe Paxton Board of Supervisors speaker @ 7pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Reflections After-School Workshop, 3 - 4:15pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> PTA Exec. Board & Comm. Mtg. @ 8:45am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 4th Grade Field Trip to Jamestown
- 24<sup>th</sup> Fun Run and Harvest Fest
- 27<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Field Trip
- 28<sup>th</sup> Picture make up day
- 29<sup>th</sup> 5th grade Field Trip to DC
- 29<sup>th</sup> Title 1 Parent Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Reflections Submission Deadline

## Cooler Temperatures are on the Way

Please remember that once your child starts wearing a jacket or coat to school, it would be very helpful to place his/her name in the outerwear. Students often leave their jackets/coats lying on the playground, on the bus or in the gym and it would help us get the clothing back to the student if it were labeled. Have students check the stage area first for lost items and then report to the office for help if the item is still missing.

## After School Programs Will Begin in October

If your child brings home an invitation to participate in an after school program, please take advantage of these programs that are provided free to your child and remember that transportation is available. Teachers will be recommending only students who would benefit most from these after school programs.

## School Council Committee (Parent Advisory)

Thanks to several parents who have agreed to serve on the school council committee. This committee will meet 5 times this year and will serve as the parent advisory representatives. Any parent is welcome to come to any and all of the school council meetings. Meetings are at 6:30pm on Oct. 1, Nov. 12, Feb. 11, March 11 and May 13.

## Volleyball - Peak View vs. Cub Run on the 8th

The Peak View and Cub Run Staff would like to help support the Rockingham County Education Foundation by sponsoring a faculty volleyball game. We are asking for the community and business partners to extend their support as well. On Thursday, October 8 at 6pm Peak View staff will challenge the Cub Run staff in a volleyball game to raise money for the foundation. The public is invited and concessions will be sold to help raise money. \$2 will be collected at door, but all donations are welcome. Kids, come join in the fun. Between each game, students can participate in different events and contests. So far we are planning races, a volleyball slam and a basketball toss.

All proceeds go to the Rockingham Educational Foundation, Inc. which is a 501 c 3 non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds and facilitating programs to enhance education for our students. REFI has five core programs: Innovative Idea Grants for the Classroom, Teacher Recognition, Early Literacy and Learning Support, School Supplies Depot and

Scholarships for Students. These programs support students, teachers and staff members at all levels and all schools.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

*The school year is well underway and it is great to see our students developing friendships and enjoying school. Hopefully, everyone has transitioned smoothly into the new year.*

*Kudos to the 320 family members who attended the Potluck and to the faculty, staff and PTA volunteers who helped make it a successful event. The weather was beautiful and we had a great evening of fun, food and fellowship. A huge thanks to our WatchDOGS dads who set up grills and kept them sizzlin' for us!*

*On behalf of the PKVES PTA Board, I express sincere gratitude to all the students and parents who participated in our Innisbrook Fall fundraiser! Proceeds support school events and programs. We need the funds made from this project and our upcoming HarvestFest and FunRun, to continue bringing student opportunities which enhance learning and a sense of community.*

*I encourage you to get involved in the Peak View PTA. The time you invest volunteering returns to your children tenfold and makes our school a great one!*

*Cindy Noftsinger, PTA President*

### **PTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who has joined the PTA. We're doing great. We will be rewarding the classes who reach 75% membership with Ice Pops and Extra Recess the week before Harvest Fest. It stands as follows:

- 1 more - Mrs. Campbell, Simmers, & Wall
- 2 more - Mrs. Neese
- 3 more - Mr. Eye, Mrs. Nussbaum, Davis, & Turner
- 4 more - Mrs. Estes-Dean, Shull, & Dix
- 5 more - Mrs. Walker & Fulk
- 6 more - Mrs. Smith, Berryman
- 8 more - Mrs. Shank
- 10 more - Mrs. Roach
- 0 more!! - Mrs. Lamb, Shell, Combs, Mr. Judd & Imbrescia**

*Barbara Shafqat - PTA Vice President*

### **INNISBROOKE UPDATE**

Many thanks to all who supported and contributed to the Innisbrook Fundraiser. The top sellers from each class will be asked to participate in a student vs. staff basketball game Oct. 23!



Please keep in mind that you can order at anytime during the year from the Innisbrook website listing Peak Views school #113977 and the revenue goes to Peak View.

### **Harvest Fest Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00-3:00**

Happy Fall Y'all! Did you know Harvest Fest is only 19 days away? If you want to jump in a free moon bounce, do the Sugar Shuffle, play Webkinz Bingo, and experience the Mummy's Tomb, then Harvest Fest is the place to be! Come happy, hungry, and ready to have a fun-filled family day!



#### **REMINDERS:**



Purchase your tickets before Harvest Fest. What a deal!



Bring in an item for your themed class basket by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>!**

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### **Peak View Family Fun Run, October 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - 10:30 am, Check-in @ 7:30**

**RUN ONE! RUN ALL!** What's more fun than participating in this year's 5K Family Fun Run/Walk? How about running or walking with your whole family *in costume!*

Join us the morning of Harvest Fest at the school track for a fun 5K. We look forward to serious runners as well as strollers and families - bring your friends!

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in all age divisions as well as a very special prize for **BEST COSTUME**. Great door prizes will be given out too! Proceeds from the Race will benefit the school's Music & Assembly programming. Registration forms will be coming home soon.

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### **GOLDEN CORRAL NIGHT:**

Wednesday, October 14 will be a fundraiser night at Golden Corral. The restaurant will donate 10% of the proceeds from Peak View families between 5-8 pm. Just let the cashier know you are from our school! Also coming up: CiCi's night on November 10.

Kathleen Judica - [kiudica@gmail.com](mailto:kiudica@gmail.com)

### **THE MERCHANTS PROGRAM**

Wow! There are so many ways you can give to the PTA without even coming to school! Here's how... submitting Campbell Soup Labels, Box Top Labels, Martins A+ Reward Card, Target Redcard and coming soon Kroger & Food Lion!



Christy Null – [christy@byersmechanical.com](mailto:christy@byersmechanical.com)

## PTA Reflections Program



Is your child creative, artistic? Check out the Reflections Program offered by the PTA. You should have received a flyer in your child's backpack last week. This is a national program that has been running for forty years. The competition is divided into age groups and five different artistic mediums that include Literature, Visual Arts, Photography, Music Composition, Dance Choreography and Film Production. There are local, state, and national winners.

### After School Reflections Workshop, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

The Art Room will be open from 3:00 – 4:15 to work on Reflections Entries. Art Supplies and assistance will be available. Fill out a permission slip for this session by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

For more information check the flyer that came home last week or contact the Reflections co-Chair.

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## ATTENTION WATCHDOGS

Thank you to all the Watchdogs who have already signed up to volunteer this school year! If you would like to secure a date on our calendar, you may call or visit our main office, or email our attendance secretary, Jenise Crouch at [jcrouch@rockingham.k12.va.us](mailto:jcrouch@rockingham.k12.va.us). We need at least two days notice in order to collaborate with the teachers and create a schedule for your visit. Many thanks to Ms. Hensley, who will be working on Watchdog schedules while I am on maternity leave. Finally, if you wish to order a t-shirt for yourself or your child, please send \$10 per shirt, along with the necessary sizes, to school ASAP. We will be placing a t-shirt order in early October and will likely not order again until the Spring. Please be advised, we can't order the



shirts until we have received payment. We look forward to your visit!

*Jacqueline B. Schmidt* - Assistant Principal

**P.S. If you want a t-shirt from the Fall Order, send your money in right away! Otherwise, you'll have to wait until Spring.**

## SUMMER READING CONTEST RESULTS

Congratulations to our winners!!

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Hannah Blosser  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Zach Hartman  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Jasmine Reitze  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Erin Conklin  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Bryan Albertson.

We had 59 students in grades 1-5 participate in the "Be an All-Star Reader" contest over the summer and earn rewards. A big thanks goes out to The Printing Express, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Walmart, Costco, and Keith's Auto Sales for their contribution to this project and to promoting reading throughout the year. Each child who read and recorded 5 or more books received 5 prizes! Winners at each grade level also earned a gift certificate and plastic money purse.

*Mary D. Lanoue* - Library Teacher

## THE PEAK VIEW PARENTING EXPERIENCE

The Parenting Committee is planning a room parent welcome meeting on Tuesday October 6 at 9 am in the cafeteria for all of the wonderful parents that stepped up and volunteered for these positions. If you are a room parent please join us and meet the other room parent volunteers. There will be refreshments and important information. Some teachers still do not have volunteers for this position. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know other parents in your child's class and have a close relationship with your child's teacher. It has a low to moderate time requirement and most of the work may be done at home. So please step up and let's make sure that all of our teachers have a helping hand this year.

Our committee is also coordinating daycare service for preschoolers during the November Parent-Teacher Conference day. We still need a few more volunteers. This is one of the rare volunteering opportunities that you may bring other children to while you help out. This opportunity only requires an hour or so of your time. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these please let me know.

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