

Trillium Tweet

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News and Events

From Kate Donegan, Instructional Coordinator

Read Across America

Celebrate the love of reading with us! Classes celebrated the annual observance of Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday. Kids all over the building cuddled up with a good book for part of their day (some of them in jammies with a favorite stuffed animal). Remember, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." Read to your children a little extra this week, but let them see you taking some time to do your own reading as well.



All this week and next, students are challenged to do as much reading as they can. Classroom teachers are collecting reading minutes, so be sure that you have checked your child's homework folder for more information. On Friday, March $13^{\rm th}$ we will find out how many total minutes Trillium Creek students read during the first two weeks of March.

This Friday, as part of our reading celebration, we are receiving a visit from West Linn author, illustrator and animation designer Mark Fearing (*The Book that Eats People, Earthling, How Martha Saved Her Parents from the Green Beans, A Very Witchy Spelling Bee, The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot and more*). He will be sharing his process of telling a story by using pictures and words together.

We hope that Mr. Fearing's visit will inspire students and create an enthusiasm for books, reading and creating that will carry over into the weeks after the reading challenge. Since Spring break is quickly approaching, be sure to feed this enthusiasm with a visit to the library to stock up on good reads. Here at school, will be reminding students to turn in old books and check out a couple of new ones from the Trillium library for vacation reading.

As always, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Calendar of Events

MARCH



Mar 5 - 4th Grade Music Program 6:30 pm

Mar 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set Clocks Forward 1 hour.

Mar 9-13 - Forest Flyers

Mar 9-13 - Last Week of Winter Enrichment Classes (except Choir)

Mar 11 - PTA Meeting 9:00 am - Please Join Us!

Mar 11 - District Choir Festival at Athey Creek Middle School - 6:30 pm

Mar 16-20 - Spring Conferences

Mar 18 - Professional Growth Wednesday - Early Release at 12:10 pm.

Mar 19-20 - No School -Spring Conferences

Mar 23-27 - No School -Spring Break

SPRING CONFERENCES

Online sign ups are now open through the PASS link. Teachers will provide the opportunity for afternoon or evening conferences on March 17-18 and a full day on March 19. Spring break begins the following week.

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR: 2015-16 CALENDAR

of the 2015-16 Primary Calendar. Please note that next year school will begin on August 31, the week before Labor Day. We realize that some families like to plan vacation before Labor Day, but their children would miss a very important first week of school. The first week is a time when each classroom is starting a new community, building new relationships, and learning routines and structures for the school year. Please keep this calendar handy when you plan your vacations for next year.

To view all of the 2015-16 School Calendars please go to http://www.tcps.wlwv.k12.or.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=198

IN-DISTRICT TRANSFER INFORMATION

Those students who live outside our attendance area but started with us in our inaugural year will be grandfathered in through 5th grade. Since this is an unusual circumstance for the district, there is no need to complete the transfer form online. If you have any questions, please call the office.

WEST LINN CHOIR FESTIVAL

The West Linn Choir Festival is Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The concert is at Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd., Tualatin. It starts at 6:30 p.m. Students will meet in the Athey Creek Commons area at 6:15 p.m. to warm up. Parking will be tight, please carpool if you can. Students will wear traditional concert attire: white on top, black on the bottom.

A FEW MORNING DROP OFF REMINDERS:

- * Please do not drop off your child before 7:40 am. We do not have supervision before that time. You may see children in the gym earlier but they are part of our Camp Fire program.
- * It's that time of year to remind our families that when dropping children off in the morning, to not get out of the car. If you feel the need to get out of the car, it is best to park. In this way we are able to keep the drop-off line moving. Also be aware that we do stop traffic so parents and children are able to safely use the crosswalk. It only takes a few seconds for students and parents to walk to the sidewalk.
- * Please understand that Rosemont Road is often backed up for a few minutes each morning due to the drop off. So please bring your patience and enjoy the conversations you have with your children in the morning as you wait in line in your car.

Don't forget to check out the district's **Community Bulletin Board** at: http://www.2008bond.wlwv.k12.or.us/cbb/

SPIRITWEAR FEEDBACK NEEDED

Who doesn't love our Trillium Creek Spirit Wear? Since we only offer it for sale in the fall, we are interested in your feedback. We would like to know about items you like and want as well as items you would never be interested in. Please feel free to email Felicia Johnston at gofish1773@gmail.com with ideas, wants or suggestions.

It's time for another season of CREST Learning On The Go... and you're invited!

2015 Spring Break Orcas Island Marine Biology Adventure Camp

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 - Saturday, March 28, 2015
For students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8
Spend a fun-filled week in the beautiful San Juan Islands! You'll have a great time making new friends, learning about marine biology, and challenging yourself on a high ropes course.

Critters and Creepy Crawlies

Thursday, March 19, 2015 For students in grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 Join us for a fun-filled day of exploration. We'll explore the pond, gardens, fields and forests near CREST for living creatures.

Super Space Day

Friday, March 20, 2015
For students in grades 3, 4, & 5
Come learn about our solar system and the universe! Practice engineering activities with simple robots and design a landing craft that will withstand a lunar touchdown. Learn about the relative size and distance between planets and crawl into a portable planetarium.

To learn more about these trips or to register, please visit the CREST website at: http://www.crest.wlwv.k12.or.us/Page/2950



PTA Meeting Wednesday, March 11th 9:00 am Join us!

PTA HAPPENINGS

PTA is in need of some help from you! We are looking for someone who is willing and able to post and sell last year's auction decoration items on Craigslist with the proceeds going to PTA.

We are also in need of two additional helpers for the Spring Social: one to handle desserts and one to handle beverages.

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Kari Baltz at karibaltz@comcast.net.

Thank You!

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We are noticing more toys being brought to school. Please go through your child's backpack and help your child to remove the cards, stuffed animals, rings, rocks, legos, and other items. Many of these items are 'lost' or left in the gym, so it's best for students to keep these at home. Thank you!

CORNY JOKE FRIDAY

Here are a few of our favorites:



Why do golfers wear 2 pair of pants?
In case they get a hole in one!
What did one pencil say to the other pencil?
You are looking sharp!
Where do books sleep?
Under their covers!
Why did the sun go to school?

Because it wanted to be bright!

What do you call a bull that is sleeping?

A bulldozer!

Primary School Calendar 2015-16

Adopted 2-2-2015

AUGUST							Aug. 25-27 - Certified Work Day	Feb. 3 - Professional Growth Day	FEBRUARY		
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17 24 31	18 25	19 26	20 27	21 28	22 29	23 30	18 School Days	Adjustment for snow days or other emergencies will be made as needed			

Help Achieve a Guinness World Record Title For the Most People Planting Native Bulbs Simultaneously

Who: We need **you** and 999 others who want to break the record of 850 people established in the UK last year. Let's go for 1,000 people. Bring your kids, friends, neighbors, work buddies,



church group, Scout Troop, class, senior pals, sports team, employees, etc.

What: Break the Guinness World Record. Please bring a garden trowel or spade with you to help get the native bulbs in the ground.



When: Earth Day Saturday April 18th from 9 am to 11 am.

Where: The White Oak Savanna, 2425 Tannler Dr. West Linn.

Email roberta.schwarz@comcast.net to sign up.

Why: To do something fun on Earth Day and to break a Guinness World Record locally in the White Oak Savanna while planting thousands of native bulbs as a restoration project.

