



TRES Panda Parent Connection



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Week of November 16 and November 23

Parent Newsletter will be coming home in Thursday Folders at least biweekly. These newsletters will have important announcements and will be on "Gray" paper so that they stand out! You can also choose to receive your newsletter electronically. Sign up for Twin Ridge's Find Out First program by clicking on the link on the TRES website.

News From The Office

- **American Education Week** is the week of **November 16**. We hope to have many parents visit their child's class and join them for lunch. Check the Important Dates section below for the schedule. If you cannot make it on your child's scheduled day, you are welcome to come any day next week.
- **Friday, November 20th**, the **2nd grade class** will be reading a poem, presenting cards to the family and planting tulip bulbs in remembrance of their classmate, **Emmaline Dalton**, who passed away earlier this school year. We will be planting these in the memorial garden outside. We will also be replacing the memorial plaques in the garden for all of our lost Twin Ridge friends. If you would like for your child that is not in 2nd grade to be a part of this ceremony, please contact Ms. Engler at 240-236-2381. We would prefer that the parents of children not in 2nd grade attend with their child.
- One of our School Improvement Plan goals is to improve attendance this year to try to reach **96 .%** overall. Please be sure to **send in a note ASAP after the absence** if your child is out, and **specify why they were out (seasonal flu, strep, stomach virus, etc)**, so that we can track which classes are affected by which illnesses. **Please do not send your child back to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours. We want to make sure that other children are not exposed. The nurse is a wonderful resource if you are having a hard time deciding whether to send your child or not. The health room extension is 240-236-2378.**
- The Linganore High School feeder pattern has begun our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, coordinated through our CASS program community council. As in years past, each of our schools is asked to contribute a portion of the meal through a school collection. A few area churches and civic organizations are helping as well.
- We hope to provide holiday meals to many families in need, and we expect the need to be high this fall. Twin Ridge families **are asked to donate a total of 100 cans of peas and 100 cans of applesauce**. Please consider picking up a can or two of these items when you go shopping. Your child can bring the cans to school and place them in the marked box in the front entrance of TRES. **Please have your items to school by Friday, November 20th**. Thank you!
- *New Format Gives Parents More Information*
Elementary report cards will look different when students bring them home this year. **Report cards will be issued on Friday, November 13.** Samples of the new report card formats for each elementary grade level are online at www.fcps.org/reportcards. For more about elementary grading procedures, see FCPS Regulation 500-6 at www.fcps.org.

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- The annual **Young Authors Contest for students in grades 2-5** is currently underway! All poems and short stories/essays are due to Mrs. Allwardt (ruth.allwardt@fcps.org) no later than **Wednesday, December 23rd**. All entries this year must be submitted electronically. Three TRES winners will then be chosen to compete at the county level. We had some excellent entries last year and we look forward to seeing all the original work of our students again this year! See the contest guidelines link for more information.
- Please be sure to **sign up for e-mail alerts** about closings, changes in schedules etc. at **Find Out First**. The Website to sign-up for this is <http://www.fcps.org/fof>.
- Thank you for speaking to the classroom teacher first about any **concerns** about your child's **instruction, instructional materials or discipline**. If concerns continue to exist after conferring with the classroom teacher, feel free to call a school administrator.
- If your family needs assistance with providing gifts for the holidays, **the Toys for Tots program** may be able to help. Go to www.toysfortotsfrederick.org and click on "request toys", then click on "single family requests, click here". If you have questions about this program, you can contact Michelle Bowman (Frederick County Police Department) at 301-600-2091. If you want information about other programs that can provide assistance to families, please contact our guidance counselor, Ms. Engler.
- If you have a student in **Grades 2 through 5, in your child's agenda today should be a letter** with information about your child's **reading fluency** in their agenda books. There will also be information about your child's specific **fluency scores on a label** in their agenda books.
- **ATTENTION ALL FIFTH GRADERS:** Don't forget that your **Joe Corbi's fundraisers** are **due** in school next **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**. Remember..this is our PRIMARY FUND-RAISER to raise enough money for **FIFTH GRADE PARTY and Promotion Ceremony**.
- The **FCPS Elementary Science Fair** will be held on **Saturday, December 5, from 9:30-1:00 at Lingnore at Oakdale!** There will be cool displays, hands-on activities and something fun for everyone!
- We will be having an **Emergency Weather Drill** in the next few weeks. We do this type of drill each year to make sure that our students and staff are prepared in case there is a weather emergency. Please **discuss this with your child** to help them prepare for this. Sometimes children become frightened during drills because they think there is a true emergency. We always reassure them that they will be safe, but your reassurance is always helpful.

Important Dates:

11/13	Report Cards Issued 5 th Grade Field Trip-Outdoor School
11/16-11/20	American Education Week – (11/16 – Grades 4 and 5; 11/17 – Grade 1; 11/18-Grade 3; 11/19 – Pre-K/ Kindergarten; 11/20-Grade 2)
11/17	PTA Meeting – Reflections Program/ 2 nd Grade students will be singing
11/20	PTA Fall Festival
11/25-11/29	Thanksgiving Break
11/30	2-Hour Early Dismissal

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