



TRES Panda Parent Connection



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Week of March 22 and March 29

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/26 TRES vs. NMES Staff Basketball game – Linganore at Oakdale – 6 p.m.
- 3/29 Variety Show Preview – 6 p.m.
- 3/30 Student of the Month Limo Ride
Principal's Chat on Arrival and Dismissal procedures-7:30-8:30 a.m. please RSVP below
- 3/31-4/1 School is in session to make-up snow days
- 4/2 & 4/5 No School
- 4/6 Spring Pictures
- 4/7 & 4/8 SAT-10 test – 2nd Grade

- FCPS has exceeded the snow days built into our calendar. Makeup days are scheduled for March 31, April 1, and June 11. The makeup day originally scheduled for June 14 has been waived. The last day of school is now June 11!
- The official amount of money that was raised for Haiti was \$3020.53. It is wonderful that our community was able to assist people of need in such a substantial way. Thanks to everyone that contributed.
- Kindergarten and Pre-K registration began on March 1. If you or somebody you know has a child who will be 5 (for K) or 4 (for Pre-K) by September 1, 2010, please come in to register. Registration forms are on our TRES website. You will need your child's birth certificate and your proof or residence in order to register.
- Please join the energetic and enthusiastic TRES Staff as they play their 2nd annual basketball game against New Market Elementary staff on Friday, March 26 at 6 p.m. The game will be held at Linganore at Oakdale. It should be lots of fun for everyone!
- The annual Empty Bowls Banquet is not scheduled this year. The folks who organize the banquet have decided that the Banquet will be held every other year from now on. The next Empty Bowls Banquet will be held in the spring of 2011.
- The Keys for Reading program is currently in progress at TRES. The Keys for Reading program ends 04/09/10. Your child should have received an orange bookmark and an informational flyer in their Thursday folder about this reading incentive program. Each child who reads four books by April 9th and returns the completed bookmark will receive a ticket voucher to attend a Keys baseball game June 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. As a school, we've designated June 3rd as TRES night at the park. That evening, TRES students will have the opportunity to walk on the field prior to the game and be recognized for their reading achievement.
- Maryland Summer Center programs offer unique instructional experiences for gifted and talented students entering grades 4 through 12, giving them opportunities to work with peers in settings and with resources not available during the school year. The programs offer 1- to 3-week programs with a focus on global languages, engineering, performing arts, environmental science and space technology. The activities are designed to encourage critical thinking, creativity and problem solving while challenging students academically. Tuition ranges from \$225 to \$400. Program descriptions and applications (due by April 15) are available at www.marylandpublicschools.org/summercenters

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- **TWIN RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS COUNTING ON YOU!**

Census forms will arrive in the mail at every household in the United States any day now. It is **critical to school funding** and decisions about where to build new schools that you participate by **returning your form by Census Day, April 1st**.

With **only 10 questions**, the census questionnaire only takes a few moments to complete. It asks a few simple questions of each person—name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race, and whether the respondent owns or rents his/her home. **All responses are strictly confidential.** By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your personal responses with anyone—not even other government agencies. Please do your part by filling out the form when it arrives and mailing it back. After April 1st, Census takers will go door to door to reach those who didn't mail back the form.

For more information about the census, visit www.2010census.gov.

- On **Tuesday, March 30th from 7:30-8:30 a.m.** Ms. Coley would like to host a **principal's chat** to discuss the current arrival and dismissal procedures. This will address things that are in the school's control not the bussing situation. Please send in the form below if you are interested in attending. We will hold another in the evening in the near future. We will be forming a committee that will look at all options on this topic.

- **Tips for Making Quality Time out of Everyday Activities**

- **Turn TV time into family time.** With a little bit of effort, watching a TV show or movie can provide quality time for your family. During commercial breaks, mute the TV and talk about what you're watching. Share feelings about what is happening. Summarize what's happened so far. Make prediction about what will happen.
- **Turn everyday chores into a time to bond.** When you're cooking, cleaning, doing laundry, etc., turn that time into opportunities to talk with your children. Grocery shopping can lead to your child helping you prepare a meal, or talking about nutritious choices by looking at food labels. Even discussing the things that bother us can help children become independent problem solvers.
- **Remember to chat, rather than interrogate.** Concentrate on relaxed conversations with your child so that they want to talk to you. **Homework can be a time to bond too.** You can do bill paying or other household paperwork while your children do their homework. It will give them a sense that everyone has paperwork they need to do. It just looks different when you're an adult.
- **Games never to out of style!** Board games and card games are ideal ways to get families together to relax and have fun as a group. Look for games that appeal to your child's interest and age level. You can get great games at garage sales.
- **One-on-one time is extra special.** If you have more than one child, try to find time each week to do something special alone with each of them. It can be as simple as a walk after dinner or an out-of-the-ordinary errand. (You'd be surprised how many children find it fascinating to go along to the auto mechanic or some other unusual place with you!) Just showing them that you value them as individuals can mean the world to them.

Spring Break is coming! Your children would love to spend some extra quality time doing something fun with you! Enjoy your time together.

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