

PUPPY TALES

Rogers Elementary School

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THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

YOUNG AUTHORS

Congratulations to our Young Authors participants! These students put in a significant amount of extra time and effort in writing fantastic books. Thanks to Mrs. Lavoie for coordinating this effort at Rogers. A competition was held March 28 in Chester for our 4th and 5th grade winners.

Young Authors 2009

Katie Albert, Hannah Brand, Lauren Heise, Colton Henry, Sydney Libera,
Whitney Liefer, Timothy Nordorf, Emily Reed, Destiny Restoff, Malorie Rice,
Lauren Schmidt, Emily Ubbelohde, Amanda Warden, Amy Zhao

READ ACROSS ROGERS

Thanks to all who were able to volunteer time to read to our students on March 20 for Read Across Rogers. The students absolutely loved having so many guest readers. Kudos to Mr. Ackerman for coordinating this effort.

SUMMER SEND-OFF (4TH QUARTER INCENTIVE)

A committee of teachers is busily planning our end of the school year "Summer Send-Off" celebration. This is tentatively scheduled for May 19 and 20. This event will include games, relay races, karaoke, inflatable jumping equipment, a cross-country race, a game show and much, much more. As a positive behavior motivator, "Summer Send-Off" will be tied to office discipline referrals. Students who make good choices and have zero office discipline referrals for the 4th quarter will enjoy all of the activities that are offered. Students who make poor choices and earn office discipline referrals will miss some of the activities. We are reinforcing this with students every day. Please help us to deliver this message at home. We want all students to be able to participate in all of the activities. Also, please make sure you turn in your child's t-shirt size for the free t-shirt that will be provided to all students.

IPA STUDENT BREAKFAST

Congratulations to 5th grade students Max Jennings and Taylor Woody for being selected to attend the Illinois Principal Association Student Recognition Breakfast on April 15 in Collinsville. Max and Taylor were chosen primarily for exhibiting outstanding leadership and character.

GRADE 3 NEWS

Spring has sprung and the third grade is ready to venture out of the building to do some learning at the St. Louis Science Center. Our field trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th. The students will be viewing Wild Ocean in the OMNIMAX Theater. This film explores the causes and effects of man's impact on the ocean. We are very excited about this upcoming event.

Congratulations to those students who have completed ALL six months of Book-It! Way to Go!

Remember to keep practicing multiplication facts at home. It is very important for students to have their facts memorized by the end of the year.

In science, students are beginning to discover the layers of the earth. In the next couple of weeks, the students will learn about the three different types of rocks: Igneous, Sedimentary, and Metamorphic.

GRADE 4 NEWS

The fourth grade classes are excited about their upcoming production of "The Blue and the Grey". The speakers, dancers, and other performers have been chosen, and the classes are working on the songs in music with Mrs. Zeigler. This play, which will be held on May 7th, teaches about the Civil War. Through preparation for this production, the students are learning about the causes of the war as well as the effects of it upon our country.

Weather is the topic in science class right now. The fourth graders have been observing clouds, recording temperatures, and checking wind direction as part of a unit that teaches them all about what creates weather and how to be safe in harsh conditions.

GRADE 5 NEWS

S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E Students throughout fifth grade have taken part in classroom spelling bees, spelling words like *lieutenant*, *occasionally*, and *veterinarian*. The top three students from each class have earned a spot in the Rogers Elementary Spelling Bee at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Students will vie for trophies and medals in Rogers Elementary Gymnasium tonight! See you there!

BAND/CHORUS

Fourth Grade Beginning Band Information and Registration Meeting

The Beginning Band meeting will be Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Rogers' gym. Information about our band program and registration forms will be sent home with students. Beginning band camp will be Monday, July 6, 2009 through Friday July 17, 2009.

4th Grade Recorder Karate

Congratulations to Samantha Kruse in Mrs. Harsey's class and Amanda Warden in Miss Liefer's class for mastering their Black Belts.

Fifth Grade Band and Chorus Date to Remember

The fifth grade band and chorus spring concert is Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Concert reminder will be sent home at a later date.

IESA Solo and Ensemble Contest

The 5th grade band and chorus was represented at the annual IESA Solo and Ensemble contest on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Valmeyer Jr. High School. The students were judged on their performance of instrument solos. Roger's six students all earned a first place rating and will receive their medals at the spring concert. The following students participated: Madalyn Hart, Madelyn Lenz, Ian Mannino, Serena Nance, Ana Holtgrewe, and Caroline Siemers. Congratulations!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Next Student Council meeting is Thursday, April 9th 3:00-4:00 in the library.

Roller Skating:

Fourth grade had a great time March 19th at Roller Cade Skating Rink. Over 190 attended with 180 skating. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Fifth grade is going April 2. Over 160 have signed up to attend.

Third grade will be going April 23rd. Permission slips will be going home around April 9th and due by April 17th. Please make note of due date.

Cardinal Day:

We will be sponsoring a Cardinal Day for opening day of baseball season. Wear Cardinal attire or red on April 6th.

Hats on for Alopecia

We will have a *Hats on Day for Alopecia* on Wednesday, May 6th. Wear a hat, pay a dollar, and help support a worthy cause.

Food Drive

We are sponsoring a food drive for local food pantries during the last two weeks of April. Bring canned items those days.



During the week of April 20th-24th, we will be holding our annual Jump Rope For Heart event to help the American Heart Association. The students will be jumping rope and other activities during PE classes to celebrate their own healthy hearts and our efforts to help fund lifesaving research and education! Please support our event and this worthwhile community service project. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Hogan. For information on the American Heart Association, or to learn more about taking steps to improve your family's heart health, please visit www.americanheart.org. Mr. Hogan will be distributing collection envelopes and information to the students this week.

Thank you for your support!