

November, 2008

Principal's Message

November is here and the first quarter of school is over. The building was abuzz with parents last week as 92% of TRES parents attended parent-teacher conferences last week. This is a wonderful turnout that shows how involved we all are in the education of our students. TRES Staff believes that parent involvement makes an enormous impact on students' attitude, attendance, and academic achievement. Parents must find time to participate in their children's education while schools must provide the supports necessary for them to be involved. The resulting partnerships between parents and teachers will increase student achievement and promote better cooperation between home and school. Here are some ways, I found on the internet, to strengthen our partnerships.

Communicating - The basic obligations of schools include school-to-home communication (such as memos, notices, newsletters, report cards, conferences, and phone calls) and information (on schools, courses, programs, and activities). Parents provide home-to-school communication, making a two-way channel for interaction and exchange.

Volunteering - Parents volunteer their time and talents at school activities and fundraising.

Learning at Home - Parents help their children with homework and with setting educational goals.

Decision Making - Parents participate in PTA/PTO organizations and school decisions on policy, leadership, and advocacy.

Collaborating with the Community – Parents encourage partnerships with community resources and services,

We Got Learning!!

Every Monday afternoon, teachers meet in the library for professional development. We review data and plan instruction specific to student needs. Currently we are reviewing the scores of every child from the Benchmark test given in September. The Benchmark test we give at school is aligned to AIMS. If Thompson Ranch students do well on the Benchmark that is an indicator that students will do well on AIMS. We have three Benchmarks tests per year. The next one is in December. After we get the result each grade level team will collaborate and address concerns and needs of our students. They will use this information to plan instructions to make TRES students highly successful on AIMS. Please come in anytime to learn more about the academic programs and practices here at TRES.

Grade Check From Home

Pinnacle a new parent tool will be available to parents starting November 5, 2008. Parents will have the ability to monitor their child's grades, attendance and any assignment information securely from their internet browser at home. We are providing this access through our Grade Book Parent Internet Viewer feature. This secured access requires an internet connection and a confidential username and password issued to parents by the school. If you do not have a computer at home please stop in the office and use the computer we have set aside and dedicated for parent use. **Important facts about the Parent Internet Viewer (Online Gradebook)**

- Internet access is available to parents at each school's main office.
- You can access the internet viewer by:
 - accessing the link on your school's webpage
 - or navigating to the following webpage <http://gradebook.dysart.org/Pinnacle/Piv>.
- Directions, your login, student's password, parent/guardian password and email address for questions will be :
- **K-8 school**- given out at parent/teacher conferences in October.
- **High School**- mailed home by the end of October.
- If questions arise, please email the address provided on your school's webpage for the Parent Internet Viewer or visit with your child, child's teacher, counselor or principal.
- Review the Parent Internet Viewer (Online Gradebook) guide by accessing the link on your school's webpage at www.dysart.org.
- Your access begins November 5, 2008. After that the Grade Book updates every Wednesday at 5:00 PM.
- You can email your child's teacher directly from the site. The Parent Internet Viewer (Online Gradebook) is a tool that will continue to foster communication between parents, children and our schools. This timely information and dialogue will allow us to be proactive as each child becomes more successful.

Turkey Dinner

Come one! Come All!! Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ranch. Please join us on November 20 in the cafeteria for Thanksgiving Dinner. We will be sending home a modified lunch schedule. Please follow the schedule so you can be sure to eat with your child. The menu —turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, stuffing, green beans, salad bar, vanilla ice cream, milk and juice. Younger children will be \$2.00 and adults will be \$2.75.



Dates to Remember

Nov 11— Veteran's Day
NO SCHOOL
Nov 13—Cookie Dough
Pickup 4-7 PM
Nov 20—Thanksgiving
Dinner at TRES
Nov 20 — 5-8 PM—
PTA Meeting and Movie
Night
Nov 27-28— **NO SCHOOL**
Dec 1— Family Night—
at Barnes and Noble
Dec 1-12—Benchmark
Tests
Dec 11— 6-8 PM Jaguar
Jamboree

Jaguar of the Month

Character Counts, a program at Thompson Ranch that encourages students to observe the traits of **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, and Citizenship**. Students are chosen who exhibit the chosen trait for each month and are honored the first Monday of each month. **Here is the list of our October Jaguars of the Month.**

Fernando Armendariz, Evelyn Franco, Mia Belle Alejos, Skylee Shaw, Devany Ramos, Mariana Reyes, Amy Medina, Connor Montgomery, Dannette Dominguez, Andrea Lugo, Harley O'Connor, Victoria Zavala, Jose Hernandez, Sofia Perez, Carlos Chavez, Savannah Pugh, Jesus Alejos, Jocelyn Zamora, Aniya McWilliams, Brenda DeLeon, Nelci Reyes, Grache Ortiz, Athena Milo, Anthony Alejos, Naramsin Marokeel, Angeles Perez Ramos, Angelica Stout, Breana Santana, Eddy Macias, Nick Viadoy, Jazmin Bustillos, Jasmine Capco, Roberto Roman, Joshua Galvan, Olivia Vega, Araceli Saucedo, Jesus Arellano, Tatiyana Lee, Miriam Urrea.

Congratulations to all of you!!!!



Boys' and Girls' Soccer Schedule

Boys' Schedule		Girls' Schedule	
Nov 4 th v. Desert Moon 7:15		Nov. 5 th v. Desert Moon 7:15	
Nov. 6 th v. Surprise 7:15		Nov. 7 th v. Surprise 7:15	
Nov. 12 th v. Kingswood 6:15		Nov. 10 th v. Kingswood 6:15	
Nov. 14 th v. Cimarron Springs 5:15		Nov. 13 th v. Cimarron Springs 5:15	
Nov. 18 th v. Sunset Hills 7:15		Nov. 19 th v. Sunset Hills 7:15	
Nov. 20 v. Western Peaks 6:15		Nov. 21 st v. Western Peaks 6:15	
Nov. 24 th v. Parkview 7:15		Nov. 25 th v. Parkview 7:15	
Dec. 3 rd v. Ashton Ranch 6:15		Dec. 2 v. Ashton Ranch 6:15	
Dec. 5 th v. Mountain View 5:15		Dec. 4 th v. Mountain View 5:15	
Boys' Soccer Team		Girls' Soccer Team	
Chris Benavidez	Jayquawn Moore	Chiquita Lechuga	Zariela Olguin
Mario Contreras	Alfredo Damian	Alexandra Ortiz	Leticia Gutierrez
Alex Torres	Freddie Aguilar	Vanessa De La Garcia	Alyssa Jurkiewicz
Chris Rodriguez	Jose Fabian	Emily Castello	Tamara Fox
Gonzalo Espinoza	Isaias Guzman	Sharline De La Cruz	Carmen Gutierrez
Robert Ruiz	Juan Arambula	Keecia Bailey	Iris Carrasao
Isaac Saucedo	Enrique Aguirre	Jessica	Melissa Orozco
David Ruiz	Brian Pereda	Vivian Hernandez	Alysa Spray
James Escobedo		Tania Zavala	Juana De Los
		Thalia Zavala	Angeles
			Norma Auina
			Heather Rigor
			Aylene Monroy

PTA NEWS



PTA is now selling ice cream in the parent pick up area on Fridays. This cool yummy treat is a great way to end the week. !!

Not a member yet — check out our link on the Thompson Ranch website or thompsonranchpta@yahoo.com. \$7 for one member, \$10 for family membership or \$20 for business membership.

Box Tops for Education

October's contest is over and Ms. Jones 6th grade class won with a total of 450 box tops. Please continue to bring in those box tops for TRES. Every box top is 10 cents for TRES!!!

21st Learning back in session
Tues-Friday after school from
3:45—5:15 PM.
No sessions Nov 24-28.