

March 2, 2015

## **THE LANTERN**

Ms. Kimberly Cousins, Principal

Mrs. Karyn Andersen, Assistant Principal

Ms. Karen Snidow Administrative Assistant

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Monday, March 2, 2015 - 15 minutes is added onto the school day until Thursday, April 30, 2015**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015 - Spring Picture Day!!! No lunch visitors.**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015 - Interims go home for grades 3-5.**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2015 - WEP**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - Performance for parents of students in Mrs. Williams', Mrs, Plass', and Mrs. Selfs' classes at 9:40am. No lunch visitors.**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015 - Performance for parents of students in Mrs. Alford's', Mrs. Maurers', Mrs. Grays' and Mrs. Stovalls' classes - No lunch visitors.**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015 - WEP**

**Thursday, March 12, 2015 - STEAM Fair Night at JB Watkins - 6:00-8:30pm**

**Friday, March 13, 2015 - 3rd Grade Field Trip - Tredegar Field Trip**

**Monday, March 16, 2015 - Informational Meeting for LEGO League - 5:30pm**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - Last WEP**

**Friday, March 20, 2015 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn**

**Friday, March 27, 2015 - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Fundraiser**

**Monday, March 30, 2015 - Information Meeting for LEGO League - 5:30pm**

### **STEAM FAIR**

Mark your March Calendar for Thursday, March 12th, 6:00-8:30pm. Our annual STEAM Fair and science project night has something for everyone. Science activities, math games, engineering/building projects, new computer activities, project displays, and more! Questions? Email: Beth Losego [beth\\_losego@ccpsnet.net](mailto:beth_losego@ccpsnet.net)

Hope to see everyone there!!!

### **FIRST LEGO LEAGUE**

Spring is coming and so is signing up for First Lego League for rising 4th and 5th graders and Junior Lego League for Kindergarten to third grade. Pick up flyers at the STEAM Event March 12 and join Mrs. Ayer on March 16th for an informational meeting at 5:30pm in the 4th grade round. The first formation meeting will be two weeks later on March 30th at 5:30pm in the 4th grade round. Applications will be in the office after March 12th and are to be turned in before the meeting on the 30th. Contact Mrs. Ayer at [mary\\_ayer@ccpsnet.net](mailto:mary_ayer@ccpsnet.net) for any questions you may have.

Mary Hunter Ayer

### **CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION**

On Friday, March 27 all students and staff will be invited to wear their pajamas to school if they bring in a \$1 to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We are participating in this fundraiser to recognize and support one of our very own Watkins students. There will be more information coming soon!

### **WATKINS ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS**

Every year March is honored as Youth Art Month to celebrate the creative talents expressed by children. Watkins has several special events planned in honor of YAM. Chesterfield County's Midlothian Library, located right next door, will display a large collection of work created by Watkins' students. The display will be on view during the month of March. Please take the time to view these wonderful works of art next time you visit the library. Perhaps you can find a book that will inspire you to create something magical.

Micaela Candela, a fifth grader in Mrs. Grant's class, and Maddie Collins, a 4th grader, both have their work displayed downtown at the Richmond Metro Youth Art Month Exhibit located in Sun Trust Bank. They will be honored at a reception on March 4th. Congratulations!!

On Monday, March 16th, a former parent Mr. Jack Goolsby, will come share his clay expertise with several art classes. Mr. Goolsby is a professional potter that creates fabulous functional and sculptural clay works using a wheel and hand built methods. We look forward to watching him work. If you are a professional artist or have one in your family that would like to share your talents with Watkins' students please let me know.

Winfree Church will display a dozen art works by Watkins students in March. Their hosting our students work is just a small part of the ongoing collaboration we have with their congregation. Winfree members support our weekend backpack program to help feed needy families and have donated time and money to our school.

Remember to attend STEAM night on March 12. The A stands for ART! Watkins' hallways are filled with artwork from all levels. Check them out as you travel from all the exciting events taking place that evening. Fifth graders have cooperatively worked in their classroom and the art room to make 3-D Medieval Villages. They have built and painted wonderful examples of architecture from days of Yore which will be on display in the cafeteria.

The last week in March is our artsy attire week. Everyone is asked to show their unique colors and style as the week progresses.

Monday, March 23 is Primary colors - Red, Yellow, and Blue

Tuesday, March 24 is Secondary colors - Orange, Green, and Purple

Wednesday, March 25 is wild and wacky pattern day

Thursday, March 26 is opposite/complimentary color day: Complimentary colors are opposite from each other on the color wheel - Blue and Orange, Red and Green, Purple and Yellow, and last but not least Black and White.

Friday, March 27 is dress like an artist day - Wear your grooviest, most interesting, paint splattered, tie dyed, colorful, fun and favorite outfit.

Don't forget you always view and share your child's artwork online on our Artsonia website at <http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=8577>. We have over 6000 pieces of work created just this year online for you to enjoy! If you need your child's screen name or access code contact Mrs. Matthews or Ms. McDermott. Please join your child's fan club and invite others to view and comment on their work. Share the JOY!

Next month, April 25 and 26, the chesterfield County Fine Arts and Science Festival will be held at Cosby High School. Over 300 works by Watkins' students and thousands of masterpieces by students across the county will be on view. Look for a flyer with all the details.

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### **NUTS FOR READING**

Students, have you been reading and completing your bookmark? You have until Friday, March 27th to read 8 books and turn in your Flying Squirrels' bookmark. Students who turn in a signed, completed bookmark will receive a free student ticket to our Watkins' Family Night at the Diamond on Thursday, April 23rd. Additional tickets for family and friends for \$8. Order forms will go home with student tickets, or you can contact Mallory Smith directly.

### **CAMP INVENTION**

Camp Invention returns to Watkins again this summer. Discover the new modules and be ready for summer fun! In our brand new **illuminate** program, boys and girls spend time collaborating with teammates to construct a freestyle racing cart, pushing the limits during high-energy games and taking apart electronics to assemble something one-of-a-kind! Students rising 1st- 6th are eligible to attend. Camp will be held July 6th-9th. To register, see [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org) Contact Mallory Smith with any questions.

### **BOX TOPS -- RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT**

We have a new leader in the Box Tops Challenge! We are now approximately 60% of the way to our annual goal of \$4,500!

The new top 5 classrooms are as follows:

5th place - Ms. Gray with 637 Box Tops

4th place - Mrs. Fazar with 714 Box Tops

3rd place - Ms. Pytlik with 744 Box Tops

2nd Place - Ms. Halpaus with 804 Box Tops

and in 1st place with 876 Box Tops....Mrs. Smith's 1st Grade class

Mrs. Smith's class won the Popcorn party in the fall, will they hold onto the lead and win the ice cream party too? There is one collection left. Keep bringing in your CLIPPED box tops to your classroom boxes. Every single one helps your class and our school!!

Happy Clipping

### **SEASON ON NONVIOLENCE**

To honor the work of nonviolence advocates Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, we will again be participating in the Season of Nonviolence by creating and adding to a kindness chain.

Here is how it works:

Students, staff, and parents perform kind acts, big or small, planned or unplanned. The receiver of an act is asked to pay the kindness forward by doing 2 kind acts for 2 other people. Each time a kindness is performed it is written on a strip of paper, which becomes a link in a kindness chain in each classroom. Kindness chains are collected weekly from each classroom by 5th grade students and added to a cumulative school kindness chain strung from the ceiling in the school's front lobby and halls. Grand totals are announced each week and posted on the wall wherever the chain has ended; a kindness grand total is updated on the office window.

All are encouraged to participate! Please contact Mrs. Ayer, Mrs. Maurer, or Mrs. Grant with questions.

### **MAA BASEBALL REGISTRATION**

Who's ready for baseball or softball? Midlothian Athletic Association is open for registration for Baseball and Softball! If you are interested please go to [www.maasports.net](http://www.maasports.net) for more information! Go Midlo!!!

### **YEARBOOK**

JB Watkins Families:

Please share your pictures from school events with the Yearbook Committee! Fancy cameras are not required; most smart phones take pictures that will work well. We want to make sure that all students are well represented in the yearbook and we need your help to do that. Loading pictures on the yearbook website is easy and only takes about 2 minutes:

\*Go to: <http://images.memoryebooks.com/login>

\*If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 401854159

\*Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.

\*Enter details about the photo and provide contact information in case the committee needs additional information.

\*Click "Save Details".

We would love to see any pictures you can share and will try to use as many as possible in the yearbook. We need photos of:

- \*Field Trips (all grades, any event during 2014-2015)
- \*Spring Carnival (2014)
- \*Field Day (Spring 2014)
- \*Battle of the Books (Spring 2014)
- \*Bingo Night (Fall 2014)
- \*Chess Club
- \*First Lego League
- \*School Fundraisers: Candela's Night, Chick-Fil-A Night, Monkey Joe's Night, etc.
- \*Wacky Wiggle (scheduled for February 20th, snow date: February 27th)
- \*WEP
- \*Dr. Seuss Day
- \*Veterans' Day
- \*STEM Fair
- \*JB Watkins students in extra-curricular activities such as i9 sports and cheering, MAA sports and cheering, dance, music, Girl Scouts/Brownies/Daises, Cub Scouts, Indian Guides, or community service organizations. (ONLY JB Watkins students in photos, please).

The final day to submit photos is 3/1/2015, but the earlier we receive them, the more likely they are to be included.

Thanks for your help in creating a keepsake of great memories for your children!  
Your Yearbook Committee

### **WAIVER INFORMATION**

The School Board regulation that governs student enrollment waivers has changed. This [link](#) will take you to the new regulation pertaining to waivers.

Primary requirements for a child-care waiver include (refer to [Regulation 4040-R for other requirements](#))

- \*The child-care provider must be **physically** located within the attendance area of the requested school.
- \*If transportation is provided from the provider to the home school, the waiver will be denied.
- \*The child-care provider must sign and attest truthfully to the certifications in the appropriate waiver form.

Waivers are valid for one academic year only and must be renewed annually. **All students who have an approved waiver for the current school year must reapply for the 2015-16 school year. The due date for completed waiver forms to be submitted to the principal of the HOME elementary school is April 15.**

If a waiver is approved, the parent/guardian is responsible for providing transportation to the non-home school. Among other reasons, waivers may be denied for unacceptable academic performance and may be denied or revoked for:

\*unacceptable behavior at either school or

\*unacceptable attendance (including unacceptable late arrivals or early dismissals) at either school

Again, information about the new waiver regulations is available [here](#). The forms necessary to apply for a waiver are available [here](#).

If you have questions, you may contact our office or email [ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net](mailto:ccpsinfo@ccpsnet.net)