

March 30, 2015

THE LANTERN

Ms. Kimberly Cousins, Principal

Mrs. Karyn Andersen, Assistant Principal

Ms. Karen Snidow Administrative Assistant

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 31 - Author, Ginjer Clarke visits

Wednesday, April 1 - Author, Ginjer Clarke visits

Thursday, April 2 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Virginia Aquarium- 8:00am - 5:00pm

Friday, April 3 - 3 hr. early release for students

Monday, April 6-10 - Spring Break - No School and Offices will be closed.

Monday, April 13 - Students and Staff return to school

Thursday, April 16 - Kindergarten Registration

Thursday, April 16 - 4th Grade Field Trip - Capitol

Friday, April 17 - Little Feet Meet - James River High School

Friday, April 17 - Report Cards Issued for the 3rd Nine Weeks

Monday, April 20 - Grades K-2 - Jack and the Beanstalk visits

Thursday, April 23 - Nuts for Reading at the Diamond - 6:15pm

Friday, April 24 - Buddy Day for Grades K-2

Monday, April 27 - Class Picture Day

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - PARENT PICK UP CHANGE

Parent pick up will be in the cafeteria on Thursday, April 16, due to Kindergarten Registration in the gym parking will be difficult. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

On Friday, March 27 the students and staff of Watkins participated in a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of fifth grader, Anna Thompson. Everyone was invited to bring in a dollar or more donation to wear their pajamas to school. Through this event we raised an amazing, \$1,051.58! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

2015-2016 REPORT CARDS

The school report cards are changing. A flyer with report card changes will come home with your child's report card on April 17. Make sure you take a close look.

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR FOR JB WATKINS

Congratulations to Cassie Grizzard in 5th grade and Caden Raymond in 2nd grade for our "2014-2015 Students of the Year."

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School registration for K-4 will be April 20-May 22. The session will be held from 8am to noon at Watkins, Mondays through Thursdays from June 29-July 30. Summer School will not be in session on July 2. We will also be the host school for English as a Second Language

Classes. 6th Grade SOL Workshop is a four-week class for students who will be attending 6th grade in the fall. While registrations will be accepted at Watkins for this class, the session itself will be held July 6-July 30 at Robious Middle as a blended site.

Students who are eligible to attend summer school for free based on the county's established lower quartile criteria will receive a letter in backpacks after spring break. Other interested parents may pick up a summer school brochure and pay to register beginning April 21. Information about Fine Arts Academy, which will be held at Tomahawk Middle, is on the back of the regular brochure. We will also be the host school for English as a Second Language Classes. For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Mallory Smith.

NUTS FOR READING

All students who turned in a completed bookmark by the March 27th deadline will receive a free student ticket to attend our Watkins' Night at the Diamond on Thursday, April 23rd. These tickets should go home in backpacks before spring break. Additional tickets for parents, friends, and family are on sale for \$8 each and can be purchased with the order form attached to student tickets or by contacting Mallory Smith, Literacy Specialist. If you didn't turn in a bookmark and just want to support the school and join us at the diamond, that's great, too! A portion of each ticket sale will contribute funds to the bookroom. Checks can be made out to JB Watkins. Keep on reading, boys and girls. We are nuts about reading at Watkins!

STUDENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2015 -2016

Student considerations for 2015-2016 are due **April 17**. Please be sure to make any additional needs, in writing and make sure they are signed and send to the Principal. No letters accepted after deadline.

CAMP INVENTION - NEW DATE

Camp Invention: ILLUMINATE is on its way! Be sure to sign up today. Camp Invention will still be here at Watkins, but check out our new summer date...August 3-6, from 8am - 4pm. Any questions, see recent fliers, head to www.campinvention.com, or contact Mallory Smith.

HONORS CHOIR CONCERT

Congratulations to these students performing at the April 21st concert:

Eliza Adamik	Lanie Boyd	Kyle Fetsko
Cassie Grizzard	Jack Hensley	Marilyn Pham
AJ Schwabe	John Sheldon	Angie Thompson
Hannah Ziehl		

YAM ARTISTS SHINE IN THE COMMUNITY

Congratulations goes out to **Marilyn Pham in 5th grade and grayson serfass in kindergarten.** They have their artwork on display at **Chesterfield County's Central School Board Office for Youth Art Month!** The following students have their wonderful art work on display next door at the **Midlothian Library** for the National Youth Art Month. Stop by and admire their masterpieces when picking out your book or movie.

5th Grade

Joshua Bray
 Eli Carll
 Chase Brown
 Aubrey Davis
 Joy Johnson
 AJ Schwabe
 Mary Marcum
 Robyn Morris
 Paige Sibley
 Gloria Meads
 Olson Bachman
 Blair Honrado
 Alex MacFarlane
 Emily Precopio
 Emily Cox
 Sofia Haider
 Emily Wickman
 Gianna Macchiarulo

4th Grade

Eli Self
 Graycen Armstrong
 Vivian Fitzhugh
 Rebecca Yang
 Siara Andrews
 Alexandra Osterbind
 Swetha Poluri
 Wyatt Hatcher
 Aliya Mondkar
 Emily Wilson
 Caroline Pickels
 Knox Berry

3rd Grade

Yarimar Gonzales
 Caroline Barnhouse
 Julia Clark
 Adrianna Salome
 Skylar Quina
 Victor Clutter
 Luke McMahan
 Ainsley Papierniak
 Alayna Williams
 Davis Walsh
 Sarah Murray
 Cora Corcoran
 Jack Bevan

2nd Grade

Nelia Nizigiyimana
 Sydney Cobbs
 Nicole Bartholomew
 Kyra Villareal
 Gabriella Melita
 Austin Davis
 Maddie Reid
 Camden Feist

1st Grade

Jamal Brown
 Brayden Traas
 Nadja Vecetic
 Leo Colacurcio
 Zuzu Alexander
 Emily Cannon
 Reagan Nunnally
 Lauren Harrington
 Charlie Getty

Kindergarten

Sam Schwabe
 Emily Cannon
 Aiden Karys
 Katelyn Jennell
 Sophia Tremper
 Claire Schlensker
 Oliver Beazley
 Matty Railsback
 Anna Longo
 Emily Mantineo
 Cate Hampton
 Kaleb Melvin
 Alex Fitzhugh
 Carter Blackwell

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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

