

May 8, 2015

THE LANTERN

Ms. Kimberly Cousins, Principal

Mrs. Karyn Andersen, Assistant Principal

Ms. Karen Snidow Administrative Assistant

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, May 5 - Field Day - Grades 4-5

Monday, May 11 through Thursday, June 4 - SOL Testing, Grades 3-5

Monday, May 18 - 1st Grade Field Trip - Lewis Ginter Garden

Tuesday, May 19 - 1st Grade Field Trip - Lewis Ginter Garden

Thursday, May 21 - Kindergarten Program - 2:15pm

Monday, May 25 - Holiday - No school for staff and students

Friday, June 5 - 5th Grade Pizza Party - 1:30pm

Friday, June 5 - AR Party - 1:45-4pm

Monday, June 8 - Character Dress Up Day - Read All day

Monday, June 8 - Battle of the Books - 9-11am

Monday, June 8 - 4th Grade -History Lives - 2-3:15pm - Ayer and Georgetal

Tuesday, June 9 - 4th Grade - History Lives - 2-3:15pm - Smith, Kern and ½ of Nunn

Tuesday, June 9 - PTA Meeting - 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 10 - 4th Grade - History Lives - 2-3:15pm - Chilcote, Barlow and ½ of Nunn

Wednesday, June 10 - 5th Grade Field Trip - Bowling - 9:30

Thursday, June 11 - 3 hr. early release

Friday, June 12 - 9:45am - 5th Grade Closing Ceremony

Friday, June 12 - 3 hr. early release

Friday, June 12 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/REPORT CARDS GO HOME

SOL TESTING

SOL testing begins Monday, May 11th. Please be mindful when entering our building of students testing. Please make sure your child(ren) are prepared and arrive at school on time and have plenty of rest. We want to provide the best environment for our students testing!

SOL Testing Dates:

May 11- Reading 3rd Grade

Science 5th Grade

May 12- Reading 3rd/4th Grade

Science 5th Grade

May 13- Reading 3rd Grade

May 14- Reading 3rd Grade

May 15- Science 5th Grade

May 18- Reading 4th Grade

May 19- Reading 4th Grade

May 20- Reading 5th Grade

May 21- Social Studies 4th Grade
May 22- Reading 5th Grade
May 26- Math 3rd Grade
May 27- Math 3rd Grade
May 28- Math 3rd/4th Grade
May 29- Math 3rd/4th Grade
June 1- Math 4th Grade
June 2- Math 4th/5th Grad
June 3- Math 5th Grade
June 4- Math 5th Grade

LIBRARY END-OF-YEAR

The last day for students to check out library materials will be **Friday, May 29th**. All students check out materials should be returned by **Friday, June 5th**. Please contact the library staff if you need to pay a replacement fee for any lost or damaged books. We appreciate your assistance in maintaining our library collection!

Angel Jester
Librarian

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.

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.

IS YOUR CHILD DRESSED FOR FULL PARTICIPATION THROUGHOUT THE DAY?

Parents, please remember that students are physically active throughout the day and especially at recess, P.E., and music classes. Many students are wearing sandals and flip-flops which do not fully support the child's feet and can cause injury during movement activities. Sneakers or

tennis shoes are preferred for full activity throughout the day, and **required for P.E. and music classes**. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gates or Mr. Rhode.

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Week of Service

Our very own, Tim Bullis – Director of communications for Chesterfield County Public Schools and JBW parent - joined J. B. Watkins for the morning. He did an excellent job replacing our fifth grade students in the morning announcements. It was fun to hear his familiar voice travel through the school, but no cancellations.

Jamie Barnes – Research and Evaluation Specialist, and JBW parent - also joined us this week to provide fun support in the cafeteria, the halls and the office. Her great smile was so inviting. Thank you Mr. Bullis and Mrs. Barnes for giving some of your time to our students and our school.

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR 2015!

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Congratulations to two outstanding students at J.B. Watkins:

Cassie Grizzard – Fifth Grade

Caden Raymond – Second Grade

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YOUNG WRITERS PROGRAM

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There were many student submissions for Chesterfield County Elementary Schools, over 100 from grades 3-5. J.B. Watkins had 67 submissions in total. Of all those submission J.B. Watkins had 9 award recipients, all from 5th grade. We had outstanding representation in this program.

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Congratulations to:

Cassie Grizzard, Kyle Fetsko, Nichole Hudgins, Kyndal Singh, Sofia Haider, Jacob Armstrong, Olivia Canderelli, Aubrey Davis, and Gabriele Salomone.

And to all the students that participated in the writing contest program. We are so proud of you and the families that support you.

2015 MISS CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FAIR PAGEANTS

Queen and Princess Pageants for ladies age 17-21 and girls age 3-16 are invited to participate in the pageants. Please go to www.chesterfieldcountyfair.org for more information.

The Crown could be yours!

