



Turtle Tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF TURTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 16, 08-09

CALENDAR

May 18-22

Monday, May 18

7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra
MCA II Science Test (Coyle)
NWEA Math #1 Test (Sabby AM, Andrusko AM,
Andrusko PM, & Nelson PM)
NWEA Reading Tests (Norgren, Kreidler)
9:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Kindergarten Field Trip,
(Thomsen/Voss)
to Como Zoo
7:00 p.m. PTA General Meeting, TH



Tuesday, May 19

7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra
MCA II Science Test (Kellermann)
NWEA Math #2 (Andrusko AM, Sabby AM,
Andrusko PM, Nelson PM)
3:30-4:30 p.m. Track Practice
5:50-7:00 p.m. 5th Grade
Wax Museum



Wednesday, May 20
No PM Kindergarten

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band
MCA II Science Test (Kjellberg)
NWEA Math Tests (Norgren, Kreidler)
9:20 a.m.-2:30p.m.-Kindergarten Field Trip
(Sabby a.m./Andrusko a.m. to Como Zoo)
3:30-4:30 p.m. Track Practice

Thursday, May 21
No AM Kindergarten

MCAII Science Test Make-ups
NWEA Math Tests (Voss, Thomsen)
Special Ed-Como Park
9:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Kindergarten Field Trip
(Andrusko p.m./Nelson p.m.) Como Zoo
2:20-3:10 p.m. Poetry & Punch (Arrell)
Turtle Hall
3:30-4:30 p.m. Track Practice



Friday, May 22

Last Day to Return Library Books

7:45 a.m. Chess Club, Turtle Hall
9:30-11:30 a.m. Chippewa Orientation, Grade 5



Principal Perspectives by Craig Sundberg

We were very sad to hear of the passing of long time Turtle Lake staff member, Kay Trapp. Kay became part of the staff here back in September 1990. She was hired to work in our IMC and continued working in a variety of capacities for the following eighteen years. Her leadership, sensitivity, encouragement and steadfast zeal for her students and colleagues were greatly appreciated and will be missed. Much of what we are able to offer, by way of library resources, organization and partnering with classroom curriculum is due in large part to Mrs. Trapp and the vision she cast many years ago. She always was diligent in determining what was the best for our students at Turtle Lake and then set out with attainable goals and action plans designed to make those goals a reality. She never backed down from a challenge and always approached problems with ideas which were student centered and student driven. Her quiet leadership, her encouragement for success for all, and her unwavering support of our students and staff were just some of her strengths. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family; husband Dick, daughter Emily, and sons, Stephen and Andrew.



The memorial service and visitation for Kay will be held at Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 N. Hodgson Road, Shoreview. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, May 15, 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. as well as 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th, prior to the 11 a.m. memorial service.

THEME OF THE WEEK

Cooperate with Others

- Cheerfully follow directions from your parents and teachers. Be generous with your help and don't complain.
- Use your talents well and don't compare yourself with others.
- When you cooperate, you're a great team member; and others like to be with you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When in doubt about whose turn it is to take out the trash, go ahead and take it out."

CALENDAR

May 25-29

May 25
No School-Memorial Day



Tuesday, May 26
7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra
11:30-3:00 Kindergarten (Kreidler/Norgren) to Daninger Farm
3:30-4:30 p.m. Track Practice

Wednesday, May 27
7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band
11:30-3:00 Kindergarten (Thomsen, Voss) Daninger Farm
2:00 p.m. Track Meet @ Turtle Lake



Thursday, May 28
Special Ed-Courage Center
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Fifth Grade Metro Mosquito Control, Turtle Hall
12:40-3:10 p.m. Kindergarten (Nelson PM/ Andrusko PM) to Daninger Farm
3:30-4:30 p.m. Track Practice, fifth grade only

Friday, May 29
7:45 a.m. Chess Club, Turtle Hall

DATES TO NOTE

Monday, May 26
No School—Memorial Day



Tuesday, June 9
Last Day of School for Elementary Students

Wednesday, September 2
Meet Your Teacher, Find Your Room
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8
First Day of School



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Don’t make the mistake of letting yesterday use too much of today.”

REMEMBERING NATHANIEL JOHNS



Nathaniel
Funny, happy
Smiling, laughing, teasing
Classmate, watcher, racer, home run hitter
Trusting, listening, loving
Caring, brave
Friend

Written by
Mrs. Coyle’s 5th
Grade Class



Turtle Lake students and staff are mourning the loss of their friend and 5th grade classmate, Nathaniel Johns. He passed away peacefully early Monday morning at home in the arms of his parents, Doug and Jodie Johns. Nathaniel will be greatly missed not only by his parents but also by his younger brother Matthew.

Nathaniel’s contagious smile, sparkling brown eyes, and kind and cheerful nature captivated everyone around him. He taught compassion, acceptance, friendship, patience, love, and courage to students and staff alike. His loving imprint will remain forever in our hearts and particularly with those of the future class of 2016.

The visitation and service for Nathaniel will be held at Emmanuel Christian Center, 7777 University Avenue NE, Spring Lake Park. The visitation is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.. The service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

THEME OF THE WEEK

Be Patient With Others and Patient When Things Don’t Go Your Way

- When people or things bother you, talk with someone; don’t let it consume your days.
- Stay calm. Complaining or feeling sorry for yourself won’t help.
- Remember, you are in control of your own happiness.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, and the Right to Learn!

Turtle Lake Elementary School

1141 Lepak Court
Shoreview, MN 55126
Craig Sundberg, Principal
Darin Johnson, Student Services
Assistant

School Hours

School day begins at 8:50 a.m.
Students enter building at 8:35 a.m.
Kdgn a.m. session: 8:50-11:30 a.m.
Kdgn p.m. session: 12:40-3:20 p.m.
School dismisses at 3:20 p.m.
Early release days dismiss at 11:50 a.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

Office.....651-621-7700
FAX.....651-621-7705
Voicemail.....651-621-6100
Attendance.....651-621-7701

E-Mail

firstname.lastname@moundsvIEWSchools.org

District Website

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org

Turtle Lake Website

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org/turtlelake

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

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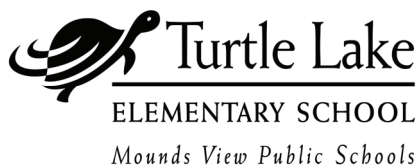
Copy deadline for issue No. 17'08-'09

.....Tuesday, May 26

Publication date for issue No. 17 '08-'09

.....Friday, May 29

Items for submission may be e-mailed to Sandra.Solheim@ moundsvIEWSchools.org or brought to the office.



Student Council News:

The third grade student council members recently visited Books For Africa in Saint Paul. Books For Africa collects and ships thousands of books to Africa every month. Student council collected books during the spring book fair and donated the books to Books For Africa. While they visited Books For Africa, student council members packed 168 boxes of books to be shipped. For more information



on Books For Africa, please visit their website, www.booksforafrica.org.

Dear Friends of the Mounds View School District:

Thank you for your donation of \$20 and 1,737 lbs. of food from the March food drive, for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. Gifts like yours make it possible for the food shelf to provide services to many members of our community.

We are grateful to you for making the Mounds View Public Schools a priority. We appreciate your contribution.

Sincerely,

Mounds View School Board

Jon Tynjala, Chair



Pass-It-Along Event Scheduled

Mounds View Public Schools Early Childhood Family Education Parent Advisory Committee announces its annual Spring Pass-It-Along event. The event is free and features gently used infant and toddler clothing, children's clothing up to size 16 and maternity wear, baby equipment, toys and books. Pass-It-Along is for families in need in the community and takes place at Pike Lake Education Center, 2101 14th St. N.W., New Brighton on Wednesday, May 27 from 9 am- 12 noon. Donations for Pass-It-Along will be accepted until May 22 at Pike Lake Center or Snail Lake Center. Call the Mounds View Public Schools ECFE office at 651-621-7420 for more information.



Thank You to Our Volunteers!

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all those who have graciously given their time, talent, and resources to Turtle Lake. Special thanks to our PTA Co-Presidents, Jennifer Bruess and Lisa Norlinger for their leadership throughout the school year and to everyone who we may not have named. Please know your time and effort is sincerely appreciated and valued.

PTA News

The last PTA meeting of the year will be held on Monday, **May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Turtle Hall.** At this meeting, we will vote on the executive officers and the 2009-2010 budget. Please attend if you wish to vote!

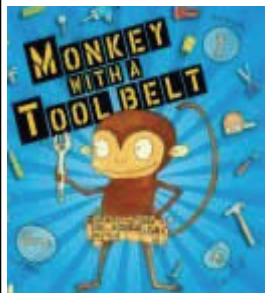


WORD OF THE WEEK

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Week

Week of May 18th: Investigate

Definition –to examine or study something to learn facts



Book: *Monkey with a Tool Belt*

Author/
Illustrator: Chris Monroe

Week of May 26th: Sultry

Definition –overly hot and sweltering

Book: *Thunder Cake*

Author/Illustrator: Patricia Polacco



LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found, located outside of the science room, will only be around a bit longer. Please take a moment to inventory your child's belongings to see if they are missing any items. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity by Thursday, May 21st.

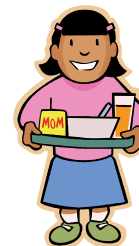


5th Grade Student Orientation at Chippewa Middle School Friday, May 22nd 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Students will be welcomed by the administrative staff, enjoy a treat, tour the school and listen to a panel of current sixth grade students answer questions about their transition to Chippewa. The fifth grade teachers will accompany the students.

Lunch Account Reminder

Beginning May 15th students must have enough money in their accounts to cover their lunch each day. After May 18th, students will not be allowed to have a negative balance. If there is not enough money in your child's account, they will receive a cheese sandwich and milk. We will be taking deposits through the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please call 651-621-7709.



2009-2010 School Year Bus Information

Registration – The district office will be mailing out bus registration information within the coming week. Registration forms are due June 12th. The bus fee for students living less than two miles from school is \$225 per student, if paid before June 12th with a family cap of \$500 per year. **If paid after June 12th, the fee is \$250** per student with a family cap of \$575. New families registering after June 12th will still be charged the \$225 fee per student. If paying by check, you may send the registration either to the district office or school. If paying by cash, Visa, or MasterCard, you must go in person to the Snail Lake Education Center at 350 Hwy 96

Track Information

Practices (3:30-4:30):

Grade 4: May 19, 20, 21, 26
Grade 5: May 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, June 1

Meets:

Grade 4: May 27, 1:15-???, Turtle Lake
Grade 5: May 27, 2:00-???, Turtle Lake
June 2, 1:00-???, Irondale



Practices and meets will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Cancellation decisions will be made in advance whenever possible and students will be expected to go home in their usual manner. For updates, call the recorded line at 651-621-7726.

ART NEWS

First of all, a big thank you to everyone who participated in the "Empty Bowls" project. If you created a bowl, bought a bowl, or went to the event and bought soup, you helped district 621 raise \$3300 for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf! About 100 bowls created by Turtle Lake 5th graders were sold. The rest will be stored until next year's event.

In the hallways at Turtle Lake, you can see prints created by 4th graders who learned about the style of Pop Art and the artist Andy Warhol. Fifth grade will also create Pop Art Prints.

Second and 3rd graders are creating weavings. They looked at weavings created by Swedish, African, Mexican and Native American artists.

First graders are learning about a variety of artists and art styles. Victorian houses, Prehistoric cave art, and the art of Marc Chagall are subjects we have talked about recently.



A NOTE FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

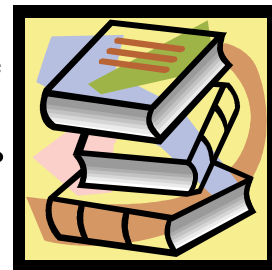
As you are out this spring and summer, you may come across a sick, injured or orphaned animal. The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota is located in Roseville, and was established to provide care to injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife. Their phone number is 651-486-9453.



Bring Back Books!

It's that time of year again, the time for returning library materials. The last day for book check-out is Friday, May 15th. One week later, on May 22nd, all library materials are due. The library staff will then begin our annual inventory, scanning each item (over 36,000 things). We need all materials returned so we can get an accurate picture of what is missing from the collection.

If your family cannot locate a book or magazine, please contact the library at 651-621-7707 to discuss payment for the title.



Thank You

Thank you to Ella Erickson for donating the following books to our LMC:

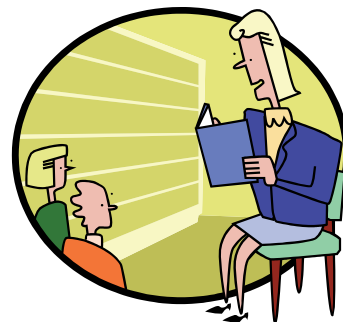
Sisters & Brothers, Chicken Little, Annabelle Miller's Tiny Caterpillar, and Casey Back at Bat.

The Turtle Lake Learning Commons

The library media center (LMC) is always a bustling, vibrant place at Turtle Lake, but this spring it's been truly abuzz with activity. For two and a half weeks in April the library was home to the Star Lab, and a continuous stream of science classes arrived to experience the wonders of the night sky with Mrs. Wills as a guide. When we told our dear friend Mrs. Trapp about the presence of the Star Lab in the LMC, she commented, "Isn't it wonderful there is a place for it to be?" Mrs. Kinney and Mrs. Murray brought their kindergarten students to practice computer skills in the "outdoor" lab; Ms. M-K's Info Lit classes created electronic self-portraits in the "indoor" lab; and Mrs. Reimer hosted read-alouds on the story steps. Fifth grade classes used the computer stations to edit and print their pourquoi stories. Guided Reading groups clustered at the tables scattered through the room. Classes arrived throughout each day for their regularly scheduled book check-outs, and Mrs. Styba, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Moore and parent volunteers worked to keep our awesome book collection in circulation.

Our library is rarely a hushed place. It is more and more what scholar David Loertscher calls "the new learning commons" – a "hub of teaching and learning ... that everyone owns and contributes to." With the support of families, staff members, and the PTA, our library is truly a wonderful, inviting place to engage with books and learning.

What we're proposing is bold. Gone are the days when we can afford to exist on the periphery. The new learning commons is at the very center of teaching and learning. No longer will the library be something that students and teachers need to remember to come to—instead it will be integrated into their lives. Finally, the library will become the hub of teaching and learning—a place that everyone owns and contributes to—one giant conversation that's both a social and a learning network.



From "Flip This Library: School Libraries Need a Revolution" in the November 2008 *School Library Journal* by David Loertscher

ATTENTION FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS

There are fifteen spots left for the 2009 Laurentian Trip. The trip is planned for the 2009 MEA weekend. Buses will leave the morning of Thursday, October 15, and return on Sunday, October 18 in the afternoon.

If your student would like to attend, please turn a registration form in to the office as soon as possible to reserve your spot.



FIFTH GRADE CELEBRATION



5th GRADE END-OF-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTY

**Monday, June 8th
10:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Kids should bring a bag lunch including a drink and an extra water bottle. Bring your yearbook and a pen as there will be time during the party to sign yearbooks.

Made sure to dress for the weather, as there will be outdoor activities.

Congratulations!!!

... to all Turtle Lake Choir and African Music Ensemble members for a fantastic year of music making. Being part of an ensemble takes a lot of dedication and hard work and all of you rose to the occasion. I am really proud of everything we accomplished this year and I am greatly looking forward to some fantastic groups next year. I hope to see all of the returning 4th graders to expand on what you learned this year. Look for a choir registration form to come home soon. I will need to know who is planning on joining choir next year by the end of school so I can order shirts because our Twin's Game performance is the first week of school on September 11th! We will be learning and practicing the National Anthem the last few weeks of school to help prepare for this event. I will greatly miss all of the talented 5th graders who were in these ensembles this year. It was my greatest pleasure to work with you. Good luck with all of your musical endeavors in Middle School and beyond!



Mrs. Crockett



Spelling Bee News

Congratulations to Justin Duffy from Mrs. Brooks's class who took 1st place in the 3rd Grade District Spelling Bee on May 4th. Justin's trophy will be on display in the library until next year's spelling bee.

Chess Team

The Chess Team would like to thank Andrew Lee for coaching the Turtle Lake Chess Club. The team took the TEAM championship two years in a row. Congratulations to Mr. Lee and the Chess Team!

Members of the Turtle Lake Chess Team with their trophies. District Chess Trophy will be on display in the library until next year's tournament.



Math Masters for Sure!

Two teams from Turtle Lake participated in the Math Masters competition on Saturday, April 25th. The team of Evan Mattson, Connor Nelson, John Reim, Sean Fennig, and Howard Simms placed 12th among 33 teams. The team of Grant Delaune, Brandon Duffy, Sam Rush, Steven Skwarek, and Furqan Syed brought home the first place trophy!

In the number facts and operations segment Steven Skwarek placed 13th among 164 participants; Sam Rush placed 2nd and Brandon Duffy placed 1st. In the overall individual competition Grant Delaune placed 7th, Sam Rush placed 2nd, and Brandon Duffy placed 1st. Great job TL teams!!

