

WAYSIDE

March Madness

March 2010

Dear Wayside Families,

The Annual Wayside Carnival was a great success. A special thanks to **Mrs. Jessica Butler, Mrs. Sarah Eads**, and all of the other volunteers for the many long hours they put in organizing and running the event. The evening was very successful and enjoyable for all who attended.

Because of the many snow days that schools have been closed, the testing window for the third, fourth, and fifth grade **Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT)** has been moved to April 26 through May 7. It is important for students to be in attendance on the test days, so please do not make doctor appointments or schedule other activities during those times. The new test days for each grade are third and fifth grades on April 28 and 29, and fourth and fifth grades on May 4 and 5. Other activity dates have also been rescheduled and are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars with the changes.

Our fifth grade students will complete the Criterion Reference **Writing Test** on Wednesday, March 3. The teachers have worked very hard to prepare the students, and the students, I'm certain, will give it their best effort. As a show of support and for experience, the entire school will practice writing while the fifth graders complete their assessment. I'm very proud of the staff and students for their focus on this important life skill.

If you have a child who will be entering **Pre-Kindergarten** for the 2010-2011 school year, **enrollment** will be at the Will Rogers Early Childhood Center on March 1 through March 5. Enrollment for all other elementary students will begin on March 8. Students entering **Kindergarten** will enroll at Will Rogers Early Childhood Center the week of March 8. During parent/teacher conferences, current Wayside families will be asked to make any needed changes to students' enrollment forms. This information is critical as we make preparations and decisions about next year's classes and staffing.

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on the evening of March 11 and the morning of March 12. Your child's teacher should be contacting you regarding a time when you can conference. This is an important time to discuss your child's progress as we head into the final nine weeks of school.

Kendra Deffenbaugh appreciates the great response to our spring **Box Tops for Education** collection. The total collection was 4,312 box tops which translate into \$431.20 for our school. Mrs. Brown's class will enjoy an ice cream celebration as the top class with a collection of 662 box tops. Keep collecting tops for our next drive in the fall.

We had five snow days built into our calendar this year. To date, we have missed school four days due to inclement weather, leaving us one more snow day. Until a few weeks ago, we were on target for achieving our **attendance goal** of 96.6%, but the recent rash of illness has caused us to drop below our goal. Our most recent attendance figures are:

First Grade	94.5
Second Grade	95.9
Third Grade	95.8
Fourth Grade	96.7
Fifth Grade	95.6
Total	95.7

There have been cases of strep, flu, and stomach viruses in recent weeks. Thank you for sending us the doctors' notes when your child has visited your physician.

Best wishes to all of you for a fun and safe Spring Break, and thank you for all you do to make Wayside a great school.

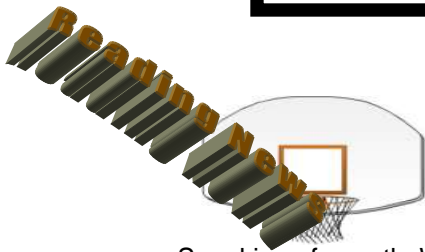


Gratefully,
Richard Dennis

IMPORTANT EVENTS CALENDAR CHANGES

Fifth Grade Writing Test	March 3
Wayside Book Fair	March 29-April 1
Book Fair Family Night	March 30 3:30-7:00
3rd Grade OCCT	April 28 & 29
4th Grade OCCT	May 4th & 5th
5th Grade OCCT	April 28th & 29th
5th Grade OCCT	May 4th & 5th
4th & 5th Grades Track Meet	May 14th

Please plan to have your 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade student t school on the OCCT dates.



Reading News from Mrs. Schovanec

Hello! I am so glad that Spring is around the corner! I am looking forward to the warm sunshine and the new beginnings of growth that our earth shows during spring.

Speaking of growth, Wayside staff and students have grown so much this year. I am so proud of the hard work the teachers have put into carrying out the best practices of reading for their students. The teachers reading blocks consists of work stations, small group reading time, the implementation of flexible small groups, and M.I.R.P (monitored independent reading practice). I have enjoyed collaborating with the teachers during our P.L.C. (Profession Learning Community) time that is set aside weekly to look at data and each student's reading growth.

A big thank you goes out to **Bernadette Galvez** and **Dee Allen** for continuing to help stamp and label books for classroom libraries. The teachers, students, and I appreciate you both so much.

I also want to thank all of the committed and loyal tutors from the W.A.V.E. program. You all have been such a blessing and help to our Wayside readers!

Happy Spring!
Stacey Schovanec
Reading Facilitator



Second grade students have been doing a wonderful job with the Caldecott unit. They have earned many stickers on their charts and M&Ms in their jars. The closing competitions will be held the first week of March to conclude this unit. They have also earned many Reading Counts points as a result of their reading and taking the quizzes over the books!

state testing dates, the Wayside Spring Book Fair will be moved up to March 29 – April 1. Family night will be on March 30 from 3:30 – 7. Thanks so much to Jessica Raatz and Julie Vaclaw, WPSA Book Fair Co-Chairpersons, for their flexibility! If you would like to help out, please let Jessica or Julie know.

Some important dates to remember:

March 26	Last day to take Reading Counts (RC) quizzes on Sequoyah Books for 2009-2010 prizes and voting
Mar 29 – Apr 1	Spring Book Fair "Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read!" A 50's Theme
March 30	Book Fair Family Night 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.
April 8	Last day to take Reading Counts quizzes for 2009-2010 prizes
April 9	Sequoyah Luncheon Banquet with Representative Earl Sears for those students who have read 15 Sequoyah book award nominees for 2010
May 10	2 nd – 5 th Reading Counts Pizza Parties at Regular Lunch Time
May 11	3 rd Grade Reading Counts Special Event Lunch at Price Road McDonalds 210 points required
May 12	4 th -5 th Grades RC Special Event Field Trip to Tulsa Air and Space Museum

My email address is Hixonka@bps-ok.org if you ever have any questions or concerns. Also, please feel free to stop by the library or call.



From Mrs. Kesselhuth

Mark your calendar for upcoming middle school events. Leslie Sexson, Central Middle School counselor, will visit with our 5th graders during the school day about 6th grade on Thursday, March 4. Fifth grade parent meeting for students attending Central next year will be Thursday, March 4, at 6:00 with dinner starting at 4:30. Enrollment forms will need to be turned in by Parent/Teacher Conference time. Details will be sent home with your 5th graders. Madison Middle School enrollment will be March 22nd – 30th with parent night scheduled for March 30th. Tour dates for students will be announced later.

Classroom guidance this month will focus on personal safety. Enjoy every day of Spring Break!



Hello Wayside Parents! Here's some news from The WAVE. As of the end of January we had 703 academic hours toward our goal of 1500 for the year. We love our volunteers! Thank you!

The parking spot winner for the month of February was **Teresa Johnson**. Teresa works in the workroom which enables our teachers to spend more time teaching our kids. Thanks Teresa! To win this parking spot, we draw a name from among all academic volunteers who have accumulated at least 5 hours. You could be next!

In recent newsletters, we highlighted our academic volunteers, but in this newsletter we wanted to recognize all other volunteers at Wayside. We recognize that all volunteers, even if not academic in nature, contribute to the culture and success of our school and ultimately impact the academic achievement of our children. So, thank you to all those who have volunteered or will volunteer for these important jobs. The following list contains just some examples of these type of volunteers:

WPSA Officers	Book Fair	Carnival	Field Day	Hospitality	Land Run	Pickles and Popcorn
Yearbook						
Homeroom Moms	Directory	Home Alone	Circle Garden	Jr. Achievement	Walk-a-thon	Spring
Fundraiser						
GM Boxtops	Movie Night	Apples for Teachers		Marquee	Mileage Club	T-Shirts
Superintendent's Rep						

For volunteering at each of the non-academic events above, volunteers have earned or will earn an auction buck! If you have not received one, please ask the chairperson for the event to get you one.

Lastly, as we approach testing time, teachers are working hard to teach our kids the standards Oklahoma has set for them. The dedication of our WAVE tutors is more important than ever as we try to supplement the teachers' efforts in that area. Teachers often ask for more tutors during this time, so if you are interested in helping out just these last 2 months, it would be greatly appreciated. Just let us know!

Carlie Baccus, Jessica Butler, Bernadette Galvez