



Chips' Chatter—The Beaver Tracks Newsletter Beech Tree Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Greetings from Beech Tree. You may have noticed a new addition to the school campus. We now have an additional trailer, located on the



back side of the modular. This has been provided

to us for the upcoming renovation. Construction is still scheduled to begin in April and we are so excited. We are trying to adopt the phrase, *Temporary Inconvenience for Permanent Improvement*. I will keep you posted on the progress and pass on information as soon as I get it.

The office staff has asked me to remind you that if your child is late to school (after 9:05 am) you cannot simply drop them off at the



flagpole. Students need to be walked into the building by an adult. This is a matter of safety as well as accountability, as we need to document the reasons for tardiness. As always, we appreciate your help in this matter.

I am sure many of you have heard about our budget issues. We know that money is tight, both at home and at school. I just want to assure you that the staff and I will do our best to make decisions that are the best for our students.



If you have specific questions or comments, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Tom Schersten, math consultant, will be returning to Beech Tree on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm for another Family Math Night. The format will

be a little different this time in that you will be moving through stations with your children. As always, this is a family event, so parents should accompany their children to school for the evening. This is so exciting and we will have some nice door prizes for the first ten families to arrive.

We are so excited to tell you that our Partners in Print program is expanding to the upper grades. Our February session will be for families with students in PK-5. Please keep an eye out for that information. It should be coming home to you soon.

I am pleased to announce some new additions to Beech Tree. Tram Vu, a BT parent, is joining us as a parent liaison. She will be at BT on Friday mornings. Also, Maria Navarro has been promoted to building supervisor. tep

**Call us any time:
703-531-2600**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☺ 1-Teacher in-service day; no school for students
- ☺ 3-PTA meets in the library at 7 pm
- ☺ 5-PTA Pajama Bingo in the cafeteria at 6 pm
- ☺ 10-report cards will go home
- ☺ 10-Family Math Night in the cafeteria at 6:30 pm
- ☺ 15-Presidents' Day; school is closed
- ☺ 18-school Spelling Bee in the cafeteria at 1:30 pm
- ☺ 18-Partners in Print in the cafeteria at 6 pm
- ☺ 26-Third Grade China Day
- ☺ March 1-5-Fifth Grade writing SOL test
- ☺ 2-Stuart Pyramid Concert
- ☺ 3-PTA meets in the library at 7 pm



Literacy Corner

By The Literacy Team

Our classroom spelling bees were challenging and fun. All of the 4th and 5th grade students deserve to be congratulated for their effort and patience during the classroom spelling bees. The following students will be representing their class in the Beech Tree Spelling Bee on February 18th in the cafeteria at 1:30pm. Congratulations to all of these students!

Mrs. Vaughan's Class

Taylor Wade

Kelly Paredes

Dylan Lopez

Jason Hernandez

Aiesha Suarez

* Alt. Layla Simmons

Isaiahs Saravia

*The alternates will practice for the Spelling Bee, but will only participate if one of the students in their class is unable to compete.

Ms. Colangelo's Class

Marianna Karagiannis

Nathan Bass

Jalil Boulahssas

Elizabeth Guzman

Peter Gobeille

Atl. Kevin Huynh

Ms. Atkinson's Class

Jancy Garcia-Rodriguez

Christina Tran

Alison Le

Jennifer Quan

Kevin Ly

Alt. Mehdy Arshad

Ms. Ly's Class

Ayelen Salazar

Karen Sejas

Megan Kellam

Alisha Khalid

Anh Hoang

Alt. Phu Tran

Ms. Blodgett's Class

Brandon Gonzales-Pinto

Karen Le

Alex Hernandez

Kayla Peters

Jamia Denny

Alt. Julio Martinez-Zelaya

Stephanie Coreas-Rodriguez

Ms. Martin's

Arodi Rodrigo

Brenda Morales

Jayleen Cabrera

Alexia Bonilla

Gilbert Paraoan

Atl. Brian Reyes Valdez

Dayana Simoes

Ms. Dorriety's Class

Nathaniel Bacon

Amna Asif

Mackenzie Wiley

Nathaly Perez-Rojas

Ashley Cortez

Alt. Joanna Matheson/Daniel Mullen



A Math Minute

By Mr. Reinecker and Mr. Walnock

Parents of primary grade students help your children learn/review the following math terms by posting them around the house and talking about where they see these terms both indoors and outdoors. Ask your child what other shapes around them are in the form of a: triangle, square, rectangle, circle, sides, corners, and square corners.

Parents of upper grade students help your children learn/review the following math terms by posting them around the house and talking about where they see these terms both indoors and outdoors: line, line seg-

ment, angle, ray, intersecting lines, parallel lines, perpendicular lines. This time of the year is a great time to look at newly acquired gifts to identify math terms found in the shapes of the gifts. Have fun exploring!

Be sure to check out the great math websites on the Beech Tree home page.

And that's a math minute!

