



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

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Principal's Message

Welcome to fall. It certainly does appear to be upon us. We trust that you will model *Responsibility to Community* for our students by voting in the upcoming election. What better lesson for our children than to see us doing our civic duty.



Beech Tree was invited to bring a small number of students and adults to the White House for a Healthy Kids Fair on October 21st. In addition to four staff members, eight of our students each brought a parent.



Students created healthy snacks, spoke with the First Lady, and played or-

ganized games on the South Lawn. What a great day and a great way to encourage children to make healthy choices in their lives. Please help support your children with these healthy choices by making healthy food available and getting exercise each and every day.

We had a great fund raiser for the PTA last month. John Lesko ran the most laps around the upper field. If you or your children have pledges that have not yet been turned in, this would be the time to get them in. The PTA is counting on those pledges to be able to assist all students at Beech Tree in the coming year. The community yard sale was a success as well, bringing in over \$1400.

Don't forget to come to the Book Fair/Ice Cream Social tonight. It will be a great time to get some books for your child(ren),



have some ice cream with your friends, and maybe get some

books for the classroom libraries as well.

Make sure to attend your Parent/Teacher Conference if you have not already. It is critical that we keep our communication open in order for your children to be successful.

Tom Schersten is coming back for another Family Math Night on Thursday, November 5th. He will show us all a number of games and activities that you can play at home to help kids with their math skills. We look forward to seeing you! TEP

Call us any time: 703
-531-2600

November 1, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☺ 1—Daylight Savings Time ends
- ☺ 2/3—Parent/Teacher Conference Days; no school for students
- ☺ 3—Election Day; don't forget to vote
- ☺ 4—PTA meets in the library at 7; Topic: Household Math
- ☺ 5—Family Math Night with Tom Schersten at 6:30
- ☺ 11—Principal's Coffee in the library at 7 pm; Topic: What does ESOL mean?
- ☺ 17—Chorus performs at the Clarendon Barnes & Noble; Fund raiser runs 17-19
- ☺ 19—Thanksgiving Lunch
- ☺ 20—4th grade Colonial Day
- ☺ 25—Early release at 1:45 pm
- ☺ 26/27—Thanksgiving Holidays



The Literacy Corner

Literacy Corner

The Literacy button on the Beech Tree Resource 24/7 site has many great resources for you and your children. You will find author's websites and articles about helping your children choose books. Keep checking back as the year goes on, we will be adding more resources. You can also find other websites on the Beech Tree homepage under Great Websites.



Happy Reading!
The Literacy Team

**Pleas Join Us!
for**

Thanksgiving Luncheon

**November 19
At
Beech Tree**

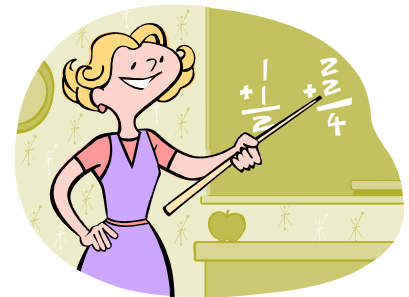


**Happy Thanksgiving,
from our family to
yours!**

November 2 and 3:

**Teacher Work Days
No school for students!**

**Please contact your child's
teacher to set up a par-
ent-teacher conference!**



**Thanksgiving Holiday
November 26 and 27**

**Early Release
November 25 at 1:45 p.m.**

Check us out at:
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