



The Terragram

Information for Terraset Parents



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Principal's Message October 20, 2009

Dear Parents:



We are the beneficiaries of a wonderful opportunity from the **Reston Rotary Club**. Our school was given the gift of a subscription to **Electronic Field Trips to Colonial Williamsburg!**

The program provides live National Television Broadcasts that bring American history alive. It is an innovative distance learning that is also an Emmy Award winning program. The broadcasts present relevant stories of people, places and events from the past that are very motivating. Students can even email questions to famous people and they will receive an individual response to their questions.



The first program in this series is ***Emissaries of Peace***. During the turbulent era of the French and Indian War, the Cherokee people struggled to preserve their independence. Follow Cherokee leader **Ostenaco** and Virginian **Henry Timberlake** on their 1762 journey from Chota (the capital of the Cherokee nation). Students can even email Henry Timberlake questions for this program!

This program is available to every student at our school. It is geared towards grades 4 - 8 and we are in the process of introducing the program to all students in grades 3 - 6.

Any family in grades K - 6 can view all the fieldtrips at home and will have access to all resource materials. The web site is www.history.org/trips. You will need a password to access the site. If your child does not

bring home the password, please call the main office and we will provide the password to you. If you are a member of the Reston Rotary or if you know someone who is a member please say thank you for this wonderful opportunity!

Parent-Teacher Conferences November 2 and 3

It is very important to your child's educational progress for you to make a connection with your child's teacher. At the conference you will learn about your child's achievements and what you can do to continue support at home. If you have not responded to your child's teacher's request for a conference time, ***please do so today!***



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On **Monday, November 16th** we will be holding our Annual Outback Dinner (6:00-7:00) and Family Math Night (7:00-8:00). Look for more details to come soon!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR IS COMING!

- October 30-November 5
- In the Library
- OPEN, Friday Night, October 30!
- Stock up on good reading for the whole family!
- More details to come!

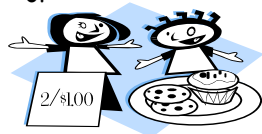


SCA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Terraset Elementary will participate in the Homecoming Parade for SLHS on Friday, October 30th.** The SCA invites all students to participate. Parents of kindergarteners and first graders should march with their child. We will meet at Ledo's Pizza in the Hunters Woods Shopping Center at 4:30 p.m. Parents should pick their child up in front of SLHS by the flag pole no later than 6:15 p.m. Permission slips will be available starting Monday, October 19th. Students that will participate need to turn in their permission slips to Mrs. Golden no later than Wednesday, October 28th. The form must include working phone numbers where a parent may be reached between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on October 30, 2009. Let's show our "Tiger Pride" and wear Terraset Spirit Wear!
- **October 23-31, 2009 is Red Ribbon Week.** FCPS takes this week to remind young children to always be drug-free. Terraset Elementary will wear red ribbons starting Monday, October 26th. Our students will sign our "PAWS—itively" Drug Free Paws that are located on our SCA board. The first Red Ribbon Week was organized in 1986 by parents that were concerned with the destruction caused by alcohol and drug use. The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol to honor Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers. Please choose to be DRUG-FREE!



- **The SCA will be having a BAKE SALE on November 3rd,** from 9:00-3:00 p.m. in the front courtyard. Please stop by our table and enjoy a breakfast doughnut or muffin, a tasty treat or one of our famous lunchtime specials. HELP SUPPORT YOUR SCA!



- **The SCA will be holding our annual canned food drive November 9-13.** We would like all students to participate by donating canned or packaged non-perishable foods. Keep in mind, the Thanksgiving holiday meal! The class that collects the most items will earn a party!

*** Parents may bring in a can to their conferences! Please give the item to your child's teacher, so that your child's class will get credit for the donation.

CALENDAR

October

- 22 CogAt testing for 2nd grade
- 23 CogAt testing for 2nd grade
- 26-30 Red Ribbon Week
- 28-30 CogAt testing for select 3-6 grade
- 30 End of 1st grading period
SLHS Homecoming Parade

November

- 2 Teacher Work Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 3 Teacher Work Day (NO SCHOOL)