

Tailfeathers

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Spotlight on Learning

Teachers as Learners....

The Westlawn teachers are meeting in two Teachers as Readers groups after school throughout the winter and spring. We are always looking for ways to refine our teaching to best meet student needs and Teachers as Readers groups are a wonderful vehicle for this learning. We choose a book, such as Debbie Dillers, Making the Most of Small Groups, read chapters, try strategies in classrooms, meet to discuss our work, and extend our learning. The TAR meetings lead teachers to try new things in the classroom as we look for ways to inspire, lead and challenge our children.

Pictured below you will find Westlawn's Odyssey of the Mind students



For Your Information

On Saturday, March 14th three Westlawn teams competed in the Odyssey of the Mind tournament at Falls Church High School. Each team chose one of five competitive problems to solve and, under the guidance of a parent coach, teams worked on their creative solutions throughout the school year. Their performances were outstanding, and the Westlawn division 1 team came in second place despite one of its members being home sick. Congratulations!

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Students have a chance to apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. Odyssey of the Mind is a competitive program that encourages students to be the best that they can be. Students are rewarded more for how they apply their knowledge, creative skills and talents, and not for coming up with the right answer. In fact, in Odyssey of the Mind problems, there is never one right answer. Teams competing in Odyssey of the Mind bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

Odyssey of the Mind is a PTA sponsored activity and we especially want to thank the parents who made the participation of these teams possible. Mrs. Gianopoulos coached the fifth grade division one team; Mrs. Gee coached the kindergarten and first grade team; and Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Uhler coached the second grade team. Thank you for all your hard work.

Cecilia Vanderhye, Assistant Principal



May Preview

- 1st Volunteer Breakfast
- 6th Early Dismissal
-Family Reading Night
- 8th Staff Basketball Game
-Sixth Grade Panaramic Picture
- 7th Second Grade Musical
Performance
- 12th Interims Sent Home
- Sixth Grade to Pamplin Park
- 13th Fifth Grade Poetry Café
- 14th Kindergarten Orientation
- 18th SOL Testing begins
- 25th Memorial Day Holiday



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Early Dismissal @ 12:40	2 -Spring Pictures -2:45 Boyer After School Program -2:45 WEST TV Club -7:00pm PTA Meeting in Library -End third grading period	3 -Teacher Workday Student Holiday
6	7	8	9	10
Spring Break ***** School Office Closed *****				
13 -4 th grading period -6 th Grade All County Chorus Rehearsal	14 -8:00am Parent Partners -2:45 6 th Grade Homework Club	15	16 -2:45 Boyer After school Program -2:45 WEST TV Club -6:30 Partners in Print	17 -6 th Grade All County Chorus Rehearsal @ Mt Vernon High - 2:45 Jump Rope for Heart Grades 1-3
20	21 -8:00am Parent Partners -2:45 6 th Grade Homework Club - Progress Reports Sent Home	22	23 8:30am Kindergarten Arbor day celebration - 4 th Grade to Jamestown -2:45 Boyer After school Program -2:45 WEST TV Club	24 7:00pm International Night
27	28 -8:00am Parent Partners -2:45 6 th Grade Homework Club	29	30 -7:30pm "Wizard of Oz" @ Falls Church High School	