



Paws for Thoughts from the Principal

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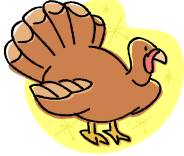
At the October 24th Board of Education meeting we received our official LEED Certification as an energy efficient school. We received two certificates and a large circular glass award. You can see a picture of the awards and read about it at the Catawba County Schools web site. Click on the more CCS news tab and scroll down to see a picture and a related story.

Students have opportunities to take part in two free incentive programs. Driven To Read and the Race Around The World challenges have been going on since early September. You can read more about each of these challenges in articles in this newsletter. I plan on hosting some Family Fitness Nights this fall. These nights will be held in the gym and use our HOPSports system to give families a chance to have some fun together. Look for more information to come about these nights.

There are multiple opportunities for involvement at Snow Creek. Volunteering in a classroom, helping with field trips, helping on field days and sitting down daily to listen to your child read and/or having them tell you about what they are reading are examples of ways you can be involved. Becoming a part of PTO is an excellent way to get involved. Strides for Pride, Frostival, basketball, soccer, and copy pool are just a few of the events for which PTO needs volunteers.

I have once again been hosting an after school running club on Mondays and Thursdays for students in 2nd – 6th grades. Students who participate do not have to run all the time. I do expect students to run part of the time. My goal is to prepare/train students to be able to finish a 5k race in the spring, for those who so desire.

Dr. Wally Zahler



Upcoming PTO Events



Here are all the ways you can support our school and have fun at the same time. Come support Snow Creek Elementary at the following fundraisers. Come to all or just come to the ones that will work into your schedule. See you there!!!

November Events:

Monday Nov. 14th—Friday Nov. 18th

Tuesday Nov. 15th & Thursday Nov. 17th

Tuesday Nov. 15th

Thursday Nov. 17th

Saturday Nov. 19th

Monday Nov. 21st

Book Fair (7:30—3:00)

Book Fair Family Night (5-7)

Dominos (all day)

Chick-Fil-A at Valley Hills Mall (5-8)

Litter Sweep at Snow Creek (9-11)

PTO Board meeting at Snow Creek (6:30- 8:30)

December Events:

Tuesday Dec. 6th—Thursday Dec. 8th

Wednesday Dec. 7th

Friday Dec. 9th

Thursday Dec. 15th

Santa Store

Salsarita's (5-9)

Shell's BBQ (all day-tell them you are from Snow Creek)

Bojangle's on Springs Rd. (5-8)

January Events:

Wednesday Jan. 4th

Friday Jan. 6th

Monday Jan. 10th

Thursday Jan. 19th

Saturday Jan. 28th

Salsarita's (5-9)

Shell's BBQ (all day-tell them you are from Snow Creek)

Dominos (all day)

Bojangle's on Springs Rd. (5-8)

Frostival (Times TBA)

February Events:

Wednesday Feb. 1st

Friday Feb. 3rd

Tuesday Feb. 7th

Thursday Feb. 16th

Tuesday Feb. 21st

Friday Feb. 24th

Salsarita's (5-9)

Shell's BBQ (all day-tell them you are from Snow Creek)

McTeacher Night (McDonald's on Hwy 127 in Viewmont 5-8)

Chuck E. Cheese Night (3-9)

Dominos (all day)

Bingo (at Snow Creek 6:30-8:30pm)

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first Snow Creek BINGO this year. It was a HUGE success, with lots of prizes and fun for kids of all ages. Our next BINGO night will be Friday Feb. 24th, so mark your calendars!!!!

More to Come

Reading is Out of this World!



Visit our Scholastic Book Fair!
Monday, Nov. 14th - Friday, Nov. 18th
Monday 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday 7:30 to 3:00 with
Family Night 5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday 7:30 to 3:00 with
Family Night 5 to 7 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Register for prizes during the Family Nights, and have your picture made with an alien spaceship!

Come see the entries and winners of the Space Alien contest!
All were made of recycled materials and what creativity we have in our school!!!

Shop online this book fair for
a bigger selection!

See the link on our school's webpage, or go to:
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/snowcreek>

All orders will ship to the school and be sent home with your child after the book fair is over.

You can also pre-order *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever!*

Available November 15th! Just fill out the order form on the book fair flyer and send it in with payment, or bring it in with you to the book fair!

See you there!

Space Alien Contest Winners by grade:

K – Taylor Kelly

1st—Andrew Kehoe

Taliah Ellis

2nd—Riley Fox

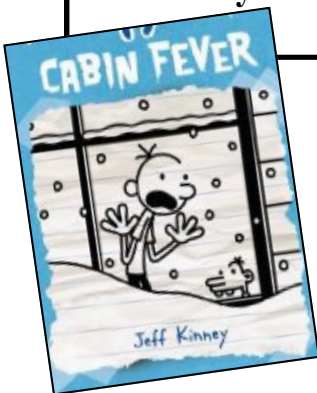
3rd—Raymon Yang

4th—Rachel Harshman

5th—Parker Bailey

6th—Nathan Miller

Special Awards to Aylan and Arwen Mamer for their girl and dog aliens!



Driven to Read!

Your child has had the opportunity to participate in the Driven to Read program this year. Driven to Read is a merit based reading program designed to encourage youngsters to increase their reading proficiency through the power of racing. Aimed at elementary-age readers, kids in the program must read for 15 minutes to gain 1 mile on the track. Children have been earning prizes so far this year for the miles they have earned. At preset intervals our students earn prizes in recognition of their accomplishments. The greater the mileage, the greater the reward. Students can earn awards for 25 miles (Driven to Read bookmark), 50 miles (Driven to Read pencil), 100 miles (Driven to Read Bumper Sticker), 150 miles (Driven to Read Silicone bracelet), 200 miles (Driven to Read medal), 250 miles (Driven to Read trophy) and 300 miles (Driven to Read t-shirt and checkered flag). When your child hits 300 miles their name will be entered into the overall winners drawing for a VIP race package, which includes a pit tour and four tickets to the next Camping World Series Truck Race in your area. The Donate to Read program is a 501c non-profit organization. To pay for the awards schools receive they rely on donations. If you would like to donate, you can do so at their web site, www.driventoread.org



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can make.



Please Note:
Snow Creek will no longer be collecting Campbell Soup Labels

First In Math

Parents, your child may soon be asking to use the computer more frequently so that they can access the First In Math online program. I am currently working with each grade level to show students how to access this math program. The program uses practice techniques to rapidly increase computation problem solving, critical thinking and basic math skills. The program provides immediate feedback and students are encouraged to continue practice as they earn points and online stickers. The content contained in the program ranges from addition to Algebra. I have read studies about the program—all say the program helps students increase their math computation skills. I encourage you to ask your child to show you how to login and “play” for a few minutes each day! Please see the parent letter on the Snow Creek website for more detailed information.

- Mr. Klassett

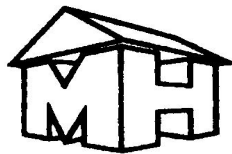


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Race Around the World!

So far this year we have been participating in the Race Around the World. This is a race to see whether the students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade or the students in grades 4 through 6 can be the first to run/walk the 24,901.55 miles around the earth. Teachers are keeping track of the laps or miles students accumulate while at school during recess, PE, running club or in the after school program. Students have also been able to count miles they accumulate while away from school. I have suggested to students that they try to walk/run at home with family members. You are welcome to come to Snow Creek any evening or on the weekends to use the track. It is 3 ½ laps of our track to make a mile.

I have been keeping track of how many miles each student in the school has accumulated. Students can receive rewards when they reach 25, 50, 75 and 100 miles or more during this school year. The prizes are plastic feet and running shoes and a chain to put them on. If each student accumulates about a 100 miles during this school year, each team will meet the challenge. Mr. Klassett will have a bulletin board with a world map showing how far each team has progressed in their quest to circle the Earth. This challenge is meant to be a fun way to get students to exercise and, as a result, improve the mental capacity and health of our students.

As of the end of October, the 4-6 grades have accumulated 4059 miles. The K-3 has accumulated 3811 miles.

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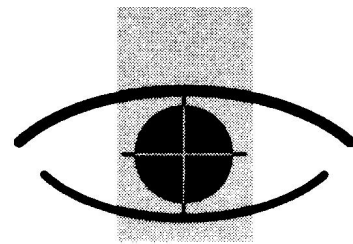


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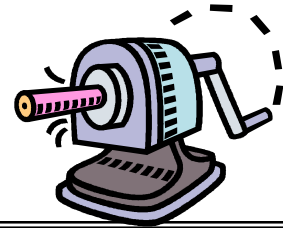
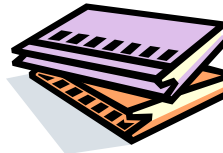
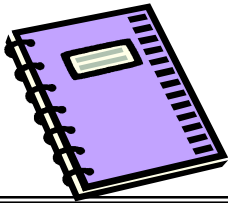
Shop with Office Depot and 5% of all qualifying purchases will be offered to your school for FREE supplies!

Just give the Snow Creek Elementary ID number (see below) every time you shop in store, online or by phone.

Snow Creek's ID Number

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Questions? Visit your local Office Depot store or click on the 5% Back to Schools Program link at www.school.com.



October Can Drive Results

We collected over 6,000 cans for the drive in October! Mia Sexton is our big winner this time, and will get a fancy trophy for her donation of 1,540 cans. Thank you Mia! Riley Fox came in a close second with 1,117 cans. Our other honors are:

rank	# of cans	name
1	1,540	Mia Sexton
2	1,117	Riley Fox
3	848	Haydin Benfield
4	672	Andrew Kehoe
5	450	Hampton Fletcher
6	414	Lane Baldy
7	414	Logan Baldy



When you see these people next, thank them for making your school a better place. By collecting all those cans, they helped earn money for the school to buy cool stuff.

All of our October can collectors will be treated to a movie next week for their efforts. If you donated cans next month, we'll see you there! Good job, everyone!

If you're missing out on all the fun this time, the next drive is January 18th. Start collecting your aluminum cans now!

Aluminum cans are infinitely recyclable. That means the can you drink from today will be back on the shelf as a fresh new can in a month or two...IF you recycle it! So don't throw them away! If you know where to get your hands on some cans, here's what to do:

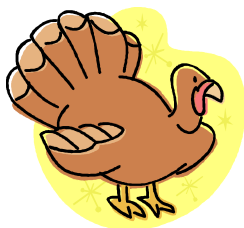
1. **Collect, rinse and crush** your aluminum soda and other beverage cans. (Beer cans included!)
2. **Count & bag them** in plastic shopping bags or garbage bags.
3. **Label bags** with your name, grade, homeroom teacher, and number of cans.
4. **Bring your cans to school.** Help the Green Team turn your cans into cash for Snow Creek and win prizes!

Upcoming School Events

11/14 - 11/18	Book Fair Family Nights: Tuesday and Thursday 5-7pm
11/15	ELL Night 5 - 7
11/18	TA Kids In Need "pajama day"
11/22	3 rd Grade: Green Room 10 - 12:30; eat at school
11/23 - 11/25	No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
11/29	4 th Grade Guest Speaker, Joyce Hosteller, Media Center 8:30
12/1	LDP - 3 - 6; Reading
12/2	Brown (5 th) Hickory Manor; 10 - 11:30 Solesbee (5 th) Lutheran Home; 10 - 11:30
12/5	The Energized Guy; K - 3: 8:30 4 - 6: 9:10
12/8	Picture Retakes/Makeups/Clubs/Candid
12/20	Early Release @ 12:20
12/21 - 12/30	No School Christmas Break
1/6	Brown (5 th) Hickory Manor; 10 - 11:30 Solesbee (5 th) Lutheran Home; 10 - 11:30
1/16	No School, Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
1/20	TA Kids In Need Fundraiser Brown (5 th)Hickory Manor;10- 11:30 Solesbee (5 th) Lutheran Home; 10 - 11:30 "Panther Pride Day"
1/23 - 1/24	No School, Teacher Workdays
1/26	Report Cards go home

May we all be Thankful and never take for granted our wonderful school and talented and caring teachers, faculty and volunteers.

We Thank you all!



Happy Thanksgiving!!
Snow Creek Elementary PTO