



Kipps Konnection



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RELAY FOR LIFE

Kipps is once again forming a team to participate in the American Cancer Society's Annual *Relay For Life* Walk. Keep your eye out for flyers to begin coming home with how you can help Kipps raise money for this worthy cause. Kim Wade is once again our Team leader and she will be sending home packets for children to register for the Children's Lap of the walk.

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Be PARTNERS IN THE ARTS! This is our theme for Fine Arts Month in March. Ms. Katz, music, and Ms. Hopkins, art, extend a special invitation to the families of our students to come in and observe and/or participate during a music or art class. If you have a musical or artistic talent you would be willing to share with your child's class please let us know. We would love to have you as our special guests during March. We can be reached at Kipps at 961-5760 or by e-mail at mkatz@mail.mcps.org and rhopkins@mail.mcps.org or you can talk with us at school.

In celebration of Fine Arts Month in March there will be Kipps artwork on display at University Mall, Montgomery County School Board Office and the Fine Arts Center for the New River Valley in Pulaski.

SHOELACES

Have you ever tripped over your shoelace? That's what happens when you don't know how to tie your shoes. At some point in everybody's life he or she struggles with tying his or her shoes.

Never fear SCA is here to tie your shoes. As part of a new program, SCA will begin sending SCA members to the gym in the mornings to help struggling kids tie their shoes. So if you need help, look for an SCA member. By Clayton Proctor, Ms. Ferrell's Fourth Grade Class

TEACHER'S NOTES



Kindergarten -

Kindergarten has begun our unit entitled "I am connected to my country." We are learning about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, singing songs about them and even wearing our own beards and stovepipe hats. Look for a patriotic parade through the school at the conclusion of our studies!



First Grade -

The first graders had their annual bake sale to wind up their economics unit. Many thanks to the families that donated goods for this event. The children learned all about goods and services. We raised \$100.00 from our bake sale!!! We are saving the money and will vote on how we will spend it later in the year.



Second Grade -

We are well on our way in our study of two ancient cultures! The students are learning about sense of time and space as well as the how important symbols were to the people of Ancient China. We have learned that the people and culture of Ancient China has influenced us in many ways. We have learned about The Great Wall of China as well as the different social classes of Ancient China. The people that lived long ago in China were responsible for many important inventions. The Second Graders are creating their own inventions for a homework assignment. We are sure to see some amazing ideas come in! To celebrate this amazing culture, we will be inviting our parents in to have a Chinese Feast as well as have a Dragon Parade around our school. This will hopefully happen at the beginning of March!

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Shull and thank Mrs. Phyllis Geohegan and Mrs. Ytje Haim for being such GREAT long-term subs!

Third Grade -

Mrs. Lester and Mrs. Shull's classes have finished learning about the ancient empire of Mali, and we are looking forward to starting our unit on Greece and Rome in mid-March. We will be scheduling Virginia Tech Classics Professors as guest speakers in the classroom. We'll take a trip to the VA Tech campus to learn some Latin, look at ancient artifacts, create and act out myths, and go on an architectural scavenger hunt!

We are learning new strategies for multiplying larger numbers. Ask your child to show you a lattice problem....really cool! Please continue to practice multiplication facts and try turning them around into division problems as well. If your child is struggling with dividing, dry noodles are a great thing to use for them to work out the problems.

A schedule for SOL testing will be coming home soon, so please keep an eye out for that!



Fourth Grade -

Fourth grade is certainly busy as usual. We are into our unit on energy and had great fun this past week working with magnets. Next week we'll experiment with batteries and bulbs. We get lots of hands-on experience. After our Energy, Force and Motion unit, we'll get back to studying Social Studies, the early history of our great state of Virginia, the three capitals of Virginia: Jamestown, Williamsburg and Richmond, and the events leading to and including the Revolutionary War. We'll get to know the outstanding Virginia patriots. We will be gearing up for our field trip to Jamestown and Williamsburg on May sixth and seventh. Virginia is the key to fourth grade!



Fifth grade rocks!

Fifth graders have finished up their study of Reconstruction and Matter. They will begin their study of Light. Mr. Oliver Lewis has been helping us learn African American songs. We hope to present them in a school wide program. We want to welcome our three student teachers to fifth grade and thank them for the wonderful job they are doing teaching our students. They are :

Ms. Strager's class: Miss Ashley Dameron
Ms. Wood-Setzer's class: Miss Meredith Hazelett
Mr. Kitt's class: Miss Katie Maguire

MARCH EVENTS

Second Grade Music Program – Monday March 15th , 7:00 pm

Pack your suitcases! The Second Grade is planning a trip around the world -- 4 continents in one fun-filled evening of entertainment. March 15th will be a night to remember as our Second graders share songs and stories and dances to highlight the cultures of the Native Americans, the Rain Forest, China, and Egypt. Don't forget to bring your cameras to the Kipps Cafeteria at 7:00 that night -- these are some vacation shots you won't want to miss!

The Wind In The Willows

March 24 at 9:30 and 2:15

The Barter Theater who brought us the wonderful production of *The Velveteen Rabbit* last year is returning with a brand new production of "The Wind in the Willows."

There will be two shows during school for the children. The first show will be at 9:30 in the morning and the second will be at 2:15 in the afternoon. More information will come home soon.



PTA Planning Session March 4th, 7:00 – The meeting will be held in the cafeteria. Every parent is encouraged to attend!

APRIL PREVIEWS

- PTA Planning Session April 1st, 7:00 – All PTA members are encouraged to attend.

MISCELLANEOUS

5th Grade Writing SOL's

The 5th grade writing SOL's have been moved ahead one week. They will now be as follows: Writing Multiple Choice – March 16th 9:30am, Writing Prompt – March 17th 9:30am. Please remember that you can always print off copies of the released test to help your children prepare at: <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/sol.html>

FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder: General Mills has a great web site for the Box Tops for Education program. <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. It offers valuable coupons, Box Tops Marketplace – for online shopping, family fun ideas and opportunities to earn extra money for your school. If you click on Program Overview there is a link listing all participating products. And don't forget our random monthly drawing for a class popcorn party. February's popcorn winner was Ms. Gendron. If you have any questions please contact Hope Ingram at incentives@kippspta.org



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Family Fun Night Sock Hop

Family Fun Night and Sock Hop was a great success. Many families attended and enjoyed a fun evening of dancing. Many students (and parents!) won hula hoop and dance contests. A special thanks to Earl Brown, of Dynamic Sound DJ services for providing the music, Mr. Jones for the use of P.E. equipment, and parent and teachers for helping the kids enjoy the evening.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Dede Stone for all of her hard working in make the evening such a GREAT success!

Don't forget about our website –

<http://www.kippspta.org>

Go there now to sign up for our E-News letter or check out the latest calendar events.

