



# Kipps Konnection



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## HAPPY WINTER!

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### LIBRARY NEWS

Children's Book Week was celebrated in the library November 15-19. Children heard stories, created bookmarks, and discussed the importance of reading.

Ms Austin would like to thank everyone who participated in the Book Fair in October. The fair was a great success and raised over \$1500.00 for the library to spend on books and other materials for the students. With the average cost of a library bound picture book being \$18.00, the money will certainly supplement the library budget.

All the classes are working on earning book trophies for their doors. This paper trophy is given when a class returns all their library books on library day. Once a class has earned 5 book trophies, the class will have a celebration in the library. Please help your child remember to bring their books back on time, this will not only allow them to check out a new book but they will help the class receive a book trophy.

A quote from the book the Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster, "So many things are possible just as long as you don't know they're impossible." One goal for all our children is that they learn to soar with their imagination and become avid readers and life long learners. It is possible, and remember, you can help by reading with your child every day.

**Make sure you check out our website:  
<http://www.kippspta.org>  
for regular updates, PTA and school events  
and to email a PTA Board Members!!**



Kipps PTA now has **254** members! YEAH!!! It is not too late to join. Simply contact your teacher or email [membership@kippspta.org](mailto:membership@kippspta.org). We would like to thank everyone who has joined and encourage those whom have not. **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## Kindergarten-

The kindergarten kids have been learning about their bodies and how to keep them healthy. After talking about the important jobs our heart, lungs, brain, intestines, and stomach do, we made paper models including these organs. We also learned about taking care of our teeth and eating nutritious foods to keep our bodies in good working order. We went to our neighborhood Food Lion for a "behind the scenes" tour and even had a scavenger hunt to find answers to riddles about the foods in the food pyramid. We bought one food from each part of the pyramid and had a "pyramid snack" later that day. Thank you, Food Lion, for helping us with this project!



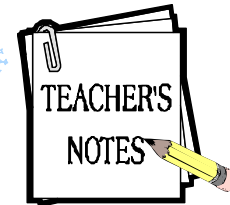
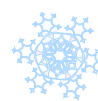
## Second Grade Superstars! –

Did you see the great articles in the newspaper? Even though our second graders do not need the newspapers to tell us how FABULOUS we are, it sure was cool. We were featured for our Equality Extravaganza which was at the beginning of the month. We practiced and sang songs, wrote and read some Peace Poetry, created banners on Martin Luther King, Jr., Jackie Robinson, Helen Keller, Susan B. Anthony, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington. We also practiced and read some words and thoughts from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and "I have a dream" speech. It was so wonderful having our parents, family members and 5th grade buddies there to support our learning. We will continue our learning of "A Sense of Time and Space" by traveling back further to the time of the American Indians. We will try to discover and examine the homes, traditions, transportation, clothing, tribes and food of the American Indians. Our focus will be on the Indians of the Eastern Woodlands, the Plains, Southwest and the Northwest.



## Fourth Grade –

Fourth grade has been enjoying learning about our Native Americans of Virginia and what natural resources they used. They have had the opportunity to see actual natural resources (such as animals) and artifacts, thanks to our wonderful parents and the Natural History Museum at VA Tech who have allowed us to borrow many items. We are still enjoying our walks outside thanks to the cooperating weather, but we are modifying the walk and turning it into a walk and talk. The students have the opportunity to share what they are learning with their classmates during their walk around the baseball fields twice a week. We will be starting our study on Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, this week.



## Third Grade -

The third grade really enjoyed and learned from our trip to the Water Treatment Plant in October. We are looking forward to our next field trip to Smithfield Plantation on December 6.

All classes are being introduced to multiplication and division. A pack of flash cards would be a great stocking stuffer! We will be learning about the accomplishments of 4 European explorers, Christopher Columbus, Juan Ponce de Leon, Jacques Cartier, and Christopher Newport. Cursive handwriting instruction will begin soon!

Mrs. Lester and Mrs. Shull's classes have been working on some literature based skits. We would like to invite parents to see our skits on Tuesday, November 30 at 11:00 AM in our classrooms.

Many thanks to all of our Virginia Tech and Radford University students who have been working with us this semester. Your contributions, hard work, and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Lester: VT pre-service intern, Sonya Wilson  
VT field study student, Angela Gaylor  
Mrs. Shull: RU block student, Karla Farias  
Mrs. Wheeler: VT pre-service intern, Lisa Strongin  
Mrs. Hicks: RU block student, Karie McMacklin



## Fifth Grade Rocks! –

Fifth graders are continuing their studies about Geology and our rapidly changing Earth. We just finished making fossils and are wrapping up the unit with a week of review before the test.

The War has begun! In social studies we have been studying about the role of Virginia and her people during the Civil War. We have discovered that many Civil War battles were fought right here in our own home state.

We have also finished writing our books to be published and sent them off to the publisher. We hope to have them returned to us in the next few weeks.

On Veteran's Day we rotated to each of the fifth grade classrooms and participated in various activities to better understand and show appreciation for the people who fought for our county. It was a real learning experience and a fun day for all.





### Eating For Kipps Kids!

The winners of our random monthly drawing for a class popcorn party are Ms. McClure, Ms. Ewing and Mr. Jacomen. Make sure to keep those box Tops and A+ labels coming in. As of October 31<sup>st</sup> we have \$487 in Box Tops dollars! Let's try to match that by the end of the year! All proceeds go directly back to the teachers at Kipps! If you have any questions please contact Alicia Stone at [incentives@kippspta.org](mailto:incentives@kippspta.org).

## MISCELLANEOUS



Thank you for your out pouring of love. Thank you for your contributions to the Mont. County Christmas Store.

Sincerely,  
The Kipps Staff

A Giant THANKS for the office volunteers during the month of November: Rhonda Martin, Jackie Hodge, Ann Scanlon, Pam Vaught, Debbie Keighton, Dawn Elvinger, Lisa McMahan, Linda Grissom, Mara Patzig, Tonya Rice and Patrice Schubbert.

From: Kathy, Ray and Sylvia

Thanks to the many fourth-grade parents who donated money toward the purchase of recorders. Because of your generosity, every fourth-grader at Kipps was able to receive an Angel Soprano Recorder this year! Ms. Katz and Mrs. Quesenberry hope that you will enjoy listening to your children as they practice the songs they are learning -- ask them to give you a recital one evening!



Our Kipps clothing closet could use warm girl's tights, girl's pants, coats of all sizes and boots. We do have a nice supply of hats and gloves already.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### OFFICE HELP

The office is in need of additional help on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We have some help these morning but could really use a little more. These are our busiest time, especially between 8:15 and 9:30. If interested in helping please contact Kathy Kokalis at 951-5760.

### FAMILY SOCK HOP – January 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00-8:00

If you are interested in helping “supervise” the Family Sock Hop, please contact Nancy Phillips at [volunteers@kippspta.org](mailto:volunteers@kippspta.org).



# DECEMBER EVENTS

"Remember December" -- it is a month of fun, of snow (maybe), of holidays and joyous celebrations. One of our favorite celebrations at Kipps is the annual Winter Program presented by one of the grade levels. This year, the Kindergarten children are preparing to "wow" everyone with their wonderful singing voices, their ability to play many instruments and keep a steady beat, and their enthusiasm to entertain you. The date is **Monday, December 13th** -- the show will begin at **7:00** that evening in the **cafeteria** of our fine school. Please plan to attend!

## REFLECTION'S RECEPTION

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Kipps Cafeteria

Anyone who entered the Reflections contest this year is encouraged to attend.

There will be no PTA Planning Session for December

## JANUARY PREVIEWS

- PTA Planning Session – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm
- Family Sock Hop – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm



Thanks to All from Kipps PTA

We were glad to see so many of you at this year's Fall Carnival. We think everyone had a GREAT TIME!! In addition to being a fun event, the carnival also serves to help a number of groups at Kipps: The Safety Patrol, Student Council and the silent auction proceeds benefit our Building Blocks program, which provides extra money to teachers for classroom supplies. We want to thank everyone who helped this year. The list of people who donated their time, baking and other skills is so long that unfortunately we cannot thank everyone individually but we want to send a HUGE **thank you** to all the parents, PTA board members and Kipps staff who helped in so many different ways to make our carnival such a huge success! Special thanks to the following: Our custodians, for both set-up and clean up, Mr., Jones for setting up all the games in the gym, and the crew in the kitchen who stayed longer than their scheduled shifts when our pizza arrived later than expected!

We were fortunate to have many wonderful Virginia Tech student volunteers this year. The Student Alumni Associates (SAA) helped with all aspects of the carnival. Circle K built, ran, and cleaned up the cardboard maze, as well as helped with other games.

Burger King provided the Whopper Hopper and the BK Kid's Clubhouse! We were happy to have two jumping attractions! The free karate lessons were given by American Martial Arts Center and Virginia Techniques Gymnastics performed a gymnastics show. Zooquatic brought a number of our exotic animals. Foodlion donated all of the hotdogs and buns.

We would like to give a special THANKS Kris Bales for all of her hard work on making this years carnival such a wonderful event, Nancy Phillips for helping to get volunteers and Lori Roop for the great baskets that raised over \$1200 for Building Blocks!