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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents and School Community,



Please join me in **welcoming Mrs. Jennifer Figo** as our new Main Office Secretary/Receptionist. Mrs. Figo most recently served as a receptionist at the Webster Town Hall and I am very pleased to welcome her to Thornell Road. I would also like to thank Mrs. Laurie Chernyak who has been our substitute receptionist since the start of the school year. Her willingness to help and serve in this capacity has been very much appreciated.



This month, we are hosting a **Happy Camper Book Fair**. This event is scheduled for Monday, March 6th through Thursday, March 9th. A **Book Fair Family Night** is planned for Thursday, March 9th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. There will be special family-oriented activities for you to enjoy that evening. Thank you to our amazing PTSA for coordinating this event!

In addition, our Student Council is sponsoring **roller-skating** for students in Kindergarten through grade 5. The fee is \$7 and helmets are strongly recommended. The dates are as follows:

- Monday, March 6th for Grades 4 & 5
- Tuesday, March 7th for Grades 2 & 3
- Wednesday, March 8th for Kindergarten & Grade



Each year, the Monroe County Volunteer Firefighter's Association sponsors a **Fire Prevention Essay Contest**. I would like to congratulate Leah Rice who received an Outstanding Essay Award trophy for her essay. In addition, I would like to congratulate Jack Archer, Samaira Bhatia, Tamara Dorval, A.J. Romeo and Lindsay Whitaker for receiving recognition awards for their essays. Well done!

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At the end of this month, we will begin the administration of the **New York State Exams**. To assist in your planning, the dates for each exam for are listed below:

Grade(s):	Exam:	Date(s):
Grades 3-5	English Language Arts (ELA)	Tuesday, March 28 th Wednesday, March 29 th Thursday, March 30 th
Grades 3-5	Mathematics	Tuesday, May 2 nd Wednesday, May 3 rd Thursday, May 4 th
Grade 4	Science (Performance Tasks)	Thursday, May 25 th
Grade 4	Science (Written Format)	Monday, June 5 th

You can assist with your child's preparation by ensuring that, prior to an exam, he/she has a good night's sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, arrives to school on time and feels supported. Encourage your child to do his/her best. Please remember that judging a child's performance on a single test score is a flawed practice.

If you would like to learn more about the New York State Testing Program, please visit the *EngageNY* website at <http://engageny.org/>.

Please note that school is not in session for students on Friday, March 17th due to our Superintendent's Conference Day.

Thank you for all that you do to support our students, our staff and our school community!

Sincerely,

Roger DeBell, Principal



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Thornell Road Elementary School



**A Learning Community Dedicated to
Teamwork, Respect and Excellence for our Students**



Odyssey of the Mind

~Mrs. Doran



Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from elementary school through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then 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.

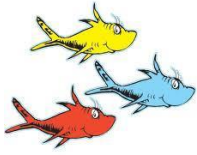
Thornell Road School had 4 Teams participate in Odyssey this year and all of them proved they really know how to think "out of the box" at the Regional Competition in Webster. Two Thornell Road Teams will be traveling to Binghamton to represent Pittsford in the State Competition in April. *Congratulations Teams!*

If you would like more information on the Odyssey Program please visit www.odysseyofthemind.com and look for an invitation to participate next fall!



Reading Corner

~ Miss Samantha St. James, Reading Specialist



Hello Thornell Road Families!

Here are some fun ways your family can celebrate
Dr. Seuss' birthday throughout the month of March. Enjoy!



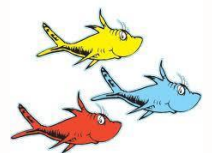
Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!
(Born March 2nd 1904)

- Read as many Dr. Seuss books as you can
- Create your own story by writing like Dr. Seuss (be creative with the rhymes!)
- Visit the official Dr. Seuss website (<http://www.seussville.com/>) to see a complete book list, learn about Dr. Seuss, games & activities, meet the characters, and more

Dr. Seuss Trivia

1. How many stripes are on the hat of The Cat in the Hat?
a) 4 b) 5 c) 6 d) 7
2. How many different words did Dr. Seuss use to write Green Eggs and Ham?
a) 201 b) 51 c) 121 d) 61
3. In One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish what book is the Nook reading?
a) The Book Nook b) How to Look c) The Crook Book d) How to Cook
4. What color is the Lorax?
a) Orange b) Green c) Brown d) Yellow
5. What is Dr. Seuss' real name?
a) Teddy Yertle b) Theodor S. Geisel c) Donald Seuss d) Theo D. R. Seuss

Answer Key: 1-b, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c, 5-b





Art Room Masterpieces

~ Mrs. Lubbers, Visual Art Education



First grade artists have been discussing the topic of family in the classroom. Special family events or traditions were discussed in library. During art class we studied paintings of families from around the world. After practicing drawing of the human figure students created a drawing of their family including a special event. The pencil drawing was traced with Sharpies and colored with watercolors.



Second graders have studied community helpers in class and library. In art we looked at the realistic paintings by American artist Norman Rockwell. The students practiced the drawing of the human figure. Each child then painted a community helper of his/her own choice. The images were finished with writing words that describe the responsibilities of the chosen community helper.



Third grade artists looked at the paintings of Spanish artist Pablo Picasso. We discussed the artist blue and rose periods. The students then studied his Cubists paintings of the human figure. Each student practiced to draw a realistic face from the front and from the side and created two sketches of cubist faces. One face was enlarged and painted in the cubist style. The face was cut out and put on a background created with geometric shapes.



Fourth grade artists have studied tree houses and learned about the responsibilities of an architect. We practiced one-point perspective using a horizon line and one vanishing point. Each student designed a tree house for a customer of her/his own choice such as a football player or musician. The students could decide for the medium among paint, watercolor, colored pencils and / or markers.



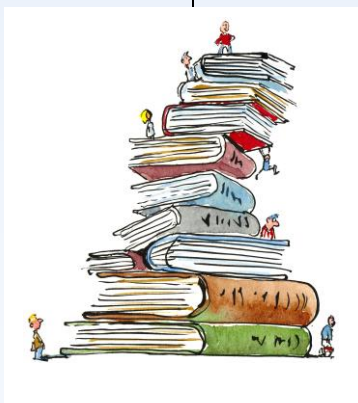


Climb Mt. TRE and Reach for the Stars Update



Congratulations to all of our mountaineers! We now have 243 climbers working their way up Mt. TRE! There is still time to join the mountain fun. We will continue this exciting school-wide reading challenge through April.

Basecamp	Camp 1	Camp 2	Camp 2 (cont'd)	Camp 2 (cont'd)
Melanie Polidor	Alexander Izzo	Henry Bozek	Kenneth Horan	Zachary Pearson
Brody	Lillian LaNasa	Theodore Kendall	Dakota Krienke	Adam Pollard
Shallenberger	Clara Lloyd	Arjun Madhavan	Aevlyn Moore	Jack Thurley
Garett Brown	Matteo Lomenzo	Christina Martin	Abigail Mosher	William Umiker
Gavin Krohn	Heidi Anderson	Ryne Ouillette	Matthew Nead	Jonathan Bailey
Olivia Palmer	Bailey Iacobucci	William Ruder	Flor Ayala-Pound	Calvin Braun
Dominic Bowman	Cameron Lauterbach	Tessa Schreyer	Josiah Bailey	William Carson
Brianna Deckman	Collin Graves	Elina Teisl	Matthew Belous	William Ciavarri
Harrison Forsythe	Reese Lauterbach	Everett Totedo	Alexa Collier	Sawyer Hoyt
Amanda Kim	Damon Marino	Ainsley Brace	Jack Engin	John Kaufman
Corynn Deckman	Miles Rae	Joshua DeGrave	Samuel George	Megan Thoma
Hamza Jamshed	Noah Sansone	Alexander Irving	Braeden Gyle	Charlotte Engin
Josiah Martin	Kennedy McIntyre	Caleb Luce	Sofia Leite	Ryan Ferrer
Mason Brown	Ryan Pierce	William McClean	Emily Martin	Blake Maxim
Drunasia Simmons	Sophia Golemb	Isabella McGowan	Nathan Mucha	Wilson Mitchell
Maxwell Foltz	Ethan Shea	Calvin Moore	Jack Nally	Elizabeth Warne
Nathaniel Cole	Eleanor Casey	Jack Rutledge	Katherine Nielsen	Jayden Zuch
Ryan Finnell	Sarah Gestring	Aiden Stewart	Robert Park	Roderick Brace
Ethan Langstein	Sarah Hanfland	Annie Sun	Lauren Porter	Andrew He
Mason Laundry	Jonah Khishchenko	Benjamin Wabnitz	Ellie Riddle	Taisia Ivanov
Jordan Medved	Gregory Kuzin	Noah Ciccone	Ari Roland	Aliye Kocaoglu
James Davis	Evan Graves	Sebastian Furman-Sanger	Sarah Rutledge	Mara Ricks
Sarah Mikolaichik	Cammarata	Claire Kaufman	Asher Troiani	Jiawei Sun
Elizabeth Palmer	Mazzacane	Charles Kendall	Lillian Archer	Madeline Wabnitz
Madison Thomas	Ivan Wiandt	Izabella Khishchenko	Christopher Bergholtz	Ria Bansal
Noor Bains	Angela Kodiyan	Elle Kleindienst	Rohan Chwalek	Samaira Bhatia
Curran Deehan	Matthew Paku	Elsa Powers	Zachary Craib	Peyton Hedgepeth
Jason Iacobucci	Alexandra Simpson	Jaelyn Rod	Kieryn Finnell	Kami Hsu
Elliott Roes	Alix Ivy	Colette Roes	John Halstead	Lucy Lillian
Lauren Rutledge	Benjamin Kheyfits	Ashleigh Stewart	Ryan Iacobucci	Morgan Parrinello
Natalie Washo	Molly Wenger	Tristan Zhang	Sukhmani Jattana	Lindsay Whitaker
Jonathan Tasew	Noah Fay	Mary-Gabriella Ajaka	Misa Johnson	Lilly Goldberg
Natalie Kim		Imarys Frank	James Kazacos	Melissa Kipferl
Atesh Sahin		Sydney Furman-Sanger	Isabel LaNasa	Greta Marino
Ahmed Jamshed		Patrick Germond	Mackenzie Michaels	Leah Rice
Leila Fay		Kaitlyn Hicks	Kimora Mickys	Joshua Davis
		Koray Kocaoglu	David Pollard	Victoria Dennis
		Connor Kuhn	Ava Rice	Tamara Dorval
		Hunter Nead	Michayella Touloute	Grace Ellingham
		Kayla Reagan	Evan Weiner	Sophie Girgis
		Carl Reynolds	Matthew Whitaker	Robert Melcher
		Dominic Shand	Eli Young	Noah Pawlowski
		Emily Stanger	Tyler Allyn	Bradley Pollard
		Samuel Taylor	Anna Ciccone	Allan Romeo
		Madison Thoma	Zachary DeGrave	Mason Thompson
		Reece Totedo	Matthew Irving	Drew Thurley
		Katherine Warne	Colin Krohn	Chanya Volcy
		Charles Carson	Mikaela Lloyd	John Collins
		Maxwell Ciavarri	Sihu Na	Matthew Mucha
		Gracie Downing	Stanislav Nadler	Kayla Brockmann
		Maximillian Furman-Sanger	Violet Schoenig	Finlay Gardiner
			Jack Schreyer	Emma Leite
			Haley Sellers	Jacob Phelps
			Elinor VanDusen	Ryan Romano
			Sydney Borrell	Emmaline Thurley
			Madison Langlois	McKenna Thurley
				Tanner Antinora
				Selena Gardiner
				Gavin Glanton
				Noah Khishchenko
				Elliana Korichkov
				Jack Magnuson
				Devin O'Sullivan
				Kaitlyn Reynolds
				Mason Schrom
				Phoebe True
				Chelsea DeGrave
				Jenna Gyle
				Braden Kuhn
				Katarina Nadler
				Abigail Pearson





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The After School Enrichment Program is looking for some parent volunteers. We need help with the Lego Club, Dance Club and Chess Club. Please contact Amie McCarthy (amie_mccarthy@yahoo.com) for more information.

Do you have a talent you would like to share with our Thornell students? After School Enrichment would love to work with you to expand our course offerings at Thornell. Please contact Amie McCarthy for more information.

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The box top competition has come to a close for the winter session. Tops collected this session totaled \$234.00 towards school programs. Class winners were: Mrs. Mahar, Mrs. Sanderson and Mrs. Crumb's classrooms. Please DON'T stop clipping!!! You can hand box tops in throughout the spring or hold them for our first competition in the fall.

~ Jackie Hughes and
Lauren Lauterbach



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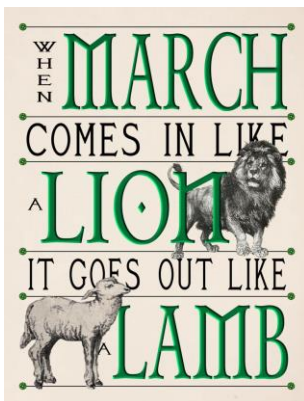
SAVE THE DATE! TRE Family Night at the Amerks is March 31st. Come see the 4th and 5th Grade Chorus sing the National Anthem. Ticket requests are due in the office by Wednesday, March 22 and tickets will go home in backpacks on Wednesday, March 29.



Health Education

~ Teresa Lattuca

This month we are “Marching into Nutrition”. All grade levels are learning about food groups, food choices and the importance of “balance”. Encourage your children to shop, prepare, combine and cook some delicious recipes. Please also continue to remind ALL children that the safety rule for food in school is “no sharing food or snacks”. This helps to ensure safety for all students.



Upcoming Events

- 3.14.17 – Staff Meeting, Café – 7:30am
- 3.17.17 – Superintendent Conference Day – No School
- 3.21.17 – Grade 1 Nazareth 11:15am-1:15pm
- 3.28.17 – NYS ELA for Grades 3-5, 9am
- 3.29.17 - NYS ELA for Grades 3-5, 9am
- 3.30.17 - NYS ELA for Grades 3-5, 9am
- 4.3.17 – Superintendent Conference Day – No School
- 4.11.17 – PTSA Mtg. STaR Lab 9:30am
- 4.14.17 – 4.21.17 – No School, Spring Break
- 4.25.17 – Grade 3 to Nazareth 11:15am – 1:15pm



The TRE STAR NEWS is a monthly publication. We welcome any contributions you may have to our newsletter!
 Written content and high resolution photos are greatly appreciated.
 Deadline for submission is generally one week before the first of the month.
 Please send submissions to trestarnews@gmail.com