



Thornell Road Star

Thornell Road Elementary, Pittsford, New York

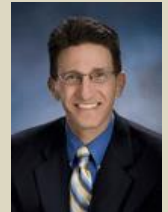
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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Parents and School Community,

As a result of the unsuccessful super-majority vote on the 2017-18 proposed budget, a revote will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. **Below is the schedule for the 2017-2018 proposed budget revote, as determined by New York State law:**

Monday, June 5, 2017- Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. Barker Road Middle School Board Room (Meeting Room 1).

Monday, June 12, 2017- Board of Education Meeting/ Public Budget Hearing, 7 p.m. Barker Road Middle School Board Room (Meeting Room 1). Note: *This meeting will be held in place of the June 19th Board of Education meeting.*

Tuesday, June 13, 2017- Application for Absentee Ballots due.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017- Revote for 2017-2018 Proposed Budget, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Barker Road Middle School Gymnasium

**SCHOOL
BUDGET
VOTE**

In the event this budget is not successful, PCSD will be legally required to go to a contingent budget which would result in a \$6.7 million gap from the last proposed budget. As we move forward, **we encourage the PCSD community to attend the above Board of Education meetings and vote on June 20, 2017.** Additional information is available on the "Community" page of our district website at <http://www.pittsfordschools.org/community.cfm>.



As many families begin to think about summer vacation, please continue to encourage your child to keep reading. **On the following page are a few strategies from a variety of sources that can help your child maintain and even improve reading over the summer months:**



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Four or More for Summer Success - Research shows that children who read at least four books during the summer are more likely to maintain and even improve valuable reading and comprehension skills. Take advantage of our local library and feel free to ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests and abilities.

Allow for Your Child to Choose - Nine out of ten children are more likely to finish a book when they choose it for themselves. You can add some excitement to the trip to the library or bookstore by having your child show you the books he or she is interested in reading.

Take Reading Beyond the Book - Ask your child questions about the story that he or she is reading. You can often find supplemental activities to enhance your child's enjoyment and comprehension by visiting a relevant museum exhibit, learning more about the author on the internet or by visiting the book's website.

Keep Reading Aloud - Reading aloud benefits all children, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so he or she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase your child's knowledge and expand his or her experience with text, so that he or she will do better when reading independently. In addition to reading aloud with your child, you may also find that there are a number of books on CD. Having your child follow along in the book while listening to the story on CD, also provides a measurable benefit.

Every Little Bit Helps - Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read throughout the day. Even small opportunities like reading magazines, recipes or other printed material reinforce the importance of reading and can help improve a child's skills. ***Remind your child to log the minutes for the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge!***



As a reminder, the last day of school for our students is **Thursday, June 22nd**. **It will be a half-day for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.** *Due to the half-day schedule, there is no school for PM Kindergarten on this day.*

Thank you for all that you do to support our students, our staff and our school community. Have a great end to this school year. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Roger DeBell
Principal



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Thornell Road Elementary School



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

3rd Annual Thornell Road Picnic

Monday - June 12, 2017
Thornell Road Playground

Serving...Zweigle's hot dogs, carrots, watermelon, pretzels, lemonade, and a cookie treat!

Student Cost: \$3.00

*make sure you have money on your lunch card



The Pittsford Fire Truck will be at the school during the picnic for all of the children to explore!

The picnic lunch will be the only lunch served this day



5th Grade Science

~ Written by Becky Nunn, 4/5 Science Teacher



As a culmination of our Earth Movements Unit, 5th graders built and erupted volcanoes. In this unit they learn about the layers of the earth and what has been happening on the crust of the Earth for over 200 million years, including the theories of Continental Drift and Plate Tectonics. They also discovered what is happening in the mantle of the Earth to cause the plates on the surface to move and what is causing earthquakes and volcanoes.



News from the Library

~ Janah Autovino, Library Media Specialist



We have had a great year in the library this year. As the end of the school year approaches, we would like to remind students to return their library books before summer vacation. All library books are due back by June 6th, so that we may ensure all books are back and can begin our yearly inventory of library materials.

Even though the library will be closing soon, that doesn't mean our reading slows down! In your child's report card envelope, look for the annual Summer Reading List.



The list is also available on the TRE Library website. The books on the list are available through the Monroe County Library system and in many cases, are available as eBooks and audio books through Overdrive. To access these eBooks and audiobooks, visit the TRE library website, click "eBooks" and open the Overdrive link.

Students may log into the system using the same log-on and password they use for school computers.

Be sure to check out summer reading events at the Public Library this summer. They have fun events for kids of all ages, as well as reading promotion programs. To learn more, visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library

Lastly, the TRE Library has a summer reading blog! Each week, I will post a book review and a question for the kids to respond to. This will be a great way to share what we're reading throughout the summer and keep our kids reading and writing! Look for more information via Infinite Campus and on the TRE library website as we get closer to summer vacation.

Happy Reading!





Art Room Update

~ Mrs. Lubbers, Visual Art Education

During the annual paper making unit 2nd -5th graders learned about the concept of reduce, reuse, recycle. We recycle used paper, we make new paper and we reuse that paper by drawing and painting facial expressions.

Mrs. Doran and the service stars provided us beforehand with handmade paper for the artwork.

During open house students were able to show their families how to make paper from paper pulp.





5th Grade News

~ Written by Shawn Beldue

The Last Weeks...



We are officially less than a month away from summer vacation and students are counting down their last days at Thornell Road. Fifth grade is busy preparing to host TRE's 3rd International Day on June 9th at 9:30. Students have done extensive research using multiple sources to create an expository research essay on their self-selected country. Currently, students are working with peers across classrooms to collaborate and synthesize their findings. Groups created a brain dump of important facts and are now starting to design their bulletin boards for the big day. Country groups will present their findings in short presentations to students in grades K-4 on International Day. Parents are more than welcome to attend. This day has become a great way for the 5th graders to give back to their school community before they leave for the middle school.

In math, students are working on their Pet Paradise Project. This project accompanies many skills and concepts, including: budget planning, multiplication and adding of decimals, area, adding and subtracting of large numbers, data analysis and determining profit or loss.



For Social Studies we are wrapping up the year by talking about the concepts of Government and Economy. Some of the big ideas are:

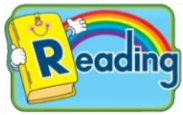


- How important documents of our country and others support the structure and function of that government and why they are important.
- How conflict creates change.
- How imports and exports are directly connected with a country's geographical location.

The last week in 5th grade will have several exciting events that will wrap up our year.

- Friday, June 16 – Seabreeze
- Tuesday, June 20 – Surprise Day at Thornell Road
- Wednesday, June 21 – Graduation celebration – Barker Road Middle School





Reading Corner

~ Miss Samantha St. James, Reading Specialist



Dear Thornell Road Families,
Remember to remind your child to be logging his/her minutes all summer long. The competition doesn't end until school begins next Fall. Have fun reading! ☺ Top readers and classrooms at each grade level will be announced weekly until the end of the school year!



Our PTSA will reward the top two readers at each grade level with a Barnes and Noble gift card

Cool prizes through Scholastic!

The last two years Thornell Road was #2 in New York State!

All daily reading activities count towards minutes spent reading ☺

Are you up for the challenge?!

MAY 8 – SEPT 8, 2017

SCHOLASTIC SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Goal: Thornell Road to be #1 in NYS

The Challenge is a terrific opportunity to promote summer reading and this year we have some great incentives!



Any Questions?

Contact:







Miss Samantha St. James
Reading Specialist

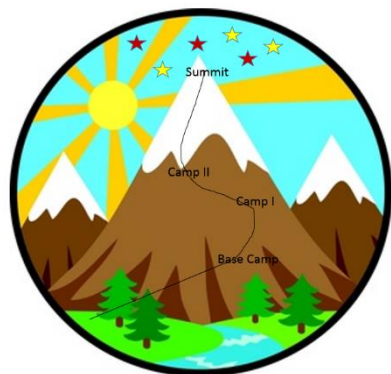
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Climb Mt. TRE and Reach for the Stars Final Update

Congratulations to all of our mountaineers! We had 253 climbers work their way up Mt. TRE! We had 133 climbers reach the Maroon Star level! Thank you to all of our climbers for participating in this exciting reading adventure. Our Maroon Star students celebrated with a hike around the bus loop and an outside snack.

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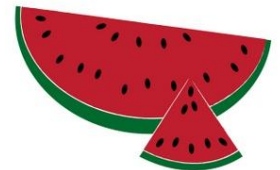
Mt. TRE Celebration





Upcoming Events

- 5.30.17 - Grade 4 Band/Orchestra Recruitment Day
- 5.31.17 - Grade 4 Band/Orchestra Recruitment Day
- 6.1.17 - IDP/DPP Seneca Park Zoo 10am-1:30pm
- 6.8.17 - Grade 1 Springdale Farms 8:50am-1pm
- 6.9.17 - International Day - All Day Event
- 6.13.17 - Grade 5 Visiting Artist Jan Towsley
- 6.13.17 - Grades 1-5 Café Picnic Lunch
- 6.14.17 - Flag Day Ceremony 9:30am
- 6.15.17 - Grade 4 Genesee Country Museum 8:45am - 1:45pm
- 6.19.17 - Grade 3 Seneca Park Zoo 9:15am - 1:30pm
- 6.21.17 - Grade 4 Bubblemania 11am - 12pm
- 6.22.16 - Last Day for Students (Half Day 11:44am Dismissal)



Thank you for another
successful year of the Thornell
Road Star! Have a safe and
happy summer!