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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Parents and School Community,



Part of living "the Thornell Road Way" means demonstrating caring and kindness. One way to do this is to help those in need. Throughout the month of April, our Student Council is coordinating a collection for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Collection boxes will be available in our Main Lobby.

Also, April is "National Poetry Month". As part of a month long celebration, guest readers will share a poem during our morning announcements. Additionally, there are a number of special classroom activities planned. A special bulletin board has been decorated to serve as a place for staff members to share their favorite poems. On Friday, April 12th, we celebrated "Poem in Your Pocket Day". Students and staff carried a poem in their pocket and shared it with others throughout the day. I encourage you to use this opportunity to explore and share poetry as a family. If you would like more information about National Poetry Month please visit the following website:

<http://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home>



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In the spirit of National Poetry Month, I offer the following poem:



"Spring Bouquet"
by Raymond A. Foss

An earthen vase
held a bouquet
simple crocuses
at the street corner
in the downtown
of the city, around
the corner, down the block
on the way to school
a bit of color
shining through
the urban tableau
reminding us of beauty
amidst the clutter
of daily life.

Sincerely,

Roger DeBell
Principal

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Thornell Road Elementary School



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

Here are some photos from "dress up like a teacher" day during Spirit Week!



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.



Health Office

Please pack an extra pair of pants, underwear, and socks in your child's backpack. This time of year we have many “weather related” accidents with mud and standing water. By doing this, we won't have to call you to bring in clean clothes.



Volunteer Opening!

~ Debbie Lomenzo, Thornell Road Star News

The Thornell Road STAR is searching for a Coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year!

- A great way to stay connected to TRE's current events.
- Not a writing-focused position but rather aggregating written submissions from teachers, staff, and parents into a newsletter format.
- Flexibility of doing layout from home at times that fit with your schedule.
- No prior experience is needed, just good communication and attitude!

If you are interested or have any questions about the position, please contact me!

Debbie Lomenzo, trestarnews@gmail.com





Student Council sponsored a school wide roller skating party in March. Beginner skaters and "old pros" both had a lot of fun! From the hokey pokey to skating with your buddies, the Thornell Road Roller Skating Party remains a long-standing tradition of fun. The 5th graders enjoyed their final roller-skating party before they embark on their journey to Barker Road Middle School.



Student Council

~ Mrs. Adams, Grade 5 Teacher and Student Council Advisor

Student Council is sponsoring this month's collection for the Pittsford Food Cupboard. It is always Thornell Road's turn to help fulfill their needs each April. This year, after some spring cleaning, it was determined the Cupboard needed cleaning products and the like to help support local families.

So please send in →
dish and laundry detergent
surface cleaners
paper towels
sponges
window cleaner

This year the grade level that has donated the highest percentage (due to different enrollment numbers) WINS FREE SNACKS from the cafeteria. The students get to pick a snack that is safe for them that is \$1 or less!

Stay tuned for the winning grade level!



New Club Alert!

TRE Way club

This club is made of 4th and 5th grade students (2 from each classroom) who are helping to spread awareness of the Thornell Road Way. Students are currently designing bulletin boards and posters to promote the core principles of our school!

Advisors: Lisa Hems, Radhika Ramesh, Janah Autovino, and Amy Adams



Art Room Update

~ Mrs. Lubbers, Visual Art Education

Kindergarten artists studied the Element of Art: Texture. They learned about real and implied texture. Among other things they used different tools on clay to create a variety of real textures. The clay pieces were painted with watercolors.

First grade artists looked at and discussed images of Gargoyles. Influenced by these Gargoyles they create their own sculptures in clay and painted them with watercolors.

Second graders have been studying community helpers in the classroom. In art we looked at Norman Rockwell's paintings that show community helpers. Each student picked a community helper and drew him/her with markers. Every picture was finished with words that describe the duties of that community helper.

Third grade artists studied the Moai of Easter Island. Each student created a sculpture inspired by the Moai using clay. The sculptures were painted with watercolors either using warm colors and brown or cool colors and black.

Fourth graders read "I am A Story" by Dan Yaccarino in library and researched the development of the written word based on this book. In art they re-created the artworks that were referenced to in "I am a Story". The students worked independently; at the end each student put a book together as a collection of their artworks. The book includes: cover page, cave painting, Cuneiform, Papyrus, Chinese woodblock printing, tapestry, illumination, Gutenberg's printing press.

