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NEWS FROM RIVER MILL ELEMENTARY

Happy Spring! This time of year is always fun for students and teachers. As the second trimester comes to a close, and we gear up for the home stretch, I am pleased to share some of the exciting happenings and upcoming events at River Mill Elementary.

We just wrapped up our Read-Across-America week which was a celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The week was filled with a variety of activities promoting reading at all ages, including the "All School Read-In," grade level reading events, an opportunity for students to dress as their favorite character from a book, and a special visit from the Cat in the Hat!

As a part of our Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program, we have branched out to make connections with the community. One of these connections is our school's partnership with Whispering Pines, one of the local senior centers. This opportunity has allowed for River Mill students and local senior community members to partner on a variety of experiences: Third grade students visited the center during the holidays to sing carols and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa provided by Whispering Pines residents; some of our sixth grade students made crafts with residents while the residents shared stories of their past; and, our afternoon kindergarten class has a visitation planned this week where students will have a chance to show off their reading and art skills. We have a few more visitations scheduled this year and look forward to continuing the program in future years.

Students are not the only ones doing the learning at River Mill. On March 8 and 9, three of our staff members were able to attend the annual state PBS Conference. This year's conference proved to be full of valuable information and ideas. We are excited to start implementing some of these programs to strengthen our school's focus on our being Safe, Kind, and Responsible.

With this opportunity, I would also like to put in a couple plugs for some upcoming events. First, our River Mill PTA Fun Night is scheduled for Friday, April 23rd from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This year the PTA will be hosting a "Bingo and Movie Night." This is a FREE event. Please consider this your official invitation. Second, the Annual River Mill Science Fair and Family Day is scheduled for May 21st from 1:30-3:20 PM. Historically, this has been a great event and is shaping up to be so again. In addition to students presenting their own science experiments, families will be able to tour the school, participate in science experiments (put on by our resident science experts), and enjoy a scientific treat!

Finally, I encourage you to stop by and visit our school. As I mentioned, this is a fun time of year and it is always a rewarding to walk our halls to see and hear all the great learning taking place in our building.

We look forward to seeing you!