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# IMPORTANT DATES

April 8th: General PTA meeting (7pm)

April 25th: Comet Carnival (5-8pm)

April 29th: Field trip to Mizzou

If you would like to be a chaperone for the Mizzou field trip, please e-mail me. More information will be sent home at a later date.



May 8th = Planetarium at Rock Bridge Highschool (No parents needed)

May 14th = Runge

### Information and Events

- \* THANK YOU!!! Wow words cannot even begin to explain how thankful and honored I am to receive the award for being the Outstanding Beginning Educator in Columbia Public Schools. Thank you to everyone who took the time to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf. Your kind words mean the world to me. Thank you for your constant support and encouragement throughout the year! I absolutely love teaching and I am blessed to have such a wonderful class to teach and learn with everyday!
- \* <u>Comet Carnival</u>: On Friday, April 25 Paxton Keeley Elementary School will hold its annual Comet Carnival. We will need over 450 volunteers to help "man" games and booths in order to make this evening successful, so we are asking all parents to join us! Volunteers who spend just 30 minutes at the Comet Carnival will get their name entered to win one of 5 fun gift cards from places like Target, Starbucks, Shakespeare's Pizza and more! Students, Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Neighbors and Friends are all welcome to help. Please forward this information to anyone who you know who might want to participate. There is no advance preparation necessary. Games/booths come with simple and easy to understand instructions. Sign up now! It's easy. Just go to <a href="https://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49AAA829A4FF2-comet">www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0E49AAA829A4FF2-comet</a> and select the classroom/activity shift(s) of your choice between the hours of 4:45-8:15 PM. Volunteers will have a great time being a part of this fun community event!

Thank you so much for your help.

Rosemary McCain, Comet Carnival Volunteer Chair

\* Paxton 5K = CANCELED: Please remove the Paxton Keeley 5K (PK5K) from your calendar. It was scheduled for May  $3^{rd}$ . Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be holding the  $3^{rd}$  annual PK5K this school year. We are going to re-schedule it for next school year; however, we are not sure on a date at this moment in time. Amanda Anderson, Libby Klaus and Shay Gann have graciously offered to plan it for next year and we are excited to have them on board! Thank you ladies!

Maureen Duncan, 2013-2014 PTA President







## What We've Been Boing







<u>Math</u>: In math we started regrouping when subtracting one and two digit numbers. Students have learned the algorithm and understand what occurs when they regroup. Team Ronzio is able to solve subtraction problems mentally and by using manipulatives.

<u>Writing</u>: We continued writing opinion pieces. On Monday Team Ronzio had to take a stand on whether or not we need spring break. Then four small groups worked together to create a presentation on their opinion. Ask your child what they presented. We have also been writing letters to friends about our favorite characters and books. These letters serve as book recommendations to others.

Reading: This week we read a different poem every day. In each poem we learned about a new literary element that is use in poetry. Some of the elements we identified were: personification, alliteration, and puns. Also, since April is national poetry month, we read a poem a day during our morning meetings. Read groups started again...ask your child what book they read this week.

Science: Team Ronzio started our last science unit of the year: Ecosystems. We discussed living verses non-living things as well as what plants need to survive. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate for some of our outdoor activities, so we adapted our plans.:)

<u>Word Study</u>: In word study we continued to learn about homophones. Students went on homophone scavenger hunts around the room to find words, use them correctly in a sentence, and draw a picture that represented their word.

<u>Social Studies</u>: Mr. John came back to room 202 and talked to us about his time in Cameroon, Africa during the Peace Corps. We were able to see how life in Africa is similar and different to life in America.