

## Volume 5 Issue 7

# DOLPHIN TALES



# International Day

## Parent/Teacher conferences - No School

Science Fair- 6-7:30pm

## SPRING BREAK

## Elsa Quay C. 3/3

Britton E. 3/11

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Kaylie M. 3/12

Scarlett M. 3/15

Karina P. 3/24

Jamesen H. 3/31



# News Here and There

Lil' Gunners begins March 13 and goes through April 24. Registration flyers are in the lobby on the bookcase. Cost: \$40 YMCA Member and \$60 Potential Members. All checks made out to Rome-Floyd YMCA.

## Booster's Club Auction

**March 17 at 7:00 at Mellow Mushroom.**

Tickets are \$20 each and are available in the office. Babysitting available for auction; sign-up is in the main lobby.

\$25 first child and \$20 each additional child.

Please come to the auction and support our amazing Booster's Club organization!



## *Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam*



February is behind us already! I feel International Day was a big success! Our children did a great job! Thank you all so much for all you did to help out with the meal. It was great and I believe everyone truly enjoyed it. A BIG thank you to Stephanie Jenkins (Parker's mom) for donating the materials and decorating our tee shirts. They were adorable.

This month we will learn all about the farm. We will talk about what the farmers do and about many of the farm animals. There will be lots of fun farm songs and also many crafts to make. It's always a fun month.

I hope you are all planning to attend our auction Friday night, March 17 at Mellow Mushroom at 7:00. It is always so much fun.....with lots of good food and lots of great items to bid on!! The cost is \$20 per person but well worth it! Ms. Melanie has tickets in the office.

Please keep a watch on your child's extra clothing boxes and make sure they are full. You never know when there may be an accident!

Continue talking to your child at home about grace and courtesy and gentle hands.

Conferences are Friday, March 10. I will put a signup sheet up:))!! There is no school on March 10.

Welcome to our new student, Dhiren Kanthala, who just moved to Rome! Please join me in welcoming Dhiren and his parents, Padma and Abhijit.





## *Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Dana*

February was a busy month!! Thank you all again for all of your help with International Day! It's so sad to take everything down. It just looks so blah. I guess we need to get busy decorating it again! This month we will learn about the farm. We will discuss the purpose of the farm. We will talk about the animals that live on the farm - their names, their sounds, and what we get from them. We have some exciting things happening this month! We will visit the chickens, have a baby goat visiting us, and we have a trunk show about life on the farm coming from Bartow History Museum on March 22. It's going to be a great month! It's conference time again. Please see me for a conference time. There will be no school on March 10. I usually offer you a chance to do conferences at drop off or pick up. I can start conferences as early as this Friday morning. Most parents appreciate getting it out of the way so they can enjoy a long weekend. Please feel free to text me for a time if that's easier. Have you got your sitters lined up for March 17th? The Booster Club auction is going to be at the Mellow Mushroom. I am working on a fabulous project for our class with help from the kids! Spring break is March 27-31. I hope you get the opportunity to do something fun and relaxing with your families!! When I sent out the schedule at the beginning of the year, I had a field trip to the TN Aquarium slated for May 19. We have had to reschedule the date. The new date is Wednesday, May 24. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.



## *News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Carolina*

Hello!

February was a fantastic month! I loved learning all about Chile right along with the children. I am so proud of all their hard work. They did an awesome job on International Day! Thank you to Ms. Carolina and her mother for all their work on the costumes and all the delicious food. I would also like to thank Marcus's Mom for coming in to help during Valentine's day and International Day. Thank you! We had so much fun celebrating Mardi Gras yesterday! Thank you to Annie Rose and Anika's families for bringing in beads to share with the children and to Kendal's mom for bringing in treats for the children. They loved it!

We are now starting to study mammals and reptiles. We are discussing the animal's characteristics, and differences and similarities. We will also be reviewing characteristics of fish in preparation for our trip to the aquarium.

Thank you to Molly and her family for bringing in frog eggs. It was a great learning opportunity to discuss what kind of animals frogs are and how we know that they are amphibians.

A favorite book in the class right now is a picture book of *What a Wonderful World*. Since it is a favorite, we have been looking at it a lot, and the children have learned the song. It is very precious to hear them sing it. We took turns one day talking about things that make us happy. The children's answers were very sweet.

March is also a month of science fair for the Elementary classes. In afternoon class, we will discuss what a science experiment is and test hypotheses for ourselves. To kick off science fair month, the Boosters brought in The Science Guy. It was amazing. The kids were mesmerized. At the beginning, he asked why they liked science. One student's answer was because she liked to learn new things. It made all the teachers smile! I think all the students are ready for some science experiments in the classroom. Thank you to the Boosters for bringing in this wonderful in house field trip!

Mark your calendars:

March 10th- No school- conferences (please be sure to sign up for a time)

March 17th- Auction (You can buy your ticket in the office)





## *Primary News from Ms. Angie & Ms. Nikki*

International Day was great. Thanks to everyone for visiting the Maldives. The children enjoyed sharing all that they learned with you. Your support to your child and to our class is overwhelming. Now, let's jump into the month of March.

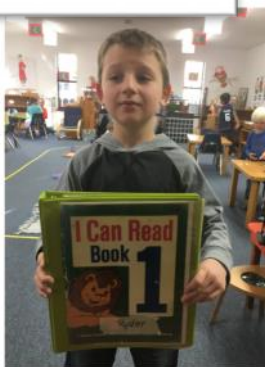
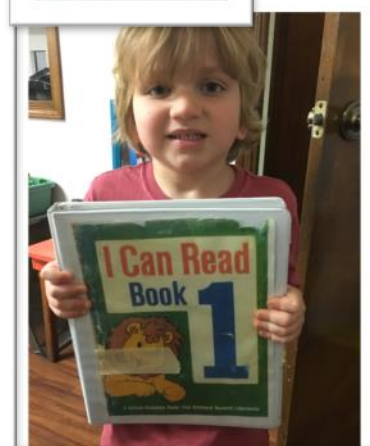
We are studying reptiles this month and the desert biome. We also had a Dr. Seuss morning on Friday. Please have your child bring their favorite Dr. Seuss book on Friday. Science Fair is also this month on the 23rd. We enjoyed the Science Guy who came on Tuesday. The in house field trip was wonderful. The Boosters are awesome for funding this for our students.

Please sign up for conferences. There is a sign up sheet outside our classroom door. Conference Day is next Friday, the 10th. I am very flexible next week if you need a time that is not posted. No school on March 10.

This month is very busy. We have our big field trip to the aquarium on the 17th. I'm excited to see all the parents join us for this day of fun. There was a separate email that detailed the schedule for that day. We also have the Silent Auction on the 17th. There is a sign up sheet at the office for babysitting that night. You may purchase your tickets at the office. The 24th is our last day before Spring Break. Spring Break is March 27-31. You will want to bid on our incredible auction project.

Have a great week.

Ms. Angie and Ms. Nikki



## *Musings from Ms. Melanie*

International Day was a great success, and I enjoyed every presentation! The value of public speaking and developing presentations are skills utilized throughout one's lifetime, and I'm glad we help foster those skills during these foundation years. Seeing the toddlers in Ms. Ginny and Ms. Pam's class recite The Pledge of Allegiance, singing God Bless America, and marching to The Grand Old Flag was so heartwarming. Then, across the pond, we had the toddlers in Ms. Shannon and Ms. Dana's class all dressed up like princesses and Buckingham palace guards, singing London Bridge and getting photos made in the telephone booths (we have some talented parents who made two different phone booths and famous London landmarks like Big Ben, the Tower Bridge, a double decker bus and Buckingham Palace).

For Ms. Angie and Ms. Nicki's primary presentation, I enjoyed hearing the drum song from the Maldives, and they practiced it so many times! I kept hearing that song run through my mind. It felt like a paradise refuge when going into their room. If only we could afford the plane ticket to get to the Maldives! Ms. Angie said the hotels aren't that expensive, but the plane tickets are! I loved seeing their serious little faces concentrating on the song and dance. Ms. Ana Maria and Ms. Carolina had a special trip to Chile, especially in light of Ms. Carolina's new American citizenship. Now, she is a dual citizen! Congratulations to her! Their room had a life size condor and sculptures from Easter Island, and the children loved showing me around when I came to visit. Oh, and the authentic Chilean food from Ms. Carolina's mother was delicious! I wish I had more flan right now. Thank you to Ms. Carolina and Ms. Dagmar for working with the children with the music selections!



Then on to Lower Elementary, and a trip to Canada and Mexico! Ms. Dolores and Ms. Nicki had so many interesting animal cutouts in their room, and the igloo was a big hit. Thank you to Kim Headrick for lots of work in recreating the land of Canada. I loved the Jeopardy game, and seeing the students as they prepared their research. Every time I had a tour, they wanted to tell our visitors about Canada! Mexico was so colorful and a joyful celebration of this country. Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie's room beautifully displayed the festive spirit, complete with a marketplace full of fruit and vegetables. The Mexican Hat dance made everyone want to dance along, and seeing the children's smiles during it just made me smile as well.

Upper Elementary never disappoints with their studies of ancient civilizations, and this year's study of Ancient Rome was no exception. They had a working aqueduct, weaponry, artwork, and great student presentations on the government, education, and religion of Ancient Rome. The ancient hymn by Horace of "Carmen Saeculare" and the Gregorian chant "Creator Spiritus" were so peaceful to hear and see. We have many great singers and dancers in our school. Thank you to Ms. Julie for beautiful music in Upper El and throughout the school.



We had so many visitors here! Thank you all for coming and bringing family and for providing delicious food. Some of the recipes

seemed very challenging! It's definitely one of my favorite times of year here at MSR.





## *Elementary News: Ms. Stefanie and Ms. Maggie*



Hello!

We had a great International Day! We want to thank everyone that helped out and came to watch our performance. All of the food was delicious!

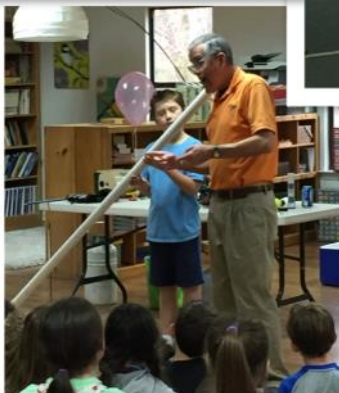
On Thursday, March 2nd, the Problem, Hypothesis, and Materials page from the Science Fair packet is due. Due dates will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Please purchase and bring in a large black trifold for the presentation. We will be working on the trifold in class very soon. Thank you to the Booster's Club for the in-house field trip we had this week from Ben Roy, the Science Guy.

The art auction is on March 17th at 7:00 at Mellow Mushroom. We have decided on our project and will begin working on it this week!

Parent-teacher conferences are starting this week. The available times and dates have been emailed. Our parent-teacher conference day is March 10th. We will have available times that morning. Please email if you want a different day that works better for you.

The Storyteller will be here on March 16th from 2:20-3:00.

Spring break will be March 27th- March 31. We hope that everyone enjoys the break!





## *Elementary News: Ms. Dolores & Ms. Nicki*



Happy March! International Day was a great success! We'd like to give all the parents who cooked a thank you for helping. We would also like to thank Kim Headrick for helping design and create the classroom for international day! We hate to see it go, but we are excited to see what the next month has in store! Science Fair is right around the corner and so we have begun learning the different "parts" of the Scientific method.

"We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is somewhat beauty and poetry."-Maria Montessori. Science Fair teaches the children about the Scientific Method, but also allows them to expand their minds with an experiment and creates a fun educational atmosphere. I enjoyed getting to conduct my own

experiments when I was in school here, so I am looking forward to seeing the outcomes from the students and their projects. Please mark your calendar for March 23 from 6-7:30 pm.

We also have the auction right around the corner so we have begun thinking of some ideas for our class project. Parents, we hope to see you at the auction. the tickets are \$20 each and available in the office.

The children have 2 more days of basketball on Fridays – March 3 and March 17. They are doing great with learning the sport! Thank you again to all who helped with International Day, and we are happy to start March off with a week full of wonderful work! Have a wonderful weekend!



## *News from Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric*

Parents:

Thank you all for a wonderful Ancient Rome International Day feast! The students really enjoyed this year's International Day and will have wonderful memories to share for years to come.

This week we are concentrating on Science Fair. Each student has a Science Fair packet in a designated folder; pages contain due dates and step-by-step instructions of the project. This year we have even less time in the classroom to work on the projects, so most of their assignments will be homework. This will be their only homework for the next few weeks. We kick-started Science Fair with an in-house field trip on Tuesday, February 28th. Ben Roy from the Science Zone Corporation demonstrated several scientific concepts in an interesting hands-on manner. Thank you Boosters for the great field trip!!

The Upper Elementary class is also working intensively with Ms. Kirk for the next two weeks during her story telling classes. This is in preparation for a student story telling competition during the "Big Fibbers Festival" the weekend of March 18th.

Our March Cooking Day was today, Friday, March 3. The theme of this month's cooking day is 'Fruits & Seeds', inspired by our Botany lessons this week.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are March 10th; students will not be in school on this day. The schedule is posted outside the classroom, please stop by and sign-up when you get a chance.

Don't forget this year's Auction on March 17th (St. Patrick's Day)!! Our project is looking great; we have designed a t-shirt quilt that is almost complete. Look for all class projects in the Lobby in the next two weeks.

Thank you Ms. Lexi Vann for all of your help with this project, couldn't have done it without you!

The month of March is full of fabulous events and projects:

- \* Friday, March 3 - Step #1 Science Fair Due, Cooking Day
- \* Monday, March 6 - Step #2 Science Fair Due
- \* Thursday, March 9 - Step #3 Science Fair Due
- \* Friday, March 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- \* Thursday, March 16 - Guest Speaker (story teller)
- \* Friday, March 17 - Step #4 Science Fair Due, MSOR Auction
- \* Saturday, March 18 - Big Fibbers Festival (Student Competition)
- \* Tuesday, March 21 - Step #5 Science Fair Due
- \* Thursday, March 23 - Science Fair
- \* March 27 - March 31 - SPRING BREAK!!!





*Adolescent News*

**Please see the March Talisman Newsletter for Adolescent news.  
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