

School Board Position

There is a position open on the CRSS School Board. The term of this position is from July, 2014 through January, 2015 with the option of an additional three year term. The position may be filled by a parent, guardian or community member. This is a great opportunity to learn about your school and a powerful way to volunteer. For information contact Ms. Nalani at [mccutch-
eol@annonriverstemschool.org](mailto:mccutch-
eol@annonriverstemschool.org) or Board Chair Shelly Cole at scole@ricecountyhc.com. You may also call the office for assistance at 507.331.7836.

Extra Set of Clothing

It's raining, it's pouring the mud outside is great for exploring! Please remember that students will be outside this May whenever possible for recess and for lessons. Students should be prepared for the weather conditions and should have a change of clothes available.

Science Fair Update

Six projects went to the Southern Minnesota Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Minnesota State University, Mankato on Saturday, April 26th. Our students represented CRSS well and were given high marks by the judges as well as comments about the thoroughness and attention to the science process. Purple ribbons were awarded to 3 projects; blue ribbons were awarded to 2 projects and red ribbons were awarded to 1 project. One project went on to receive a special recognition in the group of projects in Animal Science.



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Summer Opportunities Abound

Even though it seems like winter may still be trying to hang on and spring has just peeked at us through the rainy days, we have to acknowledge that summer is just around the corner. "Summer Slide" is a term that reminds us of the value of well chosen, not too harried, reading and math enhanced summer activities that help students to retain the knowledge and skills learned during the school year. Remember to help your child choose activities that help them stay mind-strong as well as physically and socially strong this summer.

CRSS summer sessions are currently being planned. Invitations to attend the 9:00 to Noon sessions for two weeks in June and two weeks in July will be coming soon.



Camp Invention

Camp Invention will be back at CRSS June 16th -20th for students currently in 1st through 6th. Spots are still available, please check the school website for the registration form.

Ms. Deni at Buckham Memorial Library kicks off the summer reading program on June 5th! Students who have completed 5th grade can also train to "volunteer" with the summer reading program. Visit www.faribault.org/library/summer or stop by the library to talk to Ms. Deni.



River Bend Nature Center has summer camps that encourage learning about nature mixed with a whole lot of fun. Middle school students have the opportunity to be camp assistants which is a great way to see if being a naturalist is a career possibility. Scholarships are available, visit www.rbnc.org or call 507.332.7151.

Rice County Historical Society offers a camp for 3rd through 5th grade, June 16th -20th and the Museum Apprentice Program for 8th graders. Visiting the Museum as a family is a terrific low cost day trip. Scholarships are available, visit www.rchistory.org or call 507.332.2121.



The Paradise Center of the Arts hosted some of our students for performances about the Civil War and Harriet Tubman through a grant. The PCA offers classes for kids in textiles, visual arts, literary arts, performing arts, cooking, and ceramics. Visit www.paradisecenterforthearts.org or call 507.332.7372 for more information.

Faribault Community Education offers many different kinds of classes and opportunities for youth in the community. Information in their catalog can be found at www.faribault.thatscommunityed.com.



Whatever summer opportunities your family chooses to participate in please remember that reading and talking about books over the summer is critical to reducing summer slide. The summer newsletters will provide more information and suggestions for activities to help each student keep those reading, math, science, and engineering skills they have gained this year.

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MCA Math 7th/Book Fair/ Music Perfor- mance K-2nd	2 Book Fair Grand Friend Day	3
4	5 NWEA Math 2-1/Book Fair/ Music Perfor- mance 3rd-5th	6 MCA Science 8th	7 NWEA Math 2-2	8 MCA Science 5th	9	10
11	12	13 NWEA Reading 2-1	14 NWEA Reading 2-2	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27	28	29 Summer Li- brary Reading Program with Ms. Deni	30	31

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Last Day of School	5	6	7

During the month of April it was exciting to participate in many activities that related to Earth Day. The second week of April, Ken Lonquist joined the students and staff to create songs around the theme "Sense of Place." Each grade level created songs that were performed on our open air stage in the recess area and will be performed at the Spring Concerts. Each song shares about our campus, our projects, or some part of the curriculum students are studying.

The next week a special guest visited each classroom to share ways to reduce our energy use. TOLBY, the lightning bug whose name is taken from Turn Out the Lights Behind You, also provided tools for the 7th graders to begin measuring "phantom energy" in our rooms.

Earth Week officially began with the stellar performance by staff members of "The Lorax." Take time to read this iconic story that ends with one word "unless." The rest of the week and through May classes are continuing to complete projects to deepen their respect for the resources of the Earth.

