

# *New Dimensions School February Newsletter*

## Valentine's Dance

The PTO is sponsoring a Valentine's Dance

Friday, February 5th

6:00—8:00 p.m.

at the

Collett Street Recreation Center

### School Calendar

Feb. 5—Valentine's Dance—Collett Street Rec Center-6:00-8:00

Feb. 5—Charter School Spelling Bee

Feb. 8-10-3rd Grade Field Trip to Camp Greenville, Cedar Mountain, NC

Feb. 15—Student Holiday/Teacher Workday

Feb. 22-26—Metropolitan Testing

March 6—Yard Sale

Mar. 15-19—Scholastic Book Fair

Mar. 17-19—Fifth Grade to Charleston

Mar. 26—Student Holiday/Teacher Workday

Mar. 27—Spring Clean-up 9:00 a.m.

Mar. 31-April 2—4th Grade Field Trip to Sound to Sea

Apr. 2—1/2 day of school and beginning of Spring Break

Apr. 5-9—Spring Break

Apr. 30—Art in the Park, 5-8:00 p.m. Courthouse Square

May 6—Port-A-Pit Chicken Fund Raiser

May 31—Memorial Day Holiday

May 11-13—Extend 2 Testing

May 18-20—EOG Testing

May 24-28—Remediation Week

June 2-4—Retest

June 4—Spring Extravaganza 6:30-8:00 p.m.

June 8—Last Day of School

# CORE Knowledge Updates

## Kindergarten

During the month of February students will learn about the groundhog. They will engage in activities that celebrate Valentine's Day. Also during this month students will gain knowledge of past presidents and our recent president. We will also discuss dental health and why it is important.

## First Grade

In February, First Grade will be continuing our study of Mexico. After that we will be learning about the human body, covering each system. We'll talk about the skeleton, muscles, stomach, heart, blood, brain, and nerves.

## Second Grade

In February, the Second Grade will be finishing up their study of Ancient Greece. Our next Core Knowledge topic will be the Civil Rights Movement, which fits perfectly into our celebration of Black History Month. In science we will be learning about sound.

## Third Grade

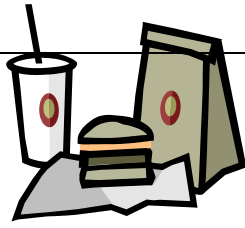
Amphibians, mammals, birds, oh my! Third Grade is working on classification of the animal kingdom in science. The February field trip will be the culmination of this unit and will help prepare us for the science unit on conservation.

## Fourth Grade

In Social Studies we will finish constitutional government with a focus on early reformers. In Science we will study rocks and minerals. In Language Arts we will study underlining and italics in a published work. We will also do a unit on poetry.

## Fifth Grade

In Math, we are working on computation with fractions and decimals, as well as continuing our practice of basic facts. We are also working on calculating probability. In Language Arts, we are doing research and learning how to use the information we gather in reports. We are also learning sayings and phrases common in American culture. In U.S. History, we are working on learning our fifty states and capitals. We are also working on a research project about some of the states, which includes learning about the different regions of the United States.



### **Lunch Cabinet**

Our lunch cabinet is almost empty. Items needed are drink boxes, fruit cups, crackers, etc.

These items are for when a student forgets their lunch.



### **Fit Club**

Every Tuesday

2:30—3:30

With Dr. Tim Robinson

Everyone is welcome!

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School News  
February Happenings

**Charter School Spelling Bee**

Millennium Charter Academy  
Mt. Airy, N.C.

Friday, February 5  
Vanessa Morgan, Emily Robinson &  
Zacko Conley

**Good Luck!!**

**3rd Grade Field Trip**

Camp Greenville,  
February 8 –10



**Student Holiday/Teacher Workday**

Monday  
February 15, 2010

Enjoy your long weekend!!

**Metropolitan Testing**  
February 22—26

New Dimensions will be giving the Metropolitan Achievement Tests during the week of February 22-26 for grades K-5. These tests include sections on reading and math in the lower grades, as well as social studies and science in the upper grades. The Metropolitan is a nationally standardized test and will allow us to compare the performance of our students with students in other states across the US. We do not know for sure how soon results will be available as they are being scored in house, but the scorers will work as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call or send an email.

Miss Stacie