

Fourth/Fifth Grade News...from Room 5

October 5, 2007

Dear Families,

Hooray for our class! We had 100% participation for the fundraiser. Each child sold at least one item, others sold *MANY* more! Sponge Bob paid another visit to our class on Wednesday because our class sold more items for the fundraiser than any other on that day! Thank you to everyone! Thank you also to **Frank** for donating a huge package of whiteboard markers!

Thank you to **Firefighter Bradley** for coming to our class to speak about his career. He shared some extremely informative facts via an outstanding PowerPoint presentation. The children especially loved seeing the photos of the equipment that firefighters use on the job. Attached are some very important handouts about fire safety for your family. Mr. Bradley even assigned a simple project for students to do at home to help their families in the event of a fire. If you are interested in being a guest speaker, please contact me ASAP. The best times for speakers are 8:00 AM Mon.-Fri., or 1:00 PM on a Tues. or Thurs. I will schedule a time slot for you if you are able to help us with this project.

Thank you to **Mrs. Neff** for correcting papers for us. There are many volunteer opportunities that don't involve coming directly to class. Please let me know if you are also available to help.

Thank to the fifth grade families that attended one of our camping field trip meetings yesterday. We are desperately in need of parents to coordinate fundraisers for us. Two parents are also needed to do record keeping and collection of funds. This will involve some time at school each morning when funds are being collected. Teachers, and any other VESD employees, are not permitted to directly handle anything related to fundraising/money collection. I will certainly promote all of our fundraising endeavors in this weekly letter. Please let me know immediately if you are able to take an active role in this process. (The parents that coordinated the fundraising last year are willing to help you get started.)

Parent conferences will be held during the week of 10/15-10/19. Your conference appointment slip is attached. Please return it immediately to confirm your appointment! A post-it note was attached to your child's assignment notepad on Wednesday. This note indicated your child's progress thus far with Accelerated Reader and Criterion assignments and was supposed to be signed by a parent or guardian to acknowledge that it was received. We will discuss further academic and behavioral progress at your conference.

Science Fair projects are **required** and are due in their entirety the first week of November. A green packet of due dates and assignment requirements was sent home on 10/2. **The first assignment (a 100-200 page introduction) is due on MONDAY!** Be sure to follow the guidelines for this assignment!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller

☺ OCTOBER BOOK ORDERS ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007 ☺