

# Fourth/Fifth Grade News...from Room 5

October 12, 2007

Dear Families,

We were very fortunate to have several volunteers in class on Monday. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped in class that day: **Lauren, Cierra, & Mrs. Koehler**. Thank you to **Mrs. Neff** for correcting papers for us, and for volunteering to coordinate our first class fundraiser. (WE STILL NEED ANOTHER VOLUNTEER PLEASE!) Thank you to **Mrs. Rodriguez** for helping in class this week. There are many volunteer opportunities that don't involve coming directly to class. Please let me know if you are also available to help.

Parent conferences will be held 10/15-10/19. Thank you to everyone who promptly returned their appointment confirmation slip. Conferences are scheduled back-to-back and will last 15 minutes each. It is imperative that you arrive on time as it will not be possible to extend your time slot. If for some reason you miss your appointment, we will have to hold a phone conference as there are no remaining time slots in the schedule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and punctuality.

Some students are behind in their Criterion online scoring program writing input. It is acceptable to have your child input his/her essays at home, however, he/she is still required to submit handwritten copies of his/her Thinking Map, peer-edited rough draft, and final draft written in cursive. You can always access your child's writing portfolio online at <http://criterion.ets.org>. You can also check his/her Accelerated Reader record at <http://renlearn.vesd.net>. Your child's username and password is the same for both of these programs. **YOUR CHILD MAY NOT TAKE A.R. QUIZZES AT HOME!**

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 second assignment (a 400 page research paper) is due on MONDAY!** Be sure to follow the guidelines for this assignment! Considering we are on Minimum Day schedule all next week, it would be a good idea for your child to get a head start on other Science Fair requirements rather than procrastinating.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Miller

## **MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE 10/15-10/19!**

**ALL OVERDUE ASSIGNMENTS (CLASSWORK & HOMEWORK) MUST BE RETURNED BY 10/22 TO RECEIVE CREDIT! REPORT CARD GRADES WILL BE AFFECTED BY INCOMPLETE &/OR MISSING ASSIGNMENTS!**