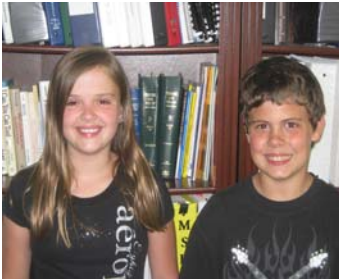


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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 4/30 No School, Staff Development
- ◆ Kindergarten Registration 5/3, 5/4 and 5/5
- ◆ 5/5 Second grade field trip and first grade field trip
- ◆ 5/6 Ollie the Otter 9:30a.m
- ◆ 5/7 Spring Carnival
- ◆ 5/10 After School Community Celebration at HHS @6:30
- ◆ 5/13 Kndg. Field trip and Dyllis 21st Century Celebration @6:30
- ◆ 5/14 Field Day
- ◆ 5/19-5/21 Fifth grade to River Ridge
- ◆ 5/24 Honors Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ 5/25 Last Day for Students 11:30 Dismissal

Dyllis Students Win Make-a-Book Contest

Each year Roane County Schools sponsors a Make-a Book contest for students in grades K-5. This year classroom teachers, along with our literacy team and Paula Smith, the technology assistant made this a cooperative interdisciplinary project. Classroom teachers talked about good writing and taught writing to their students. Mrs. Smith worked with students in the computer lab, teaching them how to use Power Point and the Paint Program to draw illustrations for their books.

Each child wrote and illustrated their stories. A committee of teachers then chose what they considered to be nine of the best written and best illustrated books. These were submitted to a judging by a committee of teachers from elementary schools

across the county. There were only four books chosen from across the county to receive recognition. In the category of fiction, Dyllis fourth grader, **Eli Charles** won first place for his book, "The Warm-Hearted Dalmatian". **Abby Bailey** from Bowers Elementary took second place with her story "Abby and the Sad Little Tree". Third place went to another Dyllis fourth grade student, **Hanah May** for her book, "How Did That Penguin Get Here?"

An award for non-fiction went to Kingston Elementary student, **Kerrigan Spurling** for his book, "The Story of Sir Walter Willingham".

Congratulations to both of our budding young authors.

Dyllis Students Shine in Talent Show

On Friday, April 23rd Dyllis Students "strutted their stuff" in our annual talent show. Mrs. Galloway, this year's talent show organizer asked each grade level to hold a mini-talent show in their classrooms and nominate the two best acts to perform in the all-school show.

There were singers and dancers, acrobats and musicians. The following students participated: Singers: **Lyndsey Cornett, Katharine Tedder, Curecia Kreis, Hanah May, Ashley Collins, Lilly Wombles, Landon Cox**, and a third grade quartet consisting of **Halie Price, Brooke Coffey, Brandi Davis and Lizzy Barger**. **Araiah Loy** lip synced "The

Climb", **Kayla Vella and Madison Nivens** showed off their dancing skills, **Madison Fowler** performed the "Electric Slide" and **Abby Spoon** showed the audience her acrobatic skills. **Makayla Allen, Aaron Spears and Danny Wieczorek** played piano solos and **Eli Charles** completed the program by playing "Stand By Me" on his guitar.

Many thanks to **Nicole Galloway, Lisa Duggins, and Cindy White** for their part in organizing and setting up for the program, to Mrs. **Joyce Dickerson** who took time out of her schedule to set up the sound system and to **Mary King and Paula Smith** for creating the gorgeous Spring back-drop.

If you own a hand gun and would like a lock for it, please contact the school office at 435-2298 and one will be provided by the police department.

Kindergarten News

Hasn't the year flown by this year? Mrs. Brooke and Mrs. Nicole are so proud of all the hard work their students have showcased this year. This month kindergarteners have been busy reading various genres of stories, retelling/sequencing the events from these stories, identifying the beginning-middle-end of stories, writing 3 to 4 good sentences that connect together, and practicing their sight words. In math, students have been working hard on solving addition and subtraction problems (with and without pictures), identifying coins and their values, and recognizing/spelling number words zero to thirty. Social studies has been filled with activities learning about being a "good" citizen and gaining an

appreciation/understanding of different cultures around the world. Science has been packed with learning about solids and liquids, motion (push vs. pull), identifying given objects as living and nonliving along with other review skills. Please continue to practice these skills as well as other skills with your child during the summer months to encourage success!

Important dates to remember:

- *Kindergarten Registration* May 3rd 12:00 to 4:00 pm, May 4th 3:00 to 6:00 pm, and May 5th 7:30 to 11:00 am;
- *Kindergarten Field Trip* May 13th to Tataru's Gymnasium in Knoxville;
- *Kindergarten Graduation* May 18th at 1:30 pm (please sign-in in the office);
- May 25th Last Day of School (1/2 for students).

We are so proud of the way our first graders are blossoming in their reading and writing!



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First Grade News

We are so proud of the way our first graders are blossoming in their reading and writing. Our students are reading about cool jobs and zoo animals. We are preparing for our exciting trip to the Knoxville Zoo. We are learning about how animals are grouped and their habitats. If your child has a favorite zoo animal book at home, please bring it in to share.

Keep practicing addition and subtraction facts. Most students have

them memorized, but a few students need more practice to be ready for second grade. Counting dimes, nickels, pennies, and quarters altogether is another skill that should be practiced at home.

Please read the weekly newsletters to keep up to date on all of the events taking place. We need some parent volunteers to help out on Field Day. Let us know if you are available to help on May 14th ASAP.

Second Grade News

With only 16 days of school left, school days are beginning to get crazy. We are still working hard and it is important that you remind your child that every day counts. In math 2nd grade is now working on multiplication. This is a huge part of 3rd grade math and always a good idea to use it over the summer so the children don't 'lose' it! In reading we are working on

comprehension and inferring parts of a story. The spelling list consists of sight words that the children have learned during the 2nd grade.

Remember we have our last field trip on May 5th. If you are a parent volunteer you should be at the school at 8:30 a.m. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Third Grade News

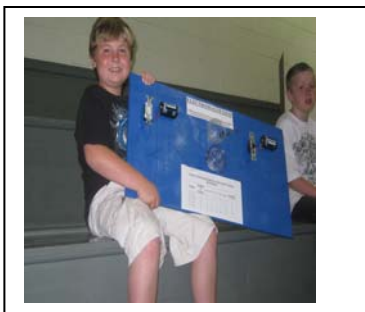
Down On the Farm! That was the theme for this year's Roane Farm Day Field Trip at Roane State Community College. The third graders had a great time! We appreciate Roane County Farm Bureau for sponsoring this annual event for third graders.

After TCAP Testing was completed, the third graders felt a sense of accomplishment. Now they are being introduced to some fourth grade

skills as the school year comes to a close.

Both classes participated in the Make-a-Book Contest, and one student entered a project in the fourth grade Science Fair.

We still have many activities to look forward to including the Dyllis After-School Celebration on May 13th, Field Day on May 14th, and the Honors Assembly on May 24th.



Matthew Charles entered a project in the fourth grade science fair!

Fourth Grade News

The school year is winding down, but we are not finished learning. We are continuing to work on multiplication, addition, subtraction, and division facts. Please continue to quiz your child over the summer. Knowing these facts is very important for 5th grade. We are studying electricity and magnetism in science. I'm sure we will have a few more experiments this year. In language and social studies, students are enjoying working with Ms. Tate, our student teacher. Her last day with us will be April 29th. We wish her well!!!! In language, students have been working

on pronouns. Next week, we will begin possessive pronouns. In social studies, we are in Chapter 13, studying about anti-slavery movements and events leading up to the Civil War.

Thank you to all parents who helped their child put together the science fair project. I was very proud of all the 4th grade students who participated. I believe the judges from ORNL were very impressed with the presentations. You set a standard for future science fairs. Way to go!!!!

A summer reading list and supply list will be going home with students on the last ½ day of school. Please encourage your child to choose a couple of books to read.

Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade is wrapping up the school year and working on sixth grade skills in preparation for next year.

The River Ridge trip is around the corner, May 19-21. A couple of reminders related to the trip: The \$110 for the trip is due May 14. All cookie orders and money are due Monday, May third. All cookie dough money must be turned in with your order form or we cannot order the items you have sold.

We received the results of the fifth grade writing assessment which

was taken on February 2nd. Dyllis Elementary's fifth grade scores were much better than last year's scores. All that extra writing practice we've been doing is paying off. Special congratulations to Sydney Cornett and Jared Bowman, who both scored a six, the highest score possible on the writing assessment.

We bid farewell to Ms. Potter (Ms. Best's student teacher) and wish her the best.



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Medical Matters for Summer and Next Year

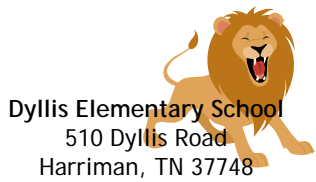
With summer vacation just around the corner, I wanted to remind parents to use this time to check with their child's family doctor about immunization recommendations for their age. Some new immunization requirements are being made for different age groups. Also, now is the time to be scheduling yearly physicals and dental check-up appointments for your child to have over the summer break. If you don't make them now, you may not be able to get them in over the summer.

I will send new paperwork to

your home, to be completed over the summer, for children that I have on file needing prescription medication, or having a health condition that requires documentation from their doctor. You may drop it off, mail to the school, or hold it until the beginning of next school year. If you want to have over-the-counter medication at school, for your child next year, please send me a note or email me at: krcorbin@roaneschools.com and I will send that form home to you.

Lost and Found: The Dyllis Lost and Found is full of great jackets, sweaters, and shirts etc. that have not been claimed. We have asked students to check for their belongings, but parents might want to stop by the school to claim their child's clothing. All remaining items will be donated to Goodwill at the end of the school year.

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The Dyllis Elementary School gym was the scene of geysers, wind tunnels, bouncing eggs, electromagnetism, and flower power on April 20th. Students waffled back and forth between excitement and a case of nerves. Their teachers and principal were filled with pride. Students worked hard on their science fair projects and came up with ideas about which music would make plants grow, what is really in the water we drink, could an egg really bounce, can a clock run using a potato, along with many other fantastic ideas.

We were honored to have engineers from ORNL judge the wonderful presentations. Ken Tobin, Shaun Gleason, and Ester Parish took time out of their busy day to judge the students’ presentations and give them a

little advice on other things they could try. All students received ribbons for their participation. Congratulations to all participants and a great big thank you for all of your hard work. The following students received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons:

- 1st place: Hanah May – “Would You Kiss Me?”
- 2nd place: Zoe Tobin - “Flower Power”
- 3rd place: Eli Charles – “Electromagnetism”

As their science teacher, I want to say that I was extremely proud of all students who participated. Thank you to parents who contributed to their child’s success.

Two Retiring From Dyllis

Mrs. Susie Wilson, Speech Therapist, and Mrs. Joan Turbyville, Principal have made the decision to retire at the end of this school year.

Mrs. Wilson has worked as a Speech Therapist for the past 35 years. She currently works with students at Oliver Springs, Walnut Hill and Dyllis Elementary Schools. The decision to retire will allow her to spend more time with family and new grandchildren. Her soft voice and gentle nature will be missed by the students, teachers and staff at Dyllis.

Mrs. Turbyville has decided to retire after only two short years at

Dyllis and five years in Roane County. She has worked as a principal for fourteen years and taught both elementary and middle school for fourteen years. Her decision to retire at this time was made in order to spend more time with her twelve grandchildren. Also, her son, Lt. Col. Joe Turbyville will be serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan this coming year and she would like to be available to support his wife and four children who live in Louisville, KY. “I regret leaving and will miss the children, but I live right down the road and will be available to volunteer at the school”, she said.

Science Fair



Judges talk to Makayla about her Project.



Morgan Edwards and Zoe Tobin in front of their projects, ready to answer questions for the judges.



Eli May demonstrates his project for Classmates.