



March 2010 FIFTH GRADE NEWS



Building Wood Duck Nesting Boxes Schedule:

- It is time for our annual Wood Duck project. The students look forward to this event every year. Many parents can show their true "handyman" or "handywoman" skills by assisting in the project. If you have cordless drills the students could borrow, please label them with your name and send them in. Also, don't forget the battery packs and chargers. Please think about volunteering some time to help out your child's class, or feel free to stay the whole day. Whatever time you could donate, we would appreciate it. (If you have not filled out a volunteer form, have your son/daughter ask for one from their teacher) The students' take pride in helping out the Wood Ducks.

Thursday, March 18

Building of Wood Duck boxes

9:20-10:20 Mrs. Kraut's class

10:20-11:20 Mr. Hemingway's class

12:15-1:15 Mr. Kraut's class

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Staining of Wood Duck boxes

Wear old clothes and shoes to build and paint in.

Air Rifle Club at Duncans

- This is funded by a grant through Duncan's Outdoor Shop. Students will be allowed to go on a first come basis, based on behavior at school and a permission slip turned in. This after school field trip will take place March 24, April 7 and April 14 from 3:30-5:30. It is a great opportunity for students to learn air rifle safety.

Willie Wonka Play at Handy

- The end of April fifth graders at Washington will be attending the Willie Wonka Play at Handy Middle School. This is a great opportunity for our students to see what wonderful activities they can choose to participate in at Handy. **The cost will be \$2 per student.** (That will cover the busing to the play and the ticket for the play) Please send the money in to your child's home room teacher as soon as possible.

Science:

Students will soon be constructing a wood duck nesting box. During the project they will also be learning about wood ducks by writing a report. It would be a good idea to visit the local library and start gathering and reading information on the life of a wood duck.

Wood Duck Report should include the following in order: DUE APRIL 5, 2010

Typed/Cursive (Blue or Black ink), Scientific Name (*Genus species*), Description (wing span, weight, color), Habitat (2-3), Predators (2-3), Food (2), Clutch Size (# of eggs laid), Life Span (average), Migration (winter/summer) (month/state), Trivia (2), Drawings (male/female), Drawings of Box (5 views) (Ruler), Bibliography (3 sources) (separate page), Neatness (effort, editing, spelling, etc.).

Thanks—Mrs. Kraut, Mr. Kraut, Mr. Hemingway, and Ms. Bragiel

If you have any questions please email, send a note in your child's planner, or call.

A friendly reminder to check and sign your child's planner daily to see what is happening in Fifth Grade.



Please cut on the line and return the bottom portion to your child's teacher. Thank you!

I have read the above newsletter and I am aware of what is going on in Fifth Grade.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Student