



Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, Nov. 5

11:30 a.m. dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, Nov. 6

No School, Conferences

Just Imagine!



"Before"

Bright School Greenhouse Site



"Current"

Bright School Greenhouse Site

You Make a Difference

The next time you happen to stroll by our science classroom, take a look outside to see our latest addition, our new greenhouse. What you observe is the first of many magnificent upgrades to our science program, all a result of individual contributions and purchases made by you during our Sally Foster Fundraiser. Before the year is out, you will also see that Bright School's science facilities and programs are the best in the city, giving your children an exposure and education in science unparalleled in elementary schools. And it's all because of you and your generous gifts.

What I see developing at Bright School excites me to no end. Before long, you will see and hear about our students installing solar-powered pumps, lights, and motors to operate our working greenhouse. Additionally, they'll be telling you how these pumps move rainwater we've collected to irrigate our greenhouse plants. You'll also notice a new apple orchard, being planted near the greenhouse, from which we will collect fruit for some of our lunches.

Within our science classroom, which is being renovated over our Winter Holidays in December and January, you'll soon see new technologies in use as our students research new science projects and explore new worlds of knowledge. As a matter of fact, your gifts have already allowed us to purchase NetBooks for the entire science classroom, with which our fifth graders will soon be running rocket simulations as they prepare for our annual rocket launches this semester.

The whole area encompassing our science classroom, its pond behind it, and the monarch butterfly garden, spice gardens, greenhouse, and orchard just outside the hallway will begin to serve as a center for scientific research and application, giving all of our students opportunities for learning about their world. Our plans include giving our younger students more quality time with science as well.

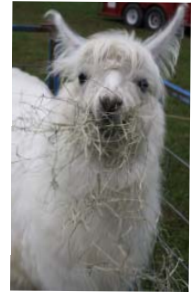
Perhaps the most excited person in the middle of all of this important change is Mrs. McMillan, our science teacher. Just recently she shared her thoughts with me:

"Thomas Berry, a Catholic Priest, scholar and lover of the Earth once said, 'Teaching children about the natural world should be treated as one of the most important events in their lives.' With this generous gift we will be able to teach the children how to discover, explore and understand the natural world allowing us to be part of one of the most important events in their lives. This is both a humbling and exciting experience for me."

As we look to the future and Bright School's role in educating our students in the best ways possible, our science program will again exemplify the best in elementary education. For our children to be leaders in the world they will inherit from us, we must give them the skills both to thrive as well as to serve. Your gifts to our science program—both individually and through our Sally Foster Fundraiser—will undoubtedly help make this possible. You've given your children the gift of knowledge, something they will use and cherish forever.

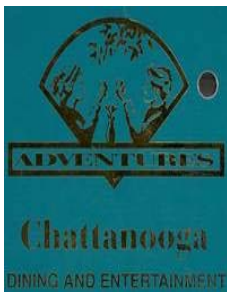
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Bonanza was a Blast!!



Chattanooga Dining Adventure Guides

\$30



Shop early for holiday gifts! The Bright School Bookstore is selling Chattanooga Adventure Dining Guides for \$30. The book is full of 1/2 price dining options all around town. Books are available in the office - see Kim Brown or Sabrina McAllister.