

# Collins Crier

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## Ice Day Makeups

The School District of Greenville County has announced the following days as makeup days for our 3 recent bad weather days.

Make up day 1 will be Friday, June 4th, 2004

Make up day 2 will be Monday, April 5th, 2004 (first day of spring break week)

Make up day 3 will be Tuesday, April 6th, 2004 (second day of spring break week)

Note - these makeup days are subject to change, based on school district decisions and based on any additional bad weather days we may still have this winter.

These dates follow the schedule published in the academic calendar and included in the children's first-day packets. If you would like more information regarding the district's academic calendar, please visit <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/district/calendar/index.asp>

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## Family Night 2004

Many thanks to everyone who helped us with Family Night! Also, thanks to everyone who came to participate in the many activities offered. We had a huge interest in the hand print tiles and we are sorry we ran out - who knew that we would sell 150 tiles! If your student did not have a chance to make one, never fear. The Glazing Pot owner, Lori Wilson, has agreed to let you come in and make one in her shop! They are located in the lower level of the West End Market, on Augusta St. You just need to let them know you are with Sara Collins and that you are there to make a hand print tile. The charge will be a bit more, \$7.00, but it is still a great bargain, since they will be permanently displayed on the walls of our new school! If you do go to The Glazing Pot, please be sure to thank Lori for helping us with this big project! Please contact one of us if you have any questions!

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The fine folks from the construction company came to answer questions about our new building.



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Ed Mims, an instructor from the R.D. Anderson Career Center, gave our families a demonstration in masonry, showing how bricks, just like the bricks used to build our new school, are constructed.



Everyone had fun making handprint tiles with The Glazing Pot.

## Next Month's Collins Crier Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the next Collins Crier is Feb. 27. Articles can be handwritten or typed on paper. Photos can be regular prints, on floppy disks, or burned on CD. Photos/disks will be returned. So share your news and tell our entire Sara Collins family what special things your class has been doing. For your convenience, there is a Collins Crier mailbox in the work-room.

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Congratulations to all our student winners in the South Carolina PTA Reflections program. We are proud of their accomplishments and the effort it took to enter this contest. Please notice the names of the students listed in this issue of the Collins Crier. Our students continue to represent our school well in local, state and national competitions.

Thanks you to all parents and students that attended Family Night recently. There were many activities that were enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Sarah Payne and Kitty Tarleton, chairpersons of this event, for working hard to make this so successful.

Freaky Friday again has shown what our PTA can do for the school. A check for \$27,000.00 was presented to the school. Freaky Friday is always a major community effort with very positive results. Even though we were off campus at Greenville Tech, it was still a very enjoyable and fun evening. Trish Gwinn and Kim Lennon were the leaders that made this event happen. Thank you PTA!

New building update - As the building contractor told us at Family Night, we are still on schedule to move to our new building this August. We are all excited about the new school. However, we will have a short period of time to set up classrooms and be ready for school to open. Yet, I am confident we will all work together to make the transition as smooth as possible. More will be sent to all parents on move dates, traffic patterns, opening activities, etc. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Zach Nabers  
Principal

## Explore the Arts This Summer at the Fine Arts Center

Explore the Arts is Greenville's finest all around summer arts program. A wide variety of disciplines are offered: Storytelling, Drama, Dance, Painting, Drawing and Printmaking, Sculpture, and Beginner Strings for the elementary program; Creative Writing, Drama, Dance, Drawing and Painting, Clay, Sculpture, Film & Video, Creative Art & Design, Photography, Drums, Guitar and Strings for the middle school program. The program will be offered June 7-17, 2004, Monday through Thursday, and the cost is \$175.00 for the two week session. The elementary program is offered for grades second through fifth and is held at Blythe Academy. The middle school program is for grades sixth through eighth and is held at the Fine Arts Center. Scholarships are available for students who participate in the free-lunch program and are based on total enrollment. For further information and to download an application, go to [www.fineartscenter.net](http://www.fineartscenter.net) and click the link for "Explore the Arts" or contact Nancy Boyd (Elementary ETA) at 232-1953 or email her at [nboyd@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:nboyd@greenville.k12.sc.us) or contact Donna Shank (Middle School ETA) at 201-2450 or email her at [dshank@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:dshank@greenville.k12.sc.us)

## Battle of the Books

Sara Collins Elementary is participating in a very exciting program this year - Battle of the Books. Schools nationwide sponsor this reading incentive program, which is designed to improve reading comprehension and culminates in an "academic bowl" type of competition. Sara Collins Elementary had sixty 4th and 5th grade students sign up to participate. They have been meeting with Mrs. Rubin once a week to practice. District competition will be held during the month of March.

## Traffic Update - Important

Mauldin Methodist Church has been very kind to allow us to use their parking lot during morning and afternoon carpool times. Many are using their lot while visiting school during the day as well.

The church has asked that anyone needing to use their parking during the day to use only the lot next to the railroad tracks, and not the lot in front of their building.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## IB Open House - A Great Success

This year's open house for prospective students was again a great success! The library was filled to standing room capacity as prospective new parents and students arrived early and stayed late to find out about our wonderful school. This year's theme was "Sara Collins...A Love of Learning", tying the natural elements of the IB approach with Valentine's Day. It focused on why the IB teaching method has been such a success and why children love to learn in this environment. Parents listened to a presentation about International Baccalaureate teaching methods, while children participated in a webbing exercise about Valentine's Day in the classrooms. Thanks to Julie Turner and all who helped to make our open house outstanding!

Mrs. Nuttall works with children from open house as they create a Valentine's Day craft.



## MARCH 2004

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30AM PTA Exec. Board Mtg.	2	3	4 9 AM IB tours	5	6
7	8	9	10 12:30PM PTA Board Mtg.	11 6-8PM Love and Logic seminar	12	13
14	15	16 -----<	17 B O O K 1st grade to Peace Center	18 F A I R 6-8PM Love and Logic seminar	19 -----> K-5 to Peace Center	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL teacher workday	23	24	25 6-8PM Love and Logic seminar	26	27
28	29 end of 3rd grading period	30	31			

## FEBRUARY 2004

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PTA exec. board mtg. 9:30AM	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 family night 7:00PM	10	11 PTA board mtg. 12:30PM k5-1 registration for 2004-5 begins	12	13 valentine luncheon for teachers	14
15	16 school holiday- Presidents Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 K-5 to Bi-Lo Center	25	26	27 1st grade to Roper Mtn. Science Center	28
29		interim progress reports				

Share your achievements  
with your school....

Submissions to the Collins  
Crier are encouraged!

Deadline for submission  
is Feb. 28th.  
Send your submissions to  
Pat Mace,  
[themacefamily@charter.net](mailto:themacefamily@charter.net)



## IB at Work

As part of their IB inquiry unit on celebrations, Mrs. Nuttall's K-5 class presented what they had learned about various cultural celebrations. Each member of the group recited a brief description of what they had learned about Chinese New Year. Pictured with the group is aide, Mrs. Lynda Carlton.



## Sara Collins Families,

Wow, January was a very busy month! We, as a PTA, did a lot for Sara Collins in the month of January. We sponsored Origami, held a progressive dinner for our teachers, and began collecting books for our First Books program, sponsored by the South Carolina PTA.

I continue to see many of you on a regular basis, helping out your child's teacher or your grade level. It makes me very proud to be a part of such a wonderful PTA.

IB Open House was great! We had many interested families come and learn about Sara Collins and what IB is all about. Please continue to share the good news about Sara Collins with your friends and neighbors.

We will continue to collect early reader books throughout February. Clean off your child's bookshelf and help an underprivileged child at the same time. It will be a great example of how you and your child can give back to the community.

Lastly, thanks to Kitty Tarleton and Sarah Payne for organizing Family Night. The kids had great fun making handprint tiles for the new school and it's so rewarding seeing such a high turnout for this special event.

Maggie Boliek  
PTA President 2003-2004



## Freaky Friday 2004

Planning has started for this year's Freaky Friday. If you did not turn in a committee notebook from last year, please return it to the Freaky Friday box in the workroom. This information is vital to our planning.

If you are interested in serving or chairing a committee, please contact Pam and Scott Powell at 271-8532, or fortigers@juno.com. For those who want to volunteer for the event, but are not sure of the committees or how to help, contact us anyway and we will find a great place for you.

## Geography Bee Results

The fourth and fifth grade geography bee was held January 12th. Participants were: First row, from left: Shelby Briggs, Hunter Chamness, Randall Still. Second row, from left: Austin Hood, Clay Turner, Dara Lane, Madison Tarleton. Our winners are: **1st - Randall Still, 2nd - Austin Hood, 3rd - Clay Turner** Great Job to all who participated!



## Mrs. Reeder's third grade class visits Columbia

After researching the branches of government, the third grade students went on a field trip to Columbia to learn more. They toured the State House and State Museum, ending with a scavenger hunt on the State house grounds.



## A Thank You...

DEAR Mrs. Collins And All the MOTHERS.  
Thank you for the Christmas gift, and thank you for the confidence you have in me. I count it a privilege and honor to safely drive the children back and forth to school. May God bless you all for your kindness toward me.  
Sincerely  
Deborah Cook - Blue Bus



## District PTA News

The next SW area PTA luncheon will be held March 1, at Summit Drive Elementary, 11:45AM. The guest speaker will be Grier Mullins, Director for the Alliance for Quality Education. If you are interested in attending, please contact Maggie Boliek at 271-8776, Magbol99@charter.net ■

## State PTA News

Maggie Boliek, our president, and Julie Perry, our 1st VP, attended the South Carolina Legislative Convention, sponsored by South Carolina PTA. They presented our postcards on fully funding education in our state to our legislators. Sara Collins Elementary had over 300 postcards signed and turned in. Thanks to everyone who turned in their postcard! Our legislators will think twice when school budget talks begin. ■

## National PTA News

Our "Five Cents Makes Sense" campaign postcards have been turned in to our state PTA office. These postcards were sponsored by National PTA. If you would like to learn more about these postcards, visit [www.pta.org/pwashington/5cent.asp](http://www.pta.org/pwashington/5cent.asp) ■

## Progressive Dinner

To honor our teachers and our staff and their incredible dedication to our school, the Sara Collins PTA recently held a progressive dinner to thank them for their efforts. In an unwavering commitment, teachers and staff have unselfishly volunteered many hours to training and have devoted themselves to our school and the new IB curriculum and teaching methods. Their hard work is evident and is truly appreciated by the Sara Collins family.

The teachers and staff were treated to appetizers at the home of Charlie and Tricia Thomas. They proceeded to dinner at the home of Todd and Risa Collins, and concluded with dessert at the home of John and Whitney Collins. A special thank you goes to these great families for opening their homes for this marvelous event.

A giant thank you goes to our hospitality committee and all the PTA volunteers who helped make this a special night for everyone. And a heart-felt thank you to our outstanding teachers and staff for making Sara Collins such a wonderful place for our children! ■



## PTA Reflections Update

Council level winners have been announced in the PTA Reflections competition and Sara Collins was well represented again this year.

In the primary division:  
Briana Hunter placed second in the Literature category.  
Alexander Powell placed second in the Visual Arts category.

In the intermediate division:  
Leslie Pitts placed second in the Visual Arts category.

Congratulations to our winners, and good luck to each of you as you advance to the State level competition. ■

## PTA Membership News

The membership committee (Beth Smith, Nancy Stephenson and Louise Fletcher) reports they have completed all reports for the Local, State and National PTA levels. They are proud to announce that Sara Collins has maintained 100% membership for the 30th consecutive year! Thanks to everyone for their support to Sara Collins' PTA. ■

## Dates to Remember

**Mar. 1 - SW Area PTA District Luncheon, 11:45AM**

**Mar. 22 - No School - Teacher workday**

**Thursdays in March - Love and Logic seminar series, 6-8PM**

## Student Directory

For those who pre-paid for their student directory with your first day packet, those directories were delivered last term. If you missed ordering one then, it's not too late to get one now! Many families buy 2 - one to keep at home, one to keep in your car. If you would like to purchase a directory, simply send \$4.00 per directory in a sealed envelope.

On the outside of the envelope, please write the following:  
**STUDENT DIRECTORY: attention Cathi Moffett**

**Child's name**  
**Child's teacher's name and grade**  
**number of directories being purchased**

Your directory will be sent to your child's class the following day. Cash is fine, or check - payable to Sara Collins PTA.

Cathi Moffett, directory coordinator 2003-2004  
989-0781 [cjmoffett@yahoo.com](mailto:cjmoffett@yahoo.com) ■



## Emily Guthrie Named The Greenville News' Teacher of the Week

For those who may have missed this, the following article is reprinted, with permission, from The Greenville News, Wednesday, February 4, 2004.

### TEACHER OF THE WEEK

# Guthrie goes extra mile by earning art certification

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City People Writer

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The 2002-03 school year was the first in which art teachers were eligible for National Board Certification. Sara Collins Elementary School art teacher Emily West Guthrie wasted no time in beginning the lengthy process of applying for it.

At the beginning of this school year, months of work by Guthrie paid off. She was one of 13 art teachers in the state to earn the certification. In addition to the honor of being recognized for her innovative teaching methods, it brings with it a significant pay raise.

#### PROFILE

- **Name:** Emily West Guthrie, 30
- **Hometown:** Greenville
- **Family:** Husband, David Jr.; daughter, Eliza, 8 months
- **Church:** First Presbyterian
- **School:** Sara Collins Elementary, art teacher
- **Teaching experience:** Seven years; fourth at Sara Collins
- **Education:** Bachelor's degree from Furman University; master's from Clemson University
- **Spare-time activities:** Painting, printmaking, church volunteer work, community service
- **Achievements:** Earned National Board Certification

Looking back on the process now, Guthrie realizes she timed everything perfectly.

"I decided that I should go ahead and do this before I have a child because I know it's going to take a lot of time," said Guthrie, who's mother to 8-month-old Eliza. "What National Board really forced me to do was reflect on my teaching practices and analyze what I do."

In addition to using hands-on learning activities, Guthrie already had been teaching her students art history and art appreciation and criticism. As she gained experience through National Board preparation, she began to teach how and why art is made, and have students

ask and answer their own questions.

Sara Collins principal Zach Nabers believes Guthrie's best asset is her work ethic.

"She's a very hard worker who goes that second mile," Nabers said. "She looks at the needs of the students and tries to incorporate her lessons not only in the art arena, but also in what they're doing on a day-to-day basis in the classroom. She tries to tie that all together, and I think that's what makes her an exceptional teacher."

Nabers adds that it's a nice advantage to have someone with personal experience in a subject teaching that subject. That's definitely the case with Guthrie. Her favorite form of art is wood block printmaking, and most of her work involves nature scenes.

Guthrie's work has been on exhibition at Greenville City Hall, the art museums of Greenville and



GEORGE BARDNER / Staff

Emily West Guthrie was one of only 13 teachers from the state to achieve national certification as an art instructor.

Pickens counties, and colleges such as Furman University, Clemson University, North Greenville College and West Virginia University.

From an early age Guthrie felt she was destined to become a teacher, specifically an art teacher. Both her grandmothers were teachers, one of whom — Sarah Dix — taught for 33 years. Her mother, Cheryl West, was also an artist and an English teacher.

"My mother would take me to the Greenville Art Museum when I was about 2 years old. She would go to her art classes, and I would sit in the corner and work on my own art," Guthrie said.

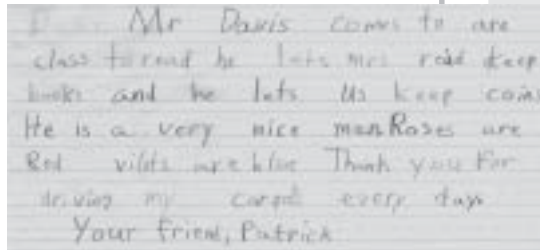
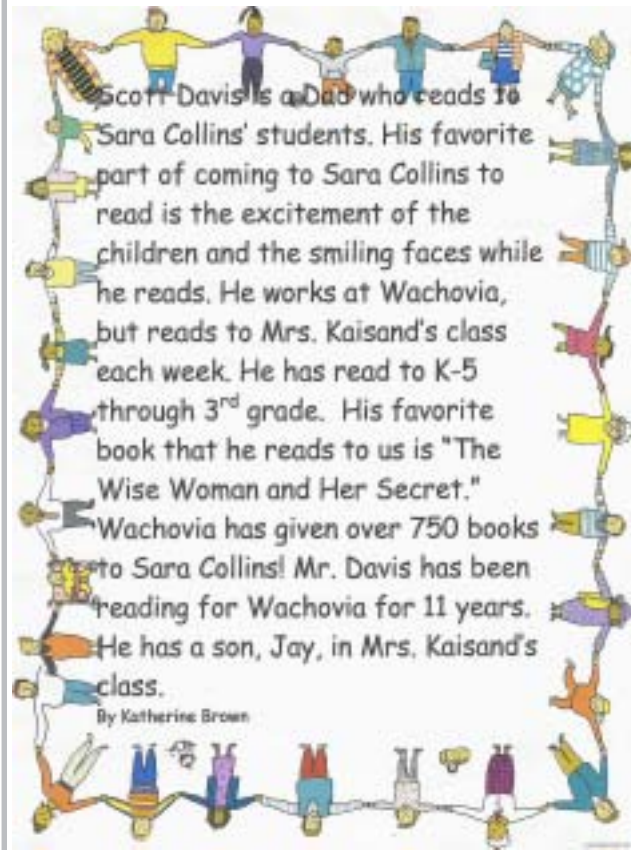
"I knew I wanted to be an artist as early as kindergarten. In high school, I realized that I really liked teaching and children, so I decided teaching would be a good profession."

Guthrie attended Christ Church Episcopal School and the Greenville School District's Fine Arts Center. Through the University of Georgia Art Studies Abroad program, Guthrie studied in Cortona, Italy in 1993. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Furman in 1995 and a master's from Clemson in 1997. Guthrie began teaching seven years ago, before coming Sara Collins four years ago.

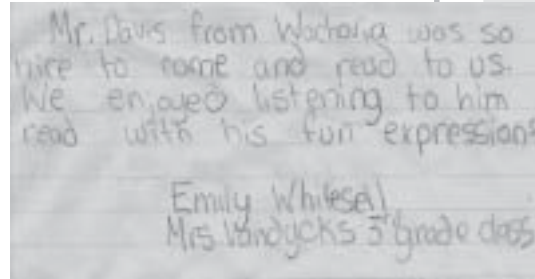


# Thank You, Mr. Scott Davis

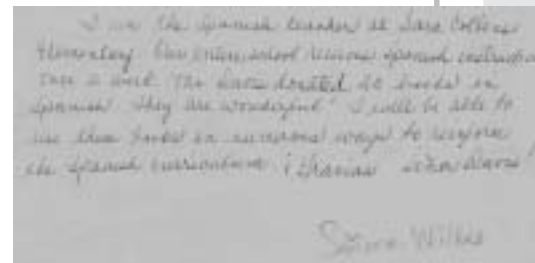
As reported by Katherine Brown, Mrs. Kaisand's second grade class



Patrick Henry, Mrs. Reid's second grade class



Emily Whitesell, Mrs. VanDyck's third grade class



Holly Wilkes, Spanish Teacher

## Box Tops Winners

Sara Collins would like to congratulate the following classes as the winners of the Box Top For Education Contest for December/January. Everyone did a great job! We collected a total of 2600 box tops! note: with December being a short month due to the break, December's and January's competitions were combined.

K5- Nuttall

- 1 - Watson
- 2 - Kaisand
- 3 - VanDyck
- 4 - Chamness/Manning/McClellan
- 5 - Lauder

We will come to your classes to present the Applebee's Gift Certificates, the traveling Trophy and the Box Top For Education Certificates.

Remember, we are raising money for Sara Collins, so keep collecting those Box Tops. Plus, your class could be the next winners!

Mary Beth Edenfield, Box Tops Coordinator  
299-8576 taters4@bellsouth.net



## Don't forget to send in your Campbell's labels this month!

Just save the labels from hundreds of varieties of Campbell's products and send them to your child's classroom each month.

Here's a list of some of the product labels to collect:

- Campbell's Soups
  - V8 and V8 Splash juices
  - Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers
  - Franco-American Spaghetti-O's
  - Swanson broths and canned poultry
  - Pace salsa and picante sauces
  - Campbell's Supper Bakes meal kits
  - Pepperidge Farm breads, cookies, crackers
  - Prego Pasta Sauces
  - Campbell's tomato juice
- For the complete list, visit [labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com)

**For the 2003-2004 school year, we have already collected 3200 labels. What a great job!**

Mary Beth Edenfield  
Campbell's Labels for Education Coordinator  
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# "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent"

WHAT: Six, 2-Hour Sessions

WHEN: Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25  
April 1 and 15

TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sara Collins Elementary School

COST: \$10.00 (cost of the accompanying  
workbook)

\*\*\*These workshops utilize the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" video series, which is facilitated by Jean Canady, Administrative Assistant at Sara Collins. Ms. Canady is a certified facilitator with the Love and Logic Institute of Golden, Colorado. The sessions will be enhanced with participant discussion and examples from Ms. Canady.\*\*\*

YES, I will participate in the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" workshop series:

ADULT(S) NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN(S) NAME(S) and TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Please complete and return to Ms. Canady by Friday, February 20, 2004.) Visit the website, [www.loveandlogic.com](http://www.loveandlogic.com), to learn more about this discipline approach.

Editors' note: Child care will not be available during the love and logic sessions. Please make other arrangements for your children during these times. Thank you!

