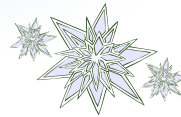




# Panther Pride



## From The Desk Of The Superintendent William Derringer



It is hard to believe that the second nine weeks will be coming to an end on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This marks the half way point of the school year and the end of the first semester. I am very proud to say that our elementary school recently received a "School of Promise" award from State Superintendent Deb Delisle and the Ohio Department of Education. This is quite an honor and our students and staff should be commended for this accomplishment. Our elementary parents should also be commended for supporting and working with their children at home to promote their student's success at school.

With the start of the second semester also comes the winter weather. We have all ready used one calamity day and I am sure that we have more inclement weather ahead. As most of you know, we utilize the "One Call" notification system in the event of an emergency, a two hour delay or a school closing. If you feel that you have not received a call or you have missed a message for any reason you can call 1-877-698-3261 and press option #1 to hear the last message that I have recorded. If you call from a phone that you normally receive One Call messages on, One call will use caller ID to determine what group called you last and play that message for you. If you call from a different phone, you may need to enter the contact number you have listed in One Call. If you have not provided a phone number for our data base or if you experience any other issues or prob-

lems please contact Noelle Murray at the District Office at 937-962-2671 and she can help you with your issue. Our goal is to try to provide you with the best communication possible when these situations occur. We will still place most information on the local TV and radio stations as well for those who have family and friends that may not be in our system.

Speaking of communication, we hope that you enjoy this newsletter and that it helps to not only inform you of upcoming events but that it provides you with a "snapshot" of some of the wonderful things that are happening here at Tri-County North. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our winter break is from December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> with classes resuming on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. As always, thank you for your support! I can be reached at 937-962-2671 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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*2010 Homecoming King John Thompson and Queen Danielle Thompson*



*2010 Homecoming Court*

## TCN Salutes Veterans



On Friday, November 12, 2010, TCN honored all Veterans for their service to our country. The Preble County Honor Guard and TCN Boy Scouts started the program by presenting the colors. Mr. Derringer gave a welcome speech and Don Kring made opening remarks. TCN FFA members lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance and Rose Stidham sang the National Anthem. A presentation was presented honoring the veterans of the Korean conflict. Middle School students recited a poem to all veterans. TCN second and fourth graders sang each branch of service's anthem. Fourth graders were proudly wearing military uniforms representing each branch. Mr. Ruppert sang a moving rendition of "For America", followed by the Boy Scouts performing a flag folding ceremony. After recognizing TCN employees who are veterans, Mrs. Ruppert sang Amazing Grace. The Preble County Honor Guard then stepped outside for a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps by Amber Bevington. Mr. Ruppert then sang Proud To Be an American and Mr. Dyer gave closing remarks. Veterans were then treated to a light meal prepared by Mrs. Frank and the Family and Consumer Science students. Many thanks to all who participated in honoring our local veterans!



**Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy 2011!**



## Elementary School

Denny Dyer

Winter is upon us and cold weather will be a part of school for quite some time. Please be sure students come to school with winter coats, gloves, and a hat or something warm to put on their head. We do go outside in cold weather for recess, and students should prepare for the cold temperatures and wind chill by dressing in layers. If your child needs winter clothing, please let us know and we will make every attempt to assist you. We are also collecting canned food and nonperishable items for needy families (Cabbage Patch Program) through December, so please be sure to send in those items as soon as possible. Many families are in need of assistance in our community and they can use our help in any way possible.

The elementary school has recently presented several programs for their parents and other community members. The Veterans Day program, the Senior Citizens Luncheon, and the 1st & 3rd grade music program all featured elementary students singing and performing for groups and their fellow students. Tom Lear, our music teacher, along with Barb Hake- our librarian, Trish Shields - art teacher, and Amy Kramer - PE teacher, all worked very hard to coordinate the programs and involve our students. Students in each grade get an opportunity twice each year to perform and be a part of a

large production. This is a very important part of our school and our students take full advantage of the opportunities that the teachers afford them. We are very appreciative of their efforts.

Congratulations to TCNES which recently received a "School of Promise" award from the Ohio Department of Education. TCNES was 1 of only 160 schools statewide to receive this honor that is awarded to schools for excellence in the classroom and on the Ohio Achievement Assessments last school year. We have a banner from ODE hanging in the front lobby. This a real tribute to our students, staff, parents, and community and we are very proud of this accomplishment. In addition, our 3rd graders took the reading section of the OAA in October (and will do so again in April, 2011), and 64% of our students were at the proficient level or above. This early assessment of reading allows our 3rd grade teachers to target instruction and intervention and also to prepare students for the April assessment. Our 3rd graders have, historically, jumped to the 90% range and above for the spring tests, so it is apparent that the time from November to April is well spent.

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families! May 2011 be your best year ever!



## Middle School

Joe Finkbine

Our annual 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip was a huge success! On November 2nd at 9:15 p.m., sixty-one 8th grade students and seven chaperones loaded onto two charter buses and headed to Washington D.C. We started off by going to the Holocaust Museum and seeing the tragic history that occurred during World War II. Students are following up on the Holocaust by reading *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* in language arts class, which is about the Nazi concentration camps and the struggle a young Nazi boy goes through while he befriends a Jewish boy in the camp. Students were then off to see several Smithsonian museums, including Air and Space, American History and National Archives. The following morning took us to Arlington national Cemetery and we participated in the laying of the wreath

ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The Washington National Cathedral was next on the stop, where the size and grandeur of the building amazed the students. We finished the day by visiting the Vietnam, Korean, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials. Our final day took us to George Washington's house on Mount Vernon and we saw several live demonstrations of life in the late 1700's. Students were very well behaved and very appreciative of the trip. Our tour guide had been doing trips for three years and she commented to us that we were one of the most well-behaved and attentive groups she had guided. A special thanks goes out to the chaperones on the trip as well: Ben Williams, Carleigh McNeil, Stephanie Caudill, Jim Conway, Kathy Dowdy and Debbie Pierson.

## High School

Jeff Parker

During the 2009-10 school year, TCN HS began developing a partnership with Sinclair Community College and Indiana University. The partnership between TCN and these post-secondary institutions has led to approximately 40% of TCN's "on-campus" Seniors and 12% of on-campus Juniors enrolled in college classes. The Sinclair partnership allows TCN students to enroll in online college courses and to work towards completing coursework during a regularly scheduled TCN period. A primary advantage of this program is students are supplied with a structured, disciplined time period to complete the online requirements. The IU partnership allows TCN students the opportunity to enroll in three different 3-semester hour dual enroll-

ment classes (composition, literature and geology). These courses are identical in content to the courses taken at and by Indiana University college freshmen. Dual enrollment classes allow students the opportunity to complete rigorous college coursework with instructors in which they are familiar. Ms. Beth Hough and Ms. Sonja Hyer currently serve as the IU/TCN Instructors. We are looking forward to offering additional opportunities and/or courses for the 2011-12 school year. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Parker, High School Principal, or Cathy Norris, High School Guidance Counselor, at 937-962-2675.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

# TCN Winter Athletics

## January

- 3: JHBB @ Troy Christian—5:00 pm  
JHGB @ home vs. Troy Christian—5:00 pm
- 4: JHGB @ home vs. TVS—5:00 pm
- 5: JH Wrestling @ Valley View—5:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 6: HSGB @ home vs. Tri-Village—5:30 pm  
JHBB @ Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 7: HSBB @ Tri-Village—6:30 pm
- 8: JH Wrestling @ Northridge—9:00 am  
JHGB @ Arcanum—10:00 am  
Freshman BB @ Northridge—1:30 pm  
JVBB @ Northridge—3:00 pm  
JVGB @ Northridge—4:30 pm  
VGB @ Northridge—6:00 pm  
VBB @ Northridge—7:30 pm
- 10: JHGB @ home vs. Bradford—5:00 pm
- 11: Freshman BB @ home vs. Newton—4:30 pm  
HSBB @ home vs. Newton—6:00 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ Northeastern—5:00 pm
- 12: JH Wrestling @ Dixie—5:00 pm
- 13: JHBB @ home vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm  
HSGB @ Ansonia—5:30 pm
- 14: Freshman BB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm  
HSBB @ Mississinawa—6:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm
- 15: Varsity Wrestling @ TCN (Panther Invite) - 10:00 am  
JHBB @ Bethel—10:00 am
- 18: JHGB @ Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm
- 19: Varsity Wrestling @ East Clinton—5:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Northmont—4:30 pm
- 20: JHBB @ Covington—5:00 pm  
HSGB @ home vs. Covington—5:30 pm
- 21: HSBB @ home vs. Franklin-Monroe—6:30 pm
- 22: JHGB @ home vs. Mississinawa—10:00 am  
HSGB @ home vs. Bethel—1:00 pm
- 24: Varsity Wrestling @ home vs. Stivers & Northridge—6:30 pm
- 25: JHGB @ Newton—5:00 pm
- 26: Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 27: JHBB @ home vs. Miami East—5:00 pm  
HSGB @ Miami East—5:30 pm
- 28: Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—5:30 pm  
HSBB @ Bradford—6:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Ansonia—4:30 pm
- 29: Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—9:30 am  
JHBB @ home vs. Newton—10:00 am



- HSGB @ Brookville—12:00 pm
- HSBB @ home vs. Mississinawa—6:00 pm
- 31: JHGB @ home vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm

## February

- 1: Freshman BB @ home vs. Arcanum—4:30 pm  
HSBB @ home vs. Arcanum—6:00 pm
- 2: Varsity and JH Wrestling @ Brookville—6:00 pm
- 3: JHBB @ home vs. National Trail—5:00 pm  
HSGB @ National Trail—5:30 pm
- 4: Freshman BB @ TVS—5:00 pm  
HSBB @ TVS—6:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ home vs. Northeastern—5:00 pm
- 5: Varsity Wrestling @ Triad—9:00 am  
JHGB @ National Trail—TBA  
HSGB @ home vs. Stivers—12:00 pm  
Freshman BB @ home vs. Carlisle—4:30 pm  
HSBB @ home vs. Carlisle—6:00 pm
- 8: HSGB @ home vs. Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
- 12: JHBB @ Mississinawa—TBA  
Varsity and JH Wrestling @ Covington—TBA  
Freshman BB @ Brookville—4:30 pm  
HSBB @ Brookville—6:00 pm  
Varsity Bowling Sectional—TBA
- 18: Freshman BB @ home vs. National Trail—5:00 pm  
HSBB @ home vs. National Trail—6:30 pm

## March

- 22: JV & Varsity SB @ Troy (scrimmage) - 4:30 pm
- 24: JVBB & JVSB @ home vs. Northridge—5:00 pm  
VBB & VSB @ Northridge—5:00 pm
- 29: JVBB @ home vs. Dixie—5:00 pm  
VBB @ Dixie—5:00 pm
- 31: JVBB @ home vs. Wayne—5:00 pm

## Backpacks Distributed

This school year there was a community need for donations of school supplies. The TCN VIP and TCN Education Association jointly donated 72 backpacks for needy students to better prepare for the school year. The donations were coordinated by Mrs. Lisa Filbrun, third grade teacher. The VIP fundraises for community projects during the school year each year. Thanks to all the students and parents who support our fundraisers!



## All-CCC Fall Teams Announced



The Cross County Conference Teams have been selected. Those receiving special recognition for their hard work and dedication to fall sports are as follows:

### All-Conference Team

Caleb Lawson—Football  
 JJ Macpherson—Football  
 Shane Oswalt—Football  
 Megan Johnson—Volleyball  
 Carly Schriever—Volleyball  
 Rachel Fritz—Soccer  
 Tim McClain—Soccer  
 Chris Johnson—Golf  
 Makayla Conley—Cross Country

### Special Mention Team

Ben Hofacker—Football  
 Kelly Schriever—Volleyball  
 Christina Barnes—Soccer  
 Dylan Hemmerich—Soccer  
 Cole Williams—Golf

### Honorable Mention Team

Josh Daugherty—Football  
 Doug York—Football  
 Katie Whitaker—Volleyball  
 Hannah Krull—Soccer  
 Jesse Cavendish—Soccer  
 Aaron Koenig—Golf

Congratulations to all of the fall athletes for being selected to the All-County Conference Teams!



## Kite Day At The Air Force Museum

On October 8th, the fifth grade class went on a field trip to the Air Force Museum. While there, they went to a presentation about the history of kites, where questions were answered about kites and saw many different types of kites. The class then went to the modern flight hangar to build kites. The kites were a different shape than what the students were used to. After lunch, the students flew their kites outside on the lawn, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Following the kite flying, the students went back inside to visit other exhibits. The students were able to take their kites home with them. Thank you to all of the parents who attended as chaperones. Your assistance was greatly appreciated!



## Sixth Graders Give

Sixth Grade Social Studies students recently began studying the function of the United Nations as an Ohio Sixth Grade Social Studies standard in government. The students viewed pictures of water supplies in underdeveloped countries and collected money as part of "Trick or Treat for Unicef". This year, students collected \$175.00. Did you know that seven cents provides 50 children with safe drinking water every day? Big thanks to the sixth grade students for being great global citizens!



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VIP students donated baked goods to the Lewisburg Fire Department Open House on Wednesday, October 6th. The middle school also donated the hot dogs, buns and paper products using money from the Fall Fling for Food. The fire department is very grateful for so much student support in our community. Thanks to all who participated!

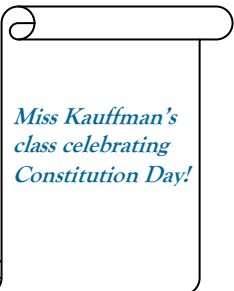
## Tutors Needed



TCN Elementary is in need of volunteers for our tutor program. This program is designed to help students strengthen their academic skills. We can make this happen with your help. The students need 30 minutes of your time once or twice per week.

There are a few things that are required of our volunteers prior to assisting in the school. Please contact the Tutoring Program Coordinator, Cindy Heltsley, at 962-2673 or via email at [cindy\\_heltsley@tcn.k12.oh.us](mailto:cindy_heltsley@tcn.k12.oh.us) for more information.

Our students benefit greatly from this program. Taking the time to help a child is priceless!



## 4th Grade Wins SWBL Superbowl Championship!

Congratulations to the 4th Grade Football Team who recently won the SWBL Superbowl! They defeated Tipp City to take the title with a well earned 8-6 victory! They finished with a 8-2 record for the year and a two year record of 19-3, including back to back Superbowl appearances. The TCN Class of 2019 hope to continue the tradition of a strong, proud Panther football program in the future! Thanks to the TCN community for their continued support!



## MECA 25th Anniversary

In 1985, Mrs. Wysong launched the gifted program for 5th and 6th graders in the elementary library. As the program expanded over the years, 3rd and 4th graders were included. Since that time, many students have benefitted from Mind Exploration in Creativity and Academics (MECA), which concentrates specifically on math and science.

Recently, Mrs. Wysong communicated with many of her former MECA students and logged their post-grad endeavors. Their career paths are quite varied, including domestic and industrial engineers, nurses and doctors, college professors, physical therapists, teachers, advertising and manufacturing fields, a physicist, accountants and financial advisors, entrepreneurs, a police officer, a Christian youth leader, computer specialists, an artist and a landscape architect, food service and a bull rider. Some are proudly serving in our Armed Forces as well. About 25% of the students reside outside of Ohio or the United States.



## Kindergarten Registration

TCN Elementary will be holding their Kindergarten Registration on: **Thursday, February 24th—9:00 am to 12 noon; Wednesday, March 23rd—3:30—6:30 pm; and Tuesday, April 12th—1:00—4:00 pm.** All registration will take place in the TCN District Office. 2011-2012 Kindergarteners must be five years old on or before August 1, 2011, and parents must provide the following:

1. Original Birth Certificate (not birth record)
2. Social Security Card
3. Physician's Immunization Records
4. Original copies of any child custody orders, decrees or modifications of order relevant to the child
5. Three forms of proof of residency (please refer to [www.tcnschools.com](http://www.tcnschools.com) for acceptable forms of proof)



Kindergarten screening will be held in August in the Elementary building and will be discussed at registration.

Please feel free to contact the District Office at 937-962-2671 with any questions pertaining to kindergarten registration.

## Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon



TCN hosted their annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon on December 3rd. Approximately 90 area senior citizens attended the event.

While there, seniors enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by TCN's food service department and served by the TCN FFA students. Seniors were also entertained by music selections from the High School band, High School and Middle School Choirs and the 2nd and 4th grade music students.

Door prizes were given away to those in attendance. Door prizes were generously donated by the following businesses: Village Florist & Gift Shop, Sarah's Pizza, Subway, Dayton Dragons Organization, Rob's Restaurant, Music's Family Restaurant, Loudy's Office Supply, The Brookville Grille, Wendy's and McMaken's Car Wash.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and time! Happy Holidays!



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## Upcoming Events



### January

- 1: New Year's Day
- 3: Classes Resume from Winter Break  
TCN Athletic Boosters Meeting—6:30 pm
- 7: Grade Cards Sent Home with Students
- 17: Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL
- 18: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
- 24: PTO Meeting—6:30 pm
- 29: Preble County Science Fair at TVS—TBA



### February

- 4: Interims Sent Home with Students
- 7: TCN Athletic Boosters Meeting—6:30 pm
- 11: Elementary Valentine's Parties—2 pm
- 14-17: OGT Sophomore Academy Week
- 17: HS/MS Parent-Teacher Conferences—2:30—8:30 pm  
ES Parent-Teacher Conferences—3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- 18: Parent/Teacher Conferences—NO SCHOOL
- 21: President's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 22: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
- 24: Kindergarten Registration—District Office: 9 am—12 noon  
FFA Banquet—6:00 pm



### March

- 4: IU East/Ivy Tech "College For A Day" Field Trip
- 7: TCN Athletic Boosters Meeting—6:30 pm
- 7-11: Terra Nova Testing—2nd Grade (all subjects)  
Terra Nova Testing—3rd & 4th Grade (science & s. studies)
- 8: Grades 5-12 Spring Band Concert—7:00 pm
- 10: Grades 7-12 Spring Choir Concert—7:00 pm
- 11: MS Winter Fling—6:30—8:30 pm  
End of Third Quarter
- 13: Daylight Savings Time Begins—Spring Forward One Hour!
- 14-18: OGT Week **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- 18: Grade Cards Sent Home with Students
- 21: Kindergarten to Boonshoft Museum
- 22: All-County Band Concert at TVS (tentative date)
- 23: Kindergarten Registration—District Office: 3:30—6:30 pm
- 28: Recess Day—NO SCHOOL (possible make-up day if needed)
- 31: MS Spring Pictures

### April

- 1: Elementary Family Fun Night—4:30 pm—6:30 pm

