



PANTHER PRIDE

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From The Desk of the Superintendent William Derringer



As we enter into the Holiday Season I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the dedication and support that you have shown this year for the Tri-County North Local School District. The passage rate of the renewal levy in November was one of the highest that we have ever had and it truly demonstrates that our community does support and value each of our students receiving the best education possible. Even though we have passed our recent renewal levies we still find ourselves in a situation where we will be forced to ask for additional dollars in the near future. This obviously is not something that we want to do, but something that we will be forced to do for several reasons, such as decreased property values, loss in state funding, as well as business and industry movement or closure just to name a few. We have made reductions in many areas including eliminating several positions and have also reduced or frozen all employee salaries. In the near future you will be receiving much information about our district, how we spend our tax-payer dollars and the reasons why our revenue has decreased at a time when our expenditures continue to increase. We want to provide this information to you so that you will be well informed of why we would ask for additional operating dollars in such a tough economy. Again, running a levy for additional dollars is not something that we want to do, but something that we are being forced to do if we are to continue to offer the educational opportunities and experiences that we have been able to provide in the past. Our Elementary did receive "Excellent with Distinction", the highest rating in the State of Ohio this year on the State Report Card and our High School has received an "Excellent" rating nine of the last ten years in a row. It is our Goal to continue to improve and to continue to provide the best education possible for each of our students. They deserve it! We truly have great kids and a great community!

I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please take some time to enjoy your family and friends over the holiday season. As always, I can be reached at the Tri-County North District Office at 962-2671 if you have any questions, comments or concerns.



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TCN Honors Our Veterans



On November 9th, TCN honored all Veterans for their service to our country with a Veterans Day program. The program saluted all branches of the military, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines and the Navy. Students of all ages participated in the program in a variety of ways. Middle School students aired their interview with Sgt. Hayes, who is currently oversees serving our country; Elementary students saluted the various branches of the military by dressing in uniform and singing their theme songs; and the High School students represented the War Time Line, in uniform, while the band performed our National Anthem and "America The Beautiful". Colonel Beth Salisbury was the guest speaker, speaking on "Women in the Military". Darrell Studebaker sang "God Bless The USA" and "Veterans of America". Aleeha Dudley performed Amazing Grace on her steel drum. And the program ended with the entire crowd singing "God Bless America". It was a spectacular event and many thanks go out to Mrs. Barb Hake, Mr. Tom Lear, Mr. Don Kring, Mr. Richard Salisbury, Mrs. Terra Moniaci, and many other assistant coordinators for all of their efforts in coordinating the program.





Elementary School

Denny Dyer

It is truly hard to believe that we are fast approaching the middle of the school year, but there are still many upcoming activities at the Elementary. I will highlight some now, but always check the website weekly to keep updated.

Our 3rd graders did GREAT on the fall reading section of the OAA, as 73% of the students scored above the proficient level, and 42% of the students scored at the accelerated or advanced level. Way to go, 3rd graders! The 3rd and 4th grade students will be taking the reading and math OAA the week of April 22-26, 2013. They, along with the 2nd graders, will also be taking the Terra Nova tests the week of March 4-8, 2013. Please plan your appointments and/or vacations accordingly.

2013-2014 Kindergarten Registration will be held in February, March and April. Please refer to the article in this newsletter for dates and times. Screening will be held in August and you will sign up for a screening appointment at registration. You MUST be registered be-

fore your child can be screened!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 14th from 3:30-7:30 pm and April 18th from 3:30-5:30 pm. Of course, parents can request a meeting with a teacher at any time by emailing them directly. Most staff are available from 8 am to 8:45 am daily or during the teacher's conference period, which varies with each grade level. Students who are on Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans (RIMP) will receive updates on progress at conferences and on grade cards and interims.

It has been a great first half of the school year and I would like to thank our parents and students for your cooperation and support. Please continue to get involved with your child's school by checking their work, staying in contact with the teachers, and reinforcing the importance of good citizenship, good study habits and accepting responsibility.

Middle School

Joe Finkbine

The sound of music! That line takes me back to my elementary days, but more recently it was what I heard at our annual Christmas Band Concert. On December 12th, our 5th and 6th and junior high bands all performed several songs with a few ensembles decorated in between. Our new schedule allows the 5th and 6th grade students a full period every day to hone their musical skills. Our junior high band has the most number of students in all of my tenure here at Tri-County North Middle School. With the increased time in class for students and the number of students, Wednesday night truly made a beautiful sound of music! Our students are fortunate to receive the wonderful support from family and friends resulting in standing room only in our high school gym. To conclude, I want to extend my appreciation for the job Mrs. Moniaci has done in preparing all of our band students to perform their best and the result showed at Wednesday night's performance. Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!



High School

Doug Dunham

The winter season is upon us already and it is hard to believe we are almost half way finished with the school year. At the high school, we have been very busy and we are having a great year and wish to continue to move in the right direction in 2013!

In November, fifty juniors who passed all five parts of the OGT were rewarded with a lunch to the Olive Garden restaurant. This was an outstanding number of students who passed all five parts on their first attempt so congratulations to them!

On November 30th, forty-two students received their Academic N for the 2011-2012 school year. In order to receive an Academic N, students must have had at least a 3.60 GPA for all four quarters during the preceding school year. Receiving this for the first time were: Jesse Applegate, Andrew Barnhart, Mack Bell, Caitlin Braughton, Madison Duffie, Megan Duffy, Molly Free, Riley Garner, Austin Hammaker, Taylor Hayslett, Austin Pitcock, Cole Salisbury, Morgan Shuttleworth, Kirsten Stacey, Carly Fink, Dustin Johnson, December Strawser, Abigail Hough, and Makayla Wright. Receiving this for the second year were: Alyssa Askins, Jesse Cavendish, Brad Hornbeck,

Austin Hutchins, Aaron Koenig, Hannah Loughman, Jackie Marshall, Megan McClain, Desiree McKown, Urmil Patel, Devon Shiverdecker, Savannah Smith, Bobbie Thorp, Scott Buthker, Shelby Crum, and Austin Krull. Receiving this for the third year were: Mikaela Craycraft, Megan Johnson, Kelly Schriever, and Shannon Wiest.

We would like to recognize senior, Megan Johnson, who was selected as one of the twenty finalists from the state of Ohio for the National High School Heisman Award. There were over 45,000 applicants from across the United States for this prestigious award.

From November 26-30, students from TCN and National Trail participated in a Food Can Challenge. Students were encouraged to bring in canned goods for their school. National Trail won the challenge by collecting close to 1,800 cans and TCN brought in 839 cans. All items will be donated to the local food pantries serving the New Paris and Lewisburg areas. Great job to both schools!



Winter Athletics

January

- 2: Varsity Bowling vs. Franklin—4:00 pm
- 3: JHGB @ Eaton—5:00 pm
JHBB vs. Newton—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Newton—5:30 pm
Varsity Wrestling @ Brookville—6:00 pm
- 4: HSBB @ Tri-Village—6:30 pm
- 5: JHGB vs. TVS—10:00 am
Varsity Bowling vs. Northeastern—12 noon
- 7: JHBB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm
Varsity Wrestling vs. TVS - 5:30 pm
Freshman BB @ Eaton—6:00 pm
- 8: JHGB @ Arcanum—5:00 pm
- 10: JHBB @ Tri-Village—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 11: Varsity Bowling @ Piqua—4:30 pm
HSBB vs. Newton—6:00 pm
- 12: Varsity Wrestling—Panther Invite—10:00 am
JHGB @ Valley View—10:00 am
HSGB @ Ansonia—12 noon
Freshman BB @ Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
- 14: JHBB @ Dixie—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
- 15: Freshman BB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm
HSBB @ Mississinawa—6:30 pm
- 16: Varsity Bowling vs. West Carrollton—4:00 pm
- 17: JHBB @ Bethel—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Bethel—5:30 pm
Varsity Wrestling @ Dixie—6:00 pm
- 18: HSBB vs. Franklin-Monroe—6:00 pm
- 19: Varsity Wrestling @ Triad—10:00 am
HSBB vs. Carlisle—6:00 pm
- 22: JHGB vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm
- 24: JHBB @ Covington—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Covington—5:30 pm
- 25: Varsity Bowling vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm
Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—5:30 pm
Freshman BB @ Bradford—5:00 pm
HSBB @ Bradford—6:30 pm
- 26: Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—9:30 am
JHGB @ Franklin-Monroe—10:00 am
HSGB @ Brookville—12 noon
HSBB @ Troy Christian—6:00 pm



- 28: JHBB vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
JHGB @ Newton—5:00 pm
Varsity Bowling @ Franklin—4:00 pm
- 29: JHGB vs. Bradford—5:00 pm
- 30: Varsity Bowling @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm
HSGB @ Eaton—6:00 pm
- 31: JHBB vs. Miami East—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Miami East—5:30 pm



February

- 1: Freshman BB vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm
HSBB vs. Arcanum—6:30 pm
- 2: JHGB Tournay—TBA
- 4: JHBB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm
- 5: HSGB vs. Stivers—5:30 pm
- 7: HSGB @ National Trail—5:30 pm
- 8: Freshman BB @ TVS—5:00 pm
HSBB @ TVS—6:30 pm
- 9: Varsity Wrestling @ Covington—10:00 am
JHBB Tournay—TBA
Freshman BB CCC Tournament—TBA
HSBB @ Brookville—6:00 pm
- 12: Freshman BB @ Northridge—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Northridge—6:00 pm
- 15: Varsity Wrestling @ Lehman Catholic—TBA
- 16: Varsity Wrestling @ Lehman Catholic—TBA



Kindergarten Registration

TCN Elementary will be holding their 2013-2014 Kindergarten Registration on:

Monday, February 11, 2013—9:00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday, March 12, 2013—3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 11, 2013—1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

All registration will take place in the TCN District Office.

2013-2014 Kindergarteners must be five years old on or before August 1, 2013, and parents must provide the following:

1. Original Birth Certificate (NOT birth record from hospital)
2. Physician's Immunization Records
3. Original copies of any child custody order, decrees or modifications of order relevant to the child
4. THREE current forms of proof of residency (please refer to 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.





Microwhat?



The fifth grade students did an introductory study of the Microscope in Science during the first nine weeks. It gave them a chance to magnify objects that are too small to see with the naked eye. They were given prepared slides to view, some of which were unknown to them before. Most of the slides were tiny samples of household items (like dust and toothpaste) that are experienced every day. The students were amazed at what each item looked like under the different powers of magnification. Each student learned how to focus the microscope using the coarse and fine adjustment knobs and practiced drawing and labeling the objects properly. As a final project, the students drew pictures of six different specimens and then watched the video [The Secret Life of 118 Green Street](#) (the video has encouraged many of the students to help clean the house!). Our TCN fifth graders had a great time looking at “really cool stuff” and look forward to using them again.



Dayton Demonz Hockey

Two star players of the Dayton Demonz hockey team, Jesse and Brian, paid a visit to TCN recently. They worked with 3rd graders and 8th graders that did not attend the Washington D.C. trip. They helped teach stick handling, passing and shooting by using basic instructional drills and strategies to improve the students’ skills in hockey. Although the players didn’t get to work with every 3rd and 8th grade student, they did build a good rapport with those they were with. Students walked away with a basic understanding on the game of hockey. The Dayton Demonz are a newly established hockey team and they play at Hara Arena. Go out and support your local team today!



Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon

On December 7th, TCN held their annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, open to any senior citizen in the Tri-County North district. Approximately 85 seniors enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the TCN Cafeteria staff, followed by musical performances by our MS and HS band and choir and the 2nd and 4th grade music classes. Door prizes were also given away to the seniors throughout the event. TCN would like to thank all of the area businesses who graciously donated door prizes for the luncheon: Meijer, The Home Depot, Sarah’s Pizza, Marion’s Piazza, Dayton Dragons, Wendy’s, Loudy’s Office Supplies, Subway, Rhonda Horn (Scentsy), LaRosa’s Pizzeria, ACE Hardware, and The Specialty Shop. Thank you to all who supported the event as well!



Penny War



The Tri-County North Middle School has been at war, a penny war to benefit the American Red Cross. The fifth and sixth graders sabotaged each other daily with silver coins. The war lasted from November 12th through November 20th. Thanks to all students and families who donated to help with relief for the victims of Super Storm Sandy. The ending totals were fifth grade with +160, eighth grade with +387, sixth grade with +2467, and the winner, seventh grade, with +2926. The total donation was \$348.22. A giant thank you to the parents and community volunteers who helped roll coins this year. This is the third year in a row the middle school has donated to help the American Red Cross.



Turkey Trot

On Tuesday, November 20th, the TCN Middle School kicked it into gear in preparation for the Thanksgiving feast they would endure on Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Adams and students in her Health and Nutrition class organized a Turkey Trot. The two mile course went through town, down the derby hill, and around the Lewisburg Park. The students from each grade level had the opportunity to walk the course or trot it, depending on their level of fitness and how many calories they desired to burn. The “trot” included exercises that would boost their cardiovascular system and also help to build muscular strength. Following their teachers and class instructors, the students set out for the first part of their work out. Following the Turkey Trot, Mr. Finkbine organized a Staff vs. Students Volleyball game. During this event, each grade level had the opportunity to try to defeat the staff. The Staff “of course” reined victorious for the third year in a row! Great job and a BIG thank you to all who participated in making both of these events successful!

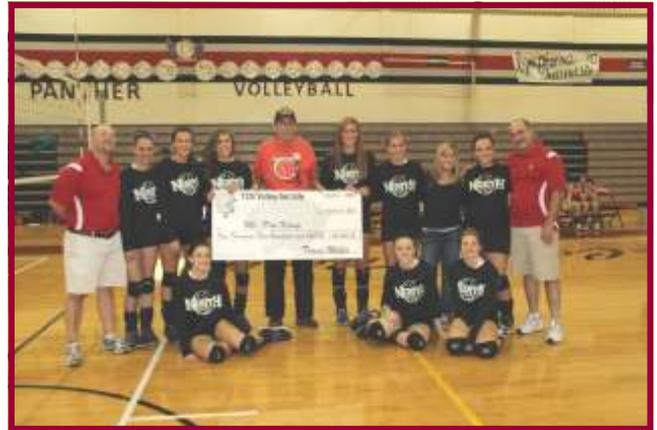




Volley 4 Life



On October 1st, the TCN and Valley View high school volleyball teams gathered in the TCN gymnasium for a “Volley 4 Life” event, supporting Lymphoma and Colon/Kidney Cancer Awareness. Both schools sold t-shirts and raffle tickets for door prizes that were generously donated by area businesses and individuals. All proceeds were going to support Mr. Don Kring, former teacher at TCN and Vietnam Vet who is battling lymphoma for the second time, and Mr. Butch Midkiff, a Valley View community member who battled kidney/colon cancer and won! The event was well attended by both communities and the outpouring of their support was overwhelming. Between the two school districts, the event raised over \$3,700.00 for Mr. Kring and Mr. Midkiff. Many former volleyball players from North were also in attendance. The general consensus was for all the years Mr. Kring supported them, they wanted to come out and support him when he needed them most! A great big “thank you” goes out to Jennifer Johnson, TCN, and Martha Moyer, Valley View, for organizing the event and bringing everyone together to Volley 4 Life!



Mr. Kring and the TCN HS Volleyball Team and coaches

Fall All-Conference Teams

The Cross County Conference teams have been selected. Those receiving special recognition for fall sports are:

All-Conference Team (1st Team): Shawna Morrow—Soccer, Jesse Cavendish & John Offenbacher—Soccer, Megan Johnson & Kelly Schriever—Volleyball, Billy Derringer, Austin Hutchins, JJ Macpherson & Ryan Patrick—Football

Special Mention Team (2nd Team): Allie Kring—Soccer, Luke Thies—Soccer, Kendra Vanover & Carly Whitaker—Volleyball, Colton Booth & Garrett Woodyard—Football, Aaron Koenig—Golf

Honorable Mention Team: Sophia Hobbs—Soccer, Seth Bennett—Soccer, Jessica Stonerock—Volleyball, Cole Gunder & Reilly Lipinski—Football, Brett Kearney—Golf

And TCN had not one, but TWO Preble County Players of the Year in fall sports. Those individuals were JJ Macpherson in Football and Megan Johnson in Volleyball. Congratulations to both and congratulations to all of our outstanding athletes!

TCNES Character Education

For the 2012/13 school year, elementary students are reminded of our three school-wide expectations focusing on Respect, Responsibility and Safety daily as they enter our building with our Panther Pride Banner hanging in front of the office.

In early September, our character education program started with a school assembly on “PRIDE”, presented by America’s #1 Children’s Ventriloquist, Mark Wade from Grove City, Ohio. Everyone was entertained and educated on making good choices and how to say “NO” to a bully.

Students also have the opportunity to earn a Panther Paw displayed in the hallway as part of our “Paws of Fame” program. Students receive a monthly Panther Pride newsletter on a particular character word (i.e. Respect), which has an activity to complete like a word search, etc. Once the activity sheet is returned, the student receives a panther paw which is put up in the hallway with the student’s name and character word sticker.

TCN Cub Scouts Raise Funds

The TCN’ers of Cub Scout Pack 511 did a tremendous job raising funds through popcorn sales this fall. Top salesmen were 2nd graders Alex Grider and Jonathan Landis, raising over \$2,500 each for the pack! Not only did they collect money that supports all the pack’s activities throughout the year, from model boat and derby races to awards and ceremonies, but they earned several gift cards and a scholarship in their name from Trail’s End. Pounding the pavement, making phone calls and braving the rain and cold was well worth it to these boys! Through extra effort and aiming high, any goal can be accomplished! Again, thanks to all who helped Pack 511. We are so proud of our TCN Cub Scouts!



Daily, students who are “caught being good” by our school staff receive our Panther Spirit character award certificate. The student certificates are entered into a monthly drawing. If the student’s name is drawn, they receive a prize from Mrs. Haman, the elementary Guidance Counselor.

Students also participate in a research-based program covering the areas of nutrition, safety, social/emotional and alcohol/tobacco/other drugs appropriate for their grade level presented by The Marie Dwyer Recovery Center in Eaton.

Since October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness month, students are involved in a variety of activities to learn how to deal with bullying through our character education program with Mrs. Haman.

To round out the fall education program, TCNES recognized Red Ribbon Week, which focuses on making healthy choices, in late October. This year’s theme is “The Best Me is Drug Free”.

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Upcoming Events



January

- 1: New Year's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 2: Classes Resume
- 9: MS & HS Science Fair
- 11: End of Second Quarter/First Semester
- 14: Preble County Spelling Bee at TVS—7:00 pm
- 18: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
- 19: Spirit Day at Preble Shawnee
- 21: Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL
- 22: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL

February

- 5: Preble County Geography Bee @ TCN
- 11: Kindergarten Registration—District Office—9 am—12 noon
- 11-14: Sophomore Academy
- 14: HS & MS Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
ES Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
Valentine's Day
- 15: NO SCHOOL in Lieu of Conferences
- 18: President's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 19: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL

March

- 4-8: Terra Nova Testing—Grades 2-4
- 5: Band Concert—7:00 pm
- 7: FFA Banquet—6:00 pm

- 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins—Move Clocks Ahead One Hour!
- 11-14: Ohio Graduation Test—Sophomores (practice test—freshmen)
- 12: Kindergarten Registration—District Office—3:30-6:30 pm
- 15: End of Third Quarter
- 17: St. Patrick's Day
- 19: All-County Band Concert at TVS—7:00 pm
- 22: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
- 29: Good Friday—NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)
- 31: Easter

April

- 1-5: Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
- 11: Kindergarten Registration—District Office—1:00-4:00 pm

Elementary Fun.....

Mr. Dyer trying to convince Mrs. Falldorf's kindergarten class that he did **NOT** eat their gingerbread man!

