



# Panther Pride

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**From The Desk Of The Superintendent**  
**William Derringer**



## Tri-County North Local Schools

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I hope that all of you were able to spend some time with your families over the holidays and that you had an enjoyable Christmas and new year. I would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents and community members who have taken time out of their busy schedules to come into our school and watch our children perform during their annual winter programs. The attendance at this year's elementary Christmas program was outstanding! It is nice to see this type of support for our students!

At this time of year we also want our students to learn the value of community service and giving back to the community and those who have supported them. This is done in a variety of ways from the Cabbage Patch food drive, where our students donate food items and cash to replenish the local food bank, to our middle school VIP group who went caroling at the local nursing homes where they always bring a smile to those who live there. Our middle school students also donated several boxes of toys as well as \$200.00 to the United Way's Preble County Christmas for Kids Program. By providing these types of experiences, I truly believe that our students are learning the value of helping others.

I personally would like to thank the community for the continued support that they showed by renewing our operating and permanent improvement levies this past November. Our school, like all schools in the state, has lost much revenue over the past five years. Many of the prospering businesses that Lewisburg once had have either downsized or are no longer located in Lewisburg. Property valuation has also decreased over the past several years. These losses make a tremendous impact on the amount of revenue that the school receives. We do have another renewal levy that we will run within the next year but even with the passage of this levy we are being forced to make cuts in many areas. I am sure that there will be much talk of this in the months and years to come. I want to reassure our community that we are doing our best to manage tax payer dollars as conservatively as we can but I need to let you know that we are being forced to make cuts just like all of the other businesses in the area. Again, we appreciate how supportive the Tri-County North community has been and we will continue to offer the best education possible for our students as a result of your support. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

## TCN Honors Veterans

On November 11, 2011, TCN honored all Veterans for their service to our country. The Preble County Honor Guard started the program by presenting the colors. Mr. Derringer gave a welcome speech followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was then performed by Laura Edgar, accompanied by the high school band. The Wall, a skit, was narrated by Cole Salisbury and performed by Joe Askins and Lane Kerby. A PowerPoint slide show was presented, paying tribute to the Vietnam War. The TCN high school band then performed "Gallant Marines", followed by a poem read by four eighth grade students. All branches of the Armed Forces were then recognized one by one, being saluted by elementary students. A War Timeline was then performed by several high school students, lighting candles along the way. Mr. Randy Ruppert sang a powerful rendition of "For America". TCN Boy Scouts then demonstrated the proper way to fold a flag. Next was the presentation of the wreath, followed by Aleah Dudley giving an amazing performance of "Amazing Grace" on a steel drum. The Preble County Honor Guard performed a 21-Gun Salute and the playing of Taps. Mr. Ruppert then sang "God Bless The USA". The program was closed with everyone singing "God Bless America". Many thanks to all who participated in honoring our Veterans!



## Elementary School

TCNES students completed a very successful fundraiser and several students received awards for their efforts, including ten students who were treated to a limo ride and lunch at the McDonald's in Brookville and twenty students who enjoyed a brief time in the "Money Machine". Great American Fundraising Company coordinated the fundraiser and prize distribution. Funds from the activity are used to help finance fieldtrips for the elementary students.

Our 1st and 3rd graders put on a great music program this month! The

classroom teachers and support staff coordinated the program and spent several weeks preparing for the musical. The 2nd and 4th graders will be having their program in the spring.

Our second round of Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 16th from 3:30-7:30 p.m. and a final night on April 19th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

Please note the upcoming Waiver Days, January 17th and February 21st, as school will not be in session

those days. Both days follow holidays for an extended weekend.

Grades 2-4 will be taking the Terra Nova Tests in early March. Parents....it is imperative that your child be in school during this testing time. Grades 3 & 4 will also be taking the Ohio Achievement Assessment the week of April 23—May 1st. Please plan all appointments and vacations accordingly!

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe holiday and looking forward to a great 2012!

**Denny Dyer**

## Middle School

Our annual 8th grade Washington D.C. trip went very well. Sixty-three students and six chaperones loaded onto two charter busses 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 had studied 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 the Smithsonian museums, including Air and Space and American History. Our first day concluded with a pizza and dance party at the hotel. The following morning took us to Arlington National Ceme-

tery and we participated in the laying of the wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. We included the new Martin Luther King Jr. and Franklin D. Roosevelt memorials as well. We finished the day by visiting the Vietnam, Korean, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials. Our final day took us to George Washington's house at Mount Vernon where we saw several live demonstrations of life in the late 1700's. Students were very well behaved and appreciative of the trip.

I want to thank the students, parents and community for donating to our Kids for Kids campaign. Together we raised over \$200 and numerous toys to be donated to local families in need. Thank you for your generosity!

**Joe Finkbine**

## High School

On November 22nd, forty-two high school juniors were treated to lunch at The Olive Garden to reward them for passing all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Test last March. This is a great accomplishment for them to pass all five sections on their first attempt.

During the first quarter at TCN and MVCTC, we had 57 students obtain a High Honors on their report card which is a 4.00 GPA and 17% of our student body. We had 59 students achieve Honor Roll, which is 3.60-3.99 GPA and consists of 17.8% of our stu-

dent body. We had 100 students make the Merit Roll, which is 3.00-3.59 GPA and 30.3% of our students. We had 216 students obtain at least a 3.00 GPA and that is an outstanding accomplishment! In addition, we had 85 students obtain perfect attendance and were not tardy during the first quarter.

On December 8th, the sophomore students were given the opportunity to attend MVCTC's sophomore career day where they could spend the day exploring two programs to see if they would be interested in attending

MVCTC over the next two years.

On December 19-21, students will be taking their semester exams. Please encourage your son/daughter to prepare to do their best on the exams. The first semester will end on December 21, 2011.

TCN Vo Ag teacher, Mr. Kuhn, took eight students to National Trail to participate in the Parliamentary Procedure contest. Our team received a Gold Rating and third in the sub-district contest. Congratulations to Mr. Kuhn and the FFA students who participated in the contest!

**Doug Dunham**

## Winter Athletics



### January

- 3: JHGB @ TVS—5:00 pm
- 4: Varsity Bowling vs. Franklin—4:00 pm
- 5: JHBB vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm  
HSGB @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 6: HSBB @ Newton—6:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling vs. Northeastern—4:00 pm
- 7: JHGB vs. Arcanum—10:00 am  
JH Wrestling @ Northridge—10:00 am
- 9: HSGB @ Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
- 10: JHGB @ Bradford—5:00 pm
- 12: JHBB @ Ansonia—5:00 pm  
HSGB vs. Ansonia—5:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ Ansonia—4:30 pm
- 13: HSBB vs. Mississinawa—6:30 pm
- 14: Varsity Wrestling—Panther Invite—10:00 am  
HSGB @ Bethel—1:00 pm  
HSBB @ Carlisle—6:00 pm
- 17: JHGB vs. Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm
- 18: JH Wrestling @ Valley View—5:00 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ Chaminade-Julienne—4:00 pm
- 19: JHBB vs. Covington—5:00 pm  
JH Wrestling @ Dixie—5:30 pm  
HSGB @ Covington—5:30 pm  
Varsity Wrestling @ Dixie—6:00 pm
- 20: HSBB @ Franklin-Monroe—6:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm
- 21: JHGB @ Mississinawa—10:00 am  
HSBB vs. Preble Shawnee—6:00 pm
- 23: JH/Varsity Wrestling vs. Stivers/Northridge—5:30 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ Franklin—4:30 pm
- 24: JHGB vs. Newton—5:00 pm
- 25: Varsity Bowling vs. Tri-Village—4:00 pm
- 26: JHGB @ Richmond Dennis MS—TBA  
JHBB @ Miami East—5:00 pm  
HSGB vs. Miami East—5:30 pm
- 27: Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central—5:30 pm  
HSBB vs. Bradford—6:30 pm
- 28: Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central—9:30 am  
JHGB vs. Eaton—9:30 am  
JHBB @ Newton—10:00 am  
HSGB vs. Brookville—12:00 pm  
HSBB vs. Troy Christian—6:00 pm
- 30: JHBB vs. Bethel—5:00 pm  
JHGB @ Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 31: HSBB @ Arcanum—6:00 pm

### February

- 1: JH Wrestling @ Brookville—4:00 pm  
Varsity Wrestling @ Brookville—6:00 pm  
Varsity Bowling @ Arcanum—4:00 pm
- 2: JHBB @ National Trail—5:00 pm  
JH Wrestling @ TVS—5:30 pm
- 2: HSGB vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
- 3: HSBB vs. TVS—6:30 pm
- 4: JHGB—CCC Tourney—TBA  
Varsity Wrestling vs. Triad—TBA  
HSGB @ Stivers—12:00 pm
- 11: JH & Varsity Wrestling CCC @ Covington—TBA  
JHBB—CCC Tourney—TBA  
HSBB vs. Brookville—6:00 pm
- 17: HSBB @ National Trail—6:30 pm

### March

- 19: Varsity Baseball scrimmage vs. Valley View—4:30 pm
- 24: Varsity Baseball @ Carlisle—11:00 am & 1:00 pm  
JV Baseball vs. Carlisle—11:00 am & 1:00 pm
- 30: Varsity Baseball @ Greenville—4:30 pm  
JV Baseball vs. Greenville—4:30 pm



*Daylight Savings Time  
Begins March 11th!*



As we approach the winter months, please be sure to keep your One Call numbers updated! To make changes, please contact Noelle Murray in the District Office at 962-2671.

## Athletes Earn Top Honors



Congratulations to the TCN Varsity Volleyball team who enjoyed another successful season and finished with a record of 18-3. As part of their successful season, several girls earned top honors in the county. Junior Megan Johnson was named the Preble County Player of the Year and was named to the All-County First Team. Joining her on First Team was Kelly Schriever and Katie Whitaker. TCN senior Mallorie Ullery was named to the All-County Second Team, while senior Kindra Mullins earned Honorable Mention. Congratulations to all!



## TCN Makes Play-offs



The Tri-County North Varsity Football team had a very successful 2011 season finishing with 8 wins and 3 losses while earning the honor of hosting the first home playoff game in school history. The Panthers, under the leadership of a strong senior class, finished second place in the Cross County Conference with eight wins and only one loss in league play. They scored an average of 37 points per game and only allowed 15.7 points per game versus all league opponents. The atmosphere of “playoff week” was very exciting and the panthers would like to thank the community for the support that they showed the team all season long. The Junior Varsity also played nine games this fall and finished a very respectable season with six wins and three losses. The future looks bright for Panther football as there are several very talented classes coming up that have the potential to continue the winning tradition.



## Bottle Rocket Fun

Most of us have set off bottle rockets as a kid just because we're kids. But for the eighth grade science class, bottle rockets were an experiment. The students put together their own rockets before setting them off. The students' mouths were wide open in awe as each rocket spiraled through the air. The eighth grade students learned about aerodynamics while having fun. We hope bottle rockets will be experimented with again at TCNMS!



~ Macey Dennison

## HS Students Visit Jungle Jim's

On November 18th, thirty students from Mrs. Frank's Healthy Living class took a field trip to Jungle Jim's International Market. Jungle Jim's is a 6-acre grocery store that carries a wide variety of foods from around the world. The students were given a tour of the store where they sampled different types of cheese, meat, bread and exotic fruits. The tour guides gave information on how to choose the best products, when to buy organic, and how to cook with and select foods that promote a healthy lifestyle. After the tour, the students had the opportunity to explore all the different grocery departments, international food aisles and shop on their own. It was a great learning experience for the class and the students thoroughly enjoyed the field trip.

## Fall CCC Teams Announced

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

**All-Conference Team (1st Team):** Megan Johnson and Kelly Schriever—volleyball, Hannah Krull and Justin Slusser—soccer, Chris Johnson and Cole Williams—golf, Josh Daugherty, Austin Hutchins, Michael Olinger and JJ MacPherson—football.

**Special Mention Team (2nd Team):** Mallorie Ullery and Katie Whitaker—volleyball, Alex Koker and Morganne Hammaker—cross country, Bailey Cruse and Jon Offenbacher—soccer, Tyler Gallaher—golf, Sam Judd and Caleb Lawson—football.

**Honorable Mention Team:** Kindra Mullins—volleyball, Aaron Koenig and Zach VanMeter—cross country, Jasmine Weaver and Colton Neal—soccer, Casey Dearth—golf, Billy Derringer and Jacob Schlater—football.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding athletes!

## Eating Well On A Budget



The three P's: Plan, Purchase and Prepare.

**Plan** meals and snacks for the week according to an established budget. Include meals that will “stretch” expensive food items (stews, casseroles, stir-fried dishes). Check for sales and coupons in the local paper or online.

**Purchase** groceries when you're not hungry or rushed. Stick to your grocery list and buy store brands if cheaper. Buy in bulk or family packs as it is usually cheaper. Buy fruits and vegetables that require a little prep time.

**Prepare** double or triple the size on recipes and freeze meal-sized portions for later convenience. Be creative with fruits and vegetables and use them in different ways during the week. Try “no cook” meals such as salads.

*U.S. Dept. of Agriculture—Center for Nutrition Policy & Promotion*

## Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon

On Friday, December 9th, TCN, once again, opened their doors to all area senior citizens to partake in a holiday luncheon. Approximately 83 seniors were in attendance. Seniors enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by the TCN cafeteria staff. Following the meal, they were entertained by TCN's band, choir, 2nd and 4th grade music students, all performing holiday carols. 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 a door prize for the luncheon. Those businesses include Sarah's Pizza, Village Florist & Gift Shop, Dayton Dragons, Wendy's, Brennan's Foods, Loudy's Office Supplies, Subway, McMaken's Car Wash, The Unique Boutique Gifts & Designs, Murray Car Detailing, LaRosa's Pizzeria, Miller's Hardware, The Specialty Shop and Meijer. Thank you to all who supported the event!



## Title 1 Family Night

A Title 1 Family Night was held on Thursday, November 17th. Title 1 students and their family members were shown a variety of ways to make reading and math concepts educational and fun. They spent the evening reading books, playing math games, and working on the computers with reading and math concepts. The evening was culminated with cookies, punch and milk. Each child also received a "goodie" bag with pencils, rulers, stickers and other miscellaneous items. The staff members involved were Mrs. Olwine, Title 1 Reading Intervention, Mrs. Pieratt, Title 1 Math/Reading Intervention, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Heltsley. We appreciate the family support given to our students.



## Students Write Soldier

Fifth grade social studies students wrote letter to TCN graduate David Seibel, 1st Lt, aboard his ship in Japan, the USS Shiloh CG-67. David was assigned to assist Japan during the Tsunami and nuclear aftermath last year. The students were able to meet with David while he was home for a recent visit. David brought the students photos of his experiences and explained his career then and now. He is currently stationed in Charleston, SC involved in his nuclear training after returning from his ship in Japan. He brought the students candy and coins from Japan as a thank you for their letters of support.



## Kindergarten Registration

TCN Elementary will be holding their Kindergarten registration on: **Monday, February 13th—9 am-12 noon; Tuesday, March 13th—3:30-6:30 pm; and Wednesday, April 11th—1-4 p.m.** in the District Office. 2012-2013 Kindergarteners must be five years old on or before August 1, 2012, and parents must provide the following:

*Original birth certificate, social security card, physician's immunization records, original copies of any child custody orders, decrees or modifications of order relevant to the child, and **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. Please contact the District Office at 962-2671 with any questions.

## Sixth Graders Visits Egypt

The sixth grade social studies students recently took a trip to Egypt. They excitedly boarded a riverboat for a journey up the Nile River. They visited the sites of many great Egyptian Pharaohs' achievements. Along the way, the Pharaohs greeted students and presented their lives and monuments in person. The striking resemblance was amazing!



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**Upcoming Events**



**January**

- 1: New Year's Day
- 2: Classes Resume from Winter Break
- 6: Report Cards Sent Home With Students  
HS STEPS
- 11: MS Geography Bee  
STARS
- 16: Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL
- 17: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
- 27: HS STEPS

**February**

- 3: Interims Sent Home With Students  
HS STEPS
- 13: Kindergarten Registration—District Office: 9 am-12 pm
- 15: STARS
- 16: MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm  
ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-7:30 pm
- 17: NO SCHOOL in lieu of Conferences
- 20: President's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 21: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
- 24: STEPS

**March**

- 1: FFA Banquet—6:00 pm
- 2: HS STEPS
- 5-9: 2nd Grade Terra Nova Testing (all subjects)
- 6: Muse Machine—9:30 am
- 8: MS Band Concert
- 9: End of Third Quarter
- 11: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 12-16: OGT Week
- 13: Kindergarten Registration—District Office: 3:30-6:30pm
- 16: Report Cards Sent Home With Students  
HS STEPS
- 21: STARS
- 26: Recess Day—NO SCHOOL (possible make up day)
- 29: Spring Pictures
- 30: HS STEPS

**April**

- 2-6: Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
-