



## TRI-COUNTY NORTH LOCAL SCHOOLS



# PANTHER PRIDE

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

WILLIAM DERRINGER

Another successful school year has come and gone. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each of our graduates as well as their family and friends. We wish them the best of luck as they enter college, the work force or whatever they choose to pursue. I know that they will be successful if they set goals for themselves and then work hard at achieving those goals.

This summer, we will have many projects occurring around the school. We plan on painting the middle school gym as it has needed it for some time. We will also be resurfacing the parking lot around the school. Many of you have noticed that there are some areas where the lot has greatly deteriorated. As part of this project, we are planning on adding a couple of additional catch basins to try to improve the flow of water from the front of the school. The project will start around the end of June and will be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. These projects will be paid for with Permanent Improvement dollars.

In an attempt to conserve energy, our hours of operation during the months of June and July will be from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with the building being closed on Fridays. By following this practice, the District has the potential to save 20% on energy costs for these two months. Starting August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be back on our normal hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Please take a moment to read the article about our educators who are retiring this year. This group has served Tri-County North (formerly Twin Valley North) for a combined 220 years. They will be greatly missed. We wish them the best and hope that they take some well deserved time to spend with their family and friends.

I hope each of you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. As always, please feel free to contact me at the District Office at 937-962-2671 if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

## TCN CLASS OF 2010



The Tri-County North Class of 2010 graduated on Thursday, May 27th, at the Salem Church of God. There were 98 graduating seniors overall. This year's Valedictorians were Danielle Bennett, Bailey Judd and Heather Baker. The 2010 Salutatorian was Ashley Harkins.

The Tri-County North Board of Education, Administration and Staff would like to wish each graduating senior the very best in all of their future endeavors. It has been a pleasure having you represent TCN! Congratulations and best of luck to you!

*Congratulations!*



*The 2010/2011 school year begins August 18th!*



*Congrats to the 2010 Prom King & Queen, Cody Broughton & Dakota Arde!*

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This has been another great year at TCNES! Our thanks to the parents for your support and encouragement this year. Some of the last few weeks have seen a flurry of activities and events that have included field trips to the Zoo, the Boonshoft Museum, Caesar's Creek, the Brown Memorial Library and Woodland Altars. We also enjoyed a wonderful music concert by our 2nd and 4th grade students. All students participated in and enjoyed a GREAT Field Day, which was financed by the students and parents collecting over 40,000 box tops this school year. We finished with a walking field trip to Golden Gate Park, in honor of Skye Getter and her family, and a "Coins For Cancer" collection to help the family with expenses. Altogether, we raised over \$1,500.00!

Grade cards were sent home with students on the last day of

## DENNY DYER

school and included grade reports, a district calendar for next year and an elementary calendar with important dates for the 2010/11 school year. We did NOT include our supply lists or fee lists for next year, but will have the information available on our webpage at [www.tcnschools.com](http://www.tcnschools.com) by August 1, as well as posted on the school doors around that same time.

If you have not yet registered your kindergartener for next year, please do so in the District Office as soon as possible! They must be registered before they can be screened and must be screened before they can start school in August.

The Elementary office will be closed from June 11—August 1st. We will reopen on August 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

Have a safe and happy summer! See you next year!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

The end of school has come so quickly that it doesn't seem as though summer should be starting. Students and staff have worked extremely hard to wrap up the 2009-10 school year. The closing months have brought about a great amount of work and effort. It is a joy to say that students have been exceptional with their behavior throughout the school year and this makes the classrooms much more conducive to learning. We are proud to say that the stu-

dents at TCNMS can say "You can't hide your Panther Pride." Teachers have spoken very highly of student behavior at each grade level. This is a compliment to the parents and community of Tri-County North. We are privileged to have such a great community for our students.

Here is some information for next school year. We will have an Open House/Meet the Teacher night on August 16th from 5:00—6:30 p.m. Our

## JOE FINKBINE

first day of school for the 2010-11 school year is August 18th. School fees will be posted on the school website at [www.tcnschools.com](http://www.tcnschools.com). Go to the middle school link. They will also be posted on the front entrance doors to the middle school starting August 2nd. School fees can be paid during Open House, as well as schedules picked up for students. I hope each and every one of you has a great summer! I am looking forward to another great year at TCNMS!

## HIGH SCHOOL

TCNHS Senior Awards were held on May 18th. The Class of 2010 was represented by a large number of award winners, including the Valedictorians and Salutatorian. The Valedictorians are Danielle Bennett, Bailey Judd and Heather Baker. The Salutatorian is Ashley Harkins. Mrs. Norris, once again, did an excellent job organizing this time honored event. Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients:

**Bailey Judd**—Reid Hospital, Vancrest, Kenneth Garber, TCN Athletic Boosters, Chris Tucker Scholarships, **Cody Broughton**—TCN PTO, Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce, Lewisburg Area Council of Churches Scholarships, **Cody Eakes**—TCN Athletic Boosters, Bob Brown, Tabbie Booso Scholarships, **Jensen Flora**—Lewisburg Emergency Unit Scholarship, **Marijo McKinley**—Carolyn Anthony Scholarship, **Cassi Hall**—Lion's Club, Cody Holp, Bob Brown, Larry Harmon Honorary Scholarships, **Emily Mullins**—TCNEA Scholarship, **Adie Foster** and **Paige**

## JEFF PARKER

**League**—Trailriders Scholarship, **David Howell**—TCN Band Boosters Scholarship, **Danielle Bennett**—Franklin B. Walters, Ohio University, Larry Harmon Memorial Scholarships, **Heather Baker**—Charles D. Murray, Henny Penny/Jack Cobb, Eaton Rotary, Omicron Sigma Sorority, Preble County Chamber, Lewisburg Area Council of Churches Scholarships, **Jessica Rudnicki**—University of Dayton, Miriam Wilhelm Scholarships, **Cori Burnside**—Indiana University East Scholarship, **Ashley Harkins**—Delta Theta Tau Scholarship, **Ashley Perkins**—Delta Theta Tau, Ideal Chapter of the Eastern Star in Memory of Ruth and Cyril Rice Scholarships, **Laura Bolen**—Cody Holp Scholarship, **Zach Biser**—Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, and **Joe Guley**—Jim Scherman Scholarship.

Congratulations to all scholarship recipients! We wish the entire Class of 2010 a bright future and best of luck to you in all of your future endeavors!

## SUMMER/FALL ATHLETICS



### June

7-10: Girls Basketball Camp (grades 3-8) - 9 am—2 pm

### July

12-15: HS Volleyball Camp—9 am—2 pm

MS Volleyball Camp—6-8 pm

26-30: HS Volleyball Camp – 9am—2 pm

26-29: MS Volleyball Camp—6-8 pm

19-29: HS Football Camp (except Sunday) - 4:30-8:30 pm

22-23: Pee Wee Football Camp (grades 3-6) - 9 am—12 noon

26-29: MS Football Camp—4:30-8:30 pm

### August

7-8: HS Cheerleading Camp in Westerville, Ohio

13: Boys Varsity Golf @ Stillwater—9:00 am

Girls Varsity Golf @ Ansonia—9:00 am

23: Boys Varsity Golf @ Bethel—4:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Dixie—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Dixie—7:30 pm

24: Boys Varsity Golf vs. TVS—4:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Madison—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer @ Madison—5:30 pm

26: Boys Varsity Golf @ Ansonia—4:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer @ Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer @ Preble Shawnee—7:15 pm

27: Boys Varsity Football vs. Brookville—7:30 pm



28: Boys JV Football @ Brookville—10:00 am

Girls Varsity /JV Volleyball @ Troy—10:00 am

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Northeastern—11:00 am

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Northeastern—1:00 pm

30: Girls JH Volleyball vs. Mississnawa—5:00 pm

Girls Varsity/JV Volleyball @ Madison—5:30 pm

31: Boys Varsity Golf @ Miami East—4:30 pm

Boys JH Football vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm

**NOTICE:** Please be advised that Varsity ticket prices will be going up to \$6.00 per ticket beginning in the Fall of 2010. Season passes will remain the same price, which is why we encourage you to purchase a season pass for next year! Season passes are \$40.00 for a Fall single pass, \$45.00 for a Winter single pass and \$65.00 for a Fall & Winter single pass. Family passes are also available. Please contact the Athletic Office to purchase your passes or for more information.

## ATHLETIC REMINDERS!



- ◆ Sport physicals, emergency medical forms and the Code of Conduct (signature page) **must** be turned into the Coach or the Athletic Office prior to the first day of practice in order to participate in any sport.
- ◆ Participation fees of \$30 per sport **must** be turned into the Athletic Department prior to the first day of practice in order to participate in any sport.
- ◆ Up-to-date schedules can be located at [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net).

**REMEMBER**...athletes will NOT be permitted to participate in a sport until all required paperwork and participation fees are turned in!!!

## ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY

On May 25th, TCNES held their annual Field Day. This year was bigger and better! Students enjoyed an obstacle course, a 24 foot slide that touched the gym ceiling, two moon walks, super size Twister and monster basketball. They also used two huge 8 foot beach balls for a relay race and numerous other activities that our Box Tops and Campbell's soup labels provided. Refreshments were provided by Word Of Faith in Lewisburg. Students were also fingerprinted by the Lewisburg Police Department. Thanks to A-1 Amusements for the rental of their equipment. We are very appreciative to all the volunteers and staff members who helped make this day possible. We couldn't have done it without you! Please continue to save your labels and box tops over the summer. We have bigger plans for next year!



## ANNUAL TRIG\*STAR RESULTS ARE IN!

On Tuesday, March 23, the Trigonometry and Calculus classes participated in the annual Trig\*Star Exam, which is sponsored by the American Society of Professional Surveyors as a means to promote the career field of surveying and mapping. Mr. Kramer spoke to the classes earlier this year about surveying and mapping and also to share information about the Trig\*Star exam. This year's top five finishers are: 1st—Austin Schaar, 2nd—Cody Eakes, 3rd—Heather Baker, 4th—Timmy McClain, 5th—Derrick Barnhart. The scores were very close this year. The 2nd—5th place finishers all had the same score, but their completion times distinguished the placement. Austin will receive a \$250 savings bond for his 1st place finish. His score will be compared with other district winners in the state to determine if he is eligible for any of the state level prizes. Congratulations to Austin and all who took the exam!

### VIP'S LEND A HAND



VIP students have enjoyed another way to help the community this spring. Small groups of students have helped Trinity Lutheran Church set up chairs and wash tables for the Wednesday evening community meals. These meals are for community members struggling with economic problems during these hard financial times and are free of charge. Thanks to all of the groups of students who have donated their time to help in this community event.



### UPDATED VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Attention parents of 6th Graders! The Ohio Department of Health has updated the immunization requirements for students effective the 2010-2011 school year. Next year's 7th grade students will be required to add a Tdap booster (DPT series booster) before starting school. As with other school immunization requirements, students who do not provide documentation of this immunization are subject to exclusion from school. To avoid exclusion, we encourage you to contact your family physician or the Preble County Health Department now to arrange to get this booster and turn in documentation to the Middle School office before school begins this Fall.



### MAYOR VISITS TCN!

On Friday, May 7th, Lewisburg Mayor Mr. David Scott visited TCN first graders from Mrs. Gegglein and Mrs. Tobias' class. Mayor Scott discussed the duties and responsibilities of being a mayor. He also talked about how our community has changed over the years.



### SIXTH GRADERS HEAD TO MICHIGAN!

On May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 57 sixth grade students went on a field trip to Dearborn, Michigan. Both days in Michigan consisted of two stops where students were able to enjoy fun and educational activities. The first day of the field trip began at the Ford Truck Plant. There, students saw the assembly line of the F150 as well as the history of the plant. Then they went to the Henry Ford Museum where the students viewed historical items from different time periods. On the second day of the trip, they went to the Henry Ford Estate. Students were amazed by the many innovations that he incorporated into his house, such as producing his own electricity. Finally, students headed to their last stop in Michigan, which was the Greenfield Village. They enjoyed seeing the homes of historical people and crafts of the past. Many students were able to have the experience of riding in a train or one of the Model T cars as they traveled to the different parts of the village. Overall, the students had a fun filled trip with many lifelong memories.



## 3RD GRADE FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

On April 15th, Tri-County North Elementary held a third grade Family Science Night, led by Mr. And Mrs. Grube. Over eighty-nine people attended the event, which included activities such as "Buzzing Bees", "Optical Illusions" and even "Cool 'Copters". All of the activities were specifically designed to enhance science topics with useful household items. A special THANK YOU to the following volunteers: Mrs. Heck, Mrs. Crum, Dustin Johnson, Shelbi Via, Katie Finnigan, Kasidi Meyers, Sean Tomlin, Aidan Tomlin, Kevin Tomlin, Collin Habel, Nick Erbaugh, Ethan Cooley, Kody Kessler, Josie Heck, Sydney Weaver, Hailey Thies, Morgan Helman, Andrea Combs, Brooke Maleski, Olivia Baldasare and Mack Bell.

Pictured is the Heck family enjoying the "Hovering Paperclip" activity supervised by Katie Finnigan.



## BOX TOP SUCCESS!



At the beginning of the year, TCN Elementary students were shown pictures of Field Day activities. They were told that the more Box Tops they collected, the more activities we could purchase. With much enthusiasm, the students collected over 40,000 Box Tops and exceeded the goal set! They were able to not only buy their Field Day equipment, but also some playground equipment and other incentives, making this a big success for the second year in a row. Many thanks to all those who donated box tops and to the 62 volunteers who assisted with Field Day!

Please continue to save Box Tops throughout the summer. Summer collection sheets will be coming home soon! Every Box Top saved will be applied towards next year's activities!

## ELEMENTARY FUN NIGHT HELD RECENTLY

On April 30, 2010, the first Elementary Family Fun Night was held and was a huge success! There were approximately 127 students who attended and joined the teachers for games, food and an auction. Many individuals and businesses donated to the auction and their generosity was greatly appreciated! Congratulations to Hailey Engle, Megan Poling, David Knisley, Emma Tobias, James Davidson, Preston Jackson, Montana Cox and Alec Wayman for winning lunch with a teacher or Principal Dyer. A special thank you to Steve Hogue, Teresa Pearson, Travis Redman, Bobbie Jo Harris and all the teachers for volunteering your time. We can't wait to see everyone at the Elementary Family Fun Night next year!



## TCN EDUCATORS RETIRING

This year, seven employees will be retiring and Tri-County North will be saying farewell. Those retiring are Sarah Barker, Language Arts—45 years of service, Merle Phelps, Science—39 years of service, Leroy Banks, Industrial Technology and Photography—34 years of service, Jack Zugelder, Custodian—32 years of service, Diana Brower, Aide—30 years of service, Joy Dearth, Math—20 years of service and Martha Bergmann, Intervention Specialist—20 years of service. TCN would like to thank these staff members for their dedication to our students and the community. We wish them all a very happy and healthy retirement! You will be greatly missed next year and many years to come!



Sitting left to right: Joy Dearth, Sarah Barker, Diana Brower and Martha Bergmann. Standing left to right: Leroy Banks, Jack Zugelder and Merle Phelps.

**HAPPY Retirement**

# TRI-COUNTY NORTH LOCAL SCHOOLS

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## NEW SUMMER HOURS:

JUNE 7TH—JULY 30TH  
MONDAY—THURSDAY  
6:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

## **CLOSED FRIDAY**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



### June

- 7-10: Third Grade Summer School—9:00-11:30 am  
14-17: Third Grade Summer School—9:00-11:30 am  
14-7/1: MS Summer School @ Eaton HS—8:00-12 noon  
14-7/22: HS Summer School @ Eaton HS—7:30-12:30 pm  
20: Father's Day  
28: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm

### July

- 4: Independence Day   
8: Grudge Match Blood Drive @ YMCA  
19-23: TCN Band Camp—8 am—3:30 pm, 6-9 pm  
19: TCN Board of Education Meeting @ Verona United Methodist Church—7:30 pm  
31-Aug. 7: Preble County Fair

### August

- 6: Kindergarten Screening (elementary school)

- 9: Kindergarten Screening (elementary school)  
16: Teachers In Service Day  
Open House (Grades 1-12) — 5:00-6:30 pm  
Freshman Orientation in HS Gym—6:30 pm  
TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm  
17: Teachers In Service Day  
Kindergarten Orientation—6:00 pm  
18: Student Classes Begin (Kindergarten will attend on a staggered schedule)   
19-21: Derby Days

## **WINNERS OF CAFETERIA INCENTIVE**



Congratulations to Dalton Adkins in the elementary, Lane Gunder in the middle school and Brooklyn Daugherty in the high school! They were the winners of the Playstation II and Wii gaming systems donated by the TCN PTO. A great, big THANK YOU to the PTO for their generous donations!