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## From The Desk Of The Superintendent

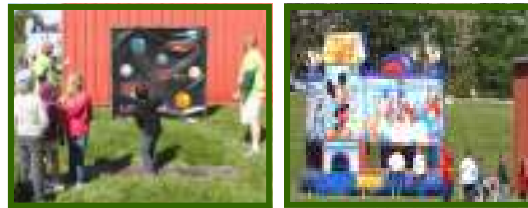
As we close out another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each of our graduates. We wish them the best of luck as they enter college, the workforce or whatever field that they choose to pursue. I know that they will be successful if they set goals for themselves and then work hard at achieving their goals. This year we had one of our smaller graduating classes with only 69 students. I did want to mention that even with a small class, these graduates still earned over \$568,000 in scholarships, grants and aid. They all are to be commended for a job well done!

We have nine employees who will be retiring this year. We wish each of them the best and hope that they take some well-deserved time to spend with their family and friends.

Our summer hours of operation for the month of June will be Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the month of July, the hours will move to 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The District will be closed every Friday during June and July. By following this practice, the District has the potential to save 20% on our energy costs for the summer. Starting July 29th, we will return to our normal hours of operation

from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

As we close out another year, I would like to thank each of you for your support and willingness to work with all of us here at Tri-County North. We are all in this together to provide the best possible experience and education that we can for each of the students of the Tri-County North community. I have stated many times that it is nice to work in a place that has such positive community support. 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 any questions, comments or concerns.



# Field Day!

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## Remember!

You can register for Latchkey for **next year** during Kindergarten Orientation and Meet The Teacher night.



*The 2013-2014 school year begins on Tuesday, August 20th!*

## Class of 2013...Farewell & Good Luck!

The Tri-County North Class of 2013 graduated on Thursday, May 30th, at Salem Church of God. There were 69 graduating seniors overall, 36 of which attended MVCTC. The TCN Class of 2013 Valedictorians were Shannon Wiest, Kelly Schriever and Megan Johnson. The Salutatorian was Gregory "Scott" Buthker.

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!



*2013 Prom King, James Macpherson and Queen, Genesis Alvarez*

## Elementary School



Denny Dyer

It was another great school year in the Elementary! We would like to wish our 4th graders the best as they embark on the Middle School experience next Fall! We would like to remind all of our students to keep sharp this summer by reading and exercising so that everyone will come back ready for a great start to a new school year!

A few reminders...

Kindergarten registration is still held at the District Office over the summer. Students MUST be registered before they can attend the screenings on August 2nd & 5th. Please call Noelle in the District Office at 937-962-2671 with any questions. New students and incoming Kindergarteners need to register at the District Office.

The Elementary office will be open from 8 am to 4 pm through June 12th. It will reopen on August 1st. Summer School for

incoming grades 1-4 will be held from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, August 5-9 and August 12-15.

Meet the Teacher for next year will be held on Monday, August 19th, at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose room and Kindergarten classrooms. Class lists for next year will be posted on August 19th at 3:30 pm on the front doors of the Elementary school.

The first day of school next year will be Tuesday, August 20th. Have a GREAT summer! Remember to check our website and web pages regularly for updated information. Thanks to all of you—parents, students and friends, as it has been a GREAT eleven years as your Principal and thanks for all of your support and encouragement over the years. Best of luck in the future—TCN is truly a great place to work! I will certainly miss all of you!!!

## Middle School



Joe Finkbine

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 school year. The closing months have brought about a great amount of work and effort. I want to thank all the students, parents and staff for a great year.

Staff Appreciation week was May 6th-10th. We are very fortunate to have such a hardworking and caring staff that works with your students. They put extra effort in every day in one way or another. This community and the students get a quality education from

this staff and they are to be commended for the work they do. Again, thank you to all of the staff members who make Tri-County North a special place!

We concluded our school year with a fun filled day. We started with a school wide awards assembly. We recognized students for their academic performance and attendance. We then moved into our field day. Students participated in a variety of events ranging from water balloon relay to tug-of-war. Students had a great time!

The 2013-2014 school year will bring about some changes at Tri-County North. Mr. Dyer is retiring this year

and I will become the Kindergarten—6th Grade Principal. Mr. Dunham, currently our high school principal, will become the grades 7-12. The middle school will become the main entrance to all three schools. We are excited about the upcoming school year and all of the challenges it will bring.

Dates for next year: Open House / Meet The Teacher on August 19th from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Our first day of school will be August 20th. I hope each and every one of you has a great summer. I am looking forward to another great year at TCNMS!

## High School



Doug Dunham

On May 22nd, TCN held their annual Senior Awards Program. Mrs. Norris, HS Guidance Counselor, did an excellent job of organizing the event. Scholarship recipients were:

**Megan Johnson:** Jordan Johnson Memorial; Dale Koons; Lewisburg Lions Club; TCN Athletic Boosters; Lewisburg Council of Churches; Larry Harmon Memorial, Chris Tucker Memorial. Megan was also named MVCTC's Valedictorian.

**Kelly Schriever:** Jordan Johnson Memorial; Eaton Rotary; Pearl Mt. Castle Memorial.

**Shannon Wiest:** Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce; OAPSE; TCNEA; IU East.

**Roxanne Miracle:** Lions Club; Carolyn Anthony Memorial; Pearl Mt. Castle Memorial; Cody Holp Memorial.

**Mindi Greene:** Tabbie Booso Memorial; Trailrider's; Pearl Mt. Castle Memorial.

**Brooklyn Daugherty:** Lewisburg Emergency Unit; Delta Theta Tau; Lewisburg Council of Churches.

**Lauren Dempsey:** Delta Theta Tau; Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce.

**Taylor Marshall:** New Madison Kiwanas; Lewisburg Council of Churches.

**Jeris Getter:** Trailrider's.

**Savannah Butcher:** Miriam Wilhelm Memorial; Preble County Pork Festival; IU East.

**Scott Buthker:** Kenneth Garber.

**Ryan Patrick:** Cody Holp Memorial.

**Ashlynn Reynolds:** IU East.

Congratulations to all of the scholarship winners! In addition, TCN Seniors earned approximately \$260,000 in scholarships!

# Summer/Fall Athletics



## June

3-6: Girls Basketball Camp—9:00 am—12 noon

## July

9: Varsity FB @ Valley View—7 on 7—5:30 pm

15-18: JHVB Camp—4:30-6:30 pm

16: Varsity FB @ Valley View—7 on 7—5:30 pm

16-18: HS Volleyball Camp—9:00 am—2:00 pm

20: Varsity FB @ Dixie—7 on 7—TBA

22-25: HS Volleyball Camp—9:00 am—2:00 pm

29-31: HS Volleyball Camp—9:00 am—2:00 pm

JHVB Camp—4:30-6:30 pm

## August

6: Varsity Volleyball @ Northmont (scrimmage) - 5:00 pm

8: Varsity Volleyball @ Arcanum (scrimmage) - 5:00 pm

12: Varsity Golf @ Eaton—9:00 am

13: Varsity FB @ Anna (scrimmage) - 10:00 am

Varsity Golf @ Dixie—9:30 am

15: Boys Varsity Soccer @ Brookville (scrimmage) - 5:00 pm

16: Varsity Golf CCC Preview @ Stillwater—8:30 pm

17: Varsity FB vs. Dixie (scrimmage) - 10:00 am

20: HSVB @ Brookville—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Madison—5:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Madison—7:30 pm

Varsity Golf vs. Bethel—4:00 pm

22: HSVB @ Valley View—5:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Dixie—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Dixie—7:15 pm

JHVB @ Eaton—5:00 pm

22-27: Boys Football Camp—4:30—8:30 pm

23: Varsity FB @ Northridge (scrimmage) - 7:00 pm

24: HS Cross Country @ Milton Union—9:00 am

26: Boys Varsity Soccer vs. TVS—5:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. TVS—7:15 pm

JHVB vs. Newton—5:00 pm

27: JHFB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm

Varsity Golf vs. National Trail—4:30 pm

29: JHVB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:00 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Bethel—5:30 pm

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Bethel—6:00 pm

HSVB @ Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm

Varsity Golf vs. Miami East—4:30 pm

30: Varsity FB @ Brookville—7:30 pm

31: HS Cross Country @ Greenville—8:30 am

JVFB vs. Brookville—10:00 am

Girls Varsity Soccer @ Yellow Springs—1:00 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer @ Yellow Springs—3:00 pm

## September

2: Varsity Golf @ Franklin Monroe—4:00 pm

3: JHFB @ Ansonia—5:00 pm

JHVB @ Bradford—5:00 pm

HSVB vs. Bradford—5:30 pm

Boys Varsity Soccer @ Seton Catholic—5:30 pm

5: Varsity Golf @ Arcanum—4:00 pm

JHVB vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm

HSVB @ Arcanum—5:30 pm

6: Varsity FB @ Ansonia—7:30 pm

7: HS Cross Country @ Brookville—9:00 am

HSVB @ Miamisburg—10:00 am

JVFB vs. Ansonia—10:00 am

## TCN Staff Retiring

This year, TCN is losing nine staff members to retirement. Although we are happy for them, their presence will be greatly missed in the school. The following staff members are retiring, followed by their years of service at TCN: Denny Dyer, ES Principal—11 years, Barbara Hake, ES Librarian—25 years, Cherie Kuhn, Kindergarten Teacher—29 years, Christal Kuhn, Assistant Head Cook—19 years, Tom Lear, ES Music Teacher—23 years, Diane Pieratt, Title I Teacher—31 years, Don Schmidt, Cook—12 years, Judy Sisson, HS Social Studies Teacher—26 years, and Virginia Wysong, K-12 Gifted & Talented Teacher—29 years. Together, they have a combined total of 206 years of service! We thank them for their service, wish all them an enjoyable and relaxing future and hope that they come back to visit us at TCN often!



Left: Denny Dyer



Front L to R: Christal Kuhn, Judy Sisson, Barbara Hake  
Back L to R: Tom Lear, Don Schmidt, Virginia Wysong, Diane Pierratt, Cherie Kuhn



## 4th Grade AAA Safety Patrol Banquet

Six students were selected to represent Tri-County North school district for AAA Safety Patroller of the Year. Those students representing TCN were Joie Hilt, Katelyn Hines, Hannah Lilly, Madison Flory, Ben Singleton and Blade Root. Each student had to write an essay and send it off to AAA for final selection of Safety Patroller of the Year. Tri-County North did not win, but had great representation.

The banquet took place on April 17, 2013. Mr. Derringer and Lewisburg Police Chief McGee joined Mr. Lear and Mrs. Hake, along with the student candidates and their families for a deli-

cious meal and award ceremony. Door prizes were given out and three of the TCN students won! Every candidate received a medal, framed certificate and a small back pack filled with goodies.

This is the last year for Mr. Lear and Mrs. Hake to be advisors, but they both know the Safety Patrol program will survive and continue for years to come. Thanks to the TCN administration, the School Board and the Lewisburg Village Police. With their guidance, future students will continue to keep TCN students safe.



*Congratulations to Tim Stubblefield, John Stubblefield and Matthew Miller who recently competed in the District 7 History Day Competition in Piqua, where they won the district in their categories. They went on to compete at The Ohio State University at the end of April, where Tim and John took first place and will now compete at the National level in Washington D.C. in June! Best of luck!*

## Stock Market Pays Off



In 1991, a local couple donated \$1,000 for Meca students to use to buy and sell real stocks. Their best growth stock was Apple which split several times and grew from \$65.00 to \$2,800.00. TSI was their worst investment, losing about \$100.00. They used the profits from their diversified portfolio to buy several desktop computers, Smart board technologies and finally a mini lab of nine netbooks for their classroom.



Read Everywhere! was the theme of the week as TCN Elementary students celebrated their Right To Read week, May 13-17, with daily educational and fun activities that promoted reading. Students participated in school wide DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read), dressed as a favorite book character, Read-A-Shirt Day, and reading to a stuffed animal they brought to school for the day. The focus on reading extended into the evening on Tuesday as 73 students and their families returned to school to participate in Family Reading Night. A variety of stations coordinated by TCN staff and high school students allowed families to make (and eat!) book related treats, complete writing and coloring projects and learn about summer programs at local libraries. Families listened to stores read aloud by special guests, and representatives from Rowland Reading Foundation shared ideas for parents to help their children become better readers and introduced the new SuperKids reading program that will begin in grades K-2 this fall. Students, parents and teachers had many favorable comments about this week dedicated to reading!



## TCN Band Performs In Florida



The TCN Marching Band traveled to Orlando, Florida during spring break. Last May, the band sent an audition tape to Disney and was given the honor of performing in the Disney Performing Arts Epcot World March. The students gave an amazing performance at the Epcot Disney Park. People from all over the world watched and videotaped our band. While in Florida, the band participated in the "You're Instrumental" Disney Performance workshops. They got to work with a professional Disney musician and clinician. They were shown how professional musicians work in a recording studio with an end result of our own performance recorded to the Disney hit "Tarzan". The students had an amazing time and it was a trip we will all remember. Thanks to the chaperones that accompanied us as well as the community for supporting the program. Our final concert this year was on May 9th.



## Elementary Artwork



During the month of March, the Preble County Fine Arts Center hosted their annual Student Art Show, which exhibited a variety of student art pieces from each of the Preble County schools. Each piece of artwork is entered into a specific category. Our students had artwork in the categories of drawing, painting, printing and pottery.

This year, 32 talented students in grades 1-4 had artwork chosen to represent TCN. Those students received a ribbon of participation and an Awesome Artist certificate.

Those participating were Zoe Beare, Madeline Benner, Zach Calhoun, Kylie Cooper, Annie Ferguson, Bekka Floyd, Shannon Garwood, Jaelyn Hawkins, Cora Helms, Bailey Hemmelgarn, Jackson Isaacs, Jessica Isaacs, Sydney Jackson, Alex Klungenberger, Kaimee Knisley, Mekenzie Marker, Madison Matthews, Hailey McKinney, Alex Montgomery, Katelyn Plumley, Grace Patrick, Trenton Norris, Landon Offenbacher, Morgan Quesinberry, Nathan Sims, Kyland Stinson, Rilee Terry, Laney Varner, Joseph Warnecke, Mason Webster, Lynn Weist and Shayna Willard. Great job to all!

## 6th Graders In Dearborn, Michigan

On May 16th and 17th, sixty-one students from the 6th grade class went on a field trip to Dearborn, Michigan. Both days in Michigan consisted of two stops, where students were able to enjoy fun, 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 day two, the students went to the Greenfield Village. They enjoyed seeing the homes of historical people and craftworks of the past. Also, 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 filled with many lifelong memories!

## National Poetry Month

The Library celebrated National Poetry month in April. As part of the celebration, the 5th, 7th and 10th grade Language Arts classes came to the library and created found poems using spines of books. Found poetry is created by using fragments of printed materials, in our case, book spines. Students had a great time finding titles that created poems. To see more spine poetry, go to <http://linkyv.com/library>.



## Project MORE

Project MORE stands for Mentoring Ohio Reading Excellence. Eighty-seven elementary and middle school students received thirty minutes daily of one-on-one intervention with an older mentor. The forty-nine mentors ranged in age from sixth grade through high school. The program was a success for students and mentors alike. After the last day with her student, eighth grade mentor, Courtney Mescher, stated, "I feel accomplished". Students became better readers and mentors gained patience and sharper reading skills.



Mentors are working on a scrapbook as a culminating project, documenting their year with students. Supplies for the scrapbooks are donations from teachers and a local scrapbook store, Scrap-N-Friends. A display about Project MORE will also be at the Preble County Fair. Project MORE continues to grow and



become more successful every year. TCN staff members make the program function smoothly with their hard work and dedication. Next year will, no doubt, bring new students and mentors reading excellence!



*Above: 6th Grade in MI*

*Right: Elementary Field Day*



## Flat Stanley

Miss Connolly's kindergarten class recently read Flat Stanley, a story about a boy who gets flattened by a bulletin board and then goes on many adventures, including being mailed to his friend in California (since he fits in an envelope)! After doing so, they decided to make their own letters and send them to Miss Emily, Miss Connolly's sister in Washington, D.C., and to three soldiers currently serving in Afghanistan. The class walked to the post office to mail the letters and are anxiously awaiting pictures and letters in return!



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## Upcoming Events



### June

- 16: Father's Day
- 25: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm

### July

- 4: Independence Day
- 15: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 15-19: TCN Band Camp—8 am-3 pm, 6-9 pm
- 27-Aug. 3: Preble County Fair

### August

- 2: Kindergarten Screening (in the Elementary)
- 5: Kindergarten Screening (in the Elementary)
- 5-15: Elementary Summer Intervention (1-4) - 8:30-11:30 am
- 14: MS/HS Fall Sports Picture Day
- 15-17: Derby Days

16: Teacher In Service Day

19: Teacher In Service Day

Meet The Teacher Grades 1-12—5:00-6:30 pm

Freshman Orientation—6:00-7:00 pm

Kindergarten Parent & Student Orientation—6:30 pm

TCN Board of Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm

20: Student Classes Begin (Kindergarten will attend on a staggered schedule)



### Elementary Fun!

Kids voted on what favorite book character they wanted Mr. Dyer to dress up as so he became "*Pinkalicious*"! Thanks for being a good sport, Mr. Dyer!

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