



PANTHER PRIDE

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM DERRINGER

As we wrap up the 2013-14 school year, I would like to thank the Tri-County North Community for the support that you showed on May 6th with the passage of our school operating levy. I also want to mention that even though the levy passed, we still have a very tight budget for the upcoming year as we will not receive our first payment until April of 2015. The additional funds, once collected, will help us continue to offer our students many of the opportunities and experiences that we have in the past. Again, your support is greatly appreciated and we are blessed to live in a community where our students' education and experiences are so highly valued.

There will be a slight change in the structure of our school buildings next year. The fifth grade, which has been on the high school schedule for several years, will be moved to the elementary schedule. This means that next year's fifth graders will remain on the same schedule that they had this year, starting at 8:45 a.m. and ending at 3:20 p.m. Our fifth grade students that were bused will, in most cases, be riding the same bus that they did last year with just slight changes in the pickup and drop off times. Mr. Finkbine will be the principal of our K-5 building and Mr. Dunham will be the principal of the 6-12 building. Mrs. Wombold will be the secretary for grades K-5 and Mrs. Finton will be the secretary for grades 6-12. I believe that this change will be for the best as many people have had a concern in the past with our fifth graders being out early in the morning at bus stops and starting school at 7:30 a.m.

We have completed our first year with all visitors entering through the main entrance and keeping all other doors locked during the day for the safety of our students and staff. Although this was difficult for some at first, it worked out very well as the year progressed. Next school year, Mrs. Fullmer, our attendance secretary, will be moving out into the office of the main entrance to buzz you in and to work with you and your children with signing in and attendance concerns.

I hope that each of you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I always look forward to speaking with the kids upon their return to hear what fun and exciting things that they did over the summer months. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call at the District Office at 937-962-2671. Our summer hours are listed on the back page of this newsletter for your convenience. Thank you, again, for making the Tri-County North community a great place to raise your children!

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Don't forget!

The 2014-2015 school year begins on Tuesday, August 19th!

CLASS OF 2014...FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK!

The Tri-County North Class of 2014 graduated on Thursday, May 29th, at Salem Church of God. There were 79 graduating seniors overall, 41 of which attended MVCTC. The TCN Class of 2014 Valedictorians were Jesse Cavenish, Megan McClain, Urmil Patel and Savannah Smith. The Salutatorian was Hannah Loughman.



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 in your futures!

2014 Prom King, Kyle Edgin and Queen, Nicole Brumley



K-6 PRINCIPAL NEWS

Tri-County North Elementary will be experiencing a change next school year. One of the major changes is fifth grade will now be included in the elementary. This means kindergarten through fifth grade will now be on the 8:45 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. schedule for the 2014-2015 school year. Bus routes will only be slightly altered to include our incoming kindergarten students. Some of the changes in staffing to accommodate this shift include: Mrs. Diana Haman (Guidance Counselor), Mrs. Karen Wombold (Secretary) and myself will all be working with kindergarten through fifth grade students. These changes will allow our TCN staff to better serve the students and community. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 962-2673 (elementary school office) or 962-2671 (District Office).

I want to take time to recognize the retirement of Mrs. Kristi Falldorf. Mrs. Falldorf has taught at Tri-County North for 29

7-12 PRINCIPAL NEWS

It is hard to believe we are ending the 2013-2014 school year! Each school year seems to go by faster and faster. I wish to thank everyone for adjusting to the new organization this year with me assuming the 7th and 8th graders as well as the high school students. I have enjoyed working with all of the 7th and 8th grade students as well as all of the new teachers I was able to work with and observe educating our Tri-County North students.

I wish to congratulate Mrs. Roxie Curtin, our French and Math teacher, on her retirement after this school year. Also, our high school secretary, Mrs. LaDonna Michael, will be retiring after 24 years of service at Tri-County North. Both Roxie and LaDonna will be missed. We wish them both the very best!

At the high school this year, we were able to continue to offer our Dual Enrollment classes in ACP English, Speech, Personal Finance and Geology, where students were, once again, able to gain high school credit along with college credit through Indiana University. Next school year, we will only be able to offer the ACP English and Geology for dual enrollment credit due to a change in instructor certification; however, we are

JOE FINKBINE

years. She has touched so many lives over the course of her career and left such a positive impression on her students. I have personally worked with her for one year, but it was quickly evident to me her desire to make the most of every moment with her students and professionalism towards her job. Mrs. Falldorf will be missed here at TCNES!

Some informational dates and times for 2014-2015 school year: Open House / Meet the Teacher on August 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Our first day of school for the 2014-2015 school year is August 19th. School fees can be paid during Open House / Meet the Teacher as well as class lists will be posted at this time.

I hope each and every one of you has a great summer. I am looking forward to another great year at TCNES!

DOUG DUNHAM

still going to offer Personal Finance and Speech for high school credit. We are excited that we will be adding a Dual Enrollment course through Sinclair Community College which will be Western Civilization.

The Tri-County North High School staff would like to wish the Class of 2014 the best of luck in their future endeavors. The seniors were awarded over \$800,000.00 in scholarships/awards for post-secondary education. The Valedictorians were: Urmil Patel, Jesse Cavendish, Megan McClain and Savannah Smith. The Salutatorian was Hannah Loughman.

The Tri-County North 7th and 8th grades finished the school year strong with them completing their Awards Program and Field Day. We wish the 8th grade students the best of luck as they enter high school next year and the 7th grade continued success next year as 8th grade students.

We look forward to seeing everyone in August. I look forward to being the 6th-12th grade Principal next year and continuing to "Preparing for Tomorrow by Expecting Excellence Today"!



Valedictorian:
Urmil Patel



Valedictorian:
Jesse Cavendish



Valedictorian:
Megan McClain



Valedictorian:
Savannah Smith



Salutatorian:
Hannah Loughman

SUMMER ATHLETICS

June

16-18: Grades 1-8 Girls Basketball Camp—9:00 am—12 noon

July

16-18: Boys Football Camp—4:30-8:30 pm

21-24: JH Volleyball Camp—4:00-6:00 pm

22-25: Boys Football Camp—4:30-8:30 pm

28-31: JH Volleyball Camp—4:00-6:00 pm

August

5: HSVB @ Northmont (scrimmage) - 9:00 am

8: Varsity Golf CCC Preview @ Stillwater—8:30 am

11: Varsity Golf County Meet @ Eaton—10:00 am

12: Varsity FB vs. Anna (scrimmage) - 10:00 am

13: Varsity Golf vs. Dixie—4:00 pm

14: HSVB @ National Trail (scrimmage) - 5:30 pm

15: Varsity FB @ Dixie (scrimmage) - 10:00 am

18: Varsity Golf vs. Mississinawa—4:30 pm

19: Varsity Golf vs. Franklin Monroe—4:30 pm

HSVB vs. Brookville—5:30 pm

Girls Soccer vs. Stivers—5:30 pm

Boys Soccer vs. Stivers—7:30 pm

21: Varsity Golf @ Bethel—4:30 pm

JHVB @ Dixie—5:00 pm

HSVB vs. Valley View—5:30 pm

Girls Soccer @ Dixie—5:30 pm

Boys Soccer @ Dixie—7:15 pm

22: Varsity FB vs. Northridge (scrimmage) - 7:00 pm

23: HSXC & JHXC @ Milton Union—9:00 am

JHVB vs. Eaton—10:00 am

Girls Soccer vs. Greenville—10:00 am

25: Varsity Golf vs. Bradford—4:30 pm

JHVB vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm

26: Varsity Golf @ Ansonia—4:30 pm

JHFB @ National Trail (scrimmage) - 5:00 pm

HSVB @ Dixie—5:30 pm

28: Varsity Golf @ National Trail—4:30 pm

JHVB vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm

HSVB @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm

Girls Soccer @ TVS—5:30 pm

Boys Soccer @ TVS—7:15 pm

29: Varsity FB vs. Brookville—7:30 pm

30: HSXC & JHXC @ Greenville—8:00 am

HSVB @ Bradford/Mississinawa—9:00 am

JVFB @ Brookville—10:00 am

Girls Soccer vs. Yellow Springs—11:00 am

Boys Soccer vs. Yellow Springs—1:00 pm

September

2: Varsity Golf @ Miami East—4:30 pm

JHVB @ Franklin Monroe—5:00 pm

JHFB vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm

HSVB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm

4: Varsity Golf @ Covington—4:30 pm

JHVB vs. Bradford—5:00 pm

HSVB @ Bradford—5:30 pm

Girls Soccer vs. Bethel—5:30 pm

Boys Soccer @ Bethel—7:00 pm

5: Varsity FB vs. Ansonia—7:30 pm

6: HSXC & JHXC @ Brookville—8:00 am

JVFB @ Ansonia—10:00 am

Boys Soccer @ Northeastern—11:00 am

JVFB—Junior Varsity Football

HSVB—High School Volleyball

JHVB—Junior High Volleyball

HSXC—High School Cross Country

JHXC—Junior High Cross Country

ATHLETIC REMINDERS ✓

- Sports 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.
- Good Sam North is no longer offering a centralized location for physicals; you will need to visit your family physician or make other arrangements to have your physical completed.
- Participation fees of **\$40** per sport **must** be turned into the Athletic Department prior to the first regular season competition in order to participate in any sport.
- Up-to-date schedules can be located at www.highschoolsports.net.

PENNY WAR

The TCNMS recently held the annual penny war. This year the VIP students chose to donate the proceeds to the United Way Jacob's Ladder program, which provides food to needy elementary students for the weekends. The students love to sabotage other grades with silver coins that count as negative points while pennies are positive. They love competing for a good cause. Thank you to all who participated.



VIP SPRING FLING

The TCN VIP sponsored the Spring Fling for Backpacks recently. The students raised over \$600.00 to purchase school backpacks for needy children in our district. The donation was made to Trinity Lutheran Church for distribution over the summer to needy students for the fall. Great job TCNMS students and staff!

LATCHKEY NEWS

For the 2014-2015 school year, latchkey will be open to 5th graders for both the morning and afternoon sessions. Sixth graders will be accepted in the morning session ONLY. The morning session is open from 6:30-8:45 a.m. Afternoon session runs from 3:20-6:00 p.m. Latchkey is only available when school is in session. Registration is \$20.00 for new students and \$15.00 for returning students. Registration forms will be available during Open House on Monday, August 18, 2014. The current rate is \$3.50 per hour for the first child, \$3.00 per hour for the second child and \$2.75 per hour for the third child and each child after that.

FINE ARTS SHOW

During the month of April, the Preble County Fine Arts Center hosted their annual Student Art Show, which exhibits 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 and printing.

This year there were 37 talented students in grades 1-6 that had artwork chosen to represent TCN. Those students received a ribbon for participating and an Awesome Artist Certificate.

Congratulations to Hailey Brumley, Bekka Floyd, Kyra McCloud, Ava Brunk, Azia Singleton, Landon Offenbacher, Jordayn Schoonover, Katelyn Parris, Natalie Lefeld, Breanna Ward, Dalton Adkins, Shawnee Krull, Zach Quesinberry, Alexis Murray-Madigan, Kaylyn Heindl, Alex Meyer, Tialle Fowler, Brett Woodyard, Jesse Saylor, Kolton Evans, Madison Terry, Josalyn Miller, Silas Wright, Rilee Terry, Sophia Brunk, Carley Landis, Matthew Davis, Carter Lake, Colton Terry, Hailey Duncan, Melody Wolf, Kora Lykins, Selina Shortes, Kailyn Keathley, Charley Williams, Jackie Lewchenko and Alexa Hutchison.

FULL THROTTLE STEM

On May 13th, students from Tri-County North Middle School got to race their RC cars at Eldora Speedway. Since mid-March, 19 students in grades 5-7 stayed after school to participate in the Full Throttle STEM program. The racing industry incorporates a lot of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, so students were able to learn about and experience some of the different areas of racing through building, modifying and experimenting with their RC cars. Their goal was to build two types of cars—a drag racing car and a challenge course car. The drag car was designed for speed and finished 2nd out of 16 cars. The challenge car was built for control and speed and finished 3rd out of 25 cars. Students were not only able to apply their STEM skills to their RC cars, but on race day, they got to meet students from other schools and look at their projects, got to play around with modeling and simulation programs and talk with real engineers from the US Air Force. Full Throttle STEM was sponsored by Ten80 Racing, the United States Air Force, Eldora Speedway and several local Darke County businesses. The students had a great time and represented our school very well. Well done, Full Throttle STEM Team Members!

SPRING MUSIC PROGRAM

On April 22, the second and fourth grade students each presented their own spring music program. The second grade's program was entitled "Friends and Family". It included songs such as "You've Got a Friend in Me" and "Lean On Me". The students used xylophones on "Make New Friends" and drums, guiros and egg shakers on "Baby Bumblebee". The fourth grade program was a showcase of their many musical abilities including singing and playing various instruments. Students chose the songs "Roar" by Katy Perry and "The Fox" by Ylvis. All students participated in a small group to play instruments, including xylophones, drums or boomwhackers. The students worked very hard for these programs and Miss Mathias is extremely proud of them!



AMELIA BEDELIA VISITS TCN

On May 13th, the K-4 students at Tri-County North Elementary had an author visit from Herman Parish. The very popular Amelia Bedelia books were written by Peggy Parish and then continued by her nephew, Herman Parish, in more recent years. During his visit he told the students about his Aunt Peggy, why he continued the Amelia Bedelia series, and how he got ideas for his books. There was even a surprise visit from Amelia Bedelia herself!



WAX MUSEUM

Grades 4-7 recently participated in a living history wax museum project on May 28th. The students portrayed famous historical figures from Ohio History, American History, Ancient World History and Medieval History. Students made displays showcasing their research and wore period costumes. It was a wonderful success and we look forward to this event next year.



Summer Vacation

6TH GRADE STUDIES CELL STRUCTURE & FUNCTION

The sixth grade science classes do a unit on cell structure and function every year. This year, many of the students, for their final project, made a model of a plant or animal cell. Some were edible, and some were not. The students had a great time designing their cell using different kinds of foods to represent the nucleus, cell wall, cell membrane, endoplasmic reticulum, along with other cell organelles. Eating the cell was the best part for remaining students and teachers! Others used Play-doh to create their cell. Several students performed a skit to represent the structure of a cell. They were able to identify the actors and the props as the different structures. Having the opportunity to make a model of something normal so tiny can be fun, yet educational. Thanks to the parents who supported their child with this project!



TCN STAFF RETIRING

This year, TCN is losing five staff members to retirement. Although we are thrilled 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: Roxeverne Curtin, French Teacher—30 years, Kristi Falldorf, Kindergarten Teacher—29 years, Joanele Hoce, Curriculum Director—4 years, LaDonna Michael, High School Secretary—24 years, and Linda Stupp, School Nurse—19 years. Together, they have a combined total of 106 years of service! We thank them for their service, wish all of them an enjoyable and relaxing future and hope that they come back to visit us at TCN often!



Pictured left to right: Linda Stupp, Kristi Falldorf, Roxeverne Curtin and LaDonna Michael. Absent: Joanele Hoce

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June

15: Father's Day
25: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm in the DO

July

4: Independence Day
14-18: TCN Band Camp—8 am-3pm, 6-9 pm
21: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm in Verona
26-Aug. 2: Preble County Fair

August

4-8: Summer School for Grades 1-4—9:00 am-11:30 am
11-13: Summer School for Grades 1-4—9:00 am-11:30 am
14-16: Derby Days
18: Teacher In Service Day
 Open House/Meet The Teacher—5:00-6:30 pm
 9th Grade Orientation—6:00 pm
 TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
19: Student Classes Begin



2013-2014 Sixth Grade Trip to Dearborn, Michigan

Summer Hours of Operation

June 9—June 26

6:00 AM—4:00 PM

CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY

June 30—July 24

6:30 AM—2:30 PM

CLOSED: July 2, 3, 4, 11, 18, 25

Regular hours of operation resume on
Monday, July 28th.

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