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From The Desk Of The Superintendent

William Derringer



It was nice to see the first week of March as the temperature rose above the freezing point allowing some of the huge snow drifts to melt and our roads to finally clear off. As a result of the weather that we have experienced over the past two months, we have been forced to cancel school six times so far this winter. In comparison, we have been very fortunate as three of the other schools in our county have cancelled nine days each. As the State allows five calamity days this year, we are required to make up one day and have decided to just add this day onto the end of our master calendar making our last day of school for students May 27th. I would like to mention what a wonderful job the villages and township crews have done this winter opening up the roads for our buses so that we could have school on some days when other schools were forced to cancel. During inclement weather, we speak with these gentlemen quite frequently and they are always willing to help out in any way that they can to clear paths so that our buses can travel safely. I also wanted to mention that although the State allowed five calamity days this year, we will only be receiving three days next school year, and will have to

make up all cancelled days two years from now. For this reason, we have built into next year's school calendar two recess days in the spring that we can use as make up days if needed.

Each year as spring approaches, so do the Ohio Achievement Tests for our students. Starting the week of March 15th, we will be giving the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) to our students in the high school and starting April 19th, we will be giving the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) to our students in grades three through eight. Please make sure that your children get a good nights rest and eat a good breakfast on testing days. I know that our teachers have been working very hard to prepare your children for these tests. Currently it is a requirement that all students in the State of Ohio must pass the OGT before they can earn a high school diploma.

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the fourth nine weeks and soon we will be wrapping up another school year. I would like to thank each of you for supporting our efforts here at Tri-County North!



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Daylight Savings Time
Begins March 14!

Incentives! Incentives! Incentives!



Due to an increase in the amount of negative balance lunch accounts, Tri-County North has decided to give an incentive to each child who has zero charges in the cafeteria. Since the beginning of this school year, many students have charged items in the cafeteria which has placed them with a negative balance on their lunch accounts. Many of these children have accrued negative balances above \$10.00. In an attempt to clear this debt, the Tri-County North PTO has donated two Wii game systems and one Playstation III game system to be given away at the end of this school year. Students will earn one entry at the end of every week during the second semester that they do not have a negative balance on their lunch account. During the last week of school, a drawing will be held and one lucky student from each building will win one of the prizes. Hopefully, this will give our students an incentive to pay off the negative balances that they have accrued during the first semester. If you are a parent who knows that your child has a negative balance, please help us by getting these charges paid off. Who knows, your child might be one of the three students to take home a very nice game system at the end of the year!

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Elementary School



TCNES students in grades 2, 3 and 4 finished the Terra Nova assessments and results should be back prior to the end of school this year. Grade 2 took the entire battery of tests, while grades 3 and 4 took only the social studies and science sections.

Grades 3 and 4 are preparing for the state of Ohio Achievement Tests to be given in reading and math the week of April 19-23. Parents are requested to make appointments and other plans around this particular week, as all tests missed for any reason MUST be made up in a short window of time. Testing will start

promptly at 9 am each morning and finish by 12 noon, so students should get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast and be here on time for the testing each day.

Over 50 students have elected to participate in a Before School tutoring program every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30 am—8:40 am. This program is designed to help prepare the students for the upcoming OAT tests in April, as well as improving their study skills.

A 4th grade parent meeting was held in March to answer any parent ques-

tions about the trip to Woodland Altars May 5-7. Forms are due on March 8th, while the \$55 fee is due on April 9th. All other fees (including past years) are due no later than April 16th. All fees MUST be paid in order to participate in this trip.

An Elementary Fun Night will be held on Friday, April 30th for elementary students and their parents from 4:30—6:30 pm. Watch for more details later this month!

Please note that the last day of school for students is now May 27th!

Denny Dyer

Middle School



I love winter and gathering around the fire, but I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring and warm weather. With spring comes state testing for the middle school and a great opportunity for students to show what they know. TCNMS will be conducting the Ohio Achievement Assessment, formerly known as the Ohio Achievement Test, from April 20-30th. The 5th and 8th grade students will be taking the Reading, Math, and Science tests and the 6th and 7th grade students will be taking Reading and Math tests. The TCNMS staff worked diligently to prepare students for these tests and anticipate great results. We will be posting the testing schedule on the website for you to see specific dates for each test. Our 8th grade students recently completed the Making Middle Grades Work (MMGW) assessment. Every other year we randomly select 60 students from the 8th grade to take the MMGW assessment. The assessment has four sections: student survey, reading, math, and science. This survey, along with the teacher survey given to our teachers, provide TCNMS with information about our academics, expectations for students, student services, and the high school and career preparedness of our students. The survey will compare our scores with scores of high scoring sites. Each year the MS staff establishes goals through our MMGW Action Plan to work on for the upcoming years. The survey information received will allow our staff to make data driven decisions towards school improvement. TCNMS is dedicated to providing the best education for your children and constant evaluation of our programs allow for this.

Joe Finkbine

High School



"Preparing For Tomorrow By Expecting Excellence Today". If you have visited TCN over the past two years, you have probably seen these words posted on the doors or somewhere in the building. Each day, the HS faculty delivers educational opportunities to the students of TCN in the classroom. In addition to the daily "preparation", TCNHS has established a "program" of opportunities that focus on the next phase of life beyond HS. The intent of this program is to get students to seriously

explore what they want to do with their life, in terms of careers. The most recent opportunities we have created for TCN students are:

IU East College For A Day—freshmen visit college campuses and experience college academics and college life.

PLAN Assessment—Sophomores take this pre-ACT in preparation for the real ACT.

Full-Length Practice ACT—Juniors and Seniors may participate in this actual ACT test, but the results are

not sent to any colleges. It is merely for practice for the real test.

Senior/Parent College Day—Seniors take one more look at post secondary programs by visiting IU East, Ivy Tech and Purdue College of Technology. Parents are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to sit down with an admissions and/or financial aid counselor and ask general questions.

TCN will continue to strive hard in preparing students for their futures!

Jeff Parker

Spring Athletics

March

- 27: HS Track @ Tipp City—10:00 am
JV BB & SB @ Madison—2:00 pm
Varsity BB vs. Madison—2:00 pm
- 29: JV BB vs. Carroll—5:00 pm
- 30: JV BB vs. Benjamin Logan—5:00 pm



April

- 5: JV BB & SB @ Dixie—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB vs. Dixie—5:00 pm
- 6: HS Track @ National Trail—4:30 pm
Varsity BB & SB vs. Newton—5:00 pm
- 7: JV BB & SB vs. Madison—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ Madison—5:00 pm
- 8: HS Track @ home—4:30 pm
JV BB @ Carroll—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 9: JV BB @ Ansonia—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
- 10: JV BB & SB vs. Preble Shawnee—10 am and 12 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ Preble Shawnee—10 am and 12 pm
- 12: JH Track @ home—4:30 pm
JV BB @ Wayne—5:00 pm
Varsity SB @ Jefferson—5:00 pm
- 13: HS Track @ Brookville—5:00 pm
JV BB vs. Bethel—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ Bethel—5:00 pm
- 15: JV BB & SB vs. Covington—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ Covington—5:00 pm
- 16: HS Track @ TVS—4:30 pm
JH Track @ Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm
JV BB & SB @ Miami East—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB vs. Miami East—5:00 pm
- 17: JV BB @ Brookville—11:00 am
Varsity BB vs. Brookville—11:00 am
- 19: JH Track @ Arcanum—4:30 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ Bradford—5:00 pm
- 20: HS Track @ West Carrollton—TBA
JV BB & SB @ National Trail—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm



- 22: JV BB @ Madison—5:00 pm
Varsity BB vs. Madison—5:00 pm
- 23: JH Track @ Dixie—4:30 pm
JV BB & SB vs. TVS—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ TVS—5:00 pm
- 24: JH Track @ Franklin-Monroe—10:00 am
JV BB vs. Carlisle—11 am and 1 pm
Varsity BB @ Carlisle—11 am and 1 pm
- 27: HS Track—Preble Cty. Meet @ Eaton—4:30 pm
JV BB @ Arcanum—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm
- 29: JH Track @ TVS—4:30 pm
JV BB vs. Bradford—5:00 pm
- 30: HS Track @ Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm
JV BB & SB @ Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB vs. Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm

May

- 1: JV BB vs. Benjamin Logan—11 am and 1 pm
Varsity BB & SB—Preble Cty. Tourney—TBA
- 3: JV SB @ Stivers—5:00 pm
Varsity SB vs. Stivers—5:00 pm
- 4: Varsity BB & SB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm
JV SB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm
- 6: JV BB & SB vs. Northridge—5:00 pm
Varsity BB & SB @ Northridge—5:00 pm
- 7: HS Track @ Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm
JV SB @ Stivers—5:00 pm
- 13: HS Track—CCC meet @ TVS—4:30 pm (prelims)
- 14: JH Track—CCC meet @ TVS—4:30 pm
- 15: HS Track—CCC meet @ TVS—TBA (finals)



2010/2011 Sports Physicals

Sports Physicals will be offered at Good Samaritan North on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

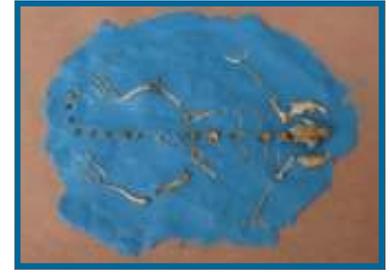
The cost is \$10.00 per physical.

Physical forms can be picked up in the Athletic Office or the District Office.

Fifth Graders Play CSI!



In January, the fifth grade students had the opportunity to dissect owl pellets. They first learned what an owl pellet is made of (just ask your student). Next, they worked with a partner to carefully pick bones out of the pellet. The students used a bone chart to identify unknown bones and sorted the bones by body parts. Often, there was more than one skeleton (or parts of) to piece together. Afterwards, the students shared their identification of the different prey and predicted the habitat in which the owl lived and preyed. The students also found an "interactive" owl pellet website to do on the Smartboard. Through the use of owl pellets, the fifth graders used process and inquiry skills to investigate the interactions within an ecosystem.



All-CCC Teams Announced

The Cross County Conference Teams have been selected. Those receiving special recognition for their hard work and dedication to basketball are:

All-Conference Team

Kindra Mullins

Special Mention

Sara Bierly

Dalton Overholtz

Honorable Mention

Abbey Schlater

Josh McAdams

Congratulations to all on being selected to the All-County Conference Teams!



Box Tops & Field Day!



TCN Elementary is continuing to collect box tops for our field day activities. The number of box tops collected will determine the variety of events the students will be able to participate in. So far, our elementary has collected 38,633 box tops with the support of our students, their families, staff and members of our community. We truly appreciate your support!

Last year's field day was a huge success thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers. In order for this year's field day event to be just as successful, we need volunteers. We will be sending more information home as the big event approaches.

This year, our field day will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, rain or shine.

"Kindergarten After Hours"



On February 2nd, the students and parents in Mrs. Falldorf's kindergarten class enjoyed "Kindergarten After Hours". This was an opportunity for the children to bring in a parent or parents and share what they do at school. The students directed their parents through a series of work stations exploring numerous math and reading concepts. We ended the evening with a Smartboard slideshow of the kindergarten year thus far, followed by snacks. We had a great turnout and a great time!



On average, a four year old child asks 437 questions a day.



Exercise & Children



ATTENTION Sophomore Parents!

Why is exercise or physical activity important for children? Increased physical activity has been associated with an increased life expectancy and decreased risk of cardiovascular disease. Physical activity produces overall physical, psychological and social benefits. Inactive children are likely to become inactive adults. And physical activity helps with controlling weight, reducing blood pressure, raising HDL ("good") cholesterol, reducing the risk of diabetes and some kinds of cancer, and improved psychological well-being, including gaining more self-confidence and higher self-esteem. So, how does one promote physical activity in their child? Physical activity should be increased by reducing sedentary time (e.g., watching television, playing computer video games or talking on the phone). Physical activity should be fun for children and adolescents. Parents should try to be role models for active lifestyles and provide children with opportunities for increased physical activity. It is recommended that all children age 2 and older participate in at least 30 minutes of enjoyable, moderate-intensity physical activity every day.

~ American Heart Association

There will be a parent meeting for the Class of 2012 on April 9th, the evening of high school conferences, in the high school gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to seek your help and input regarding the upcoming fundraisers for this class.

We have the opportunity to work and raise money over the summer at the Dayton Air Show running concessions on July 18th and 19th. We also have started to organize our second annual golf outing scheduled for August 14th. Both of these events are great opportunities for your kids to raise money to support the prom they are obligated to fund their Junior year. Your kids, along with your help, also have the opportunity to run the basketball concessions for all the home events (there are 19 total). We would love for you to come and join us in the planning of these fundraising opportunities. In addition, we would like to start to organize a parent group that will help to support and organize the after prom. We felt conference night would be a good time to collaborate. We hope to see you there! If you have any concerns and cannot make the meeting, please contact Mrs. Shields or Mrs. Adams, the Class of 2012 advisors.

Upcoming Events



April

- 1 & 2: Spring Break—No School
- 4: Easter
- 9: HS/MS Parent-Teacher Conferences—2:30—8:30 pm
HS Registration Parent Mtg. For 8th graders—7 pm
- 15: Third Grade Science Night
Middle School Spring Picture Day
- 16: Elementary School Spring Picture Day
- 19: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 19-23: 3rd & 4th Grade Ohio Achievement Testing
- 19: Kindergarten Registration—District Office—1-4 pm
- 20-30: Ohio Achievement Assessment—6th through 8th
- 22: Earth Day
Preble Cty. Honors Scholars Banquet @ TVS—6:00 pm
- 23: Interim Reports Sent Home With Students
- 24: Jr./Sr. Prom @ Meadowbrook Country Club—6:30 pm
After Prom at United Methodist Church—11:30 pm
- 30: Elementary Fun Night—4:30—6:30 pm
HS Spring Play—7:00 pm

May

- 1: HS Spring Play—7:00 pm
- 4: Washington DC Parent Mtg. For Current 7th graders
- 5-7: 4th Graders to Woodland Altars
- 9: Mother's Day
- 10: MS/HS Choir Concert—7:00 pm
- 10-13: Terra Nova Testing—MS Students
- 11: MS/HS Band Concert—7:00 pm
- 13-14: 6th Graders to Dearborn, MI
- 17: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 18: Senior Awards Night—6:30 pm
- 21: 2nd & 4th Grade Music Program—6:30 pm
- 25: Elementary Field Day
HS Spring Sports Awards—6:30 pm
- 26: Baccalaureate @ TBA—6:00 pm
- 27: Last Student Day (**Make Up Day**)
Graduation @ Salem Church of God—7:00 pm
- 31: Memorial Day

June

- 20: Father's Day
- 28: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm

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Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



Just A Reminder!

All children entering Kindergarten in the 2010/2011 school year need to get registered! TCN Kindergarten registration will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 20, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Registration is held in the District Office. Please visit www.tcnschools.com for a list of required documentation to bring with you when you register your child. Please call 937-962-2671 with any questions pertaining to Kindergarten registration.



Ms. Kauffman's first grade class recently celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by making their own "Cat In The Hat" hats, ate green eggs, practiced rhyming, dressed wacky and made books to celebrate the day!