

# Panther Pride



## Tri-County North Local Schools Lewisburg, Ohio

### 2007 Panther Homecoming

The 2007 Panther Homecoming was held on Friday, September 21, 2007 during a game against Miami East. Congratulations go out to our 2007 Homecoming King and Queen, Garrett Lawson and Amy Schaar and to all of the Homecoming court.



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- District Office: 962-2671
- High School: 962-2675
- Middle School: 962-2631
- Elementary School: 962-2673

### We're On The Web!!

- [www.tcnschools.com](http://www.tcnschools.com)
- [www.tcnschools.org](http://www.tcnschools.org)
- [www.tcn.k12.oh.us](http://www.tcn.k12.oh.us)

### 2007 Homecoming Court (left to right)

Juniors Breanna Smith & Derek Oda, Katie Norvell & Blake Fridley, Seniors Lindsey Busard & Zach Mullins, Theresa Hallstein, Annie Smith, Queen Amy Schaar, Sophomores Alex St. Martin & Jensen Flora, and Freshmen Danielle Thompson & Johnny Thompson. (Absent—King Garrett Lawson, Senior Attendants Garrett Gray and Ian Hunter)



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### From The Desk Of The Superintendent

William Derringer

In an attempt to keep each of you more informed of what is happening here at Tri-County North, we have decided to create a quarterly newsletter that will be mailed to our parents and also placed at various locations within our community. The newsletter will provide important information such as classroom activities, athletic schedules and upcoming events such as our Veteran's Day Assembly and Senior Citizen's Holiday Luncheon. We hope that you will enjoy this newsletter and that it will help keep you up-to-date with the many positive things going on in our school!

It is hard to believe how fast the first nine weeks have flown by. Students should be bringing home their report cards on October 26th. This year all parents will have online access to their children's grades by logging onto <https://parentaccess.swoca.net>. Parents should have been issued a user name and

password via mail earlier this year. Also in that letter was information on NutriKids, a program which allows parents to log in and see what their children are purchasing for lunch at school. It also allows parents to add additional funds to their child's lunch account via credit card. I have heard several positive comments about how nice it is for parents to have access to this information.

In today's day and age, it is nice to have so much community support for the things that we try to do for the children of TCN. The in-class experiences that our students are receiving, coupled with things such as field trips, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, all help to mold our youth into what they will eventually become. I want to thank each of you for all that you have done for TCN! As always, if you have any questions or concerns about our school, please contact me at 937-962-2671.

# Principal's Corner

## Elementary School

Tri-County North Elementary is proud to announce an "Excellent" rating on the 2006-07 State Report Card. TCN Elementary met all six indicators in 3rd grade reading and math, 4th grade reading, math and writing and 93% attendance or better. In addition, the elementary met the federal AYP standard for the year. This is the first year that our elementary has been able to meet all of its indicators and it is a real tribute to our students, the staff and all of our parents. Great job everyone!!!



## Denny Dyer

A special thanks to all of our parents and students for their support of our fund raiser as we far surpassed our goals for individual classrooms and building totals. The profits generated from this activity will be used to help finance: field trips, student activities, classroom equipment and supplies, special activities and programs, technology upgrades and other teacher—student related expenses. Again, thank you for your support and participation.

## Middle School

### Joe Finkbine

Parent-Teacher Conferences are fast approaching. They are scheduled for November 8th from 2:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. I have listed below 8 steps for parents to having a positive parent-teacher conference.

1. Be There—Research shows that children do better academically when both parents attend conferences.
2. Remember the F word-FOCUS—The aim of P-T conferences is for adults to build a mutually respectful alliance that will support the child.
3. Share insider information—Tell the teacher what you know about your child as a learner. You know what your child loves and hates about school, what motivates them, and what has worked with teachers in the past.
4. Use the report card as a starting point, not at the centerpiece of the discussion—Grades give you the opportunity to get more detailed descriptions of what's working and what's not for your child.
5. Inquire about your child's progress in areas that aren't easily measured by grades—Not every child is going to be a brilliant child, but you want your child to be a respectful and productive citizen, brilliant or not.
6. Ask what you can do—Be receptive to advice on how you can support your child's success.
7. Trust your child's development—Try to relax a little and have faith in your child.
8. Leave your own school baggage at home—We all have memories, good or bad, set those aside and approach your child's teacher as a peer and partner.

*"It's not what is poured into a student, but what is planted."*  
- Linda Conway



## High School

### Jeff Parker

Tri-County North High School offers a wonderful advisor-advisee program (S.T.E.P.S.) for each of the students in the building. The program, which focuses on each student's future, is part of an initiative that TCN HS entered into six years ago entitled High Schools That Work (HSTW).

Incoming freshmen are assigned a S.T.E.P.S. advisor for their four years of high school and each advisor is responsible for approximately 14-20 students. The 5-6 advisors for each grade level work and plan together in order to create activities for the students 13-15 times per year. The activities include, but are not limited to, resume skills, sample job applications, career assessments, career exploration, career passports, goal setting (short and long term), post-secondary education exploration, area employers and professionals' presentations.

This year's sophomores are beginning to use jump drives to store all the information and materials they accumulate during S.T.E.P.S. If this experimental project is successful, we are hoping to expand the usage of jump drives to all groups during the 2008-09 school year.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact your child's advisor.

## Attention!

TCN is having an ongoing **used** cell phone drive to raise funds for the school. Unlike other fundraisers, there are no products to buy or distribute. All we ask is that you donate any used cell phones that you no longer use. And if you know of any businesses that provide cell phones to their employees, please ask them to donate them as well. We are NOT collecting chargers or accessories. Phones can be dropped off in the collection boxes located in the elementary, middle school, high school and district offices. This fundraiser will benefit our students as well as the environment by keeping the used phones out of landfills. Thank you for your participation!

## What We're Up To!

During the months of October, November and December, the Elementary will be holding several programs for students:

Grade 2—Tobacco Education Program

Grade 3—Bullying Prevention Program

Grade 4—Brain Power

All prevention programs are being brought to the school by the Marie Dwyer Recovery Center in Eaton and are free to all Preble County Schools as a result of the Mental Health Levy.

*“Learning is not a spectator sport.”*

*- Anonymous*



## Athletics

### OCTOBER

- 19: Varsity Football vs. Arcanum @ Home (Sr. night) - 7:30 PM
- 20: JV Football vs. Arcanum—Away—10:00 AM
- 26: Varsity Football vs. Mississinawa Valley—Away—7:30 PM
- 28: Girls HS and MS Cheerleading—CCC Cheer Challenge @ Twin Valley South HS—2:00 PM

### NOVEMBER

- 6: Winter Sports Pictures in HS Gym—2:30 PM
- 13: MS Fall Sports Assembly @ TCN—6:30 PM
- 15: HS Fall Sports Assembly @ TCN—6:30 PM
- 16: Girls Varsity Basketball vs. TVS—Away—6:00 PM
- 19: Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Covington—Away—5:00 PM
- 20: Girls HS Basketball vs. Bradford—Away—5:30 PM
- 23: Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Bethel—Home—5 PM  
Boys HS Basketball vs. Bethel—Home—6:30 PM
- 24: Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Middletown Madison—Away—4:30 PM  
Boys HS Basketball vs. Middletown Madison—Away—6:00 PM
- 26: Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Miami East—Home—5:00 PM
- 27: Girls HS Basketball vs. Northeastern—Home—5:30 PM
- 29: Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Franklin-Monroe—Away—5:00 PM  
Girls HS Basketball vs. Franklin-Monroe—Home—5:30 PM
- 30: Boys HS Basketball vs. Ansonia—Away—6:30 PM

### DECEMBER

- 1: Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Nat'l Trail—Home—10:00 AM  
Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Stebbins—Home—5:00 PM  
Boys HS Basketball vs. Stebbins—Home—6:30 PM  
Girls HS Basketball vs. Preble Shawnee—Away—12 noon
- 3: Girls HS Basketball vs. Dixie—Home—5:30 PM  
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Dixie—Away—5:00 PM
- 6: Girls HS Basketball vs. Mississinawa—Away—5:30 PM  
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Mississinawa—Home—5:00 PM

- 7: Boys 7/8 Wrestling @ Milton-Union Bulldog Tourney—TBA  
Boys HS Basketball vs. Tri-Village—Home—5:30 PM
- 8: Boys Varsity Wrestling vs. Brookville—Away—10:00 AM  
Boys 7/8 Wrestling @ Milton-Union Bulldog Tourney—TBA  
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Newton—Away—10:00 AM  
Girls HS Basketball vs. Newton—Home—12 noon
- 10: Boys 7/8 Wrestling vs. Dixie—Away—TBA
- 11: Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. TVS—Away—5:00 PM
- 13: Girls HS Basketball vs. Tri-Village—Away—5:30 PM  
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Tri-Village—Home—5:00 PM
- 14: Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Newton—Away—5:00 PM  
Boys HS Basketball vs. Newton—Away—6:00 PM
- 15: Boys 7/8 Wrestling vs. Carlisle—Away—TBA  
Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Arcanum—Home—10:00 AM  
Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Eaton—Home—1:30 PM  
Boys JV Basketball vs. Eaton—Home—2:30 PM  
Girls HS Basketball vs. Eaton—Home—4:00 PM  
Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Eaton—Home—8:00 PM
- 17: Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Bradford—Away—5:00 PM
- 18: Boys 7/8 Wrestling Tri-Meet—Home—5:30 PM  
Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Mississinawa—Home—4:30 PM  
Boys HS Basketball vs. Mississinawa—Home—6:00 PM  
Girls HS Basketball vs. Bethel—Away—5:30 PM
- 19: Boys Wrestling @ Quad Meet—Away—6:00 PM
- 20: Girls HS Basketball vs. Ansonia—Home—5:30 PM  
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Ansonia—Away—5:00 PM
- 21: Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Franklin-Monroe—Away—5 PM  
Boys HS Basketball vs. Franklin-Monroe—Away—6:30 PM  
Boys Wrestling vs. Richmond Heights—Away—2:30 PM
- 22: Boys Wrestling vs. Richmond Heights—Away—10:00 AM  
Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Franklin-Monroe—Home—10:00 AM
- 27: Boys Varsity Basketball @ Preble-Shawnee Winter Tournament—TBA  
Boys Wrestling vs. Oakwood—Away—8:00 AM
- 28: Boys Varsity Basketball @ Preble-Shawnee Winter Tournament—TBA

## Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade recently went on a field trip to MVCTC on October 11th to celebrate Agriculture for America Day. Students had the opportunity to see displays, demonstrations and hands-on experiences related to American agriculture and related careers. Some of the activities included: a petting zoo, flower arranging, livestock, farm equipment, dog grooming, honey collecting, a reptile display, an engine display, aquaculture and rope climbing. Students interacted with the high school students from many different schools. We hope our students came away with a better understanding of American agriculture and its importance to us.



In fifth grade science classes this month, each student is growing their own "fast plant". Every year, we grow Wisconsin Fast Plants (Brassica Rapa) to experience the life cycle of a plant and the process of pollination. Pollination is very important for reproduction of the plant. The students get the opportunity to see the interdependence between plants and animals, and what part pollination plays in that process. This project involves group work, an individual journal to write observations and sketches, graphing of their plant, and at the end, harvesting of their second generation of seeds. In January, the students will plant the second generation seeds to look for 'inherited' traits. They will also change one of the 6 variables to see what effect the change has on the growth and development of the plant. Wish us luck as we grow and experiment with our plants!

## Ohio Reads Program

The TCN elementary is in need of volunteers for the Ohio Reads Tutor Program!

The Ohio Reads program is designed to help students strengthen their skills in reading comprehension, fluency and vocabulary. We are asking members of our community to volunteer their time (once or twice a week for 30 minutes) to work one on one with a student referred to the program. We will provide our volunteer tutors with all the materials needed to help the students strengthen their skills. This year we will be holding an orientation/training

seminar on Monday, October 29th from 6:00-7:00 P.M. in the high school cafeteria. The start of the program will be November 1st. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and you are unable to attend the seminar, other arrangements can be made. Please contact Cindy Heltsley at 937-962-2673 if you need more information or have any questions.



*"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."*  
- B.B. King

## Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a national event held during the month of October in schools across America. The event focuses on educating students about making healthy choices, especially the choice to avoid drugs.

During the week of October 22nd, Tri-County North Elementary will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by doing a different school activity each day:

Oct. 22: Wear school colors, scarlet and gray, to show school spirit by being drug-free.

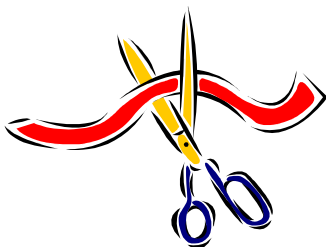
Oct. 23: Bring in a favorite book to read at

school to follow the motto "Get Hooked On Books, Not Drugs".

Oct. 24: Wear mismatched or crazy socks to fit the theme of "Sock-It To Drugs".

Oct. 25: Bring in a stuffed animal to school to "Do Hugs, Not Drugs".

Along with our school recognizing Red Ribbon Week, families are encouraged to talk with their children at home about saying NO TO DRUGS. Together, we can continue to keep our students safe and drug-free in our school and in our community.





## Middle School Fall Fling Held Recently

The Middle School VIP (Very Important Panthers) program recently sponsored the Fall Fling on Saturday, September 29, 2007. Students brought in canned food items to give to the local pantry. The fling hosted a DJ with lots of dancing and an open gym for students to enjoy.



The Lewisburg Fire Department recently held an open house for the public and all snacks were provided by the MS VIP students which included many delicious baked goods! Thank you to all of the students and their families for donating the food!

## One Call Now System

*“Nothing is more powerful and liberating than knowledge.”*  
- William H. Gray III

We have recently joined forces with One Call Now, a system designed to provide information to you regarding your child’s attendance, calamity days and any other pertinent information that TCN needs to send out to attending students and their families. This system will allow us to deliver the same phone message to each of you by only making “one call”.

We recently ran a test call on September 27th. If you did NOT receive a call, please contact the District Office immediately at 937-962-2671. We will then make sure we update our system to include those who did not receive the call. One Call will be a great communication tool for TCN and we look forward to utilizing it this winter in the event of a school delay or closure.

## 7th Grade Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the TCN 7th grade volleyball team who finished 2nd in the recent CCC tournament! Team members include: Kelly Schriever, Megan Johnson, Myranda Schoen, Kelsey Hawk, Morganne Hammaker, Roxanne Miracle, Lizzy Flora and Scotti Hesler. The team is coached by Mr. Andrew Barnes.



## Character Education In The Elementary

As part of our school-wide Character Education plan, every month a character word is selected for the elementary students to focus on and exhibit that character quality in and out of the classroom while at recess, on the bus, etc. Our focus word for October is **honesty**. When a school staff member sees a student demonstrating that character quality, the student receives a Character Education Spirit Award certificate. The student certificate is then entered into a monthly drawing. If the student’s name is drawn, that student receives a prize from Mrs. Haman, the Elementary School Counselor. In addition to the spirit award, all the elementary students are introduced to the character word of the month through a once a month program presented by Mrs. Haman and Mrs. Tara Kubik, Student Assistance presenter from the Preble County Educational Service Center. This presentation often involves reading a story emphasizing the character word, student discussion of the word, role playing of the word, puppetry and students making a craft to remind them of the word and its meaning.

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## Upcoming Events

### **OCTOBER**

- 19: End of 1st Quarter
- 22: Market Day Pick Up—6 PM
- 24: MS VIP to visit nursing home for reverse trick or treating  
District Technology Meeting
- 26: Grade Cards Sent Home  
Elementary Harvest Parties (PM)
- 30: Picture Retakes / Homeroom Photos
- 30—Nov. 3: 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1: Book Fair Begins  
Elementary PT Conferences—3:30—6:30 PM
- 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back one hour)
- 8: Book Fair Ends  
Elementary PT Conferences—3:30—6:30 PM  
HS/MS PT Conferences—2:30—8:30 PM
- 9: Veteran's Day Assembly
- 12: Mobile Dentist Program (tentative)
- 13: 5/6 Grade Band to Schuster Center

- 16: Sophomores—PLAN (Pre-ACT) Test  
Juniors/Seniors—ASVAB (career assessment tool)
- 19: PTO—6:30 PM  
School Board Meeting—7:30 PM
- 21—23: Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- 30: Interims Sent Home With Students

### **DECEMBER**

- 3—14: Cabbage Patch in the Middle School
- 5: Sophomores to visit MVCTC
- 10: 1st & 3rd Grade Music Program—6:30 PM
- 11: Band/Choir Concert—7:00 PM  
2nd Grade to Victoria Theater
- 12: MS/HS Science Fair
- 14: Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon—12:30 PM  
HS MUSE Machine presents Robert Post
- 17: Middle School VIP caroling at nursing homes  
School Board Meeting—7:30 PM
- 21: End of 2nd Quarter  
Elementary Holiday Parties (PM)
- 24—Jan 1: Winter Break (No School)

