

2008 Panther Homecoming



November 2, 2008

TRI-COUNTY NORTH LOCAL SCHOOLS

Panther Pride



2008 TCN Homecoming King and Queen, Jacob Finney and Sarah Whitaker



The 2008 Homecoming ceremony was held on September 26, 2008.

The 2008 TCN Homecoming Court (left to right):

Nathaniel Hanson, Ariel Clark, Harley Miller, Todd Delong, Jessie Downey, Cody Burnside, King Jacob Finney, Queen Sarah Whitaker, Chelsea Hite, Jacob Williams, Ashley Molina, Zachary Eakes, Adrienne Foster, Dakota Gulling, Danielle Thompson, Jacob Huffman



From The Desk Of The Superintendent William Derringer



Things appear to be returning to normal after the wind storm that we had a couple of weeks ago. We did use the first of our five calamity days on the Monday after the storm. We were very fortunate that we could have school on Tuesday through Friday by utilizing our two hour delay schedule. Many schools in the area were forced to cancel several days as their actual school buildings were without electricity. We did not document any student absences as unexcused during this time if the parents notified the school that they had no power. It has always impressed me how our community bonds together to help those in need during crisis situations. I know that several of the area churches provided meals and fellowship to those who lost power. We even had a few community members come to the school to take showers because without power, many had no running water. Our one call system worked well for those who had provided us cell phone numbers and for those who did not lose their phone service. I would like to thank each of you for your patience and understanding as we worked through the difficult week.

Tri-County North was once again rated an effective school on the State of Ohio District Report Card. We met 21 of 30 indicators and had a performance indicator of 95. We still have much work to do to increase our scores so that we can be rated excellent but that is a goal that we are working very hard to achieve. You can go to our website, www.tcnschools.com, and click on the link titled "school report card" to see all of our report card information.

We would once again like to thank Good Samaritan for providing us with the money used to purchase our new electronic message center located in front of the District Office. We hope that we can provide up-to-date information about current events involving our school district. Our plan is to update the sign on Monday mornings for events that will happen throughout the week and on Friday mornings for events that will occur on the weekends. We realize that there is often too much information for you to read on one trip by the sign so please feel free to pull in the District Office parking lot, if needed, to get all of the information for the week.

Once again, the school year has gotten off to a great start. Please be sure to ask your child often how they believe school is going. Parent involvement is critical in your child's education. I would encourage you to also log on to Progress Book Parent Access and check on your child's grades and assignments. If you have forgotten your login or password information to Parent Access you can contact Mr. Butch Ferrero at 937-962-2631 for this information.

In closing, I want to mention that Tri-County North has a new mission statement that was developed last year and adopted by the Board last spring. I again would like to thank you for supporting our mission of "Preparing for Tomorrow by Expecting Excellence Today". As always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 937-962-2671 or 937-833-2974.

Elementary School

Denny Dyer

TCNES would like to welcome our new staff members for the 2008-2009 school year:

Mrs. Heck—3rd Grade

Mrs. Ferriell—4th Grade

Mrs. George—Speech and Hearing Therapy

Mrs. Lesnau—Latchkey Aide

Mrs. Hamblin—Latchkey Aide

We welcome you all to TCNES!

Congratulations to all of our staff, students and parents! TCNES received an “Excellent” rating from the State of Ohio for the second year in a row! Our students met five out of six indicators of success (including attendance) and had a performance index over 100 for the first time, to reach the excellent level. Great job to everyone and we hope to continue that trend again this year.

Our third graders will be taking the OAT reading assessment on October 7th and 8th. Looking ahead, the Terra Nova for

grades 2, 3 and 4 will be given March 2-6, 2009. And finally, the spring OAT in reading, math and writing for grades 3 & 4 will be given April 21-24, 2009. Good luck to all students during their testing periods!



Middle School

Joe Finkbine

The school year has gotten off to a great start and is going by fast! Interim reports have already been sent out. If you have any questions regarding your child's education, please feel free to contact the teacher via their email listed on our website at www.tcnschools.com or by phone at 937-962-2631 or 937-833-3075. You are a critical part of your son or daughter's education. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 6th from 2:30-8:30 p.m. This gives you, the parent, another time to come in and see

your child's progress. Don't hesitate to call and schedule an appointment!

Our students have already displayed their talents in a few local competitions. Congratulations to the Preble County Pork Festival Create A Pig contest winners:

1st place—Daniel Goepferich, 2nd place—Aidan Tomlin, 3rd Place for 5th grade—Katie Finnigan and Eric Salazar; 3rd place for 7th grade—TJ Tahmassebi and Jesse Cavendish. 4th places went to 7th graders—Urmil Patel and Margaret Myers. Also, a great job goes out to our

5th graders for the interesting Pig Tales that they wrote for the Preble County competition. These were on display at the Preble County Pork Festival. 1st place in the county was awarded to Shelby Hulett, with a prize of \$15.00. 2nd place went to Daniel Goepferich, with a prize of \$10.00. Participation ribbons will be awarded to each student participant. In the middle school, we have a saying that goes like this... “You Can't Hide Our Panther Pride!!” and it holds true for these students!



High School

Jeff Parker

TCNHS is excited to announce a new opportunity available to Juniors at TCN. We are partnering with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions to offer a full length practice ACT to our Juniors on Friday, October 3, 2008, at no cost. TCN Seniors who are registered to take the real ACT on October 25 and/or December 13 will also be able to take advantage of this opportunity at no cost. The practice ACT test will be administered by a representative from Kaplan during school hours in the TCN Library.

The practice ACT is an actual ACT test, with the exception that results will not be sent to any colleges or post-secondary

institutes. The purpose in providing this opportunity to our students is to prepare them with a practical ACT experience prior to taking it when it counts for college entrance and/or scholarships.

Parents and students will be provided with results of the practice ACT at a special **ACT Parent's Night Meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Library.** A representative from Kaplan will present a program geared towards helping students improve their ACT scores and provide tips to parents concerning post-secondary education.

Hopefully all students and parents can

and will take advantage of this excellent opportunity. It is important that all the Juniors and Seniors in our building who are seriously considering post-secondary education participate in this opportunity.

Please call the high school at 937-962-2675 or email me at jeff_parker@tcn.k12.oh.us with any questions.



October:

- 1: Girls HS Volleyball vs. Brookville @ home—5:30 pm
- 2: Girls Varsity Soccer at home vs. Bethel—5:30 pm
Girls HS Volleyball @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm
Girls 7/8 Volleyball vs. Mississinawa @ home—5:00 pm
- 3: Varsity Football @ National Trail—7:30 pm
- 4: Girls Varsity Soccer @ Anna—2:00 pm
Varsity Cross Country @ Eaton—9:00 am
Girls 7/8 Volleyball CCC Tourney—TBA
7/8 Cross Country @ Anna—10:00 am
- 6: Girls HS Volleyball vs. Waynesville @ home—5:30 pm
Girls Varsity Soccer @ National Trail—5:30 pm
- 7: Girls HS Volleyball vs. FM @ home—5:30 pm
Boys 7/8 Football vs. TVS @ home—5:00 pm
- 9: Girls HS Volleyball @ Bradford—5:30 pm
- 10: Varsity Football vs. Ansonia @ home—7:30 pm
- 11: JV Football @ Ansonia—10:00 am
Varsity & JH Cross Country CCC Tourney @ home—10 am
- 13: Varsity Volleyball & Soccer—SWD Tournaments—TBA
- 14: Boys 7/8 Football @ Springboro—5:30 pm
- 17: Varsity Football @ Arcanum—7:30 pm
- 18: JV Football vs. Arcanum @ home—10:00 am
Varsity Cross Country @ MVCTC (districts) - TBA
- 24: Varsity Football vs. Mississinawa @ home—7:30 pm

November:

- 28: Girls HS Basketball vs. TVS @ home—6:00 pm

December:

- 2: Girls HS Basketball @ Northeastern—5:30 pm
Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Bethel @ home—5:00 pm
- 4: Girls HS Basketball @ Arcanum—5:30 pm
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Arcanum @ home—5:00 pm
- 5: Boys Freshmen Basketball @ Covington—5:00 pm
Boys HS Basketball @ Covington—6:30 pm
- 6: Varsity Wrestling @ Brookville—9:00 am
Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. Covington @ home—10:00 am
Boys Freshmen Bball vs. Midd. Madison @ home—4:30 pm
Boys HS Basketball vs. Midd. Madison @ home—6:00 pm
- 8: Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. W. Carrollton @ home—5:00 pm
- 9: Girls 7/8 Basketball @ Miami East—5:00 pm

- 11: Girls HS Basketball vs. Bradford @ home—5:30 pm
Boys 7/8 Basketball @ Bradford—5:00 pm
- 12: Boys Freshmen Basketball @ Bethel—5:00 pm
Boys HS Basketball @ Bethel—6:30 pm
- 13: Girls 7/8 Basketball @ National Trail—10:00 am
Varsity Wrestling @ Edgewood—10:00 am
Boys Freshmen Basketball @ Eaton—1:30 pm
Girls JV Basketball @ Eaton—3:00 pm
Boys JV Basketball @ Eaton—4:30 pm
Girls Varsity Basketball @ Eaton—6:00 pm
Boys Varsity Basketball @ Eaton—7:30 pm
- 16: Boys Freshmen Bball vs. Ansonia @ home—4:30 pm
Girls HS Basketball @ Dixie—6:00 pm
Boys HS Basketball vs. Ansonia @ home—6:00 pm
- 18: Girls HS Basketball @ FM—5:30 pm
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. FM @ home—5:00 pm
- 19: Boys HS Basketball @ Tri-Village—6:00 pm
- 20: Girls 7/8 Basketball vs. TVS @ home—10:00 am
Boys 7/8 Basketball @ Mississinawa—10:00 am
Girls HS Basketball vs. Mississinawa @ home—12 noon
- 23: Boys Freshmen Bball vs. Newton @ home—4:30 pm
Boys HS Basketball vs. Newton @ home—6:00 pm
- 29: Boys HS Basketball @ Preble Shawnee—TBA
- 30: Boys HS Basketball @ Preble Shawnee—TBA
Girls HS Basketball @ Newton—5:30 pm
Boys 7/8 Basketball vs. Newton @ home—5:00 pm

Kindergarten News

The kindergarten students have just completed a unit on The Farm. The students were paid a visit by Mike Webster, a local farmer, and his John Deere tractor. The students also learned how to make butter and pretended to milk cows. It was a great learning experience for all!

On September 22nd and 23rd, the kindergarten classes took a field trip to Brumbaugh's Fruit Farm in Arcanum. There, students enjoyed a day of sunshine while learning about apples and bees, picking a pumpkin and taking a hayride.



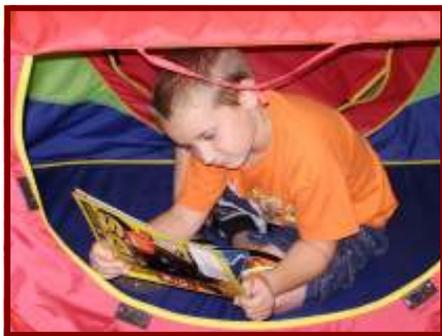
Naming Of The Stadium

Through the years, most community members, parents and students have said that we play our games at “the stadium”, but our stadium was never given an official name until August 23, 2008. On that date, it was our pleasure to provide the stadium with a name that would honor the Tri-County North Community Association, as well as provide information for the stadium’s location. This name is “*The Lewisburg Community Association Stadium*”. We thank everyone who dedicated their time and effort in some way to make this stadium become what it is today.

We have also entered into a partnership with Good Samaritan to enhance not only our sports programs, but the well-being of our school and community. In exchange for naming rites, Good Samaritan has agreed to provide training services everyday from 2:15 to 6:00 p.m. and at all major home sporting events. They have also provided financial assistance for the renovation of our training room, the electronic message center in front of the District Office, and the addition of two portable bleachers. We have also created a tentative plan for replacing lockers in the boys and girls locker rooms and other future upgrades to the stadium.



The Reading Tent



During the school year, students get a chance to read in the “reading tent” in the elementary school library. At the beginning of library time, a student’s name is drawn from the class’s library cards. This student gets to check out a book or magazine and spend library time reading by themselves in the tent. This event has been very well received by the students and most students can’t wait to hear their name called!



Character Education & Red Ribbon Week at TCN Elementary

Once again this year, we will be working with our students to continue an atmosphere of good character at TCN. Our focus for the months of October, November and December will be Respect, Responsibility and Anti-bullying.

Our elementary students will be introduced to these character qualities through a monthly program presented by Mrs. Diana Haman, elementary counselor, and Mrs. Tara Kubik, Student Assistance Coordinator from the Preble County ESC. This program often involves reading a story emphasizing the character word, group discussion, role playing, puppetry and craft making.

When a school staff member sees a stu-

dent demonstrating good character, the student receives a Good Character 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.

Abbie Campbell, prevention educator from The Marie Dwyer Recovery Center in Eaton will also visit our school this year to involve students in the following programs: Tobacco Education, Life Skills and Bully Prevention. These programs are prevention services free of cost to the school through state funds and the Mental Health Levy in Preble County.



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 including “saying No To Drugs”. During the week of October 27th, TCN elementary will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by doing a different school activity each day.

Along with our school recognizing Red Ribbon Week, families are encouraged to talk with their children at home about making healthy choices. Together, we can continue to keep our students safe and drug-free in our school and in our community.

Upcoming Events



October:

- 3: Practice ACT—8 am—12 noon
- 6: Jostens' Family Night—3-7 pm
- 7 & 8: 3rd Grade OAT Reading Test
- 8: ACT Parent Testing Strategy Night—7-8:30 pm
- 13: Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- 14: Character Education Assembly—Elementary
- 17: 1st Grade to Young's Dairy
End of 1st Quarter
- 17: Firefighter Phil Program in the Elementary

PTO Meeting—6:30 pm

- 24: Report Cards sent home with students
- 27-31: OGT for Juniors and Seniors (if applicable)
- 28—Nov. 1: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
- 28: Picture Retakes (Elementary)
Financial Aid Night—6:30 pm in the HS/MS Library
- 30: 7th Grade to Victoria Theater
Lewisburg Trick or Treating—6-8 pm
- 31: Harvest Celebration—Elementary

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Top Tips To Provide Healthy Childhood Eating



Have regular family meals. Knowing dinner is served at approximately the same time every night and that the entire family will be sitting down together is comforting, which also enhances appetite, and provides a perfect opportunity for your children to share what's on their minds.

Get kids involved. Children enjoy helping adults grocery shop, selecting what goes in their lunch box, and preparing dinner. It's also a chance for you to teach them about the nutritional values of different foods, and (for older children) how to read food labels.

Make a variety of healthy foods available. Keep plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grain snacks and healthful beverages (bottle water, milk, herbal tea, occasional fruit juice) around and easily accessible so kids become used to reaching for healthy snacks when they're hungry.

Let them choose. Don't make mealtimes a battleground by insisting a child clean the plate, and never use food as a reward or bribe.

Courtesy of http://helpguide.org/life/healthy_eating_children_teens.htm

TCN Volunteer Program

TCN will once again offer tutoring services during school hours for our students in the elementary. The tutoring services, formerly known as the Ohio Reads program, is now called the TCN Volunteer Program. The program will be offering tutoring in all subjects, not just reading. The program will begin the second full week of November and will end sometime in May, depending on how many days will be make up days.

The program requires the volunteers to work with students on an individual basis, once or twice a week for 30 minutes each session. All materials will be provided for our volunteers to enable them to be successful with tutoring our students in the subject that he/she needs improvement in.

In order for this program to be successful, we are in need of volunteers! The volunteers will need to fill out an application in the District Office, have a background check performed at the Preble County ESC (for which you will be reimbursed) and be Board approved prior to volunteering. This is a necessary process that all TCN employees and volunteers must go through to keep our students safe. For more information, please contact Cindy Heltsley, Program Coordinator, at 937-962-2673 or by email at cindy_heltsley@tcn.k12.oh.us.



Sixth Grade News



With the start of a new school year, the 6th graders are already off to a great start!

The 6th grade social studies students remembered September 11, 2001 by writing letters to their future children. In the letters, the students described the reactions of family members to the news of the Attack on America. The students described

where their family members were when they heard the news and what the reactions were. Cole Salisbury and family felt their house shake from low flying aircraft. Austin Elmore and family wrote about an uncle who assisted in rescue work at the Pentagon and showed the newspaper article. It was an emotional and heartfelt remembrance for

future generations.

VIP (Very Important Panthers) will once again be donating baked goods and hot dogs in support of our local Lewisburg Fire Department Open House. The students always enjoy supporting our local volunteers in celebrating their Open House.



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Upcoming Events



November:

- 3 & 6: Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30—6:30 pm
- 3-7: OGT make-up week for Juniors and Seniors (if applicable)
- 4: Election Day
- 6: Middle School P/T Conferences—2:30—8:30 pm
- 7: Veteran’s Day Program—12:30-2:00 pm
- 14: 2nd Grade to Victoria Theater
- 21: Interim reports sent home
- 25: High School P/T Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
Suicide Prevention Parent Program—4-8 pm
- 26-28: Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

- 9: MS/HS Band and Choir Concert—7 pm
- 10: MS/HS Science Fair—2:30-5 pm
- 12: 1st & 3rd Grade Music Program—6:30 pm (HS Gym)
- 15-17: Elementary PTO Santa Shop in the art room
- 19: End of 2nd Quarter
- 22—Jan. 2—Winter Break—NO SCHOOL

School Resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009

December:

- 2: Mobile Dentist
5th Grade to Victoria Theater
- 3: Sophomore Visit Day at MVCTC
- 5: Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon—TBA (HS Cafeteria)

