

PANTHER PRIDE

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JUST A REMINDER!

If you're not receiving One Call messages or you would like to revise your contact numbers, please contact Noelle Murray at the TCN District Office at 937-962-2671.



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM DERRINGER



On September 11, 2012, Tri-County North was proud to host the Lewisburg Area Chamber of Commerce annual "State of the Village" meeting in the high school cafeteria. Reports were given from Commissioner Chris Day, Municipal Manager, Jeff Sewert, Village Council member, Don Wright and I. The Chamber recognized the Lewisburg Police Department and the Lewisburg Fire Department and EMTs as their business members of the year. We certainly want to thank all of these people for the outstanding jobs that they do protecting us and keeping our community safe. It was an outstanding night and the groups that were recognized were truly deserving of the awards that they received.

It is amazing how quickly the time passes by. Homecoming marked the halfway point of the first nine weeks and our students have, for the most part, settled into their class routines. We are eagerly awaiting the final results of this year's State Report Card, where preliminary results show some of the best scores that we have ever had as a district. We are always striving for excellence but certainly want to take a minute to celebrate our successes when we can.

We will be running a renewal levy for operating expenses on November 6th. Once again, I wanted to let everyone know that this levy does not result in an increase in taxes. We are asking for the renewal, which means that all taxpayers would continue to

pay what they are currently paying with NO INCREASE IN TAXES. The 5.1 mil levy generates \$618,000.00 and is used for all of the day to day operating expenses of the district. A levy committee has been formed and will be sending out information over the next several weeks. If you have any questions about the levy, you can always call me at the Tri-County North District Office at (937) 962-2671 and I will do my best to provide answers for you.

The possibility of severe weather is just a few months away. I wanted to remind all of our parents that we will be using the "One Call" system to notify each of you if school is delayed or cancelled. Please be sure to provide all updated phone numbers to Noelle Murray at the District Office so we can accurately get you this important information. We will also place this information on your local television channels, but you will usually get the "One Call" before the message scrolls on the television.

I did want to thank all of our parents and grandparents for your involvement with your child's education. It takes all of us working together to provide the best education possible for our students. As always, your support is greatly appreciated! We look forward to yet another great school year!

TCN CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

The 2013 Homecoming game was held on Friday, September 21st, against Covington. Although the storms put a damper on the evening, the community still came together to support Tri-County North and honor the 2013 Homecoming Court: Freshmen—Taylor Tucker and Garrett Woodyard; Sophomores—Alexis Scott and Gannon Frantz; Juniors—Hailee Schmidt and David Berhow, Carly Whitaker and Austin Hutchins; Seniors—Megan Johnson and JJ MacPherson, Kelly Schriever and Billy Derringer, Lauren Dempsey and Darrin Jackson, and Brooklyn Daugherty and Tyler Rees. JJ MacPherson was crowned King and Kelly Schriever was crowned Queen. Congratulations to all of those on court!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**DENNY DYER**

School is back in session and there are a few important things I'd like to touch on. First of all, parents have received a memo regarding the new 3rd Grade Guarantee and its impact on our students. Please note that we will be working with parents and students in formulating a plan of action for any student who is "not on track" in reading. If you have questions or concerns, please call the school.

The elementary is still collecting box tops to help finance our Field Day in May. Last year we collected almost 50,000 box tops and we hope to surpass that total this year. Thanks to all of our families for your continued support.

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 23rd. Make ups will be held on Tuesday, November 27th. We will also be having a spring picture day on April 12th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 5th, and Thursday, November 8th from 3:30-6:30 p.m. each day. We would like 100% of our parents to attend these conferences.

We will be having our annual Veterans Day program for all students on Friday, November 9th. Veterans from all branches of the Armed Services are invited to attend and it is always an excellent program. Because of limited seating, the program is only open to our students and the Veterans.

Our 1st and 3rd grade music program is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Our music programs are ALWAYS well attended and we look forward to another great crowd this year. The 2nd and 4th grade music program will be on May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL**JOE FINKBINE**

The school year has gotten off to a great start and is going by fast. Interim reports have already come home. If you have any questions regarding your child's education, please feel free to contact the teacher via email listed on our website at www.tcn.k12.oh.us or by phone at 937-962-2631 or 937-833-3075. You are a critical part of your son/daughter's education. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 8th from 2:30-8:30 p.m. This gives you, the parent, another time to come in and see your child's progress. Please don't hesitate to call and schedule an appointment.

Each spring our 6th grade students get to go on a wonderful two day, one night trip to Dearborn, Michigan. The trip includes visiting the Ford Museum, Rouge Truck Plant, and Greenfield Village. This trip costs the students approximately \$275 to attend. To help students and parents defray the cost, each year students have the opportunity to sell Panther Cards. The Panther Cards are supported by 15 local businesses by providing discounts to patrons who use the card with purchases. The cards are \$10 each and students get to put \$8 of that towards the cost of the trip. In the past, students have paid for their entire trip just by selling the Panther Cards! Cards will be sold starting October 4th through October 25th. If you would like one of these cards, please contact a sixth grade student or stop by the Middle School office and we can sell one to you. We hope to have a great sale this year.

HIGH SCHOOL**DOUG DUNHAM**

We are off to a great start here at Tri-County North High School. This year, we are offering our 8th grade students a chance to earn high school credit by taking high school band, Spanish I, French I and Algebra I. The 8th grade students are enrolled in the classes along with freshman students. Also this year, Tri-County North continues to offer dual enrollment classes where students can earn college credit through Indiana University and high school credit in the course of AP English 12, Speech and Personal Finance. Our Vocational Agricultural classes are now: Agricultural Fiber and Natural Resources (AFNR), Animal Science, Agricultural Leadership and Construction Technology.

Project MORE, a program that has been incorporated into the TCN Middle and Elementary schools, is now in the high school as well. Tri-County North has twelve high school students who are mentoring younger students with their reading. All of the mentors received training in Project MORE and each day they spend the class period assisting students in improving their reading skills and comprehension. The high school students receive half elective credit for successfully completing each semester of Project MORE as a mentor. This program is going very well and the students are doing an outstanding job as mentors.



PANTHER ATHLETICS



October

- 1: JH Volleyball @ Ansonia—5:00 pm
HS Volleyball vs. Valley View—5:30 pm
- 2: JH Football @ Miami East—5:00 pm
HS Volleyball vs. Ansonia—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Stivers—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. Stivers—7:30 pm
- 4: Girls Soccer @ Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm
Boys Soccer @ Franklin-Monroe—7:00 pm
JH Volleyball vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm
HS Volleyball @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 5: Varsity Football @ Miami East—7:30 pm
- 6: JH Volleyball Tournament @ Bradford—TBA
HS Volleyball vs. Brookville—10:00 am
JH & HS Cross Country @ National Trail—10:00 am
JV Football vs. Miami East—10:00 am
- 8: Girls Soccer vs. Northridge—5:30 pm
HS Volleyball @ Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
- 9: JH Football vs. TVS—5:00 pm
Boys Soccer @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
HS Volleyball vs. Newton—5:30 pm
- 11: Girls Soccer @ TVS—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer @ TVS—7:00 pm
HS Volleyball @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm
- 12: Varsity Football vs. TVS—7:30 pm
- 13: JV Football @ TVS—10:00 am
JH & HS Cross Country @ Tri-Village—10:00 am
- 16: JH Football @ National Trail—5:00 pm
- 19: Varsity Football @ National Trail—7:30 pm—Senior Night
- 20: JV Football vs. National Trail—10:00 am
- 26: Varsity Football vs. Ansonia (Senior Night) - 7:30 pm

November

- 12: HSBB @ Ponitz CTC—5:30 pm (scrimmage)
- 17: HSBB vs. Cedarville—10:00 am (scrimmage)
- 23: Varsity GB @ Northridge—6:00 pm
- 24: HSGB @ Carlisle—4:30 pm & 7:30 pm
- 27: JHGB vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Northeastern—5:30 pm

- 29: JHGB vs. Dixie—5:00 pm
- 30: HSBB vs. National Trail—6:30 pm

December

- 1: JHGB @ Ansonia—10:00 am
HSBB vs. Madison—6:00 pm
- 3: JHGB vs. Bethel—5:00 pm
- 4: HSBB vs. Xenia Christian—6:00 pm
- 6: JHBB @ TVS—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Twin Valley South—5:30 pm
- 7: HSBB vs. Miami East—6:30 pm
- 8: JHGB vs. Covington—10:00 am
- 10: JHBB vs. Eaton—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Dixie—6:00 pm
- 11: JHGB @ Miami East—5:00 pm
- 13: JHBB vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Arcanum—5:30 pm
- 14: HSBB @ Covington—6:30 pm
- 15: JHBB @ Bradford—10:00 am
HSGB vs. Bradford—12 noon
HSBB vs. Dixie—6:00 pm
- 17: JHGB @ National Trail—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Eaton—6:00 pm
- 18: HSBB @ Bethel—6:30 pm
- 20: JHBB vs. Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Franklin-Monroe—5:30 pm
- 21: HSBB vs. Ansonia—6:30 pm
- 22: HSGB @ Milton Union—11:00 am
- 27: HSGB vs. Mississinawa—5:30 pm
- 28: HSBB @ Preble Shawnee Holiday Tourney—TBA
- 29: HSGB vs. Madeira—12 noon
HSBB @ Preble Shawnee Holiday Tourney—TBA



- JV—Junior Varsity
- HSBB—High School Boys Basketball
- HSGB—High School Girls Basketball
- JHBB—Junior High Boys Basketball
- JHGB—Junior High Girls Basketball

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WIN!

TCN Elementary 4th graders, Abigail Smeltzer (left) and Lillian Davis (right), with their prize winning entries for the Preble County Pork Festival. Abigail received a 3rd place ribbon for the “Prettiest Pig” category, while Lillian received a 1st place ribbon for her entry in the “Most Unique Pig” category. Congratulations to both girls on their prize winning entries and for their hard work!



NURTRIKIDS CHANGING TO SCHOOLBUCKS

For those of you who log into Nutrikids to monitor your child’s online school lunch account, you may have noticed that Nutrikids is changing to SchoolBucks. In an effort to provide the highest level of service to you, MyNutrikids.com will become mySchoolBucks.com. This website provides a number of key features you find beneficial including: scheduled recurring payments, automatic deposits when your child’s account balance runs low, extended purchase history for the past 90 days and low balance email notifications. Your existing username and password for MyNutrikids.com will remain the same at mySchoolBucks. You should experience little to no interruption during this transition. The convenience fee for cafeteria account deposits will be \$1.95, which will cover all deposits made within a single transaction. Should you have any questions, please refer to <http://www.learnmyschoolbucks.com/Parent/faqs.html>.



VIP HOLD FALL FLING

The VIP sponsored the Fall Fling for Food on Friday, September 7, 2012. The students brought a donation for the Lewisburg Community Food Pantry and paid a \$5.00 admission. The students danced to a DJ, played Wii, and played basketball in the gym. A great time was had by all. We raised \$775.00 and collected 200 cans for the community events that the VIP supports. Thanks to the chaperones for making this night possible.



PASSPORTS DONATED TO STUDENTS

This year, sixth grade students in Ms. Pierson’s Social Studies class have passports to collect world landmarks. The passports were donated by STARBUCKS OHIO through the donorschoose.org website. Not only did Starbucks pay for this year’s students to receive a passport, but next year’s students as well. A giant thank you to STARBUCKS OHIO and donorschoose.org.



NEW COMPUTER LAB



Sixth Grade students have a new computer lab this year. The students are learning to operate new Windows 7 netbooks and touchpads. This is now a portable lab and can be shared with the middle school classrooms much more easily and therefore used more often by more



2012 Graduates.....

If you purchased a 2012 Yearbook, they are now in and can be picked up in Ms. Carmean’s room. Please stop in today and get your copy! There are also extras available for \$63.00 a piece.

PROJECT MORE NEWS

TCN students are currently in their third year of Project MORE. Project MORE stands for Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence. Project MORE is a volunteer reading mentoring project to significantly improve reading levels of diverse learners and students not making reading benchmarks at their grade level. Students in sixth grade through high school have been trained to be mentors. Project MORE students work 1:1 with their mentors Monday through Friday for thirty minutes each day. Each lesson is specific to the mentee’s reading level and concentrates on reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.





FFA SOIL JUDGING HELD

On September 13, 2012, TCN and MVCTC FFA students attended soil judging at the Preble County Historical Society. Fourteen members judged three pits and judged urban, which gave them an idea if houses, septic systems, roads and lawn and gardens would work at these sites. Those who attended were: Jesse Bailey, Nathan Blust, Billy Derringer, Austin Elmore, Darrin Jackson, Kyle Jones, Blake Lawson, Reilly Lipinski, Trace Lipscomb, Wesley Morrow, Tchanse Sloan and Trey Summers.



MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM CLASSES

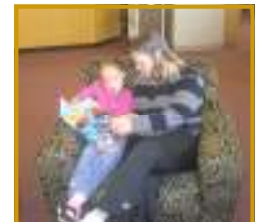
This school year, some students are participating in a STEM class. This class is focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The students in these classes are seeing firsthand how Engineers approach problem-solving situations. Based on the scheduling this year, some grade levels have a semester class while others have the class the entire year. Science and Math teachers teaching these classes are using lessons based from the Dayton Area Stem School and other engineering sites that also have lessons to share. Most students in these classes are really enjoying the lesson and getting to participate in school in a different way. Teachers are hearing comments such as "I can't wait for STEM today" and "Can we work on this at home too?".



We could use donations of electronic components that are no longer working for students to disassemble to see how things connect. We are also building many things and could use any type of building supplies you might have sitting around your house or garage. Lego and K-nex blocks are also a plus if you have those. We are hoping to have an Engineering Career Day in the spring and invite area community members that are employed in an engineering facility to participate. Please contact the Middle School office at 937-962-2631 and ask for a STEM teacher or Mr. Finkbine if you have donations or ideas.

1ST GRADE ENJOYS GRANDPARENTS DAY

The First Grade classes at Tri-County North Elementary hosted their 3rd annual Grandparents Day on Thursday, September 20th, and Friday, September 21st. More than 80 grandparents attended this event in support of their grandchild. Grandparents participated in math and reading activities, slideshows and videos of the students. Grandparents also shared their experiences as an elementary student. This fun day concluded with grandparents eating lunch in the school cafeteria with their grandchild. Grandparents Day was fun for everyone involved, especially our students!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 2: 3rd Grade Ohio Achievement Assessment (Reading)
- 4: 6th Grade Dearborn, MI Trip Parent Meeting—6:00 pm
- 8: Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- 9: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
- 15: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
VIP Blood Drive
- 22-26: Juniors & Seniors OGT Testing
- 23: Elementary School Picture Day
- 24: VIP Reverse Trick or Treat at Area Nursing Homes
- 26: End of First Quarter
Elementary Harvest Parties—2:30 pm
- 30-Nov. 2: 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- 31: Halloween



November

- 2: Grade Cards Sent Home With Students
- 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends—move clocks BACK one hour
- 5: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 6: Election Day
- 8: MS Parent/Teacher Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 9: Veterans Day Program - 12:45 pm
- 19: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm



- 20: HS Parent/Teacher Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
- 21-23: Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL
- 27: ES Picture Re-takes
- 28: 4th Grade Woodland Altars Parent Meeting—5:00 pm
- 29: VIP PJ Bottoms Day for Donation
- 30: Jostens Class Ring Delivery
VIP Hat Day for Donation



December

- 6: Sophomores to Visit MVCTC
- 7: Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon—12:30 pm
- 12: MS/HS Band Concert—7:00 pm
- 17: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 18: 1st & 3rd Grade Music Program—6:30 pm
- 19: ES Holiday Celebrations—2:30 pm
- 20-Jan. 1: Winter Break—NO SCHOOL
- 25: Christmas Day
- 31: New Year's Eve

January

- 1: New Years Day
- 2: Classes Resume

