



November 2, 2014

Panther Pride



2014 Panther Homecoming

The 2014 Homecoming game was held on Friday, September 19th, against Mississinawa Valley. The community came together to support TCN and honor the 2014 Homecoming Court:



Seniors: Allie Kring and Austin Pitcock, Madison Duffie and Kody Cordes, Serena Singleton and Austin Johnson, and Kara Simpson and Colton Booth

Juniors: Macey Dennison and Billy Daugherty, Caitlin Wright and Kurt Brinson

Sophomores: Emily Dempsey and Tanner Booth

Freshmen: Olivia Baldasare and Ethan Cooley



The 2014 Homecoming King and Queen were Austin Johnson and Serena Singleton. Congratulations to all!

From The Desk Of The Superintendent William Derringer

It is hard to believe as I write this article that student interim reports went out last Friday and that the first nine weeks is more than half over. I would like to encourage all of our parents to please look over your child's interim reports and to have a discussion about how they are doing in their classes. It is very important that our parents work with their children and monitor their academic progress. I would also encourage all parents to continually check your child's grades using progress book and to contact your child's teachers if you notice any problems. If you are having difficulty accessing progress book or you need your login information or your password reset, you can contact Mr. Finkbine at our elementary school and he can make sure that you gain access to your child's grades.

one that I feel has been good for our students and our district. Mr. Finkbine is the principal for the elementary school, which consists of grades K-5 and Mr. Dunham is the principal for the high school/middle school, which consists of grades 6-12. I believe that both buildings have gotten off to a wonderful start and that most of our students are doing an excellent job.

We will once again be utilizing the "One Call" system this fall and winter if we have any type of inclement weather which would require our school to be delayed or cancelled. If you have changed your phone number or would like an additional phone added to our list, please call Noelle Murray in the District Office and she will add your new number to the system. We will also use the "One Call" system to contact you in the event of a crisis or emergency situation so please be sure to keep us up to date with accurate phone numbers.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to give me a call at the District Office at 937-962-2671 between the hours of 7:00 and 3:00 and I would be happy to speak with you. Thanks again for your support and for making the Tri-County North Community a great place to raise a child.



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In an attempt to increase communication between home and school, both of our buildings will be using "Remind", a texting service, to provide information to parents and community members. You can read more about this service and how to gain access on the second page of this newsletter under the K-5 or 6-12 articles.

I want to thank all of our parents for working with us in moving the fifth grade back into the elementary school. This has been a smooth transition and

K-5 School

Joe Finkbine

Welcome back to another exciting year here at Tri-County North Elementary. 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 www.tcn.k12.oh.us or phone 937-962-2673 or 937-833-4330. You are a critical part of your son/daughter's education.

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering that we have brought to TCNES. There are two primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program. 1) To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. 2) To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying. The WATCH D.O.G.S. programs are in 46 states throughout the country. We were very excited by the great turnout at our kickoff event in early September with over 130 potential Watch D.O.G.S. attending. D.O.G.S. will be coming in to the schools on Fridays throughout the year. We are excited about the presence of the D.O.G.S. in the building and the positive presence they will bring to our students and staff.

Increasing the communication between home and school is one of our goals at TCNES this year. We will be using Remind, a texting service, to send out information to parents and community members. Anyone can sign up for the text messages by texting @tcne to 513-729-9779. Also, video updates are being posted on the schools web-

site under the Newsletters and Communications Tab. These videos will feature staff and students notifying everyone of the great things going on here at TCNES. Please sign up for Remind and watch our videos to keep on the latest events and information here at TCNES.

Congratulations to our Preble County Pig Tale winners! In the 3rd and 4th grade Pig Tales division, Kami Hasty placed 1st and Austin Davis placed 3rd. In the 3rd and 4th grade poetry division, Kailee Donohoo placed 4th. These competitions were open to everyone in Preble County. Great job everyone in representing TCNES well in the county competition.



6-12 School

Doug Dunham

We are off to another great start for the 2014-2015 school year here at Tri-County North. I am excited to have the 6th grade students this year and be the 6th-12th grade principal for Tri-County North Middle and High School.

Once again at the high school we are offering the Dual Enrollment classes in ACP English 12 and Geology through Indiana University. This year we added Dual Enrollment Courses in Western Civilization through Sinclair College. We are continuing searching for new Dual Enrollment Courses, and we will provide information throughout the year for more opportunities for the 2015-2016 school year.

This year the Sophomore class will be the last class to take the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) for graduation requirements. The Ohio Department of Education and State Board of Education have created new graduation requirements for the freshmen and graduating classes for the years 2018 and beyond. These new requirements include scoring accumulated points on end-of-course exams in English I, English II, Algebra, Geometry, Physical Science, American History, and Government. A student can receive between 1 and 5 points on each exam, and if they took Algebra in their 8th grade year, and received high school credit, they receive 3 points as their score on that exam. A student must accumulate 18 total points before they graduate in order to receive their diploma. We will provide more information throughout this school year regarding the new graduation requirements.

Again this year, the students in grades 6th-10th are taking the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) computer-generated assessments in Language Arts, Reading, Math, and Science. MAP is a trusted resource for measuring individual student achievement, projecting proficiency on high-stakes assessments, and using student data to guide our instruction in these areas. The MAP test will be given three times during this school year, and students just finished the first cycle.

The 6th and 7th grade students are on block schedule for Math and Language Arts while some of the 8th grade students are on block schedule for Language Arts. This allows the students to receive more instruction, practice, and guidance in these areas which hopefully will increase their knowledge in these areas.

Remind system-We are now using the Remind System to send out text messages reminding parents/students of upcoming events, activities, and other events at the Middle and High School. To sign up for Remind, send the text @tcnms to 513-245-4854. We have over 100 individuals signed up already. Our goal is to reach 500 by the end of the school year.



Fall Athletics

October

- 1: Girls Soccer @ Union County—7:00 pm
- 2: JH Volleyball @ Ansonia—5:00 pm
HS Volleyball vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
Girls Soccer vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. National Trail—7:00 pm
- 3: Varsity Football vs. Covington—7:30 pm
- 4: JH/HS Cross County @ Eaton—9:00 am
JV Football @ Covington—10:00 am
JH Volleyball Tournament @ Covington—TBA
- 6: HS Volleyball vs. Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. TVS—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. TVS—7:15 pm
- 7: JH Football vs. TBA—5:00 pm
HS Volleyball @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 9: Girls Soccer @ Franklin-Monroe—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer @ Franklin-Monroe—7:00 pm
HS Volleyball vs. Newton—5:30 pm
- 10: Varsity Football vs. TBA—7:30 pm
- 11: JH/HS Cross Country CCC Meet @ Tri-Village—10:00 am
JV Football vs. Versailles—10:00 am
- 14: JH Football @ Miami East—5:00 pm
- 17: Varsity Football @ Miami East—7:30 pm
- 18: JV Football vs. Miami East—10:00 am
- 21: JH Football vs. TVS—5:00 pm
- 24: Varsity Football vs. TVS—7:30 pm
- 25: JV Football @ TVS—10:00 am
- 31: Varsity Football @ National Trail—7:30 pm (Sr. Night)

November

- 29: JHGB @ Valley View—10:00 am

December

- 2: JHGB @ Newton—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Eaton—5:30 pm
- 4: JHGB vs. Eaton—5:00 pm
HSGB @ National Trail—5:30 pm
- 6: JH Wrestling @ Valley View—9:00 am
HS Wrestling @ Brookville—9:00 am
JHGB vs. Tri-Village—10:00 am
HSBB vs. Madison—6:00 pm
- 8: JHBB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Milton Union—6:00 pm
- 11: JHGB @ Ansonia—5:00 pm
- 13: HS Wrestling @ Greenville—9:30 am
JHGB vs. Bethel—10:00 am
JHBB @ Valley View—10:00 am
HSBB @ Seton Catholic—6:00 pm
- 15: JHBB vs. Eaton—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Northeastern—5:30 pm
- 16: JHGB vs. Covington—5:00 pm
- 18: JHBB @ TVS—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. TVS—5:30 pm
- 19: HSBB vs. National Trail—6:00 pm
- 20: HS Wrestling @ Versailles—10:00 am
JHBB vs. Arcanum—10:00 am
HSGB @ Arcanum—12 noon
HSBB vs. Dixie—6:00 pm
- 22: JHGB @ Miami East—5:00 pm
- 23: HSGB @ Dixie—6:00 pm
HSBB vs. Miami East—6:00 pm
- 27: HSGB vs. Bradford—6:00 pm
- 29: HSBB @ Preble Shawnee Holiday Tourney—TBA
- 30: HSBB @ Preble Shawnee Holiday Tourney—TBA

Elementary Music News



The students in the Elementary School are back working hard and having fun making music in Mrs. Whitman's music room this year! Sooner than we think, some of the students will have performances! Below you will find dates and information for the programs this fall/winter.

Please mark them on your calendars and come to support the TCNES students!

Veteran's Day--2nd GRADE; Friday, November 7, 2014—during the school day.

**Please note this performance is not open to the public due to limited space in the High School Gymnasium*
Christmas will be **1st GRADE** and **3rd GRADE**; Tuesday, December 9-time TBA.

Please look for further information coming home with your student in the near future!

Thank you for your support of the music program at TCNES!

Don't Forget!

2014 Yearbooks have arrived!
See Mrs. Carmean if you ordered a yearbook. If you would like to purchase one, the cost is \$60.00.

TCN Create-A-Pig Winners

There were several students from the TCN Elementary and Middle School who entered projects in the Create-A-Pig contest at the Pork Festival. Tri-County North had many students that earned awards for their category and they are as follows:

1st Place: Julia Myers—Carve 6-8; Kaimee Knisley—Digital 5-6; Paul Haupt—Digital 3-4; Alex Klingenberg—Most Unique 3-4; Sierra Baker—Carve 3-5; and Ava Brunk—Prettiest 3-4.

2nd Place: Emily Norris—Most Unique 7-8; Lillian Davis—Most Unique 5-6; Isaac Johnson—Digital 5-6; Parker Williams—Most Unique—3-4; and Lindsey Koenig—Carve 3-5.

3rd Place: Matthew O'Dell—Most Unique 7-8; Joey Wheelock—Most Unique 5-6; and Levi Pahl—Carve 3-5.

4th Place: Hunter Pahl—Most Unique 5-6; and Paizley Pahl—Carve K-2.

Congratulations and great job to all of the students!



TCN Marching Band In Action

The Tri-County North Marching Band is off to an amazing season! The band started rehearsing mid-July and have been working hard to put on incredible performances. Before the school year began, the band performed at the Preble County Fair parade, Derby Days parade and the Great Darke County Fair Band Spectacular. At the Darke County fair, the band director, Terra Moniaci, conducted ten bands for a mass performance at the end of the event. They continue to entertain audiences all across the area at football games, as well as participating in the University of Dayton Band Day, Half-Time USA, the Preble County Pork Festival parade and the Little Miami Band Festival. The band received first place for their performance at the Preble County Pork Festival. The band also hosted its second Alumni band night on Homecoming, having over 30 alumni come and participate with our band. Special thanks to all of the TCN Alumni that helped make that night successful. This year's band has 69 members and pride themselves on playing current music that entertains everyone that sees them. The band is led by field commanders Kirsten Stacey and Tucker Rother. Featured soloists this year are Aiden Tomlin, Sean Tomlin, Jakob Herbert, Gillian Mescher and Anthony Jacobs, who is also our drum major. The band will be performing at the Kenton Ridge Band Festival on October 18th at 7:00 p.m.



2014 Pig Tales & Poetry Contest Winners

This year, there were over 130 entries into the Preble County Pork Festival's Pig Tales & Poetry Contest. Students in grades 3-8 represented Tri-County North well! This year's winners were:

3rd & 4th Grade Tales: Kami Hasty and Austin Davis

3rd & 4th Grade Poetry: Kailee Donohoo

7th & 8th Grade Tales: Emily Norris and Alaina Baldasare

Congratulations to this year's winners!



Elementary Library News

When students in 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades returned from summer break, they were challenged to a contest in the library. They tried to guess how many characters (out of 23) they could remember from books that they read over the summer or in the past. The winners were as follows:

4th grade: Jessica Isaacs, Sean Derringer, Phoebe Downing, Jonathan Shirley, Noah Helton, Josalyn Miller, Connor Burke, Chevelle Gulley and Parker Finney.

3rd grade: Jacob Davis, Ava Brunk, Thelma Weldy, Laney Varner, Parker Overcash, Morgan Quesinberry, Joshua Hopkins, Levi Heck, Nicole Lefeld, Cora Helms, Garrett Hutchinson, Austin Davis and Sawyer Flora.

2nd grade: Travis Williamson, Rylie Terry, Savannah Quinn, Blake Stump, Taylor Cole, Quentin Radenheimer, Lauren Grilliot, Dayna Peters and Jacob Dawson.

Phoebe Downing had all 23 characters correct! Each winner received a book, pencil, eraser and smelly maker!

Also, the Book Fair is coming to the Elementary Library November 3-7, 2014! We will be open during parent/teacher conferences. Remember, Christmas is right around the corner and books make great gifts!



New Character Education Program at TCNES

This year at TCN Elementary, our school will be introducing a new character education program called Bucket Filling. Bucket filling is an easy-to-understand concept: "Everyone carries an invisible bucket that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When our buckets are full, we feel happy and when our buckets are empty, we feel sad".

Children quickly understand that they can fill buckets when they do and say things that are kind, considerate, caring and respectful. They also learn that when they are mean, inconsiderate, uncaring or disrespectful, they dip into buckets and remove the good feelings.

During the school year, we are encouraging, reminding and recognizing everyone's efforts to be bucket fillers at home, school and everywhere they go. To learn more about bucket filling, visit the Bucket Fillers website: www.bucketfillers101.com. Bucket fillers also offer a free weekly e-newsletter for parents and teachers.

Mrs. Haman (elementary school counselor) will also present a monthly character word lesson to the students during their library time. The lesson will include possible activities of a story, group discussion, role playing, puppetry and educational games.

Tracy Wheeler, a prevention educator from the Recovery and Wellness Centers of Midwest Ohio (Eaton) will also visit our school this year to involve students in the following programs: Tobacco Education, Brain Power (Science/Health & affect of drugs on the brain), and Bully Prevention. These prevention services to our district are provided free of cost to the school through state funds and the Mental Health Levy.

Finally, our school will recognize Red Ribbon Week in late October with different school activities each day. Red Ribbon Week is a national event which focuses on educating students about making healthy choices including saying "NO to Drugs". This year's theme is "Love Yourself- Be Drug Free".



Cell Phone Collection Drive

Our school is participating in a cell phone fundraising drive. There is nothing for you to buy or sell to participate. You simply donate your old cell phones by having you or your student drop them off in the boxes located in the school or district offices. This drive will benefit your child, our school and also the environment by keeping harmful materials out of the landfills.

Just send the cell phones with their batteries to school. Ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to participate. Every phone helps and 100% of the proceeds comes directly to us!

Latchkey Reminders

Just a few reminders from our Latchkey program.....

Latchkey is now open to 6th grade students in the morning session only. Times are as follows: K-6 morning session is 6:30 a.m. to the time school begins. K-5 afternoon session is 3:15-6:00 p.m. We are open on two-hour delays, but closed on days when school is not in session. Register your children now so the program is available to you this winter!

Please contact Risa Dungan, Latchkey Director, with your questions at 937-232-1570.

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Upcoming Events

October

- 7: OAA Testing—3rd Grade Reading
- 10: MS Fall Fling
- 13: Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- 14: Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL
- 17: 6th-12th Grade Picture Re-takes
- 18: Band at Kenton Ridge Band Festival
- 20: PTO Meeting—6:30 pm
TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 22: Parent/Student Meeting for 2016 Costa Rica Trip—6 pm
- 24: End of First Quarter
- 27-31: OGT Testing—Juniors/Seniors
- 31: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
ES Fall Harvest Parties
Halloween

November

- 2: Daylight Savings Time Ends—Fall BACK One Hour!
- 3: ES Parent Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 4: Election Day
- 5: Juniors/Seniors To National Trail College Fair
- 6: MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
ES Parent-Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm

- 7: Veteran's Day Program—1:30 pm
- 11: Veterans Day
- 17: TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 18-21: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
- 25: ES Picture Re-takes
- 26-28: Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

December

- 5: Sophomores Visit MVCTC
- 9: ES Christmas Program—6:00 pm
- 12: Interims Sent Home With Students
- 15: PTO Meeting—6:30 pm
TCN Board of Education Meeting—7:30 pm
- 22-Jan. 2: Winter Break—NO SCHOOL
- 25: Christmas Day
- 31: New Year's Eve

January

- 1: New Year's Day
- 5: Classes Resume

