

From The Desk Of The Superintendent

William Derringer

We are very excited to get the new school year started and we hope all of our students and their parents had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It has been a very busy time around the school and, as usual, the summer months have passed quickly. Our custodial staff has worked extremely hard to get the building ready for the start of school and, as always, the waxed hallways and classrooms look great. You will notice right away the new artwork that we have added to the entry doors for each of our buildings. These new window decals allow clear visibility during the day for those inside the building to see out while offering an attractive touch with our school logo for those on the outside to see when they are in front of the building. We have also planned to use some of our permanent improvement money next summer to make improvements to our sidewalks and renovate the current brick-work which is embedded into the entryway of each building.



There have been many other projects this summer, such as the renovation of our old industrial arts classroom into a new online computer classroom. This new lab will offer some of our students that had been attending other programs away from our school the ability to come back and take online classes here at TCN. We also purchased a new school bus this summer so some of our students will be picked up this year on a brand new bus. As a result of recent budget cuts, it had been four years since Tri-County North had purchased a new bus and we were long overdue. I am proud to say that all of our buses have passed the Ohio State Patrol Safety Inspection and have been “stickered” and are ready to go for the start of school.

We also have several new teachers this year which, I am sure, are excited to start working with your children. Don't forget to mark on your calendars that we will be having an Open House for all students in grades K-12 on Monday, August 17th, so that would be a good time to come and meet your children's' newest teachers. I believe that our principals have done an outstanding job this summer of hiring some excellent additions to the already great staff at Tri-County North Schools.

We hope that this newsletter provides you with some very important information that you can use for the entire first semester. I know that the upcoming events section, as well as the athletic calendar, should help you with future planning of school events. I would also like to thank our sponsors which are listed on the back page of this newsletter. Their support is greatly appreciated to offset the expense of the printing and postage of this newsletter. I would also like to thank all of our parents for working with and supporting your children as they start back to school on the 18th. Let's all work together to have a great year.

Go Panthers!

2015 TCN Graduation

The Tri-County North Class of 2015 graduated on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at Salem Church of God. There were 78 graduates overall, 44 of which attended MVCTC. The TCN Class of 2015 Valedictorians were: Megan Duffy, Jesse Applegate, Austin Hammaker, Taylor Hayslett, Madison Duffie, and Kirsten Stacey. The Salutatorian was Caitlin Braughton.

The Tri-County North Board of Education, Administration and staff would like to wish each graduating senior the very best in all of their future endeavors. It has been a pleasure having you represent TCN! Congratulations and best of luck to you in your futures!



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Tri-County North Elementary is “Swimming to Success” for the 2015-16 school year. This year the elementary school is going to have a theme throughout the school year that will help bring excitement, focus, and a sense of community to our school. We have chosen “Swimming to Success” as our theme and students and teachers will have activities that go along with the theme to enhance students’ learning. You will notice the theme as you pull up and see the entrance to the elementary and as you enter the hallways you will be able to know we are ready to swim to success. Please plan to attend our open house on Monday, August 17th from 5:00 – 6:30PM and see what the excitement is all about!

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) Kickoff Event – September 14th @ 6:00PM. For those new to TCNES our Watch D.O.G.S program 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. Please be sure to attend our opening event, with your calendar, as we will have food, drink, and sign-up for Watch D.O.G.S. Fridays. 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.

Information will once again be sent to parents in a variety of ways this year. One easy way parents can get school wide information is by signing up for Remind text messages. Anyone can sign up for the text messages by texting @tcne to 81010. Also, video updates are being posted on the schools website under the Newsletters and Communications Tab. These videos will feature staff and students notifying everyone 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.

Curriculum Corner

As we are moving into a new school year, the curriculum department in conjunction with our teachers have been very busy preparing for a new year with: new K-12 math textbooks, new middle and high school STEM classes, and for an exciting year of professional development with our teachers!

For students in grades K-8, our new textbook series, Math in Focus will provide our students with a strong base in understanding how numbers actually work, rather than just memorizing facts. Please keep an eye on our Parent University coming later this fall to hear more about how we’re developing our math thinkers.

Additionally, we are expanding our STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) class offerings into our TCNHS this year with new courses that will focus on modeling and simulation of real world problems. Our teachers have been partnering with the Gaming Research Integration for Learning Laboratory along with Wright State University and the Air Force Research Lab to create more opportunities for our students to excel in STEM areas.

Lastly, we are very excited to continue to our work to make our staff the most innovative, passionate, and effective teachers in our area. This year our professional development will continue to

Once again this year, I will be the 6th-12th Grade Principal for the Tri-County North Middle and High School. This will be my 5th year as a principal at Tri-County North, and my 2nd year as the Principal for both the Middle and High School. I look forward to working with all of the students, parents, community members, and staff here at Tri-County North.

This year will be our first year with the College Credit Plus Program where students in grades 7th through 12th can enroll and take college courses if they meet the requirements for those classes. We will have students completing college courses either on-line, going on-campus, or enrolled with one of our teachers who are adjunct college professors in ACP English, Geology, and Western Civilization.

Also new this year, Tri-County North will have their own On-Line Computer Program where students who previously left TCN will be able to complete their courses and requirements on-line with a certified teacher assisting them. This will allow the students more time on the computer program, and be able to stay here at Tri-County North. We have a lab created for this experience along with providing opportunities for students to complete their on-line college courses. The lab will also be open from 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day for any student who has to stay after school for activities, or have to work on homework or projects and receive extra assistance.

Tri-County North is providing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) courses for all students in the Middle School this year. Students will receive instruction in STEM in grades 6th-8th. At the high school level, students have the choice to enroll in the Modeling/Simulation where instruction will be on risks and costs while promoting collaboration and problem-solving. Students will develop a working knowledge of the discipline, mathematical and scientific content.

Tri-County North Middle and High School will use the Remind System to send out text reminders reminding parents/students of upcoming events, activities, and other events. To sign up for Remind, send the text @tcnms to 513-245-4854. Tri-County North Schools also have a Facebook page which provides up dated information regarding activities, and our web page, www.tcnschools.com has contact information for staff along with information regarding activities, Progress Book, and links to teacher websites. Please be sure to check all of them out!

Please feel free to contact me anytime you have a question or concern regarding the Middle or High School at 937-962-2675 or by email at Doug_Dunham@tcn.k12.oh.us. I look forward to a great school year!

Curriculum Corner Continued

focus on our use of the MAP test, collaboration around analyzing student work, and introducing the use of more Google Apps for Education.

We look forward to sharing our progress with you on our Facebook page, but also other new social media in the future. If you have any questions regarding curriculum, instruction, assessment, or professional development, please contact Beth Manor, Curriculum Coordinator, at beth.manor@tcnschools.org or call the Middle School Office at 937-962-2631.

Tri-County North Sports

* Schedules are subject to change

August

- 12: Varsity Golf vs. Dixie—4:30 pm
- 15: Varsity FB vs. Dixie—10:00 am—scrimmage
- 17: Varsity Golf vs. Tri-Village—4:00 pm
- 18: Varsity Golf @ Miami East—4:30 pm
- 19: Girls Soccer @ Catholic Central—5:30 pm—scrimmage
- 20: Varsity Golf @ National Trail—4:00 pm
- 21: Varsity FB @ Northridge—7:00 pm—scrimmage
- 22: Boys Soccer vs. Greenon—10:00 am
Girls Soccer @ Greenvew—1:00 pm—scrimmage
- 24: Varsity Golf vs. Mississinawa—4:30 pm
JHVB @ Brookville—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. Eaton—5:30 pm
- 25: Varsity Golf @ Newton—4:30 pm
JHFB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm
Girls Soccer @ Stivers—5:00 pm
Boys Soccer @ Stivers—7:00 pm
- 27: Varsity Golf @ Arcanum—4:00pm
HSVB @ Brookville—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Dixie—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. Dixie—7:15 pm
- 28: Varsity FB @ Brookville—7:00 pm
- 29: JH & HS Cross Country @ Milton Union—9:00 am
JVFB vs. Brookville—10:00 am
HSVB @ Bradford (Darke County Tourney) - 10:00 am
Girls Soccer @ Greenville—11:00 am
- 31: Varsity Golf vs. Covington—4:00 pm
JHVB @ Tri-Village—5:00 pm

September

- 1: Varsity Golf @ Franklin-Monroe—4:00 pm
JHFB @ Ansonia—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. Dixie—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Miami Valley—5:30 pm
- 3: Varsity Golf @ Bethel—4:30 pm
JHVB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. Mississinawa—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ TVS—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer @ TVS—7:15 pm
- 4: Varsity FB @ Ansonia—7:30 pm
- 5: JH & HS Cross Country @ Greenville—8:00 am
JVFB vs. Ansonia—10:00 am
HSVB vs. Milton Union—10:00 am
- 8: Varsity Golf vs. Bradford—4:00 pm
JHVB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:00 pm
JHFB vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm
HSVB @ Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm
- 10: Varsity Golf vs. Ansonia—4:00 pm
JHVB @ Bradford—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. Bradford—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. Bethel—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ Bethel—7:00 pm
- 11: Varsity FB vs. Arcanum—7:30 pm

- 12: JH & HS Cross Country @ Brookville—9:00 am
JVFB @ Arcanum—10:00 am
Girls Soccer vs. Northeastern—11:00 am
Boys Soccer vs. Northeastern—12:30 pm
- 14: Varsity Golf @ Milton Union—4:00 pm
JHVB vs. Arcanum—5:00 pm
- 15: JHFB @ Mississinawa—5:00 pm
HSVB @ Arcanum—5:30 pm
- 16: Girls Soccer @ Richmond—5:00 pm
- 17: JHVB @ TVS—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. TVS—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer @ Preble Shawnee—6:00 pm
- 18: Varsity FB @ Mississinawa—7:30 pm
- 19: JH & HS Cross Country @ MVCTC—8:30 am
JVFB vs. Mississinawa—10:00 am
JHVB vs. Newton—10:00 am
- 21: JHVB vs. Dixie—5:00 pm
- 22: JH & HS Cross Country vs. Eaton—4:30 pm
JHFB vs. Bethel—5:00 pm
Boys Soccer @ Madison—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ Madison—7:15 pm
- 24: JHVB vs. National Trail—5:00 pm
HSVB @ National Trail—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Miami East—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. Miami East—7:15 pm
- 25: Varsity FB vs. Bethel—7:30 pm
- 26: JH & HS Cross Country @ Bellbrook—9:00 am
JVFB @ Bethel—10:00 am
HSVB vs. Madison—10:00 am
JHVB @ Eaton—1:00 pm
Boys Soccer @ Brookville—1:00 pm
- 28: JHVB vs. Miami East—5:00 pm
- 29: JH & HS Cross Country @ Tri-Village—4:45 pm
JHFB @ Covington—5:00 pm
HSVB @ Miami East—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer @ Milton Union—5:30 pm
- 30: Girls Soccer vs. Union County—5:30 pm

October

- 1: JHVB @ Covington—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. Covington—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Newton—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. Newton—7:15 pm
- 2: Varsity FB @ Covington—7:30 pm
- 3: JHVB vs. Preble Shawnee—10:00 am
JVFB vs. Covington—10:00 am
JH & HS Cross Country @ National Trail—10:00 am
- 5: JHVB @ Bethel—5:00 pm
Boys Soccer @ Carlisle—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ Carlisle—7:15 pm
- 6: JHFB vs. Bradford—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. Bethel—5:30 pm

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- 8: JHVB vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
HSVB @ Ansonia—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer @ National Trail—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer @ National Trail—7:15 pm
- 9: Varsity FB vs. Troy Christian—7:30 pm
- 10: JH & HS Cross Country @ Eaton—9:00 am
JVFB @ Tri-Village—10:00 am
HSVB @ Troy Christian—10:00 am
- 12: HSVB @ Preble Shawnee—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. TVS—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. TVS—7:30 pm
- 13: JHFB vs. Miami East—5:00 pm
HSVB vs. Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 15: HSVB @ Newton—5:30 pm
Girls Soccer vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm
Boys Soccer vs. Franklin Monroe—7:15 pm
- 16: Varsity FB vs. Miami East—7:30 pm
- 17: JH & HS Cross Country @ National Trail—10:00 am
JVFB @ Miami East—10:00 am
- 20: JHFB @ TVS—5:00 pm
- 23: Varsity FB @ TVS—7:30 pm
- 24: JVFB vs. TVS—10:00 am
- 30: Varsity FB vs. National Trail—7:30 pm

November

- 20: HSGB vs. Northridge (Tip Off) - 7:15 pm
- 21: HSGB vs. Carlisle (Tip Off) - 4:30 & 7:15 pm
- 23: JHGB vs. Newton—5:00 pm
- 24: HSGB vs. Milton Union—5:30 pm
- 27: Freshman BB @ Madison—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Madison—6:00 pm
- 28: JHGB @ Tri-Village—10:00 am
- 30: JHBB @ National Trail—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Northeastern—5:30 pm

December

- 1: JHGB vs. Ansonia—5:00 pm
- 3: JHGB @ Eaton—5:00 pm
JHBB vs. Valley View—5:00 pm
- 4: Freshman BB @ Dixie—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Dixie—6:00 pm

Costa Rica or Bust!

In June of 2016, TCN students will have an awesome opportunity to go on a nine day trip to Costa Rica! The trip is open to any TCN 8th-12th grade student, as well as any parent or staff member, and is completely self funded. Some of the highlights of the trip include hiking to Poas Volcano, kayaking on Lake Arenal, horseback riding in Monteverde, zip lining in Santa Elena Cloud Forest, and soaking in the natural, tropical beauty of Manuel Antonio National Park on the central Pacific coast. If interested, students and parents are encouraged to check out the tour website at www.efours.com/1608078DA for more information. You may also contact Mrs. Cheryl Ross, TCN Spanish Teacher, at cheryl_ross@tcn.k12.oh.us.

- 5: JH Wrestling @ Valley View—9:00 am
JHGB vs. Preble Shawnee—10:00 am
- 7: JHBB vs. Dixie—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Eaton—6:00 pm
- 8: JHGB @ Covington—5:00 pm
Freshman BB vs. Franklin—5:00 pm
HSBB vs. Franklin—6:30 pm
- 10: JHBB vs. TVS—5:00 pm
HSGB @ TVS—5:30 pm
- 11: HSBB @ National Trail—6:30 pm
- 12: Varsity Wrestling @ Greenville—10:00 am
JHGB vs. Valley View—10:00 am
JHBB @ Arcanum—10:00 am
HSGB vs. Arcanum—1:30 pm
- 14: HSGB vs. Brookville—5:30 pm
- 15: JHGB vs. Miami East—5:00 pm
- 17: JHBB vs. Bradford—5:00 pm
HSGB @ Bradford—5:30 pm
- 18: HSBB @ Miami East—6:30 pm
- 19: Varsity Wrestling @ Versailles—10:00 am
JHGB vs. National Trail—10:00 am
Freshman BB vs. Brookville—4:30 pm
HSBB vs. Brookville—6:00 pm
- 21: JHBB @ Franklin-Monroe—5:00 pm
HSGB vs. Franklin-Monroe—5:30 pm
- 22: HSBB vs. Covington—6:00 pm
- 28: HSBB Holiday Tourney @ Preble Shawnee—TBA
- 29: HSBB Holiday Tourney @ Preble Shawnee—TBA
HSGB @ Mississinawa—5:30 pm



Winter & Spring CCC Teams

The Cross County Conference teams for winter and spring sports are as follows:

Basketball: Cassi Stinson—Special Mention; Ryan McAdams—Special Mention

Softball: Kaitlin Heindl—Second Team; Megan Hemp—Special Mention

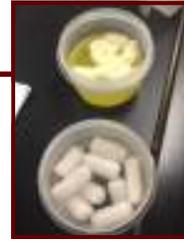
Baseball: Logan Elmore and Nick Gray—First Team; Austin Elmore—Second Team

Track: Hailey Thies—CCC Champion in 100 meter hurdles and High Jump; Austin Johnson—CCC Champion in 100 meter dash; Trey Summers, Austin Johnson, Bill Daugherty and Garrett Woodyard—CCC Champions in 4x200 relay

Congratulations to all of the athletes on their success in their respective sport. Thank you for representing TCN so well!

Fifth Grade Science Fun

The fifth grade put their knowledge of the scientific process to good use during the 14-15 school year. Besides many class activities, the students did longer, more time consuming experiments. There was the force and motion experiment, sound energy instrument project, and the longest one, Fast Plants growth experiment. Another experiment they did was with packing peanuts that are environmentally friendly. First we did a little research to find out what these peanuts are made from. Turns out, they are made from a corn starch base that dissolves when in contact with water. Next, the students were divided into groups to test different liquids with the peanuts. They had to determine their variables before they did the test. Some students used different kinds of pop, while others used water with other ingredients (salt, sugar, dye). After, the students collected their data to determine if their hypotheses were correct. Finally, they wrote a lab report with data tables, graphs, results and conclusions. The enthusiasm for the experiment was evident and most of the students worked diligently to complete their lab report.



Class of 2015 Scholarship Recipients

Many Seniors from the Class of 2015 finished their high school careers by being awarded scholarships from local businesses and organizations. Those being recognized for their outstanding achievements at Tri-County North were:

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| Serena Singleton | December Strawser | Sophia Hobbs | Logan Justis | Madison Duffie |
| Caitlin Braughton | Alexis Kring | Daryl Velasquez | Emily Dean | Sara Wheelock |
| Morgan Shuttleworth | Austin Hammaker | Megan Duffy | Chelsea Messenger | Trey Summers |
| Taylor Hayslett | Kirsten Stacey | Mack Bell | Dustin Johnson | |

Those receiving MVCTC/Principal Awards, OHSAA Awards and Marines Awards were: Mitchell Bussard, Caitlin Braughton, Taylor Hayslett, Serena Singleton, Gunner Sloan, Sophia Hobbs, Megan Duffy, Austin Hammaker, Kara Simpson, Dustin Green, Kirsten Stacey and Emily Dean.

Congratulations to all of our 2015 Seniors on their outstanding achievements!



Upcoming Events

August

- 17: K-12 Open House/Meet The Teacher—5:00-6:30 pm
- Freshman Orientation—5:30 pm
- PTO Meeting—6:30 pm
- 18: First Student Day
- 31-Sept. 15—MAP Testing

September

- 3: MS/HS Picture Day
- 7: Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 8: Waiver Day—NO SCHOOL
- 11: ES Picture Day
- 14: WatchDOGS Kickoff event—6:00 pm
- 18: Interims sent home with students
- 18-Oct. 2—ES Fundraiser
- 21: PTO Meeting—6:30 pm
- 23: 6th Grade Dearborn, Michigan Parents Meeting—6:30 pm

October

- 5-9: HS Spirit Week
- 7: Homecoming Parade
- 9: Homecoming Game / Ceremonies
- 10: Homecoming Dance—7:00-10:30 pm
- 12: Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL

- 13: Waiver Day—NO SCHOOL
- 16: MS/HS Picture retakes/make ups
- End of 1st Quarter
- 19: PTO Meeting—6:30 pm
- 23: Report Cards sent home with students

November

- 3: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 5: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 12: MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
- 13: Veteran's Day Program—12:30 pm
- 16: PTO Meeting—6:30 pm
- 17-20: 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- 20: Interims sent home with students
- 25-27: Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

December

- 3: Sophomore Visit to MVCTC
- 9: MS/HS Music Concert—7:00 pm
- 15-18: HS Semester Exams
- 18: End of 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester
- 21-Jan. 1: Winter Break—NO SCHOOL

January

- 4: Class Resume

85th Tri-County North MVCTC FFA Banquet

The Tri-County North MVCTC FFA Banquet was held on March 5, 2015. We would like to thank the Cox's for the chicken and the Trail Riders for cooking the chicken. We would also like to thank the Phelps for cooking the hog. Very special thanks go to the TCN cafeteria service for their vegetables. The honorary members for the 85th banquet were Sonja Hyer, Melissa Gibbs and Sue Finton.

We would like to thank all of the companies that donated door prizes for our 85th banquet: Cracker Barrel, MTM Molded Products, Midway Restaurant (John Wy-song), Chipotle, Company 7 BBQ, Texas Roadhouse, O'Reily's, Advanced Auto Parts, AutoZone, John Landis, Wendy's, Arby's, Pizza Hut, Steinke's, Brubaker

Grain, Twin Valley Equipment and Buffalo Wild Wings.

The Construction Tech class awards went to Robert Martin and Tristin Harry. The AFNR 2 class awards went to Madeline Prater and Ethan Browning. The Animal Science awards went to Alexis Kring and Logan Justice. The AFNR 1 class awards went to John Shade and Alex Kerby. The Ag 400 class awards went to Sara Wheelock and Alexis Scott. The leadership class awards went to Ashley Wright, Anna Norris and Alexis Scott.

This year the Ag Construction Tech Class attended Soil judging and the top three were Nick Schumacher, Josh McIntosh and Tristin Harry.

There were 26 people who participated in

fruit sales and out of that, the top three were Ethan Phelps, Anna Norris and Thomas Pudenz. The Chapter raised \$1,665.75.

There were five people that participated in Job Interview and they were Alexis Scott, Anna Norris, Ashley Wright, Madeline Prater and Taylor Cooper.

The new officers for the 2015-2016 school year are: Ashley Wright—President, Caitlin Wright—Vice President, Bailey Lairson—Treasurer, Douglas Smith—Reporter, Madeline Prater—Secretary, Montana Cox—Student Advisor, Travis Karns—Sentinel, Sara Vires—Historian and Taylor Cooper—Parliamentarian.

Preble County Fine Arts Show

During the month of April, the Preble County Fine Arts Center hosted their annual Student Art Show, which exhibits a variety of student art pieces from each of the Preble County schools. Each piece of artwork is entered into a specific category. Our students had artwork in the categories of drawing, painting and printing.

This year there were 23 talented students' from grades K-5 that had artwork chosen to represent Tri-County North Elementary. Those students received a Ribbon of Participation and an Awesome Artist Certificate.

Congratulations to Bree Wayman, Trinite Woolwine, Sara Williamson, Shawnee Krull, Jessica Isaacs, Madison Mathews, Alandra Singleton, Sophia Brunk, Natalie Lefeld, Emily Blunk, Kyra McCloud, Amiya Singleton, Ava Brunk, Josie Porter, June Cooke, Kora Lykins, Carley Landis, Clint Dickerson, Lily McKinley, Rosalinda Colaj, Adisson Sage, Hailey Hall and Ella Statzer.



6th Grade Heads to Michigan

Some of the 6th grade class took a trip to Dearborn, Michigan on May 14 & 15th. The students went on an overnight trip to the Ford Truck plant, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village where they had a hands-on learning experience. The students had fun while learning and brought back many special memories.



Wax Museum

On May 22, the 4th-7th grade students conducted a wax museum project. More than 240 students wore period costumes, created displays, and assumed the character of a famous person in history. The 4th and 5th grade focused on Ohio and American History while 6th and 7th grade focused on people from World History. The students stood as wax figures until someone pushed the start button for them to come alive and tell the story from a first person point of view. Congratulations to all the students who made this collaborative effort such a resounding success!



Full Throttle STEM

TCN's Full Throttle STEM Racing Team traveled to Eldora Speedway to race the car they designed and built against other teams from the Darke County area. Students showcased their remote control app they designed and learned about STEM related careers and projects in the area. It was an exciting day!



Family Literacy Night

On Tuesday, May 26, 2015, over 100 TCNES students, family members and staff attended the Family Literacy and Numeracy Night. Our guests were treated with tacos from Chipotle and then were provided with a highlight of TCNES's academic focus for this year. Parents were also introduced to our new math curriculum called Math in Focus. Our students, families and staff then participated in a live animal show with special guest, Education Coordinator, Tom Hissong, from Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. Mr. Hissong's presentation focused on different types of animals and included a black rat snake and a small falcon called the American Kestrel. We were very happy to show how our cross-curricular focus on reading, writing and science was highlighted with our participation in Aullwood's Avian Art Contest. The evening culminated with Mr. Hissong reading from the same book that our students received for attending the event. Thank you to all who participated!



Aullwood Avian Art Contest

Tri-County North Elementary was privileged to be one of only three schools selected to participate in the Aullwood Avian Art Contest for 2014-2015. This honor provided many benefits. Initially, \$300.00 was given to be used for art materials. Then learning was enriched as each student researched and wrote about a bird. Finally, all students used academic knowledge and art skills to create a rendering of their selected bird. All art work was matted and displayed in the school hallways and thirty selections were chosen to go to Aullwood to be judged. Those student receiving awards were as follows:

Matthew Davis, June Cooke, Carley Landis, Braiden Erwin, Mya

Hollingsworth, Lily McKinley, Mckenzie Moyer, Mya Pinion, Colton Terry, Danielle Trettel, Jessica Isaacs, Madison Terry, Katelyn Plumley, Sierra Baker, Sophia Brunk, Sawyer Flora, Gabe Kesler, Blaine Miracle, Azia Singleton, Lydia Sullenbarger, Jackson Isaacs, Shawnee Krull, Bree Wayman, Dalton Adkins, Mackenzie Bacher, Kylie Cooper, Jenna Klingenberger, Braden McCloud, Alex Meyer and Molly Simpson.



Mock Governments

Have you ever had to live in a dictatorship? A monarchy? Well, the fifth grade students had one day of classes run by such governments. Mrs. Clift was the 'Queen' of her class, and ran her class as such. There were court members, peasants, a dungeon, and everyone 'bowed' to the Queen. Mrs. Galpin, on the other hand, was a military dictator. She made them march, memorize speeches, and repeat "We are proud to be from room 224!" Mrs. Williams was a direct democracy for the day. She had students vote on *everything* that they did in class. The students learned that the majority ruled, but was frustrated that just one vote could make a difference in their decisions. The students also mentioned they were tired of voting for every little thing. Hopefully this was an experience that will help them remember the difference between these forms of government.



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