



PANTHER PRIDE

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From The Desk Of The Superintendent William Derringer

As 2018 comes to a close, I would like to reflect on a couple of important items that have taken place at TCN. On November 8th Tri-County North held our first safety town hall meeting in the high school gymnasium. I would like to thank all of those in attendance and let them know how much I appreciated their input in regards to school safety. As a result of this meeting we have seriously considered some of the suggestions and are currently working on starting some facility upgrades due to the input that we gathered from the meeting. If you have driven by the school in the evening you may have noticed that it is much brighter as a result of replacing most of the old lights in the parking lot and around the building with new LED lights. We have also added some additional security cameras both inside and outside of our facility. Events like the one in Richmond a few weeks ago really bring to light the concerns that we all have about keeping our students and staff safe in a crisis situation. I wanted to let each of you know that we will continue to provide training for our staff members and also work on facility upgrades in the future to make our school a safer place.

I know that our elementary students are very excited for spring and warmer weather so that they can go out and play on our new elementary playground equipment. It has been twenty-eight years since we have made major renovations to our playground but the wait is nearly over. Construction crews have been assembling the equipment for the past several months but will need to wait until the weather warms up to be able to pour the rubberized playground surface. I have had many of our students ask when the playground will be completed as they can see the work in progress. When finished, our state of the art playground will be something that I'm sure our students will take pride in and enjoy for years to come.

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. I hope that you are able to visit with friends and family and that you can take some time to relax and enjoy the time together. As always, we appreciate your support and I would invite you to contact me to share any questions, comments or concerns that you may have. I look forward to the start of the second semester and working with the wonderful students from Tri-County North.

TCN Salutes Veterans



On November 9th, TCN honored all Veterans for their service to our country with a Veterans Day program. The program saluted all branches of the military. The TCN High School Band and 2nd grade class participated by performing the National Anthem. Also participating was Scout Troop and Pack 511, who conducted the flag folding ceremony, and the Preble County Honor Guard, who performed a 21 Gun Salute. The 2nd grade students also sang a couple patriotic songs for those in attendance. Dr. Joe Hoelzle and Paul Pahl, student council representative, did the Presentation of the Wreath. At the end of the program, Kyrstin Haney and Ella Stone performed Taps. A reception to honor all of our Vets was held in the cafeteria immediately following the program, where the TCN FFA served our Veterans. It was a wonderful event and many thanks go out to Mr. Ron Duncan, Ms. Terra Moniaci, Ms. Charity McMullen, Mr. Don Kring, Mrs. Trisha Shields, Mr. Micah Brown and many other assistant coordinators for all of their efforts in coordinating the program.



Did You Know?

You can log onto MySchoolBucks.com to make payments for the cafeteria, school fees, athletic fees, field trip fees, cheerleading fees, FFA fees, yearbook fees and Latchkey fees. Please contact Brenda Lawson in the District Office at 962-2671, ext. 257, to obtain your student's ID number.



Spring FORWARD one hour!
March 10, 2019

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Elementary News

Joe Finkbine

The Pride of Our Community theme has allowed students to hear about the Lewisburg Community and the behind the scenes things that make a community. Students have had an opportunity each month to hear from a person from within the community about their profession and what they do to help make Lewisburg a wonderful community. Here are the members of the Lewisburg Community who have or will be speaking to our students about making a community. Superintendent Mr. Bill Derringer, Village Administrator Mr. Jeff Sewert, Mayor Mrs. Marsha Jones, Chief Rick McGee, Corporal Johnson and his K-9 Apollo, Lewisburg Fire Department Jim Ake and Pat Fink, Businessman Todd Appledorn, Pastor Justin Wiegand, and Village Worker Josh Meyers. I am so thankful for the people

who have taken or will be taking time to help our students understand what makes Lewisburg the wonderful community it is and that there is a lot of work to make a community operate.

Students have also worked on building community within the walls of Tri-County North Elementary. Teachers and staff have been talking with students about positive interactions with their peers to help build a positive community within TCNES. Each day on the announcements we encourage students to find at least one nice thing to say to another student to help build each other up. I hope you can help us at home build our community at TCNES by reinforcing traits students can show to each other to build positive relationships among their peers.

Middle School News

Joe Hoelzle

On the first day of the school year, I met with each grade level of students and encouraged them to get involved in extra-curricular activities. Through my experiences and research, I know that there is a positive correlation between being involved in school activities and earning higher grades and having lower discipline rates. This correlation is often a result of students gaining a sense of belonging and increasing their self-concept through participation in these activities. Many people hear the words extra-curricular activities and think of the athletic department. Along with athletic teams, we also have many other activities in the middle school that students can get involved in.

One of my favorite groups we have is our V.I.P. (very important panther) group, which focuses on service to others. This group has visited nursing homes in their Halloween costumes and to Christmas Carol, collected canned and boxed goods for cabbage patch to donate to the local food shelter, and has helped run programs such as grandparents day and our annual senior citizen's luncheon. This group has also hosted the fire department during fire prevention week and sponsored a "kids for kid's" toy drive.

Our Middle School student council is also very involved, planning activities such as our fall fling and fling in the New Year, and spring fling which are similar to the old school middle school dances, with

a modern twist. The student council also sponsors the middle school student of the month program, spirit week, and a trip to the Richmond Indiana to go roller skating.

Tri-County North is also proud of our students for their participation in various competitions throughout the school year. Our 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students in our gifted programs participate in F.L.L. (First Lego League) and recently have qualified for the district competition, with the 7th and 8th-grade teams taking 1st place in the robot games.

7th-grade students in our research and presentation class recently participated in the H.I.T. (home is the foundation) hunger and homelessness essay contest, with Ava Brunk taking first place. Middle School students also worked on research and presentation skills during the science fair hosted on December 12th and the upcoming history day competition on January 16th. Parker McGrath and Breanna Callahan will be advancing to the Preble County geography bee. A local spelling bee competition will also take place in the spring. Devin Corrington, an 8th-grade student has been selected to play in the District 13 OMEA (Ohio Music Educators Association) honor band because of his skill in playing the baritone/saxophone.

I am so proud of our students so far this school year for all of their achievements and service activities that they are planning. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

High School News

Kristen Mills

As 2018 draws to a close, it is a great time for reflection and preparation for 2019. As I reflect on the accomplishments of our students during the first semester, I am amazed by the countless hours they have dedicated to their academics, athletics, FFA, Band, performances, and community service. We are proud of the efforts our PANTHERS are making inside and outside of the classroom. Our motto for this year is #WeGotThis and it is clear that we do!

Our staff meets weekly in goal teams to discuss 21st Century Technology and Service Learning, Positive School Climate, and Academic Achievement. The 21st Century goal team spearheaded the collection of over 800 items to be donated to soldiers overseas. The Positive School Climate goal team recognized over 85% of our student body who met two out of three criterion. Finally, our Academic Achievement team has been a catalyst in bringing awareness to graduation requirements.

As we prepare for our second-semester endeavors, much focus will be on end-of-course exams, earning credits, and graduation. Students must earn at least 18 points on the end-of-course-exams including a specified total on a combination of tests. Spring testing will begin on April 10th, 2019. Freshmen will take end-of-course exams in Algebra I and ELA I. Sophomores will take Geometry, ELA II, Biology, and US History. Juniors will take American Government and potentially any exam they have not achieved at least a 3 on. Seniors will take any exams they need to fulfill their requirements for graduation and earning a diploma.

From the Tri-County North High School staff, we would like to wish all of our PANTHERS a happy and healthy 2019. #WeGotThis



The TCN HS staff dressed in graduation regalia on Halloween to kick-off College Awareness Week. All teachers took a time-out to tell their college journeys.



Winter & Spring Sports

* Schedules are subject to change

January

- 3: JHBB @ Bradford—5:30 pm
HSGB vs. Bradford—6:00 pm
- 4: Freshman BB vs. Miami East—5:00 PM
HSBB vs. Miami East—6:30 pm
- 5: Varsity Wrestling @ Valley View—10:00 am
JH Wrestling @ Triad—9:00 am
JHGB @ Miami East—10:00 am
Freshman BB @ Brookville—1:00 pm
HSGB @ Brookville—4:00 pm
HSBB @ Brookville—7:00 pm
- 7: JHGB @ National Trail—5:30 pm
JHBB vs. National Trail—5:30 pm
- 8: Freshman BB @ Covington—4:45 pm
HSBB @ Covington—6:00 pm
- 10: JHBB vs. Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm
HSGB @ Franklin Monroe—5:30 pm
- 11: Freshman BB @ Bethel—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Bethel—6:30 pm
- 12: Varsity Wrestling Panther Invitational @ home—10:00 am
JHBB @ Mississinawa—10:00 am
HSGB @ Mississinawa—1:00 pm
- 14: Varsity Wrestling @ Arcanum—5:00 pm
JHBB @ Dixie—5:00 pm
JHGB vs. Dixie—5:30 pm
- 15: HSGB vs. Preble Shawnee—6:00 pm
- 17: JHBB vs. Newton—5:30 pm
HSGB @ Newton—5:30 pm
- 18: Freshman BB vs. Ansonia—4:45 pm
HSBB vs. Ansonia—6:00 pm
- 19: Varsity Wrestling @ Southeastern—9:00 am
JHGB vs. TVS—10:00 am
HSGB @ Madison—12:00 pm
JHBB vs. Eaton—1:30 pm
Freshman BB @ Preble Shawnee—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Preble Shawnee—5:45 pm
- 22: JHGB @ Arcanum—5:30 pm
- 24: JHBB @ Tri-Village—5:30 pm
HSGB vs. Tri-Village—5:30 pm
- 25: Varsity Wrestling @ Lima Central Catholic—5:30 pm
HSBB @ Tri-Village—6:00 pm
- 26: JHBB vs. Arcanum—10:00 am
- 28: JHGB vs. Bradford—5:30 pm
HSGB @ Milton Union—6:00 pm
- 29: Freshman BB @ Milton-Union—4:30 pm
HSBB @ Milton Union—5:30 pm
JH Wrestling @ TVS—6:00 pm
- 31: Varsity Wrestling @ TVS—5:30 pm
JHBB vs. Ansonia—5:30 pm
HSGB @ Ansonia—5:30 pm



- 8: HSBB vs. Franklin Monroe—6:00 pm
- 9: Varsity Wrestling @ Covington—10:00 am
Freshman BB vs. Dixie—4:45 pm
HSBB vs. Dixie—6:00 pm
- 15: HSBB @ Bradford—6:00 pm

March

- 23: Varsity SB @ Dixie - 12:00 & 2:00 pm
Varsity BB vs. Dixie—11:00 am & 1:00 pm
- 26: Varsity BB & SB vs. TVS—5:00 pm
- 28: Varsity BB & SB @ Arcanum—5:00 pm
- 30: HS Track @ Franklin Monroe—10:00 am
Varsity BB @ Valley View—11:00 am & 1:00 pm

April

- 1: Varsity SB vs. Union County—5:30 pm
- 2: Varsity BB & SB vs. Bradford—5:00 pm
- 4: Varsity BB & SB @ Franklin Monroe—5:00 pm
- 6: Varsity SB @ Carlisle—11:00 am & 1:00 pm
Varsity BB @ Coldwater—3:00 pm
- 9: Varsity BB & SB vs. Mississinawa—5:00 pm
- 11: Varsity BB & SB @ Newton—5:00 pm
- 12: Varsity BB & SB vs. Tri-Village—5:00 pm
- 16: Varsity BB & SB @ Ansonia—5:00 pm
- 18: Varsity BB & SB vs. Bethel—5:00 pm
- 19: HS Track @ Ansonia—4:30 pm
- 23: Varsity BB & SB vs. Covington—5:00 pm
- 25: Varsity BB & SB @ Miami East—5:00 pm
- 26: HS Track @ Arcanum—4:30 pm
- 27: Varsity BB vs. Anna—11:00 am
Varsity BB vs. Milton-Union—3:00 pm
- 29: Varsity SB @ Valley View—5:00 pm
- 30: Varsity BB & SB @ National Trail—5:00 pm



May

- 1: Varsity SB @ Madison—5:00 pm
- 2: Varsity BB @ Chaminade-Julienne—5:00 pm
- 4: Varsity SB vs. Brookville—11:00 am & 1:00 pm
Varsity BB @ Brookville—1:00 pm
- 6: HS Track @ Tri-Village—4:30 pm
Varsity BB vs. Northridge—5:00 pm
- 7: Varsity BB vs. Madison—5:00 pm
- 8: Varsity BB @ Tecumseh—5:00 pm
- 9: HS Track @ TVS (Semi-finals) - 4:30 pm
Varsity BB @ Eaton—5:00 pm
- 11: HS Track @ TVS (Finals) - 10:00 am

February

- 1: HSBB vs Newton—6:00 pm
- 4: JHBB @ Bethel—5:30 pm
HSGB vs. Eaton—5:30 pm
- 5: HSBB @ Mississinawa—6:00 pm
- 7: HSGB vs. Bethel—5:30 pm



TCN Middle School VIP students went Christmas caroling at Brookhaven, Greenbriar, and Maple Gardens on Friday, December 14th. 27 students merrily sang carols to the patients and staffs then enjoyed a well deserved dinner at McDonald's play area.



FFA News

Fair - Over the summer 14 TCN-MVCTC students showed and entered projects at the 2018 Preble County Fair. Ethan Musgrave showed a rabbit, he received 1st place. Ben Singleton also showed rabbits, he received best of breed. Landon Owens showed five rabbits, he received rabbit king, best in breed and best opposite; he also placed first with his silver laced wine dot chicken. Lane Kerby showed hogs where he received grand champion in 245 weight class. Mady Prater proudly represented the TCN-MVCTC FFA Chapter with her champion 220 class grand champion yorkshire and her two goats. Hunter Degrasse showed goats, he received 1st in class and a 4th place ribbon. Sara Williamson showed goats also where she placed 5th in one of her classes. Cole Stump showed goats as well and received a 2nd and a 3rd place ribbon. Shawnee Krull showed a horse, goats, hogs, and a cow receiving 7 ribbons. Hayley Moore showed hogs, horses and lambs, which she received four ribbons. Marissa Wooton showed her horses in multiple classes winning a total of 22 ribbons. Chloe Blunk also showed her horse in multiple classes earning a 1st place, a 2nd place, a 3rd place, and a 5th place. Samantha Nuse exhibited her market lambs earning a 3rd place, two 4th place, and a 6th place all out of the top ten. Samantha also placed 5th overall in livestock judging individual. Delaney Shively also exhibited market lamb with three 1st place and a 3rd place, also she earned two class winners with her welding + bench project. Taylor Cooper showed an alpaca receiving reserve champion also market goats placing 3rd then a bramha hen receiving an first place ribbon. The TCN-MVCTC has a wonderful week at the famous Preble County Fair. Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

National Convention - Convention was fun! Getting to experience meeting President Trump was pretty amazing. We had a large group of people go. We had Ethan Musgrave, Delaney Shively, Sam Nuse, Chloe Blunk, Cecelia Anders, Hayley Haines, Kelle Cooke, Landon Owens, Cole Stump, and Kylie Cooper. We had a great experience at 2018 national convention.

Soils - The Tri-County North Rural soil judging team. At the district contest, TCN students competed against 36 other teams and over 200 individual students. The soil team placed 5th (only top 5 teams move on to state). The top students are Delaney Shively, Kelli Cooke, Shawnee Krull and Kylie Cooper. As individuals, Delaney Shively placed 7th, Kelli Cooke placed 13th, Shawnee Krull placed 41st and Kylie Cooper placed 78th. Others that participated in soils are Hunter Paul, Samantha Nuse, Lane Kerby and Brandon Jewett. So proud of each student for their hard work!

Pork Festival - TCN FFA members spent a Saturday and Sunday volunteering at the Pork Festival in August towards the end of the month. The students worked the chop shop where they helped pack over 6,000 meals, washed tables and passed out meal tickets.

Farm Science Review - Ms. McMullen and 36 FFA members traveled to the farm science review. The Farm Science Review has hundreds of demonstration plots and several million dollars worth of machinery set up for people to see and learn about. The students had the opportunity to be exposed to different parts of the Agriculture industry.



Fall All-CCC Teams

The Fall Cross County Conference teams have been announced and are as follows:

Football: Brian Stinson, Preston Jackson, Wyatt Hutchins, Cooper Cole, Clay Finney, Braden Gray, Wyatt Woodyard, Liam Downing

Volleyball: Riley Cruse, Emma Hale

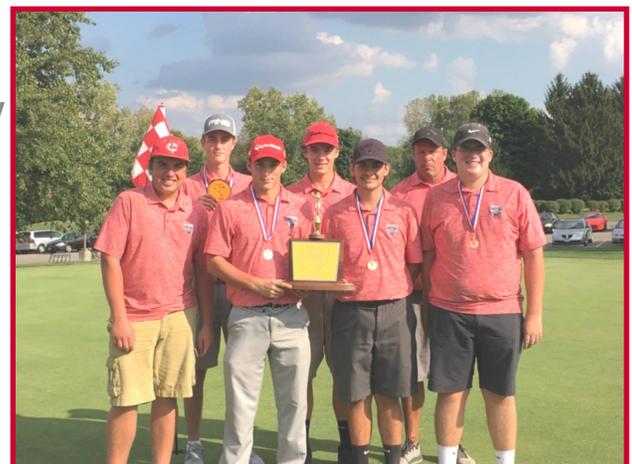
Golf: Ethan Kelley, Alec Wayman, Dylan Curtin, Spencer Brehm, Matt O'Dell

Girls Soccer: Taylor Green, Preston Lipinski

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

Golf Team Wins League

Congratulations to the boys' golf team and Coach Hans for winning the CCC Championship! Team members were Ethan Kelley, Alec Wayman, Spencer Brehm, Dylan Curtin, Landon Owens and Matt O'Dell. And congratulations to Coach Hans for being named Coach of the Year!



Congratulations to the 2018 Homecoming King & Queen, Brian Stinson and Taylor Green!





VIP Reverse Trick or Treat

Twenty-three TCN Middle School Very Important Panthers (V.I.P.) students devoted four hours after school to visiting and spreading holiday spirit to residents of three area nursing homes on October 24th. They visited Brookhaven, Greenbriar, and Maple Grove Nursing homes and gave the residents candy. Thank you to the parents and students for this wonderful annual community service.



Trip to Europe

Curious about the world outside of Preble County? Well, TCN high school students will be given the opportunity to travel to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland during spring break 2020. Traveling around a number of sites of central Europe, students will have the chance to see a wide range of historical locations from medieval castles to WWII memorials. They will be exposed to a variety of foods and cultural experiences that will challenge and enhance their understanding of the world. This will be the second time in recent TCN history that the school has participated in this type of activity. In 2018, a number of students and adults traveled to Spain and Italy. It is not too late to sign up! If you are interested in going, please talk to Jim Conway at the high school.



Shoes 4 The Shoeless

In partnership with the Preble County Success Program and Tri-County North school staff, the Dayton-based organization, Shoes 4 the Shoeless, will be visiting our school on April 30, 2019. Shoes 4 the Shoeless serves our students by providing brand new tennis shoes and socks to any student in need from age Pre-K to 12th grade. This non-profit organization visits schools in the Miami Valley year-round providing this often unmet need to families and communities. This will be the third year in a row that Shoes 4 the Shoeless has come to Lewisburg. Last year, the program gave out 80 pairs of shoes and socks at TCN! Molly Schmidt, TCN Success Liaison, is expecting to serve even more students this year. The program would not be possible without the support of our Superintendent, staff, and community volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help distribute these items on the 30th, please contact Molly at molly.schmidt@tcnschools.org. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration

The Tri-County North 2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration will be held in conjunction with Early Literacy Week.

TCN will hold open kindergarten registration in the District Office for next year's kindergarteners from **April 15–April 19, 2019**. Registration times will be as follows:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 am–12 noon

Tuesday: 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Thursday: 3:00 pm–6:00 pm

Simply choose a day and stop in to register your child between that time frame, no appointment needed. 2019-2020 Kindergarteners must be five years old on or before August 1, 2019, and parents must provide the following:

1. Original Birth Certificate from the County Health Department
2. Physician's Immunization Records
3. Original copies of any child custody order, decrees or modifications of order relevant to the child
4. THREE current forms of proof of residency (please refer to www.tcnschools.com for acceptable forms of proof)

Kindergarten screening will be held in August in the Elementary building and will be discussed at registration.

Please feel free to contact the District Office at 937-962-2671, ext. 224, with any questions pertaining to kindergarten registration.



First Responders Appreciation Week

The TCN Middle School Very Important Panthers (VIP) visited the fire department to deliver posters and baked goods for First Responders Appreciation Week. They also provided hot dogs, buns, and napkins. They made signs of appreciation for the fire department, rescue squad, and police department. Thank you for all that you do for our community!





Cemetery Walk

Many people from Lewisburg's early history have been buried in Roselawn Cemetery. On August 24th, Tri-County North Elementary students will have a unique opportunity to go on a walking tour of Roselawn Cemetery. Nineteen volunteers will play the part of people buried there who represent some of the history of Lewisburg. The tour will acquaint students with some of the cemetery's earliest residents, as they share brief accounts of their lives and contributions to Lewisburg and Ohio.



In preparation for the tour, students will watch a presentation in the library about Cemetery etiquette and what symbols on the headstones mean. They will be shown military markers and what wars they represented. The most interesting thing they will learn and most don't know, is about coins on a stone. A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased soldier's family that someone else has visited. A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with the deceased in some capacity. By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the soldier when the veteran was killed.

While on the tour students will learn about Henry Horn who platted Lewisburg, Joseph Singer who was probably the first settler, Granville Kumler who was mayor, State Senator, and editor of The Lewisburg Leader, Rebecca Sharp who was kidnapped by Indians, and Martin Gates who pushed for sidewalks in Lewisburg and received the first telegraph. Maud Tilman has a unique stone that is shaped like a tree stump- meaning her life was cut too short. Charles Cox was an up and coming race car driver in the 1930's who died in a crash during a race, while the person causing the crash went on to win the race.

Mrs. Davidson would like to thank the staff at the Preble County Genealogy Library in Eaton that helped with the research. Along with the following volunteers who will take time out of their day to play a part, they are: Alice Rayburg, Linda Creech, Rhonda Horn, Joyann Scott, Kaylee Lebo, Hunter Owens, Catie Millhouse, Christy Milhouse, Mark Madigan, Chief Rick McGee, Logan Justis, Sharon Justis, Angie Getter, Abby Kring, Alan & Sheila DeMotte, Angela Cherry, Jeff Sewert, Everett Trittschuh, Pam Baker, and Eli Davidson. A special thanks to Cemetery Sexton, David Steck, Harrison Township Trustees, along with their staff.

Elementary Music Program

On December 11th, the first and fourth grade music students, as well as the 5th grade band, performed 'Twas The Night Before Christmas, a merry musical about a timeless literature classic. Students were decked out in beautiful Christmas attire and entertained the audience with many Christmas carols. First graders sang "Up on the Housetop", "Frosty the Snowman" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Fourth graders sang "Christmas Is Coming", "Dance of the Sugar Plums", and "To All a Good Night", just to name a few. The 5th grade band performed "Jingle Bells", "My Dreidel", and "Mary Saw the Christmas Star". The event was well attended, packing the gymnasium with families and community members. A BIG shout out goes to Mr. Duncan for organizing the performance!



First Grade News



Ms. Kauffman's first graders are currently collaborating on writing a book! The title will be "I Think There Should be a Candy Cane that is Flavored...". Each student is contributing a page detailing their flavor choice. Copies of the book will be available in the elementary library as well as Brown Memorial Public Library for check out. This will make for a very interesting reading so be sure to look for this fabulous edition coming soon!



Senior Citizen Luncheon

On December 13th, TCN held their annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, open to any senior citizen in the Tri-County North school district. Approximately 60 seniors attended this year. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the TCN cafeteria staff, followed by musical performances by our middle school and high school bands, our high school choir, and our first and fourth grade music students. This year, our Spanish class students also sang classic Christmas carols in Spanish when the seniors arrived. The TCN FFA students assisted in decorating, serving and clean up and they did a phenomenal job! Door prizes were also given away to the seniors throughout the event. TCN would like to acknowledge and thank all of the area businesses who graciously donated door prizes for the luncheon: Walmart, Sarah's Pizza, Marion's Piazza, Dayton Dragons Organization, Loudy's Office Supplies, Subway Restaurants, Livin' On Dreams Boutique, LaRosa's Pizzeria, ACE Hardware, Hip-Stirs Coffeehouse, Bankhouse Café, Gordon Food Service (GFS), Yankee Clover Mercantile, and FlexPac. Without the generosity of these area businesses, we wouldn't be able to pass out door prizes so we extend a great big thank you to them!



Chief Black Hoof Visits TCN

On September 6th, William "Rusty" Cottrel came to TCN Elementary to portray Chief Black Hoof.

In a lifetime that spanned over a century, from 1720 to 1831, Black Hoof (Catahacasa) was witness to, and a participant in, many pivotal events that determined the direction of the Old Northwest Territory, and, in turn, that of the United States of America.

An outgoing speaker, he related, sometimes humorously and sometimes quite emotionally, conflicts with nations seeking to drive his people from that homeland. Students heard how he sought a different path than that of the more aggressive leader, Tecumseh. He described his efforts to lead his people into a farming culture identical to that of their white neighbors. Students sympathized with him as he described how his people were faced with removal to the West in spite of their successful endeavor and the promise that they would be free to live in the Ohio country "as long as the rivers flow and the grass grows". It was a very educational assembly for our students.



First Lego League Competition

First Lego League is a stem program that challenges students to work with others in a competitive environment. In preparation for the competition, the students have been working hard to solve a real world problem relating to long duration space flight. The 7th/8th grade Meteor Crashers created a therapeutic board game to help astronauts with anxiety. The 6th grade Fighting Fireballs created a bed and home kit to help astronauts sleep more soundly. Along with research, the teams had to show good core values and sportsmanship. The last part of the competition involves the robot games. Students had to build and program a robot to perform missions.

The teams competed on Saturday December 8th at Northridge High School. The Meteor Crashers won 1st place in the robot games and won the Champions Award which earned them an advancement to districts. The Fighting Fireballs placed in the top five and will also be competing at districts in January. Good luck to both teams!



**Job
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done!**



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Upcoming Events

** Dates are subject to change*

January

- 3: School Resumes From Winter Break
- 9: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
- 11: Panther Pride Assemblies
 Flinging in the New Year MS Dance
- 16: History Day Competition—2:30-4:30 pm
- 19: All County Science Fair
- 21: Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL
- 22: TCN PTO Chipotle Dinner Fundraiser—5:00-9:00 pm
- 24: Preble County Spelling Bee—7:00 pm

February

- 7: ES Interim Reports Sent Home With Students
 Preble County Geography Bee—6:30 pm
- 8: MS/HS Interim Reports Sent Home With Students
 Valentine's Day Dance—6:00-8:00 pm
- 11: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
- 14: ES Parent /Teacher Conferences—3:30-6:30 pm
 HS/MS Parent/Teacher Conferences—2:30-8:30 pm
- 15: NO SCHOOL In Lieu of Conferences
- 18: President's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 19: Waiver Day—NO SCHOOL
- 27: Cap and Gown Pick Up

March

- 7: Family Literacy Night—5:00-7:30 pm
- 9: PenOhio Competition
- 10: Daylight Saving Time Begins—Spring FORWARD one hour!
- 11-22: MAP Test Window
- 15: End of the Third Quarter
- 22: Report Cards Sent Home With Students
 Panther Pride Assemblies
- 25-29: Spring Break—NO SCHOOL

April

- 5: ES Spring Pictures
- 9: MS/HS Academic Pep Rally
- 9 & 10: 3rd & 4th grade ELA State Assessment
- 13: Senior Class Picture
- 19: Good Friday—NO SCHOOL
- 22: In Observance of Easter—NO SCHOOL
- 27: Prom
- 30: Shoes For The Shoeless
- 30-May 1: 3rd & 4th grade Math State Assessment

May

- 2: Spring ES Music Program
- 3: VIP Spring Fling for Backpacks
- 12: Mother's Day
- 15: Senior Academic Awards
- 16-17: 6th Grade Trip to Dearborn, MI
- 18: Senior Picnic
- 22-24: 4th Grade Field Trip to Wilderness Ridge
- 27: Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
- 28: ES Field Day
- 30: Last Student Day—Report Cards Sent Home With Students
 Commencement Program @ Salem Church of God—7:00 pm
- 31: Teacher In-Service Day



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