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BPA

On December 9th Tri-County BPA member competed at the Regional level. Many of the competitors now have the opportunity to compete at the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis in March. The Video Production Team of Chase Kirby, Luke Lehe, Kaden Price, and Kale Lawson placed second. The Economic Research Team of Blayne Vandevveer and Micah Lehe won their contest. Holly Lehe and Sydney Rust placed first in Presentation Management Team. The winner of Extemporaneous Speaking was Blayne Vandevveer. Taylor Terwilliger placed third in Prepared Speech. The Presentation Management Individual Owen Getz received second place.

Prior to contest day, member also competed in non-judged events that will also be moving on to the state level. In Fundamental Accounting, Holly Lehe received first, Kenzie Bahler third, and Dalton Justice fifth. Hunter Musser received first and Sydney Rust placed third in Advanced Accounting. In Payroll Accounting, Erin Bahler won, Dalton Justice placed second, and Hunter Musser received third. Zach Gretencord took first place in Economic Research Project Individual. Seth Dyke and Madison Metzinger received second and fifth, respectively, in Personal Finance. Maddie Musser received first place and Emma Blume received fifth place in Fundamental Word Processing. In Intermediate Word Processing, Erin Bahler took home second and Rustin Schambach sixth. Matthew Harrington won Integrated Office. Emma Blume placed second and Maddie Musser placed third in Fundamental Spreadsheet. In Database, Raegan Wallace, first; Brittany Gonzales, second; Micah Lehe, fourth; and Rustin Schambach, fifth.

Kenzie Bahler received fourth in Medical Office Systems and Procedures. Sam Getz placed fifth in Business Law and Ethics. The winner of Fundamentals Web Design was Andy Douglas. The BPA regional contest was very successful for the Tri-County chapter.



From The Desk of Ms. Hall

We are well into our second semester now. This time of year provides many opportunities for our families to be active in our schools. February 10th from 4:30-7pm is our PTO-sponsored carnival at the Jr/Sr High School. They have been planning this event for months and have some new games and ideas to make this carnival even better than before. March 14th will be our spring parent/teacher conferences. More information on this event will be sent out closer to that date. Also be looking for information on our Daddy Daughter Dance and Mother and Son events!

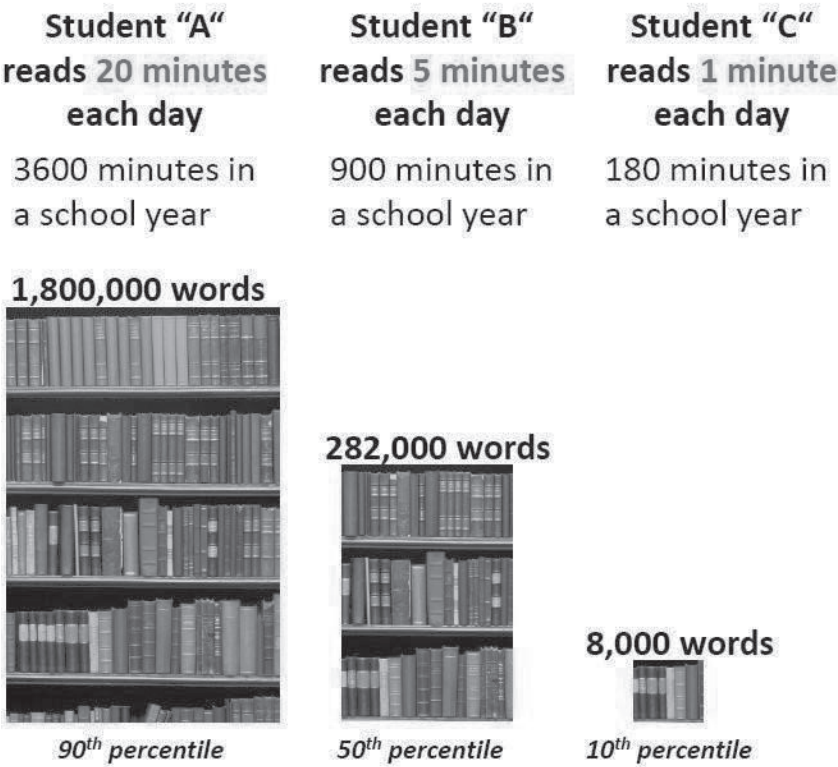
Winter has not been as kind to us this year as it was last year. Please remember that we will be in school for the scheduled snow make-up days: February 16th, April 20th, and April 23rd. As we patiently wait for warmer weather, please make sure you are sending your child to school dressed appropriately. Illness during the winter months almost seems unavoidable, but taking precautionary measures like dressing warmly and getting plenty of rest can greatly decrease those odds and help keep students from missing days at school.

This year the Primary School has enacted a no homework policy. One thing we have asked our families to do in place of traditional homework is to have your child read or be read to for twenty minutes each day. Many studies have shown that reading to a child at a young age helps increase vocabulary, comprehension, and their love for reading. The image below has been around for quite a while, but it gives a great representation of the impact reading for just twenty minutes a day can have on a child. Classroom teachers and your local library can be great resources for reading materials.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hall

**Why Can't I Skip My
20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?**



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

FROM THE DESK OF MR. HAGAN

TCI is excited to have students back for the second half of the year. We have many experiences and programs planned for students to explore careers and develop 21st century skills of collaboration, leadership, innovation, technology, problem solving, productive struggle, and critical thinking.

Twenty-first century skills are the skills students will need in their futures for success in college and careers. We focus on the development of strong reading, writing, and math skills, and we do this through the lens of STEM. STEM education provides applicable and relevant learning experiences while students engage in 21st century learning.

TCI has applied to be one of the few certified STEM schools in the state and we are looking forward to the DOE review team visit in February. All students are immersed in STEM within each subject in the classroom. Some of our experiences and programs this semester include our new STEM Fair, weekly Club Day, CavBots robotics competitions, STEM Academy, Math Bowl, Battle of the Books, Daddy Daughter Dance, PTO Carnival, Muffins for Moms, and Donuts for Dads.

Thank you to everyone involved in making all of these experiences possible for our students, and we welcome you to come see for yourself!

Mark Your Calendar

February 10 - 4:30-7 PTO Carnival

Every Day Is What You Make It! Make It A Great Day!

Mr. Hagan



Lafayette Aviators +Boxtops = Free Tickets

Each TCP student who brings in 10 boxtops will receive a order form to receive a FREE TICKET to a Lafayette Aviators Baseball game. Official Boxtop collection sheets will be handed out to each student on Feb. 5th. The conclusion of the program will be March 23rd, at that time all students who qualify will receive an order form for a FREE TICKET.





Nurse's Notes Spring 2018

We have had a busy few months!!!

We offered and gave Flu shots to students this year. The White County Health Department nurse administered them. We had a fairly good response and plan on offering this again next year.

The Wolcott Lions Club did our vision screenings for us this year, for the first time. They screened the DK, Kindergarten, 1st, 5th & 8th graders. It went very well, and we plan on doing our screenings with them next year. We really appreciate their time to do this for us. It gives us the opportunity to utilize the services the Lions Club offers free of charge. They will pay for glasses for students in need through Lens Crafters, and can even provide transportation if necessary.

School Smiles will be coming to TCP & TCI for the first time very soon. We have wanted to provide this service for a while, but the interest has been low. We have several students who will be receiving this care, and we hope next year will have a greater response.

In the next newsletter, we will be revisiting required immunizations. There are some major changes coming for next year, and we want to give you plenty of time to obtain them before school starts in the fall.

The weather has been pretty terrible and with that comes sickness. Remember to dress your children warmly and provide frequent handwashing opportunities. We have warm coats, mittens and hats if your child needs them. Feel free to contact the school nurse, the school secretary or the principal if warm clothing is needed.

Stay Warm and Healthy!

Susan Good, RN; BSN

Sara Arvin, RN; BSN



TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION 2018-2019 CALENDAR								
	M	T	W	TH	F	Student Days	Teacher Days	
August			1	2	3	18	19	6 th Staff Orientation Day
	6	7	8	9	10			7 th Teacher Work Day
	13	14	15	16	17			8 th First Student Day
	20	21	22	23	24			
	27	28	29	30	31			
September	3	4	5	6	7	19	19	3 rd Labor Day
	10	11	12	13	14			
	17	18	19	20	21			
	24	25	26	27	28			
October	1	2	3	4	5	18	18	10 th End of First Quarter
	8	9	10	11	12			22 nd -26 th Fall Break
	15	16	17	18	19			
	22	23	24	25	26			
	29	30	31					
November				1	2	19	19	21 st -23 rd Thanksgiving Vacation
	5	6	7	8	9			
	12	13	14	15	16			
	19	20	21	22	23			
	26	27	28	29	30			
December	3	4	5	6	7	15	15	21 st End of First Semester
	10	11	12	13	14			24 th -31 st Christmas Vacation
	17	18	19	20	21			
	24	25	26	27	28			
	31							
January		1	2	3	4	19	19.5	1 st -4 th Christmas Vacation
	7	8	9	10	11			4 rd Teacher Work Day (1/2 Day)
	14	15	16	17	18			7 th Students Return
	21	22	23	24	25			
	28	29	30	31				
February					1	19	20	
	4	5	6	7	8			18 th Great American's Day
	11	12	13	14	15			
	18	19	20	21	22			
	25	26	27	28				
March					1	15	15	12 th End of Third Quarter
	4	5	6	7	8			22 nd -29 th Spring Vacation
	11	12	13	14	15			
	18	19	20	21	22			
	25	26	27	28	29			
April	1	2	3	4	5	21	21	
	8	9	10	11	12			
	15	16	17	18	19			19 th Make-Up Days
	22	23	24	25	26			
	29	30						
May			1	2	3	17	17.5	23 rd Last Day of School
	6	7	8	9	10			24 th Teacher Work Day (1/2 day)
	13	14	15	16	17			
	20	21	22	23	24			
	27	28	29	30	31			BOARD APPROVED 3/13/17

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 WR(JH) SN (T) 6:00 BB(JV&V) Carroll (T) 6:00	2 GB(V) Sectional (WC) 6:00	3 GB7(A) WCT (NW) 9:00 GB8(A) WCT (Delphi) 9:00 GB(V) Sectional (WC) 7:00 BB(JV&V) Kouts (H) 12:00 Band District Solo and Ensemble - Twin Lakes HS
4	5 GB7(A&B) TL (H) 6:00 GB8(A&B) TL (H) 6:00 BB9 Delphi (T) 6:00 HS Wrestling Awards 6:30	6 WR(JH) Pio (H) 6:00	7	8 GB7&8(A) Ross (T) 6:00 FFA Fund Drive FFA Ag Advisory Board Meeting (TCHS Ag Rooms)	9 BB(JV&V) BC (H) 6:30 BB9 BC (H) 6:30 SENIOR NIGHT	10 *ACT TEST TC PTO Carnival @TCJSHS 4:30-7:00 P.M.
11	12 GB7&8(A) Carroll (t) 6:00 Hs Girls BB Awards 6:30 School Board Meeting 7:00	13 GB7(A&B) NW (T) 6:00 GB8(A&B) NW (T) 6:00 WR(JH) NW (T) 6:00 BB(JV&V) Gary 21st Century (H) 7:00 P.M.	14	15 GB7&8(A) St. James (Wol) 6:00 WR(JH) Frontier (H) 6:00	16 BB(JV&V) Faith Christian (T) 6:00 P.M. SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION (Make-Up Day)	17 BB(JV&V) Lebanon (T) 6:00 WR(JH) NW INV (NW) 9:00 Choir State Solo and Ensemble (Indy)
18	19 GB7&8(A) Faith Christian (T) 6:00 P.M. WR(JH) CP/Ross (Ross) 6:00 NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day National FFA Week	20 GB7(A) WC (T) 6:00 P.M. GB8(A) WC (T) 6:00 P.M. National FFA Week	21 National FFA Week	22 GB7(A) Fro (T) 6:00 GB8(A) Fro (T) 6:00 National FFA Week	23 BB(JV&V) Pioneer (T) 6:00 National FFA Week	24 WR(JH) MWC (WC) (TBA) FFA Ski Trip—Timber Ridge Resort—Michigan Band State Solo & Ensemble Contest (Indy) Kids Night Out—6:00-9:00 National FFA Week
25 National FFA Week	26 WR(JH) WC/NN (TBA) 6:00 ISTEP	27 BB(V)Sectional (H) 6:00 ISTEP	28 BB(V) Sectional (H) 6:00 ISTEP			

MARCH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 GB7&8(A) NN (H) 6:30 P.M. WR(JH) Fro/TL (TL) 6:00	2 BB(V) Sectional (H) 6:00 ISTEP	3 BB(V) Sectional (H) 7:30 WR(JH) RCMS Invit (T) 9:30 Jazz Band Contest (TBA)
	5 ISTEP	6 MS Girls BB Awards—6:30 (TCHS Auditorium) ISTEP	7 ISTEP	8 WR(JH) Rens (T) 6:00 ISTEP	9 Baseball Clinic End of 3rd Nine Weeks ISTEP	10 Baseball Clinic *PSAT TEST *SAT TEST
11 BPA STATE	12 WR(JH) Awards Program 6:30 (Location TBA) Musical Tech Night (Auditorium) 3:30—8:00 PM School Board Meeting - 7:00 BPA STATE	13 Musical Tech Night (TCHS Auditorium) 3:30—8:00 PM BPA STATE	14 ISTEP	15 Musical Tech Night (TCHS Auditorium) 3:30—8:00 PM	16 Spring Musical 7:00 TC Auditorium	17 JH Band Contest (TBA)
18 Spring Musical 4:30 TC Auditorium	19 BPA STATE	20 NHS Inductions 7:00 P.M. TC Auditorium Preschool Open House 7:45-9:00 A.M.	21 ISTEP	22 HS Boys BB Awards 6:30 P.M.	23 ISTEP	24 ISTEP
25 Spring Musical 4:30 TC Auditorium	26 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	27 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	28 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	29 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	30 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	31 ISTEP

TRI- COUNTY FFA PORK CHOP AND FISH DINNER



**Come to Dinner... Stay for a TC
Victory!**

WHEN

**February 9,
2017**

5 pm - 7 pm

WHERE

**Tri-County
High School**

**11298 W. 100 S.
Wolcott, IN 47995**

PRICE

Fish Dinner \$7

Pork Loin

Dinner \$7

Pork Burger

Dinner \$5.50

All Proceeds

go to

Scholarships!

Your Trash Is TCP's Treasure!

Classroom Recycling Contest

Each classroom will have a collection bag for the items TCP Recycles. Each Friday the items will be counted. The classroom that brings the most in will be rewarded each week!

At the end of the Contest all bag totals will be added and a GRAND PRIZE will be given to the winning classroom.

Contest begins: Feb. 5th
Contest ends: March 23rd

Recycling List

Potato Chip, Pretzel, or Snack Bags

Cereal Bags

Granola, Cereal Bar, Fruit Snack, Energy Bar Wrapper

Personal Hygiene Products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash bottles, toothpaste containers, toothbrushes, Makeup containers, Deodorant containers, etc)

First Grade News

First grade students have eagerly been participating in various coding activities throughout the year. Coding is a set of instructions that can be followed by people, computers, and other devices. These instructions tell the device step-by-step directions to follow. First grade students have used Let's Go Code!. Let's Go Code! is a partner activity where one student builds a code and the other student walks the code. Code-a-pillars and Puzzlets are two other great coding activities for young children. Coding is a skill of the future. Our students cheer when they hear they have the opportunity to code!



From The Desk of Dr. Cathy Rowe

Winter weather has certainly tested our abilities to maintain constancy and consistency this second semester! Despite the disruptions, we are fortunate to have kept students and staff safe from treacherous weather conditions. Make up dates for our school cancellations will take place on February 16th, April 20th and April 23rd.

Seniors are currently working on scholarships and have been encouraged to monitor the daily announcements for scholarship deadlines and other timely information. As we head into the spring semester and toward graduation for seniors, they will receive more information concerning graduation in late April. FAFSA help for seniors takes place for the upcoming three weeks during CAV time. Any senior who has questions concerning the FAFSA is encouraged to come for help to the college and career room at that time.

Information concerning summer school will be sent home this spring to those parents whose students could benefit from taking courses this summer. Students who have failed a course or who are at risk of failing a spring course are strongly encouraged to attend to recover the credit. Course failures lead to students falling behind their peers and jeopardizing their ability to graduate on time. Students are strongly encouraged to consider this unique opportunity and plan accordingly.

Junior High Celebrations will be held this week! These celebrations are offered each nine weeks to celebrate the accomplishments of junior high school students in attaining honor roll status and perfect attendance. Congratulations to each student who is recognized! They work very hard for this accomplishment.

With our school make up days being absorbed in February and April, we now move toward using eLearning days. If we have any days in the upcoming weeks that may look like cancellations, we will encourage students to be sure to take their devices home with them and be prepared in the event they need to work on assignments at home. As a reminder, students do have an additional day to make up eLearning assignments in the event they do not have Internet services at home.

Have a safe and warm winter!

Dr. Cathy Rowe

Challenger Center - STEM Education Comes to Life

The Challenger Center's mission is to inspire students to be the next generation of explorers. To do this, they will need knowledge of STEM skills. When students arrive at the Challenger Center they are given jobs that coordinate to the teams of Science, Engineering, and Support.

STEM skills are evident throughout the entire mission. The students are constantly asked to problem solve. Some examples of problems that they discuss using their data are which path the Mars Transport Vehicle should take and can they land and get out of the way of an asteroid.

Thank you to the Tri-County Educational Foundation for funding the trip.





Tri-County FFA Parent Connections



16th ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

**SATURDAY APRIL 7th
STARTING AT 10 AM EDST**

Tri-County High School, Wolcott, IN

Consignments Needed

Any Farm Machinery

Lawn Mowers to Go-Carts

Livestock Equipment

NO Tires Without Rims

NO Household Appliances

NO Chemical Containers

Consignment Rates

\$0-\$5.00 Donation

\$6.00-\$100 15%

\$101-\$500 10%

\$501-\$1500 7%

Over \$1500 5%

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Consignments will be taken 8 am -8 pm on
Wednesday, April 4th to Friday, April 6th.

Advertising Deadline is March 21st

Any Tri-County School Organization wishing to make an announcement in the Newsletter, please have articles in the Superintendent's Office by the fifteenth of the month. If you would like to receive the Tri-County Newsletter or know of someone who would like to receive the Newsletter, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 219-279-2418

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From the Superintendent

When talking 'school' the conversation is always slanted toward to perspective of those having the conversation. A conversation between elementary students might be centered around class activities and recess. High school students' conversations are often focused around their extra- and co-curricular activities. Teachers to teacher talks many times target instruction and assessments. When parents talk school they often discuss the social aspects associated with their children. While the 'business' of school is student achievement and quality instruction, there are so many supporting pieces which factor in to what the total school experience is.

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend an extended period of time with the Tri-County School Board at their annual Facilitated Board Work Session, where every aspect of school was reviewed and discussed. At Tri-County we celebrate the success of our students and staff with REACH HIGHER awards. I would like to share with you that our School Board members are deserving of a recognition. Giving their time over a weekend to participate in an overnight facilitated work session is just one example of the commitment they have to the education of the children in the Tri-County School Corporation. Few schools in our area and around the state take part in this intense of review of school business.

Most of our board members are not professional educators. They come from various walks of life and professions. However, just like the patrons they represent from our community, they are dedicated to the education of our youth. The Tri-County School Board are charged with the responsibility of overseeing the school business in the areas of vision, accountability, policy, community leadership, and relationships. As they develop their skills in each of these areas, they do so with the knowledge that everything they do is for the betterment of Tri-County School Corporation.

Over the next few months, the board will be undertaking the arduous task of creating the 2018-2023 Tri-County Strategic Plan. With every aspect of 'school' in their thoughts I am confident they develop a plan which will lead Tri-County to REACH even higher. As a part of their duty as an elected official, our board members are always available to listen to your concerns. I hope that you will join me in also sharing your appreciation for the job they do. Kyle Arvin, Rachel Cantrell, Bob Gerber, Jason Kilmer, Brian Melchi, Don Pampel, and Brandi Schemerhorn are dedicated, committed, and caring school board members who are continually REACHing HIGHER.

Dr. Kathy Good