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### October/November 2017 Newsletter

Tri-County Jr/Sr High School is appreciative of our community's support in helping our district reinstate positions that were cut over recent years in the area of counseling, AD/Transportation and classroom. The impact to the Junior/Senior High School has been felt immediately! Our students are the direct benefactors of the increased counseling services that are now offered to them. We are extremely grateful for the increased services! The Junior/Senior High School truly appreciates all that has been provided to us for the sake of our students!

As we round out the end of the nine weeks, there has been a flurry of activity this past month. September saw the beginning of monthly College and Career sessions with the first being Apply to College. These monthly topics aligned with one on one help in the College and Career Center have afforded Seniors the opportunity to get feedback and help in applying to the colleges of their choice. The month culminates with College Application Day and College Gear Day on the 29th. October's series will feature Paying for College—a series dedicated to helping students learn about loans, scholarships, grants and other funding sources for college.

Focused field trips will start in October as Mrs. Siela takes a group of students to area businesses in the Finance pathway. Students will learn first hand about the aspects of hiring in the banking industry and in the investment world. Other pathways intended include public safety, hospitality/human services, manufacturing, transportation, agriculture and business/marketing.

Parent-Teacher conferences are being scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th. This year, the district will be trying something new by holding an eLearning Day on this day. Students will work from home on assignments and will not report to school. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from 1:00pm through 8:00pm on the 18th in the high school gym as done in the past. We hope to see you there! Our goal is to have 100% of our students represented!

Lastly, parent communication is a critical piece of the home to school connection. We encourage you to monitor your child's grades in PowerSchool. If you do need a username or password, please contact the front office. We would be happy to get the information for you. We want you to be involved and active in your child's education. By setting the expectation with your child that this communication is important, students know that we are both on the same page in wanting the same things for them—a quality education and great experience!

We hope to see you for Parent-Teacher conferences!

Dr. Cathy Rowe

### Tri-County FFA has a Successful Day

By Abby Kilmer

The Tri-County FFA chapter had an eventful and successful day Saturday, September 16th. Members competed in the State Livestock Skillathon, Purdue Soils Invite, State Dairy Foods, and State Meats contests.

The State Livestock Skillathon team consisted of Blayne Vandeveer, Ashley Peterson, Courtney Lehe, and Tyler Vandeveer. The team received an overall ranking of fifth. Livestock Skillathon contestants must identify feed, equipment, retail meat cuts and judge livestock, meat, wool and hay. They are also tested on their livestock knowledge.

A total of 11 members went to the Purdue Soils Invite. The team of Sydney Rust, Andy Douglas, Abby Kilmer, and Tyler Kilmer were ranked 13th. The team of Ana Douglas, Bailey Kyle, Darian Pinkerton, and Alyssa Kirby were ranked 20th. The final team that went consisted of Zach Brouhard, Justin Kilmer, and Lily Sterk were ranked 23rd. Soils judgers have to determine the color, texture, slope, drainage and landform of four sites and recommend home construction, septic and farming practices for each site.

Members Brittany Gonzales, Courtney Lehe, Savannah Williams, Abby Kilmer and Jaden Myers competed in the State Dairy Foods contest. Gonzales, Lehe, Williams, and Kilmer were on a team and received third place. The team was led by Lehe who



Dairy Foods (I to r) Brittany Gonzales, Courtney Lehe, Savahana Williams, Abby Kilmer, Jaden Myers

received fifth place individual and Kilmer who received seventh place individual. Myers competed as an individual in the Junior Production Division and received 15th. Dairy Foods includes cheese identification, fat content of milk determination, dairy/non dairy selection, California Mastitis Test results reading and a knowledge test.

The final contest Tri-County took members to was the State Meats contest. Blake Peterson, Chase Sterns, Leah Schneider, Tyler Vandeveer, Ashley Seigfred, and Lane Cochran also competed in this contest. The team of Peterson, Sterns, Schneider, and Vandeveer received fourth place at the contest in the 4-H division. Cochran competed as an individual in the 4-H division and received 20th. Siegfred competed as an individual in the FFA division and received 18th. In meats judging, contestants identify retail cuts, judge retail, wholesale and carcasses and present their oral reasons to a judge.



Skillathon (I to r) Tyler Vandeveer, Blayne Vandeveer, Ashley Peterson, Courtney Lehe



Meats (I to r) Leah Schneider, Chase Stearns, Blake Peterson, Tyler Vandeveer



### FROM THE DESK OF MR. HAGAN

Tri-County Intermediate School is off to a great start of the year. All of our students are immersed in a variety of new enrichment opportunities that will prepare them to surpass any challenge ahead of them in their lives. I am proud to be a part of an excellent team that understands the importance of integrating STEAM education within the curriculum. We are integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math in all academic areas to provide problem solving and collaborative experiences that provide rigor, relevance, and relationships to learning.



Our teachers are working in teams every week to ensure we are providing each and every student targeted and purposeful STEAM education. Each class engages in our STEAM Academy every week where they are empowered to embrace challenges in small teams, and use the Engineering Design Process to Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, and Improve.

All students are engaged in one of 20 different clubs each week. Our sixth grade students determined the clubs offered, found a community or staff partner, and dig deeper into their interests. Some examples are small engines with Farney's Service Center, Veterinarians with Dr. Woods, recycling with Northwest Solid Waste District, robotics, science experiments, photography, FFA, and many more.

TCI is starting our first competitive robotics team this year. Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Cook are leading two teams of eight into competitions around northwest Indiana. Thanks to a grant from VEX Robotics and donations from Fox Insurance, Preferred Insurance, and American Axle Manufacturing, we have four robots, practice arena, and registrations for our teams to compete.

Thank you for all of your support and we thank parents, community members, and businesses for being a part of the great opportunities our students have at TCI. Stop by anytime and see for yourself!

Mark Your Calendar
October 5 – 5pm-7pm – Grandparents Night at TCP and TCI
October 18 – 1pm-8pm – Parent/Teacher Conferences- eLearning day for students
November 9 – 6:30pm-7:30pm – Family Reading Night

Mr. Hagan

### Choir & Band News

Junior High Choir will be presenting their first concert on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 6:30PM in the high school auditorium. We think you will enjoy the music as well as the body percussion that the choir is presenting.

Mark your calendars now: our Tri-County Elementary Schools will share their Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 1PM at the Tri-County High School Gymnasium (be sure to let the grandparents know where to attend!!!).

Did you know that Tri-County Band has gift cards that they sell to the public? If you need gift cards, we have many retailers and you don't have to pay an activation fee!!! Shopwithscrip.com is the website with the retailer link at the bottom of the webpage. Or contact Chris Legler leglerc@trico.k12.in.us if you'd like to place an order. Our students earn \$ on each gift card sold! If you like to give gift cards for presents, please consider ordering them through us!!! Thank you!



### From The Desk of Dr. Goad

Nobel Prize winner and American author John Steinbeck once wrote "Perhaps it takes courage to raise children..." As a parent myself, thankful my children are adults, I understand the reality of this quote. As parents, we all want the same thing, we want what is best for our children. It is difficult then, to see our kids struggle. Our first inclination is to step in and help. It takes courage to step back and let the struggle happen. However, it is through struggle our children and our students learn.

Indulge me in a story of my daughter. At six years old she had developed a young passion for basketball. She watched it, she practiced it, she played it, she talked about it, and she dreamed about (probably because she slept with a basketball at her side). At six years old she was limited in her skills, although she had perfected a right handed layup. In the drive way, every day and night, she would approach the basket, jump off her left foot, extend her right arm, aim for the 'square' and score. This repetitive motion became second nature to her, as her muscles remembered the sequence of movement.

Then... she joined her first organized team and came home from practice in tears because her coach had the girls do a drill of a left handed layup and she couldn't do it. As a parent I wanted to help her, I didn't want to see her cry, I didn't want to see her struggle, I didn't want her to feel she was the only one who couldn't do it. However, I couldn't do it for her. What I could do was tell her "you can't do it, yet". I reminded her of how she learned to complete her right handed shot and that it would take the same determination, perseverance, and effort for this new skill. So, she spent hours and days outside with her basketball. Trying over and over again to make a left handed layup. And over and over again she missed. Until one day, I vividly remember being in the kitchen preparing dinner when I heard a scream come from the driveway. My immediate thought was a trip to the emergency room was in our future. As I ran to see what damage had been done, my daughter was laying on the ground, arms stretched to the sky, with the basketball spinning in her hands. She joyfully announced, "I made a left handed layup!"

Whether in kindergarten or a senior, learning new skills in the classroom is no different than learning to make a layup. It's a struggle. If our children understand that they simply haven't learned the skill YET they are much more inclined to continue the journey. Getting to YET requires patience, perseverance, effort, and trust.

Here are some things you can do at home to encourage the YET mindset:

- Encourage your child to take risks and tackle new challenges at school.
- · Praise your child not for the ease with which he or she learns a concept but for the amount of effort put into learning it.
- Communicate with your child's teacher if the material is too easy for your child.
- · When your child is working on a new skill and in frustration says "I can't do this!" simply reply "YET".
- Emphasize perseverance and effort in extracurricular activities. For example, "I'm proud of how much effort you put into that football game" instead of "I'm proud of the touchdown you scored."

I'll leave you with this quote which I recently heard at an educational conference "Let students struggle. Don't rob them of the "I got it!" moment. (Dockterman, 2015)

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Superintendent



We want to make sure students & parents are aware breakfast is available at each school starting at 7:45 am Monday/ Friday as long as school is in session.

(Exception- at TCP & TCI on 2 hour delays).

Cost is **\$1.00** or if students qualify for reduced **\$.40**Applications are available at each school to apply for Free or Reduced meals
& Textbook assistance.

### Understanding the Lunch Line: A Parent's Guide

Each day, your child is offered a lunch containing the following:

Meat or Meat Alternate, Grain,

Fruit, Vegetable and of course, Milk!

While the most nutritious lunch contains <u>all</u> of these options, we understand that sometimes our students do not like some of the items we serve. To make our student customers happy, we like to give them the option to decline items they do not want to eat.

Out of the 5 food groups your student is offered, he must choose <u>at</u>

<u>least</u> 3 food groups for his meal. One of the food groups <u>must</u> be a fruit
or vegetable. Some of the menu choices may count as two food groups
such as pizza, nachos, cheeseburger, or chef salad!

### Here's an example menu:

Cheeseburger on a Bun
1/2 cup Carrots
1/2 cup French Fries
1/2 cup Peaches
8oz of Milk

### So, your child could choose:

Cheeseburger on a Bun and Fries
Carrots, Peaches and Milk
Cheeseburger on Bun, Peaches and Milk
Of course they can take other
combinations or all 5 food groups!
The choice is up to them!

If your child comes home and says she didn't get enough to eat at lunch, ask if she is taking all of her fruit and vegetable choices!

Don't forget about breakfast! Starting at 7:30 each morning, breakfast is a great way to kick off your child's day!

Breakfast choices are a little different.

Students must take at least 3 of the offered items at breakfast, one must be a fruit or vegetable.



# **OCTOBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

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VB(V) Regional (TBA)	27	26	25	24	23	22
FFA SOAR Camp #2-FFA Center-Trafatgar	Fall Break NO SCHOOL		eLearning Day			
CC(V) Coed Semi State (N. Prairie) (TBA) Marching Band Finals (TBA)	FB(V) Sectional—Round I (TBA) 7:00 P.M. FFA SOAR Camp #2—FFA Center—Trafakar		Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00 P.M.		FB(JH) NN (H) 6:30 FB(JV) NN (H) 8:00	
21	20	19	18	17	16	15
VB7(Å) WCT (H) 9:00 VB8(A) WCT (Delphi) 9:00 Marching Band Mini Camp	FB(V) NN (1) 7:30	JH Choir Concert 6:30 (TCHS Auditorium) End of 1st Nine Weeks	PSAT/NMSQT Primary Test Day (TBA)	VB(V) Sectional (TBA) (T) 6:00	(TCHS Auditorium) School Board Meeting - 7:30	FFA SOAR Camp #1 (FFA Center—Trafalgar)
VB(V) Sectional (TBA) 11:00 CC(V) Coed Regional (Tippecanoe Co. Amphitheatre) 10:30		VB(V) Sectional (TBA) (T) 6:00 VB Sledgehammer 6:00 P.M.		VB(7&8) TL (T) 6:00	FB(JV) Cl. Central (T) 6:00 FFA Degree Banquet	
14	13	12	11	10	9	8
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7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY



# NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SATURDAY	GB(JV&V) Pio (T) 11:00 Open Marching Band State Finals (TBA) *PSAT Test SAT Test	GB(JV&V) LaCrosse (T) 6:00 BB6(A) Tourney (NV) 9:30 GB6(A) Tourney (WC) 9:30 Fall Play—(TBA) FFA FIRE Camp #1(Trafalgar) Veterans Day	18 GB(JV&V) Rens (H) 6:00 FFA FIRE Camp #2 (Trafalgar)	25 GB(JV&V) TL (T) 6:00 WR(V) NN Inv (T) TBA	
FRIDAY	3 FB(V) Sectional Round III 7:00	FER(V) Regional (TBA) FFA FIRE Camp #1 (FFA Center—Trafagar) Fall Play—(TBA) Veterans Day	17 BB(V) NN Scrimmage (T) 6:30 FFA FIRE Camp #2 (Trafalgar)	24 BB(JV&V) Rens (T) 7:00 P.M. THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL	
THURSDAY	2 BB6(A&B) Rens (T) 6:00 P.M. GB6(A&B) Rens (T) 6:00 P.M.	9 BB6(A&B) SN (T) 6:00 GB6(A&B) SN (T) 6:00 Family Reading Night @TCP (TBA)	16 BB7(A&B) Seeger (T) 6:30 BB8(A&B) Seeger (H) 6:30 BB(JV&V) Blue/Red Chile Tip- Off 6:30 P.M. HS VB & CC Awards—6:30	23 THANKSGIVING DAY NO SCHOOL	30 BB7(A&B) BC (H) 6:00 BB8(A&B) BC (T) 6:00 WR(HS) Faith Chr.(H) 6:00
WEDNESDAY	-	σ.	15	22 THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL	29
TUESDAY		7 GB(JV&V) SN (H) 6:00 P.M. BB7&8(A) NN (T) 6:30 P.M. BB6(A&B) WC (T) 7:15 GB6(A&B) WC (T) 6:00 Election Day	14 BB6(A) NW (T) 7:15 GB6(A) NW (T) 6:00 BB7(A&B) Fro (H) 6:00 BB8(A&B) Fro (H) 6:00 GB(JV&V) Attica (T) 6:00	21 BB(JV&V) KV (H) 6:30 P.M. BB6(A&B) Fro (T) 6:00 GB6(A&B) Fro (T) 6:00 FFA Area Crops, Horticulture, Entomology & Forestry (Beck Center—Purdue)	28 BB6(A&B) Del (H) 6:00 GB(JV&V) NW (T) 6:00
MONDAY		ω	GB6(A&B) Caston (T) 6:00 BB6(A&B) Caston (T) 6:00 BB(7A&BA) Klondike (T) 5:45 HS Football Awards—6:30 School Board Meeting—7:30	20 BB6(A&B) Pio (H) 6:00 P.M. BB(7A&BA) Carroll (H) 6:00 P.M. BB9(A) Pio (T) 6:00 P.M.	27 BB8(A&B) SN (T) 6:00 BB7(A&B) SN (T) 6:00 BB6(A&B) Rens (H) 6:00 GB6(A&B) Rens (H) 6:00
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## October is BoxTop Month At TCP!

Each TCP student will receive a collection sheet for BoxTops.

For each filled sheet they bring to the library, they are able to choose an item from the treasure chest!

There is no limit on how many sheets they can fill up!

At the end of the month we will draw a name from all the sheets turned in for a GRAND PRIZE!

Be sure to ask family, friends, neighbors, & co workers to help you save!





### **Nurse's Notes Fall 2017**

Welcome back for another great year at Tri County!!

We have a new nurse this year. Mrs. Alberts is pursuing another career path. I'm so excited to have Sara Arvin RN; BSN, as a part of the nursing department. She comes to us with excellent nursing skills and a wide range of nursing experience.

Every year we are required to do vision screening of 1st; 3rd; 5th and 8th grade students. This year we will be having the Lions Club do that screening for us. They will also screen the Developmental Kindergarten and the Kindergarten classes, so we can be proactive in identifying vison problems early. The students in the DK & Kindergarten classes will be bringing home a consent form for your signature. The consent will allow the Lions Club to use the special KID SIGHT camera for their screening. There is no cost for the Lions Club to do these screenings for us and I'm so thrilled they agreed to come here.

There are some changes coming up with immunizations for next year.

<u>ALL</u> students will be required to have "2" Hepititis A immunizations, and there is a 6 month waiting period between injections. Many of our students already have them, but many do not. Please check your child's immunization record.

Students entering the 12th grade will need a 2nd Meningitis immunization and will now also need "2" Meningitis "B" immunizations. There is a waiting period of at least I month between the Men B injections. We will be mentioning immunizations throughout the year, to help you remember to get them done.

Have a Wonderful Fall !!!!

Sara Arvin, RN; BSN & Susan Good, RN; BSN

### **Remington Public Library News**

The Remington Public Library will celebrate Teen Read Week during October 8-14. This year's theme is "Unleash Your Story". Teen Read Week is a time to celebrate reading for fun. Teens are encouraged to take advantage of reading in all its forms--- books, magazines, e-books, audiobooks and more. It is a great time for teens to become regular library users.

Strong reading skills are more critical than ever because they translate into better performance at school and better preparedness for careers. This is why it is important to take advantage of Teen Read Week and show teens that reading is a fun and relaxing activity they can do for free.

Parents of teens are encouraged to celebrate Teen Read Week at home with some of these ideas from the Remington Library:

- · Set aside time each day for the family to read.
- Give books or magazine subscriptions to your teen as a gift or reward.
- Share your favorite book with your teen
- · Listen to audiobooks on trips.
- Take your child to the library for some reading material.

The Remington Public Library will be offering a Teen Breakout and Pizza Party on Saturday, October 14 from 10-noon to all Tri-County teens. Please RSVP by calling the Remington Library, 261-2543, by October 11th. You may also stop by the library any time to vote on your favorite story.

Upcoming programs planned for November include: Adzook Puppets on Saturday, November 4 at 10am

Glow in the Dark Storytime on Friday, November 17 at 7pm (please call 261-2543 and sign up)

Bring your family and enjoy some free fun! You do not need to be from Remington to enjoy these programs.



# The Book Fair is Coming to Tri-County Primary!

When: October 2 - 6 Where: TCP Library

Students can purchase items each morning 8:00 - 8:20, during recess, and during their class Library time

The book fair will be open 3:30 - 8:00 pm on October 5th for Grandparents Night and Family Night.

Clifford the Big Red Dog will be here the evening of October 5th for photos.

Cash, Check, and Credit/Debit Cards are accepted





# YOUR TRASH IS TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY'S TREASURE!

Help Tri-County Primary earn money by saving these items (that you would normally throw away) and bring them to Tri County Primary School in Remington. Different programs pay TCP for each item sent in. Money is used to buy items for student use. In the past we have purchased new recess balls and games, library books, reading cubbies, school aquarium, Library Reading Treehouse, and much much more!

If you would like to see how items are recycled visit: <a href="www.terracycle.net">www.terracycle.net</a> or search Terracycle on Youtube.com

- \*Any energy, granola, cereal, or protein bar wrappers with an inner foil lining.
- \* Any brand or size of chip bags. This includes single size!
- \* Any brand or size toothpaste tubes, floss containers or toothbrush packaging.
- \* Any brand or size cereal bags, including the bags inside of cereal boxes!
- \* Any brand Personal Care Products. This includes (but not limited to) Lipstick tubes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash bottles, pump hairspray bottles, makeup cases or bottles, mascara tubes, lotion bottles, toothbrushes.
- \*Boxtops! These are found on 100's of different products. For complete list visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com
- \* Sunbeam bread wrappers. Please save attached.



UPC code with the "School Spirit" logo

- \* IGA brand items. Please save UPC code from all IGA products. This ends Nov. 2017
- \* Coke Products. All Coke products bottle lids or rewards codes from INSIDE of 12, 20, 24, 36 pack cans

## Don't forget tot ask your friends, co workers, family, and neighbors to help you save!!

If you have any questions email: andersong@trico.kl2.in.us



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

### **Tri-County School Corporation**

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### From the Desk of Ms. Hall

We have had an amazing start to the school year! Our teachers have filled these first few weeks with activities that allowed our students to be creative, collaborative, and use critical thinking skills. I want to thank our entire staff for making the beginning of the year so successful.

It does not seem possible that the first quarter is almost over. Trees are already starting to transform into their fall colors, and soon the snow will be falling (hopefully not too much!). With the thought of colder weather, I want to remind everyone that Tri-County will once again use eLearning days as a way to continue our students' learning during days we cannot be at school. Our first eLearning day will take place on October 18th for our fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. Letters have already gone home with information about this day.

Other upcoming events you will want to mark on your calendars are:

- Grandparent's Night: October 5th, 4-6 pm TCP, 5-7 pm TCI
- Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences- October 18th, 1-8 pm
- Fall Break October 20th and 23rd
- Family Reading Night- November 9th
- Thanksgiving Break- November 22nd-24th

I would like to remind everyone of our arrival and dismissal procedures. In the morning, our doors do not open until 7:45 am. Students can then enter the building and eat breakfast in the cafeteria or be supervised in the gym until 8:00 when they can walk to their classrooms. Please also remember that the lane leading behind the building is for buses or school vehicles only. These measures are in place for the safety of our students and we appreciate your cooperation.

There are great things happening in our building every day. If you would like to volunteer and be a part of some of these great things, we would love to have you come in. Call or stop by to see how you can get involved.

Miss Hall