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## October / November Newsletter

Our school year is off to a great start! Just having students back from summer break and in the hallways always energizes me and keeps my focus on giving students the best chance to be successful. It has been so refreshing to see students' faces with their unique expressions as they walk into the door each morning. As we know, this can all change at any time, but for now, I am so glad that we are able to operate in a more normal setting. From my early classroom observations, I can sense that students seem more engaged and relaxed in their classroom settings compared to last year. Much of this can be attributed to our staff's commitment to educating our students each day, while also providing a safe place for learning.

I need to mention that the staff has been working hard each Monday since Labor Day in our professional learning communities (PLC) to collaborate within subject areas on improving student learning. It has been exciting for me to observe both new and veteran staff members working together to benefit our students. Our new staff members bring a wide variety of skills and experience to our building, which will help impact learning. As you meet these new staff members at school functions throughout the school year, please welcome them to the corporation and support them in their efforts with our students.

As October approaches, our staff will once again begin to prepare for parent-teacher conferences that will take place on Tuesday, 10/19 from 1pm to 8pm. Similar to last year, our conferences are going to look a little different than what parents/guardians are accustomed to. The plan again is for teachers to stay in their rooms for conferences with parents scheduling times to discuss student progress. Details will be coming to let parents know how to schedule times through the day of conferences. We look forward to seeing parents/guardians at conferences and thanks for being flexible with our new format. Our entire staff looks forward to discussing your students' growth in the classroom and plans for making adjustments to improve instruction.

Also, I wanted to encourage community members to come out to the school this fall to support all of our students that are involved in extracurricular activities. At last count, we have over 40% of our student body (Grades 7 through 12) involved in some type of afterschool activity. Although I would like that percentage to be slightly higher, it is exciting to see those students involved in activities outside the classroom that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Lastly, I just wanted to mention that everyone in the building is looking forward to completing construction in the auditorium and expanded weight area. Our students have done a great job of maintaining focus and not allowed themselves to be distracted by the workers in the building. So many of our students will benefit greatly from the upgrades in both of these areas. Once construction is complete, we welcome everyone to come out to see the improvements.

Thanks for being part of your student's educational experience!

J.R. Haskins

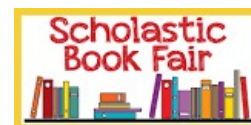
## THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO TRI-COUNTY PRIMARY!

### Sept. 28 – Oct. 5

Students are able to purchase books before school, during their library class, and at recess time.

- E-Wallet is available so students won't have to bring cash to school.
- Family members can also contribute to student's E-Wallet.
- Books can also be purchased on line.

Find our school at: [scholastic.com/fair](http://scholastic.com/fair)



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## ***FROM THE DESK OF MR. HAGAN***

Tri-County Intermediate School has had an amazing start to the school year! Students are working hard to surpass their goals and exceed expectations every day in all they do. They are engaged in STEM and demonstrating PRIDE (Persistence, Respectfulness, Initiative, Dependability, and Efficiency) to prepare them for college and career readiness.

Teachers and staff at TCI have been working hard in planning a year full of opportunities for students to engage in a STEM integrated curriculum for 21st Century Learning. All students are learning about butterflies by monitoring growth and preparing to track migration through tagging them. We are putting the health and safety of our students first, while also understanding the importance of providing our students with an engaging curriculum full of learning opportunities. Being a STEM School makes us special and provides our students unique learning experiences. We will continue STEM the best we can!

I would like to thank all parents, teachers, staff, and community members for all of your collaborative efforts in making Tri-County Intermediate School such a great place for our students to grow and learn. Together, we hold each other to high standards for our students, create opportunities for them to grow, and we make learning fun. I truly appreciate all of your efforts to volunteer in the classrooms, on PTO, and work with us to support your children at home.

We will be having Remote Learning for students on Tuesday, October 19 while we host fall parent/teacher conferences at TCJSHS from 1-8pm.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

October 19 – Fall Parent/Teacher Conference (Remote Learning Day for students)

October 21-24 – Fall Break

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

Mr. Hagan

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## ***FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT, PATRICK CULP***

At times, the question is asked, what do teachers do every Monday? The answer is rather simple on the surface, yet complex in action.

Each Monday, the Tri-County teachers participate in Professional Learning Communities (PLC). A PLC is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively to achieve better results for students. There is ample evidence to support the fact the Professional Learning Community process is not only effective in improving one school in a district, but it is also a powerful tool for districtwide school improvement (Eaker, Keating, Hagadone, Rhoades Leading PLCs At Work (2021), pg 1. The staff of the Tri-County School Corporation believes all students can learn at a high level, therefore, we believe in three tenets:

- The Tri-County staff takes collective responsibility to ensure that all students learn.
- The Tri-County staff collaborate because we believe no one teacher holds the key to ensure learning for all students.
- The Tri-County staff will align all school operations with the focus on student learning.

In order to remain focused on student learning, the Tri-County staff continuously ask ourselves four (4) PLC questions.

1. What do students need to know and be able to do?
2. How will we know when students have learned it?
3. What will we do when students have not learned it?
4. What will we do when students already know it?

Professional Learning Communities are more than just professional development. PLCs are intentionally designed to support student learning, thus allowing Tri-County Corporation to be able to provide your child the best education possible from the best small rural school in the state. So, when Monday morning rolls around, and your kids may be sleeping in a little later, just remember our teachers are still showing up early, working hard to do what they can to give your child the best educational opportunities possible.

Yours in Education,  
Patrick Culp, Superintendent



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## NOTES FROM THE NURSE

The nurse's office has been a busy place since school has started. We have already seen all kinds of illnesses this school year. From hand, foot, and mouth disease, to ear infections, to strep throat, RSV, to the flu, common colds, and a few COVID cases. These illnesses are here much earlier than we see them in a typical school year. While there is a great amount of focus on COVID, children are still prone to become infected with multiple illnesses. We ask for your help in keeping children home when they are not feeling well. Always feel free to contact your building nurse when you are uncertain whether or not a student should be attending school, or for how long you should keep an ill child home. As a general rule, children should not return to school until symptom free and fever free without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours. Keeping ill children home and frequent hand washing are 2 of the best ways to help us reduce the spread of childhood illnesses. We appreciate your cooperation.

The Lion's Club will be coming to assist us with vision screening on September 21st. We will be assessing kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd, 5th grade, and 8th grade. The nurses will contact you if your child does not pass their screening exam. We have also been working closely with our school speech-language pathologist to conduct hearing screenings for grades kindergarten, 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th grade.

TCP and TCI will be celebrating Red Ribbon week October 25-October 29th. During this week we will be talking with the students about Just Saying No to Drugs. Mrs. Arvin will begin an educational program for the 6th graders at TCI called CATCH my Breath. It is about the dangers of vaping. It consists of 4 one hour sessions discussing several topics. It will cover the health hazards of e-cigarettes, and discuss why people begin using them. It will also cover some positive alternatives and ways the advertising industry makes e-cigarettes seem harmless. They will learn about ways to resist peer pressure and will make their own slogan and warning label.

Healthy Regards,

Sara Arvin, RN, BS  
Amanda Alberts, RN  
Teresa Earney, RN  
Jennifer Douglas, RN



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## IN THE KITCHEN

A note to our parents and students from the Food service.

You are probably aware of the news of other food programs in the area. We are holding strong. You will likely see the changes being made in our meal menus. There have been some challenges in receiving items on order but we are doing well at getting replacement items but we have food. Our staff is working hard to comply with the state regulations. These ladies deserve a big thank you for their commitment to feed our children.

We are in close contact with our IDOE Nutrition Field Consultant and are being advised as to how we proceed.

A reminder both Breakfast and Lunch are available to all students this year 2021-2022 at no charge

M-F while school is in session.

Breakfast starts at 7:45 until 8:10am. Lunch starts at 11am in the school cafeterias.

If you are interested in text book assistance you can fill out an application either online or pick up a paper application at any of the school offices to be processed.

We'd like to pass on a quote that we are going forward with.... "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."  
Abraham Maslow

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

# Tri-County Activity Calendar

## OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> FB(VAR)-Frontier (H) 7pm Senior Night FFA SOAR Camp #1	<b>2</b> CC(VAR)-MWC (A) 9am Band - Plymouth HS FFA SOAR Camp #1
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> FB (7/8)-Frontier (H) 6pm FB(JV)-Frontier (A) 6pm VB6-W.Central (H) 6pm VB(7A/8A)-Frontier (H) 6pm VB(JV/VJ)-N.White (H) 6pm	<b>5</b> VB(JV/VJ)-Cov. Christian (H) 6:30pm Fall Choir Concert-TCHS 6:30pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> VB6-Renss. (A) 6pm VB(7A/8A)- NW (A) 6pm VB(JV/VJ)-LaCrosse (A) 6pm	<b>8</b> FB(V)-Covington (A) 7pm FFA SOAR Camp #2	<b>9</b> CC(V)-Sectionals BC (A) 10am Band Prelims - Plymouth HS FFA SOAR Camp #2
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> VB7-WCT-NW (A) 6pm VB8-WCT (H) 6pm FFA Degree Banquet	<b>12</b> FB(7&8) - BC (A) 6pm VB(7A/8A)- TL (A) 6pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> VB(V)-Sectionals SN (A)	<b>15</b> FB(V) - N.Newton (A) 7:30pm FFA SOAR Camp #3	<b>16</b> VB(V)-Sectionals SN (A) Band - Open Regionals FFA SOAR Camp #3
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> FB(7&8)- NN (H) 6:30pm FB(JV)-NN (H) 7pm	<b>19</b> PT Conferences Remote Learning Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> FB(V)-Sectionals 1st Rnd (H) 7pm No School - Fall Break	<b>23</b> Band State Finals Lawrence Central HS
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> GB(V)-Covenant Christian (H) 6pm Picture Retakes-TCP National FFA Convention	<b>29</b> No School - Fall Break	<b>30</b> National FFA Convention
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# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				GB6(A/B)-Renss. (A) 6pm BB6(A/B)-Renss. (A) 7pm		GB(J/V/V)-Pioneer (A) 11pm Band Open Finals FFA FIRE Camp #1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		GB6(A/B)-WC (A) 6pm BB6(A/B)-WC (A) 6pm BB7(A/B)-NN (A) 6:30pm BB8(A/B)-NN (A) 6:30pm		Picture Retakes-Jr/Sr HS	FFA FIRE Camp #1	GB(J/V/V)-LaCrosse 6pm
FFA FIRE Camp #1					FFA FIRE Camp #2	FFA FIRE Camp #2
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	BB7(A/B)-Klondike Mid Sch (A) 5:45pm BB8(A/B)-Klondike Mid Sch (A) 5:45pm	GB(J/V/V)-Attica (A) 6pm BB6(A/B)-NW (A) 6pm BB7(A/B)-Frontier (H) 6pm BB8(A/B)-Frontier (H) 6pm		GB6(A/B)-SN (A) 6pm GB(J/V/V)-SN (H) 6:30 BB6(A/B)-SN (A) 7pm BB7(A/B)-Seeger (A) 6:30pm BB8(A/B)-Seeger (A) 6:30pm		GB(J/V/V)-Rensselaer (H) 6pm
FFA FIRE Camp #2					FFA FIRE Camp #3	FFA FIRE Camp #3
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	GB6(A/B)-NW (H) 6pm BB6(A/B)-NW (H) 6pm BB7(A/B)-Carroll (H) 6pm BB8(A/B)-Carroll (H) 7pm BB9(A/B)-Pioneer (A) 6pm	GB6(A/B)-Frontier (H) 6pm BB6(A/B)-Frontier (H) 6pm BB(J/V/V)-KV (H) 6:30pm FFA Area Crops/Hort/Ento/Fores	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	BB(J/V/V)-Renss. (A) 6pm No School Thanksgiving Break	WR(V)-NN Invite 9am GB(J/V/V)-T. Lakes (A) 6pm
FFA FIRE Camp #3						
28	29	30				
	GB6(A/B)-Rensselaer (H) 6pm BB6(A/B)-Rensselaer (H) 6pm BB7(A/B)-SN (A) 6pm BB8(A/B)-SN (A) 6pm	GB6(A/B)-WC (H) 6pm GB(J/V/V)-NW (A) 6pm BB6(A/B)-WC (H) 6pm BB(J/V/V)-Carroll (H) 6pm				
		Notes:				



# White County United Way Coats For Kids

**We Need Your Gently Used or New Winter Coats, Hats and Gloves!**

**Collection Dates: Oct. 1st-Oct. 25th**

**Drop off locations:**

**\*\*Community Foundation of White County\*\***

**1001 Airport Road Monticello**

**\*\*White County United Way\*\***

**402 Tioga Rd. Monticello**

**All of the donated items will be  
distributed for Free.**

**Distribution will take place at the**

**Monticello Senior Center**

**116 E. Marion St.-Monticello, IN**

**Saturday - November 6th**

**Time- 9am to 1pm**

**Children newborn to 18 yrs may receive items.**

**Children must live in White Co. or attend a White Co. school.**

**Parent must have proof of residency within the school corporations.**

**Child must be with parent or legal guardian to receive a coat.**

**For more information contact: United Way at 574-583-6544**

**A Community Partnership between United Way, Rotary and Kiwanis**



White County United Way





# White County United Way Abrigos para los Niños!

**Abrigos, sombreros, y guantes disponibles a no costo!**

La distribución se llevara acabo:

\*\*Sabado 6 de noviembre\*\*

Consejo Sobre el Envejecimiento

**Monticello Senior Center**

**116 E. Marion St.-Monticello, IN**

**Sabado - November 6th**

**Hora - 9am to 1pm**

**Desde recién nacidos a 18 años**

**pueden recibir artículos.**

**Deben vivir o atender una escuela en**

**el Condado Blanco.**

**Padres deben tener prueba de residencia del**

**Condado Blanco.**

**Niños deben ser acompañados de sus padres**

**o su guardián legal para recibir artículos.**

**Para mas informacion: United Way at 574-583-6544**

**Una asociación entre la Comunidad de United Way, Rotary y Kiwanis**



White County United Way

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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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## ***TC BPA IS BACK SERVING SWEET TREATS***

Beginning August 27th, Tri-County BPA began their tradition of selling donuts to students and staff. The donuts are sold every Friday in September for \$2 each in the cafeteria. Members of the chapter are at the school early at 7:30 to sell donuts until 8:05. The profit from the sales of donuts will be used to help offset BPA members' dues.

Donut sales continue to be popular among TC students and staff and get close to selling out each week. The first two Friday's the club sold around 3 dozen and will continue to put a smile on student and faculties faces throughout every Friday in September!



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## ***TRI-COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY***

The Tri-County School Corporation has a policy which is currently being practiced. All courses are open to all students regardless of age, race, color, national origin, sex, and handicapped condition.

Educational services, programs, instruction and facilities will not be denied to anyone in the Tri-County School Corporation as the result of his or her age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicapped condition.

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