



Tidioute Community Charter School

Bulldog Bark Newsletter

Winter Bark/ February 2016



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear parents or guardians,

Thank you for choosing TCCS as the school of choice for your children. We THANK YOU for supporting us and your children in school and at home. A Charter School exists because people choose the school. Our mission and exemplary teachers and staff have made TCCS a very popular school of choice. PLEASE REVIEW THE PROCEDURES FOR ENROLLMENT NEXT YEAR. Our current wait list will expire and those wishing to become new students/parents in the TCCS family need to apply in March. WE VALUE YOUR SUPPORT. GO BULLDOGS.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

Tuesday March 1st will start the new "Letter of Interest" period for those students who wish to enroll at the Charter School for the 2016-2017 school year. You can print a "Letter of Interest" form from the school website or stop into the office. Only new to TCCS students need to apply for next year. Be certain to get your letter to us as quickly as you can after 3-1-16.



KINGERGARTEN K4 & K5 OPEN HOUSE

TCCS will hold their Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday March 1st from 12:30 to 2:00pm.

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

TCCS celebrated our first National School Choice Week January 25th through the 29th. Our Student Council and National Honor Society members

organized an assembly with speakers, the Band and fun games to celebrate SCHOOL CHOICE. We ended with a school wide ice cream party. The students, with the help of the PTO, put thank you gifts in the teacher's mailboxes to show their appreciation. You can see the video and photos from the event at Tidioutecharter.com

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

12th -Jon Buccardo, Melissa Craig, Emily Hagberg,
 11th - Keyanna Oliphant, Kierra Weilacher, Amber Borland
 10th - Hailie Cass, Annah Burke, Bella Konkle, Angel Flanigan, Sierra Gilliland, Lukas Sheckler, Joshua Smith, Noah Sudul
 9th – Amber McAfoose, Brianna Barton, Alexxa Morgan, Greysen Fors, Shawn Meritt, Morgon Silvis
 8th – Adrianna Pierce, Julian Gillenwater, Jenna Hunt, Dalton Kennedy, Nakiesha Krouse, Kelsey Nuttall, Madison Payne, Samantha Riker, Jacinda Zeller
 7th – Nina Clark, Hallie Passingham, Blake Sabella, Molly Sabella, Jerry Smith, Paige Zofcin
 6th – Jessica Hulse, Bryceton Maille, Aspen Fors, Abby Sherwood, Angelina Sabella, Treyah Selfridge, Gavin Dashner, Connor Carnahan, Nate Davies
 5th - Lyli Breeding, Lexis Drukenbrod, Jolynn Durlin, Olivia Egger, Eli Martin, Nathan Shirey, Anthony Sabella, Christopher Scander
 4th - Zaynah Gardner, Logan Sabella, Kasseddy Kibbey, Kash Kennedy, Alicia Sabella, Kaylee Bailor, Mahalia Campbell, Brooksten Fors, Callan Patterson.

Student Council Members 2015-2016

Advisor: Mrs. Michelle Buccardo
 6th Grade: Jessica Hulse, Bryceton Maille,
 Aspen Fors
 7th Grade: Nina Clarke, Cayden Mahaney, Liz Pizer,
 8th Grade: Adrianna Pierce
 9th Grade: Amber McAfoose, Brianna Barton, Alexxa Morgan
 10th Grade: Hailie Cass, Annah Burke, Bella Konkle
 11th Grade: Keyanna Oliphant, Corinn Pastor, Conor Coughlin
 12th Grade: Emily Hagberg, Jon Buccardo, Melissa Craig



DOOR DECORATING

The elementary NHS decorated the Elementary Doors with a spring theme. We are all anxious for the nice weather that is hopefully just around the corner.



WATSON GRANGE DONATES DICTIONARIES TO THIRD GRADE

The Watson Grange donated new dictionaries to the third grade classes.



PAWS ALONG THE RIVER

We are currently collecting items for "Paws Along the River" in Warren, Pa. We have a list of items they need. This program is connected with the Warren County Humane Society. The donated items will be used in the shelter for our local pets that are homeless.

PENNY WAR TO NAME OUR BULLDOG

The school had a penny war to name our Bulldog mascot during "National School Choice Week". The Name TITAN won. We raised \$140 dollars and the money was donated to the Anna Shelter in Erie Pa. The Anna Shelter cares for animals that are homeless.



FOOD DRIVE FOR THE TROOPS

The National Honor Society organized a food drive at TCCS and collected over 2300 items to send to our military troops overseas. They do this project annually with the help of our



Tidioute Ladies Auxiliary through our local VFW. **Photo:** The class with the most items donated was 3rd grade. Top row: 3rd grade teacher Jessica Guerra, Ladies Auxiliary members Kathy Matie & Doris Svitek and 3rd grade teacher Lisa Schmidt.

Voice of Democracy 3rd Place at Districts

Sophomore Hailie Cass won the local Voice of Democracy essay contest and placed 3rd at the District Level competition sponsored by the VFW. The theme for the essay this year was "My Vision for a New America" **Photo:** Hailie Cass with Doris Svitek



PA School Librarian Association

Congratulations go to Amber Borland on winning the Pennsylvania School Librarian's Association's "Me a School Librarian?" essay contest. She will receive an all-expense paid trip to PSLA's conference in Hershey, PA. She will have the opportunity to meet with PA's most innovative educators, authors, librarians and award-winning speakers.



GANNON UNIVERSITY

The following seniors and juniors are dual enrolled with Gannon



University and TCCS. These students take classes during their school day or in the evening for college credit.

Photo: Nettie Durstine, Corinn Pastor, Melissa Craig, Conor Coughin, Keyanna Oliphant & Abigail Hurta



NEW MUSIC ROOM



Photo: Mr. Rick Peterson, Mr. Jim Ziegler and Dr. Doug Allen working on the new room.

This past spring and summer the school had the area under the library enclosed for our new music room. This room is now large enough to comfortably hold the entire band while they practice. This area also houses the recording studio that has been held off site in the past. This room was a much needed addition to TCCS.

“TRUSTEE’S GARDEN”



After the music room was completed, the PTO created an outdoor space and floral garden to honor those Trustees that have given 10 plus years of service. On September 25th we had a ceremony in memory of the late Sandy Ringel and added a plaque with her name in the garden. Sandy served as a founder of TCCS and a member of the Board for 10 years. The space is used as a classroom, a

place for the older students to eat lunch and for events. Photo: Mrs. Sandy Ringel

The Holidays K4 and K5 received Beanie Baby stuffed animals from Carman Fedele a Tidioute resident at Christmas. Carman has donated stuffed animals to the Kindergarten classes for the past several years at Christmas time.



PHOTO: K4 AND K5 STUDENTS.



FUN IN THE SNOW



From the top: Carson Hahn, Kash Kennedy, Dylan Lewis

Fourth Grade: Snow-day Fun

The Third and Fourth Graders enjoyed an awesome afternoon of outdoor winter activities including sled riding, building snowmen, and making snow angels. We all bundled up and headed out to enjoy our snow together. We enjoyed the beautiful weather and had an incredible time playing with our classmates. We even savored a cup of hot cocoa to finish out our day.



HIGHMARK GRANT

TCCS received \$4000 from Highmark that was used for equipment for our fitness and weight room.

Photo: Dr. Allen, Mr. Fratrich, Kyle Riker, Melissa Craig, Lakin Krouse, Travis McLaughlin, Mr. Patterson and the Highmark representative.

HISTORY OF TIDIOUTE TCCS held an open house in the fall. The Theme was the “History of Tidioute”. All of the students K4 through 12th grade researched some part of Tidioute history to present at the open house. We invited members of the community to display memorabilia from our community. The event was a success; the students learned a lot about the history of our community and was attended by over 200 people.



PENN STATE

On Oct 2, Tidioute Community Charter School’s Wildlife and Stream Ecology classes, in collaboration with Penn State University’s Ichthyology Department, collected species of fishes and macro invertebrates in Tidioute Creek, McGuire Run, and Alleghany River. They collected the fish species by



electrofishing and seine netting and the macro invertebrates using kick nets. The samples were then preserved and transported to Penn State to be analyzed. The students analyzed the samples on the 30th of Oct. in order to better understand the healthiness of the streams and how the Marco-invertebrates and fish are connected. The students also spent time at Pennsylvania State University’s Main Campus using the Fishery Labs classifying the samples to better understand the diversity of organisms in the stream. This is an annual project the Tidioute Community Charter School does as a part of the science department’s implication of expeditionary learning. The students spend both times in the field and in the lab with subject matter experts from Penn State. Giving these students the opportunity to become immersed into their learning has proven to be a valuable asset in allowing the students at Tidioute Community Charter School to reach their full potential as students.

Photo: left to right Mark Zofcin, Abigail Hurta, Lauren Slack and Dr. Bill Hanson from Penn State University.



Upcoming Events

FAMILY ST. PATRICK’S DAY DANCE

PTO will hold a family St. Patrick’s Day Dance for grades 1-6 on Friday, March 18th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Wear your favorite St. Patrick’s Day attire. We encourage students to bring a member of their family with them (Example: Mother, father, aunt, uncle, grandparents). Light snacks will be provided



DONKEY BASKETBALL

The Spanish Club will be hosting a Donkey Basketball game on Saturday April 23rd beginning at 7pm. Donkey Basketball is an entertaining and hilarious game where players have to play basketball while riding on donkeys. To make a basket, a player must be sitting on the donkey at the time. So, if you'd like to laugh a lot, support a great group of kids, and be entertained like never before, then you don't want to miss this!! Teams will be formed as we get closer to the date, and if you're interested in playing, please contact Monica Morgan by calling 484-3550 or via email at mmorgan@tidioutecharter.com. Watch for more details as we get closer to the event on the TCCS Facebook page



ARCHERY TEAM

The TCCS archery team consists of 19 students. They are practicing their archery skills to compete in the PA State Tournament at Penn State University March 11th. Our archery team has a great opportunity to compete with over 1000 other students from PA. If one of our archers place in the top spot they will then move on to compete in the National Archery Tournament in Louisville Kentucky. We wish all of our team members the best of luck and are happy to have them represent Tidioute community in this tournament. The archery team is coached by Lou Fratrach and Ryan Guerra



SPRING BOGO BOOKFAIR/ART SHOW

A Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair will take place April 4th through the 7th in the TCCS Library during the school day. The theme is "Feeling Groovy". A Family Night in collaboration with Ms. Smith's art classes, that will have work on display, will take place Wednesday April 6th from 4-6 p.m.. Hope to see you there!!!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

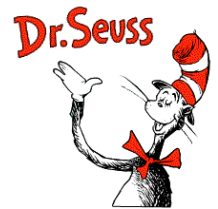
TCCS Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of every month. The next meetings will be on March 9th, April 13th, May 11th and June 8th at 7:30 PM in the school library

PSSA TESTING

During April grades 3-8 complete state assessments for math, reading and science. We are seeking 100% attendance in April, 2016. English April 11-14th in the AM, Mathematics April 18-20 in the AM, Science April 25th, 26th in the AM. If your child is absent during test days they will need to complete tests during makeup days that have not yet been scheduled.

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY

We are celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday the week of Feb 29th through March 4th with daily activities for K4-6 grade. An assembly will take place on March 2nd. More information will be sent out the week prior.



WASHINGTON D.C.

The Book Club, Art Club and Civil War Clubs will be taking a trip to Washington D. C. on April 8th. They will be going to the Library of Congress, touring several museums and will do a walking tour of the National Mall.

Spring Fieldtrips

The PTO would like to take all the students in grades 7 through 12th to Kennywood this spring. It is imperative that the students participate in the next three fundraisers in order for this to happen. We will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts, flowers bulbs and Club's Choice this spring. We need to raise around \$7000 for this to happen. Donuts will be sold March 1 -14, Bulbs will be sold 15th to the 22nd and Club's Choice will be sold in April. The cost will be around \$50 per student that the PTO would pay. We need your help with these fundraisers.



February

- 11th – Warren County Spelling Bee 9:00 at Beaty
- 15th – Pro. Development **No school for students**
- 17th – Deputy Phil Safety Program k4-2nd 1:00
- 18th – Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00PM
- 18th – Safe Place will talk to Students K4-2.
Program title "Don't Be An Angry Bird"
- 19th – Senior Night for Basketball
- 23rd – Financial Aide Night for Seniors
- 26th – Snow Day No School

29th – March 4 Dr. Seuss’s birth week

March

1st– Open Enrollment Starts for the 2016- 2017 school year. Kindergarten Registration 12:30 to 2:00 K4 and K5

1st -14th - Krispy Kreme Donut sales

2nd - PTO meeting – at 4:30pm

2nd – Dr. Seuss’s birthday assembly

9th – Board Meeting 7:30PM

9th - JHB vs. Eisenhower @

9th - CASA basketball game at WAHS 6PM

10th – 11th – Archery Team to Penn State

11th – BB (Boys’ Basketball) vs Forest

16th- BB vs. Youngsville

18th – St. Patrick’s Day Dance 6:30 to 8:30PM

22nd- Krispy Kreme Donuts delivered.

24th – Snow Day

25th – Easter Break

28th – Snow Day

April

4th -7th BOGO Book Fair

4th – Quarter 3 Ends

6th - PTO 6pm

7th – Blood Drive 12:30 to 6PM

11th -13th Am English PSSA testing

13th Board Meeting 7:30PM – Annual Meeting

15th - 22nd Bulb Sales

18th – 20th AM Math PSSA testing

23rd – Donkey Basketball Game 7PM

25th - 26th Science PSSA testing

25th - 29th Mobile Ag Lab

May

Week of May 2th – PSSA Makeup days

4th - PTO 4:30PM

5th- Envirothon

7th- Prom

11th- National Honor Society Inductions 9:30Am

11th- Board of Trustee’s Meeting 7:30PM

12th- Spring Concert

13th- 14th School Play

16th -27th Keystone Testing 9, 10, 11

26th – School in Session (Snow Day used September 2nd)

27th- No School

30th - Memorial Day No School

31st –Snow Day

June

2nd – Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:30PM

5th - Baccalaureate is Sunday June 5th at 3:00 p.m.

8th – Board of Trustee’s meeting 7:30PM

10th- Quarter 4 Ends, last day of school students released at 11:00AM.

10th -Graduation is June 10th at 7:00 p.m.

SAT/ACT for Juniors and Seniors

To register visit www.collegeboard.com

SAT Test Dates

Register By	Test Date
April 8 th , 2016	May 7 th , 2016
May 5 th , 2016	June 4 th , 2016

ACT Test Dates

Register By	Test Date
March 4 th , 2016	April 9 th , 2016
May 6 th , 2016	June 11 th , 2016

To register visit www.actstudent.org/regis

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

We are looking for donations for supplies for students that are not able to purchase items for school projects. Items we be given out on an as needed basis. We are looking for poster board, trifolds, popcicle sticks, modeling clay/play-oh and glue sticks. If you would like to donate any items please bring the items to the school office.

Giving books to the kids throughout the year



Photo: Corey Mahaney, Layla Rulander, Chloe Robinson, Lainey DeVore, Kylie Hillard, Madelyn Warham, Quinn Selfridge.

Free Books for Kids Town is a wonderful organization that provides free books to kids. We have been working with this program for several years. The kids love the books they receive. The books are in the classrooms so the students always have access to the books. This program is made possible thanks to a leadership grant from the Limestone Township Board of Supervisors and additional support from the Tidioute Area

Community Fund and the Rotary Club of Warren. This exciting new program will provide free books. We would like to be able to give away more and are asking for your help. Elementary students were each given a cup to fill with change. We will collect the cups on March 18th. In order to encourage the kids to participate we are offering prizes to the class with the most money raised, highest percentage of participation, and a prize will be awarded to the class rooms that have the most nickels, dimes and quarters. Send in your spare change for a good cause.

Free Books for Kids Town celebrated its fourth anniversary in early December. Their program is based on research showing that book choice and ownership are two keys to helping children become better readers. Being able to read well ensures children's continual success in school and life.

CHECKING GRADES IN POWERSCHOOL

Every parent should be on PowerSchool weekly to see what their child is doing at school, corresponding with teachers and checking their child's grades. Every teacher at TCCS has a webpage linked to the school website. Progress reports and report cards should not be a surprise. All of your child's grades are available to you 24 hours a day. At the end of last year PowerSchool updated their system. If you have not logged into your account yet this year you need to follow the directions to create a new account. You will need your ID and password for each child to do this. You can also get directions for the new update on the school website. I mailed a copy of your child's information home the beginning of the school year or you picked it up at the open house in August. If you have misplaced your codes, or did not receive a code, be sure to call the school office at 484-3550 and we can give you the information to log on to your child's account. Thank you, Mrs. Cass

FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

Medications:

In the event your child needs to take prescription medications while at school, please be sure to give us the "*Medication Administration Consent & License Prescriber Form*". Parent or guardian must deliver and pickup medications from the building.

The nurse is asking for donations of sweatpants in assorted sizes. We will accept new or used items.

BULLDOG BUCKS

This is just a reminder about the "Bulldog Bucks" program. Your child can earn Bulldog Bucks by making Honor Roll, getting Perfect Attendance, completing the Reading Challenge, turning in Box Tops, or being Student of the Week.

They will be able to redeem them for prizes in the Library and during school hours only. The more Bulldog Bucks your child accumulates, the bigger the prize they can get. Any lost or forgotten Bulldog Bucks cannot be replaced. It is the student's responsibility to save them, unless their teacher says otherwise. Prizes include items such as stuffed animals, games, bookmarks, stickers, bracelets, school supplies, bubbles, and toys. Prizes for the students are made possible through donations from parents, faculty, and community members.

Bulldog Bucks Reward Program



- Box Tops- 1 bulldog buck per box top
- Honor Roll- 50 bulldog bucks (awarded every 9 weeks)
- Perfect Attendance- 50 bulldog bucks (awarded every 9 weeks)
- Reading Challenge- 50 bulldog bucks
- Student of the Week- 50 bulldog bucks

TCCS Collecting Sunny D Labels for Books

TCCS has joined the Sunny D Book Spree. We are collecting Sunny D Labels (20oz or larger) which will be turned in for free books. The program donates 20 free books for 20 Sunny D UPC Labels. The program will also award hundreds of books to the ten schools that collect the most labels. We have added collection boxes at Evan's Market, the Post Office, The Trading Post, and The Tidioute Towers for your convenience.

LUNCH/BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast and lunch menus will be available on the school web site at [www. Tidioutecharter.com](http://www.Tidioutecharter.com)

VACATION

If students will not be in school due to a family vacation they are required to submit a vacation request form two weeks prior to the vacation. Vacation requests **MUST** be approved by the CEO in order to be excused. Any student **NOT** turning in a vacation request form will be marked as unexcused for the days they are absent. No exceptions will be given. Forms can be found in the TCCS office or on the school website under parent/student at the top of the page.

WARREN YMCA

The Warren YMCA is offering all 7th graders in Warren County a one year free membership. Call the Warren County YMCA at 814-726-0110 for more information.

PICKING UP STUDENTS

If you are picking up students and dropping students off you need to be in a designated parking spot. Do not park on sidewalks or leave your car to block other traffic.

TRAFFIC JAMS IN THE PARKING LOT

Buses arrive by 2:45pm and do not leave until 3:17pm. If you park in the school parking lots, you will not be able to leave during this time. Buses are not permitted to back out to let you out of your space. If you think you will be leaving before 3:20 Park your vehicle in a designated spot on the street.

Attendance

Attendance reminder: Parents are reminded that students of T.C.C.S. must maintain a 90% attendance rate. Students are permitted 18 days of excused absence this school year. Notices will be going out to the students that have reached this limit or may be getting close. If parents have questions about their child's attendance they can check it online via their students PowerSchool account. Please contact T.C.C.S. if you have any questions or need help accessing your child's account. Students are required to submit a handwritten parental excuse or a doctor's excuse within 3 days of returning to school after an absence. Students must turn in an excuse for each missed day of school. Excuses **MUST** include the student's full name, grade level, date of absence, reason for absence and signature of parent or guardian. If an

excuse is not turned into the office within 3 days of a student returning, the student's absence will be marked UNEXCUSED. Students are permitted 3 unexcused days in their entire school career, Kindergarten – Graduation. Parents/Guardians are urged to have excuses sent in a timely manner to avoid possible fines and court action.

Transportation: Parents are reminded that students of T.C.C.S. are permitted one (1) pick-up location and one (1) drop-off location per school year which must stay consistent. T.C.C.S. will not allow students to ride home/to school with friends. Only designated riders on designated vehicles will be permitted. If you need to make a change to your student's transportation please contact Ms. Selfridge in the T.C.C.S. office at 814-484-3550.

One Call Now: One Call Now is an information and emergency notification service used by T.C.C.S. to notify parents, guardians and others signed up for the service of important events and happenings at the school. Parents are reminded that they must keep their primary and secondary phone numbers up to date with T.C.C.S. If you or someone in your family that is signed up for the service wishes to "opt out" of receiving calls they can do so by following the instructions at the end of each of our sent messages. Please contact T.C.C.S. at 814-484-3550 if you have recently changed your phone number or would like to sign up for the service.

Tidioute Angel Program

As always, the Tidioute Angel Program is available to help students with necessities throughout the school year. If your child, or a student you know, is in need of items such as clothing, school supplies, shoes, etc., please contact Mrs. Morgan at mmorgan@tidioutecharter.com or by calling 484-3550 (ext. 184) or the school office at 484-3550 Ext 102.

CLUBS

PTO- The TCCS PTO group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30at TCCS. All parents are invited to attend.



Photo: Jen Nuttall and Amanda Shields pose for a quick photo.

PTO put on a Santa' Workshop for the students in December. Santa visited TCCS.



Christmas Bake Sale

ACADEMIC BOWL

Small Town Team Scores Big Points At High School Bowl

The Tidioute Community Charter School (TCCS) Academic Bowl team has remained undefeated this year through two rounds of competition at the Jamestown Community College. In their last matchup, TCCS defeated Kane 78 to 28. Amber Borland (junior) was named player of the match, however, each starter—Keyanna Oliphant (junior), Kent Heenan (junior), and Geoff Swanson (sophomore)—contributed to the win.

“This season has truly been a team effort,” said Academic Bowl coach Michael Patterson. “We would not have won if we did not have a complete team. I am extremely proud of how well they are doing. When you come from a school as small as ours, it feels good to win, and to have these students recognized for their talents.”

TCCS is now 2-0 in the tournament, and looks forward to facing Southwestern on Wednesday, February 10th at JCC.



According to Media One Group, LLC, High School Bowl is an academic competition involving schools from Southwestern New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. It is the longest running academic competition of its type anywhere in the United States...starting in 1962! You can learn more about the competition by visiting <http://www.radiojamestown.com/pages/wjtn-high-school-bowl-page>.

Photo: Back row left to right
Melissa Bhe, Keyanna Oliphant, Mr. Patterson, Lexi VanOrd, Sierra Weilacher, Angel Flanigan
Front left to right – Geoffrey Swanson, Kent Heenan, Hailie Cass, Dylan Anderson, Dakota Gourley, Lukas Sheckler and Amber Borland

In the Classroom

K4 and K5 learn about fire safety.



1st and 2nd grade

First and second grade are working together in science on Balance and Motion.

2nd Grade

The Tidioute Community Charter School second grade read a story about a science fair and all of the projects that the students were doing. They needed to co-operate and work together to get it done as a team. As an extension of this story we made, or drew a picture of a robot, presented it, and told what it did to help out.



2nd grade made robots

3rd Grade

Third grade is amazing. We have been doing many wonderful things. We have just started our unit on

fractions. They are doing their projects on volcanoes in reading. This will also tie in Science. They are also building a model of the earth representing the layers. In Social Studies we practicing our map skills and learning about the oceans and continents.

4th Grade and Environmental Science

The fourth grade classes and the Environmental Science class raise and release brook trout from eggs through a partnership with PA Trout Unlimited. They release the trout in Tidouite Creek.

4th Grade

Fourth Grade Happenings: We are still continuing to communicate with our pen pals from Chesapeake City, Maryland. We send letters back and forth with their 5th grade class. We are studying the United State regions in social studies along with the state capitals. In Science we began a new magnet unit after we finished our Human Body unit. We are just about to begin to study fractions in math and we currently are reading about hurricanes. We are enjoying fabulous time learning in the fourth grade

5th Grade 5th Grade has begun their “Artists and Inventor’s” expeditionary unit. In this unit students



go way beyond simply learning the text. This unit is truly expeditionary! As they progress students present several projects

demonstrating their skills as fluent and effective communicators and their abilities to collaborate within their groups. As they research and develop their ideas, they must think critically and solve real world problems. Students experience art and innovations rather than simply reading about them. Throughout this unit, students use technology to bring their visions into existence. They develop a sense of pride in their work and themselves.

Photo: Kaylin Franks, Kasey Heenan, Josiah Camp, Codie Spittler, Anthony Sabella

7th Grade English

Ms. Wickert’s English students in have connected with 7th grade students in Sweden. We will be e-mailing those students.

8th Grade English

Ms. Wickert’s class has connected with 8th grade students in France and sent them their first set of pen pal letters. We are awaiting response.

7th and 8th Grade A course has been implemented 9th period of each day titled Project-Based Learning for the 7th and 8th grade students. The instructors for the course are Ryan Steffan, Andrew Waugaman, Melissa Mahaney, and Amy Wickert. The course is designed to use a hands-on approach to preparing for state-standardized tests. Each week a new topic is developed by the teachers in core tested subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies, and English.

Recently, the 7 and 8th graders had to construct the life cycle of a butterfly out of clay and explain the entire process based on state science standards. Throughout the winter months we completed two major projects. The first was “The History of Oil” where students had to construct a 3-D oil rig from a given time period and explain its significance. With the mass production of oil in the late 1800s, transportation systems were needed to move oil to refineries. Students then completed the “Railroad Project” that explained the significance of transportation and ironworks leading into the early 1900s. Students had to make a 3-D model of a train and explain its uses and the economic developments that followed the mass production of oil and trains.

Physical Education Classes (GYM) PE classes are incorporating the Smart Board into the curriculum. Student are enjoying doing cardio and fitness videos at this time.

Family Consumer Science

The high school Family Consumer Science classes are currently sewing aprons. Unfortunately we do not have a sewing machine other than the teacher’s personal one. The students are currently learning how to hand sew different parts of their apron, however, *if anyone has a sewing*



machine that still works and they do not use and would like to donate it that would be greatly appreciated.

The TCCS Concert Choir recently entertained the residents of The Rouse Home with a variety of late winter and spring selections.



Members of the Concert Choir include: Nicole Baldwin, Sarah Bailey, Missie Bhe, Kathryn Bush, John Chambers, Serena Clarke, Casey Byers, Greysen Fors, Travis Franks, Dean Gibson, Yvonne Gibson, Emily Hagberg, Andrew Heenan, Abigail Hurta, Bella Konkle, Nakiesha Krouse, Ariel Meece, Jessie Moniewski, Jamie Nichols, Madison Payne, Adrianna Pierce, Clara Presto, Shelby Proctor, Jessica Riel, Cassandra Rison, Morgon Silvis, Maria Slack, Bradley Spittler, Jacinda Zeller, Page Zofcin, Carrie Robl, Keyanna Oliphant, Directed by Floyd Moore

Mr. Dailey's World Geography class is learning about the Middle East. Particularly what has led us to the current situation in the Middle East? U.S. History is learning about the Gilded Age. Many of our current work place laws came about in this time period. It is providing a good understanding what we take for granted today and how many suffered to get us to where we are today with workplace laws and regulations. U.S. Government is learning about the foundations of American Government including the Article of Confederation and how they led us to the U.S. Constitution.

Metal Smithing Students created metal boxes in many creative shapes and sizes. They also created

some beautiful jewelry.



To see the Bulldog Bark in full color and view upcoming events at TCCS visit our website tidioutecharter.com



Baby Titan says.....
Bullying is against school policy "Bullying is not ok".

