

April/May 2022

TROJAN UPDATE

Home of the Trojans

PRINCIPALS CORNER

By Jennifer Berg

Dear Tri-County Students and Families,

The end of the year is fast approaching. It's been a successful year with several celebrations. I appreciate all the kindness and support each of you has extended to our school staff. The Book Blast fundraiser for the elementary raised \$5,610 to provide books for students to take home. Mr. Hrasky was selected as the ISHA Speech Coach of the Year. Our football team will be back at Tri-County. Our track is currently being constructed and our playground will be installed this summer.

The Fastbridge testing is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 25th. All students in grades K-11th will take the reading, math, and the SEL (social emotional learning) assessments.

For the elementary incentive, students need to be at benchmark or show a 10% improvement growth from the Fall to the Spring. The incentive is a movie showing at the New Sharon Capri Theater.

The ISASP assessments have been finalized by all students in grades 3rd-11th grade. We anticipate the results anywhere from 2-6 weeks. The results will be mailed home to each family. We hope to see growth from our students.

Important Dates to Remember:

May 2nd: Farm Safety Day (PM)

May 5th: Elementary Track and Field Day (on the baseball field) School provided sack lunch

May 11th: Senior Awards Night at the What Cheer Opera House

May 12th: PK-6th Movie Day in New Sharon

May 14th: Graduation at 1:00 p.m.

May 17th: 11:00 a.m. Last Day of School: Early dismissal

May 18th: No School--Professional Development for Teachers

Summer School notes have been sent out. Please make sure you send them back even if your child will not be attending.

I hope you have a great summer!

~Ms. Berg #tcpride

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

By: Adrienne Thomas

Secondary students of the month are Madison Purdy and Lauren Molyneux

Madison Purdy is a senior. Her teachers say she is a quiet leader and sticks up for what is right. She is always pleasant and cooperative.

Lauren Molyneux is a senior. Her teachers say she is a natural leader and is a good representative of our school in conference activities and the community.



Cain Osipchack (1); Eli Quiroz (2); Willow Roorda (K); Abel Ruggles (PK)



Bailey Moore (4); Gracen MacCready (6); Brayden McCulloch (3); Sloane McKain (5)

FFA BANQUET AWARDS

By: Wesley Davis

This month, I interviewed Ms. Craig and asked her about the FFA banquet that occurred in March. I asked her questions about what awards people got during the banquet. They gave out an Honorary Member Award. Congratulations to Mrs. Davis for receiving an Honorary Member Award; she has been extremely helpful with the chapter. A Discovery Degree was handed out to Junior High Students as well. Congratulations to Gavin Smith, Landon McDonald, Zion Colbert, Izabell Bunker, and Ayla Cline for being active members of the FFA program. They worked hard on working for the Agricultural Impact Group. Magnificent job to Jordyn Hughes, Lily Randall, Ayla Hall, and Jayden Smith for receiving a Greenhand degree. Outstanding job to Lily Randall for earning a Star Greenhand by demonstrating magnificence. She accomplished this by being an incredibly active and helpful member with a great attitude while participating in the Greenhand program. Ms. Craig stated, "Lily Randall received this award because she has been extremely involved in FFA for her first year. She has been at Harvest Breakfast, Feed A Farmer, and Staff Breakfast as well as going to Sub-District and District competitions as a delegate. Delegates get to vote on matters relating to FFA that will affect our District. "Congratulations to Chloe Zittergruen for being the only person to receive a chapter degree. Congratulations to Lauren Molyneux, Reanna Robb, and Sierra Meyer for receiving a Senior-Academic Award. Congratulations to Chloe Zittergruen, Macy Schmidt, Grayce Williams, Ayla Hall, and Jayden Smith for receiving academic awards as well.



2nd & 3rd grades won pizza parties for donating the most canned goods during FFA Week.

FFA CONTEST PART 2

By: Wesley Davis

This month, I interviewed some of the people in FFA who were competing in groups. Three different groups were competing this month: The Chapter Website, The Agricultural Impact Group, and Radio Broadcasting. Since I covered Radio Broadcasting last month, I did not cover it this month (Radio Broadcasting article). However, congratulations to Reanna Robb for achieving a silver at districts. I asked them three questions: what is their group, what they do during it, and what do they like about their group.

Agricultural Impact Group

There were a total of five people that were in the Agricultural Impact Group, all of which are seventh graders. The Agricultural Impact Group is where a group of Junior High students research how agriculture makes an impact on their county. Contestants are required to write a four-page paper and make a presentation over their findings, then they must present it to a panel of judges. Contestants also must solve problems that could happen in the future.

After asking them what they liked about it, Izabell and Gavin stated that they like it because they enjoy learning about Keokuk County. Zion stated, "Yeah, because I like to learn about agriculture and things and learn to do things to make it better." Landon Stated, "Yes, I do. I guess it is just something to do. It's fun. I like it." Ayla Cline learned about how food supplies and inflation are tied to agriculture. Congratulations on getting a bronze at sub-districts.

Chapter Website

There are a total of two people that were working on the Chapter Website. They were Ayla Hall and Grayce Williams. Congratulations to them on getting silver at sub-districts. They stated they must create a website going over all the other chapters that are in FFA. Contestants are also supposed to give details about the events they participated in, and they must list all of the events that take place within the FFA chapters. Grayce liked it because it has been fun learning about how to make websites.
hobbies.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

By: Megan Snakenberg

A lot has been going on in Mrs. Snakenberg's classroom this year!

In Economics, we are currently studying supply and demand. Students got to see this illustrated during an activity where they took turns pretending to be buyers and sellers of rare gemstones. During each round of the game, students were faced with challenges that affect the price of stones - shortages, surpluses, and substitutions - and had to adjust their profit margin and prices accordingly. The entire class has also been keeping track of stock prices for ten different companies of their choosing to see if they would manage to come out on top. Some students have done very, very well, making thousands of (imaginary) dollars in profit, and others have done the opposite, losing thousands. The stock market has been on a bit of a rollercoaster recently, so it has been very interesting to see how that is reflected in the students' projects.

In Civics, the seventh grade is currently going through a unit on US geography, including states, capitals, and major industries. Earlier in the semester, we discussed the branches of government, civil rights, and where the idea of government even comes from. Students also researched a different country, learning about how its government functions compared to ours.

In high school Government, students wrote letters to different elected officials earlier in the year, expressing their positions on whatever topics they wished. Many chose to write to Governor Reynolds, though some wrote to their senators or state representatives. We have recently been discussing the war against Ukraine and the global implications of the conflict. Students completed projects over presidents past and present, as well as doing research into different political parties, both major and minor.

In Personal Finance, students have learned about sales taxes, comparison shopping for things like homes and vehicles, how insurance works, balancing checkbooks, smart consumer spending, credit cards, and where all of that money that gets taken out of their paycheck goes.

It's been a fun, BUSY year!

NEW COACHES, NEW SPORT

By: Gyasilyn Purdy

During March, we welcomed two new coaches and a new sport to our Tri-County athletics family. Ms. Nicole Craig will be bringing golf back to Tri-County for our high schoolers and Mrs. Jill Hall will be coaching junior high track. I have interviewed both of them for the monthly newsletter. Good luck to Ms. Craig and Mrs. Hall's teams with their seasons!

High School Golf Interview

Ms. Nicole Craig - 2021/2022 Golf coach

Q: Why do you think students should join golf?

Ms. Craig: "To learn a new sport."

Q: Did you play golf in high school?

Ms. Craig: "No."



Q: What do you want to see throughout the golf season?

Ms. Craig: "I am hoping to see kids make individual progress, seeing them help their teammates, and make memories with their friends."

Q: What do you enjoy most about golf?

Ms. Craig: "I have never played before but I like to take walks with my dog, so hoping for good exercise."

Q: What inspired you to coach golf?

Ms. Craig: "Well I was hoping someone with more experience would step up to do it but since no one did, I thought I should so this opportunity didn't go away for the kids. I heard lots of excitement from the kids about golf so I wanted to coach it so they had the opportunity to play."

Q: What other sports have you coached?

Ms. Craig: "Volleyball."

Q: In your opinion, how will golf benefit athletes?

Ms. Craig: "From what I have read and talked with other coaches, golf can be an extremely mental game that you play in your head. Being able to overcome those challenging thoughts and work through their struggles will help them in other sports with the mental toughness side of things. The athletes cannot get stuck on one hole or one swing. They have to coach themselves during the meet so they need to keep a positive attitude and be able to anticipate what factors may be on that particular hole, such as wind speed, sandpits, or water. Golf also uses a lot of core muscles which can only improve their other sports by having that strong core."

NEW COACHES, NEW SPORT CONT'

By: Gyasilyn Purdy

Junior High Track & Field

Mrs. Jill Hall - 2021/2022 JH track coach

Q: Did you participate in track in JH/HS?

Mrs. Jill Hall: "Yes, both in junior high and high school."

Q: How would track benefit athletes?

Mrs. Jill Hall: "Track isn't just about getting faster, everything we do will be tied to enhancing overall athleticism. Higher athleticism leads to greater adaptability, which leads to a well rounded athlete. A lot of track and field events are solo, which means when it's time to step up to the line, you control the outcome. They won't always have a teammate to help control the outcome of their races/field events. This will help athletes learn how to execute under pressure. Exposure to these situations will most definitely transfer to their ability to execute in the real world."

Q: What other sports have you coached? Have you coached track before?

Mrs. Jill Hall: "This will be my first year coaching JH track. I have volunteered over the years at the youth level in a variety of different sports, but never have I had the opportunity to coach at this level."

Q: Why should students join track?

Mrs. Jill Hall: "Track & Field is such a good overall sport. It develops speed, agility, explosiveness, and endurance. All of these attributes are critical to success in other sports, too."

Q: What inspired you to be a track coach?

Mrs. Jill Hall: "Growing up, I played whichever sport was in season. There is no question that exposure helped shaped who I am today. I want kids to experience that, and see all of the opportunities that Tri-County has to offer. At the Junior High level, Track & Field is a new sport. Our youth level offers Basketball, Softball/Baseball, Volleyball, and Football. This alone has made me beyond excited to introduce something new and help develop a program that will continue into the High School level."

Q: What is your favorite part of track? (meets, throwing, etc.)

Mrs. Jill Hall: "I love it all, there isn't a part of Track and Field that doesn't make me want to throw on a pair of running shoes and join in on the fun! I always say, if you can get through the first few weeks of practice, you'll see what all of the hype is about once you experience your first meet."

Q: What would you like to see most this track season?

Mrs. Jill Hall: "My main focus this year is to get as many kids out for track as I can. I want them to see what it's like to be part of a team, the feeling you get when you PR, and the feeling that comes when you succeed at something that you never thought you could do. I want them to see growth from the first day of practice to the last. Seeing that progression = success in my book."

May Food Pantry

Tuesday May 24th: 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Located at the What Cheer Methodist Church. Food Pantry is open to all Tri-County and Delta residents who need a little extra help right now.

Please Note:

We are in the church basement. We will ask you to come in the main door of the church and exit up the ramp on the West side of the church to help us maintain social distancing.

Please remember to bring bags/boxes to carry grocery items from the church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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May Food Truck

Tuesday May 10th: 3PM to 4:30PM

Located at the What Cheer Methodist Church. The Food Truck is open to all Keokuk County residents who need a little extra help right now.

Due to the winter weather we will have the food truck items in the church basement. Please park on the West side of the church and enter through the front door. You will gather your items and exit on the west side of the church using the ramp.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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MAY 2022 Tri-County CSD					This institution is an equal opportunity provider.
LUNCH					
BREAKFAST					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Hamburger/WG Bun Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Orange 2 Mini Donuts	Turkey Sandwich Pretzels Pork & Beans Applesauce 3 Cheese Omelet	"May the 4th Be With You" Light Sabers Yoda's Swamp Greens Death Star Melon Cubes Wookie Cookie 4 Pancakes	"Picnic in the Park" Corn Dog Cheez-Its, Baby carrots 100% Juice 5 Biscuit/Gravy	Calzone Romaine Salad Red Peppers Cottage Cheese, Pears 6 Strawberry Bagel Bites	
Maid-rite/WG Bun Mozzarella Sticks Broccoli/Cauliflower Pineapple 9 Mini Donuts	Beef Taco Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes Refried Beans Strawberries/Blueberries Graham Goldfish 10 Waffles	Salisbury steak Mashed Potatoes WG Roll, Corn Sliced Apples 11 Sausage/Egg Biscuit	Pulled Pork/WG Bun Tator Tots Cooked Carrots Fruit Cocktail 12 Tri-Tator/Ham Patty	Pizza Crunchers Romaine Salad Steamed Vegetables Applesauce 13 Cheese Omelet	
Goulash Garlic Bread Romaine Salad, Peas Mandarin Orange 16 Cereal	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EO 11:00 17 Mini Donuts	18	19	20	
23	24	25	26	27	
30	31				

Breakfast is served with fruit, fruit juice, milk, and daily entree listed at the bottom of the daily lunch menu.

*Variety of milk is offered with lunch each day.

All menus are subject to change.