Trojan Update

Home of the Trojans!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, March 1st	End of 3rd Quarter
Sat, March 2nd	TC Youth Sports Basketball Tournament
Tue, March 5th	Athletic Awards
Wed, March 6th	1:00 Early Out
Mon, March 11-15	Elementary ISASP Testing
Mon, March 11	Birthday Lunches PK3
Tue, March 12	Birthday Lunches PK4-12
Wed, March 13	1:00 Early Out
Mon, March 18-22	Secondary ISASP Testing
Mon, March 18	4:00 Varsity Track at English Valleys
Wed, March 27	1:00 Early Out
Thur, March 28	NO SCHOOL
Fri, March 29	NO SCHOOL
Sun, March 31	Easter Sunday
Mon, April 1	NO SCHOOL

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FFA Week

By: Adrianne Thomas

The purpose of FFA Week is to raise awareness about the National FFA Organization's role in developing future leaders and the importance of agricultural education. The first FFA week was celebrated in 1948 and commemorates George Washington's birthday, which falls on February. The FFA is not only for students interested in Agriculture. The FFA welcomes members who aspire to have careers as teachers, doctors, scientists, business owners and more. The school's FFA program helps develop public speaking skills, conducting and participating in meetings, strengthen problem solving abilities and assume civic responsibilities. Current members created dress up days for the students, coloring page activities and some fun FFA games. The game Ships and Sailors is pictured below.

Sawyer, Nolan, Sean, Alvaro, Leah and Brylee doing "Lovers Leap"

Amy, Emma, Boston, Easton and Leah

Michael, Boston and Sean

Mr. Thomas is down and ready. Easton Mercer waiting for the command.

"Pointing North"-Amy, Leah, Easton, Landon, Gavin, Naz and Sawyer

"Lovers Leap"-Sean, Landon, Gracen and Sloane

"Men Rowing"-Keira, Emma, Amy, Chloe, Michael, Boston, Karley

"Captain's Coming"-Naz, Landon, Michael, Gavin, Sawyer, Boston, Sean

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

SECONDARY
Wesley Davis(11); Karley Moore(8) and Ayla Hall(11)

LOWER ELEMENTARY
Riley Fogle(3PK); Jaxson Gibson(1); Emilia Winkleman(K); Isabella Doty(4PK) and Brooklyn Maxwell(2)

UPPER ELEMENTARY
Dakota Catherwood(6); Natalie Terwilliger(4); Teresa Luevano(3) and Quinn Stanley(5)

2024 TEAMS
SICL ALL-CONFERENCE

AYLA HALL
1ST TEAM

SEAN MCCULLOCH
HONORABLE MENTION

LEVI MOLYNEUX
HONORABLE MENTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THREE VARSITY BASKETBALL STUDENTS THAT WERE CHOSEN FOR SICL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS!
Ayla Hall ended her year as the top point earner for her team with 253 pts. She also earned her 500th career point this season. Sean McCulloch and Levi Molyneux tied as the top points earner for their team, both having 211 pts for the season.

Tri-County Science Fair

By: Adrianne Thomas

Tri-County Science teachers hosted a science fair this year. It was open to all grades from Pre-School through 12th. The awards were broken down into divisions for Elementary Pre-School through Second and Third through Sixth. The High School was split into individual grades. Prizes of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Participation were awarded in each division and then staff voted on which project they felt should receive "Best In Show" for Elementary and Secondary. These are the results:

Elementary-PK-2nd
*1st Place-Tinley Thomas (3PK) with Taste the Rainbow
*2nd Place-Denver Ponce Bermudez (1) with Crayon Melting
*3rd Place-Sofia Berg (2) with Color Transfer

Elementary-3rd-6th
*1st Place-Memphis Hastings (6) with Rainbow Ferris Wheel
*2nd Place-Lydia Hastings (4) with What Causes Volcanic Eruptions
*3rd Place-Natalie Terwilliger (4) with Do Eggs Float in Water

Secondary-7th
*1st Place-Amy Terwilliger (7) with What Detergents Work Best
*2nd Place-Leah Triplett and Bristol Ward (7) with Does the Amount of Product Effect the Outcome of Elephant Toothpaste
*3rd Place-Lillian McDonald (7) with What Affect Does Time Have on an Egg Soaking in Vinegar

Secondary-8th
*1st Place-Natalie Triplett; Kylie Gibson; Xavier Jandrisovits(8) with Elephant Toothpaste
*2nd Place-Lia Hastings(8) with Artificial Snow
*3rd Place-Zoey Garrett and Keira Cooper(8) with Oobleck

Secondary-9th
*1st Place-Grace Lindley(9) with Can You Input the Fluorescence from Highlighters into Plants
*2nd Place-Landon McDonald; Kaylee Ruggles and Gavin Smith(9) with The Time Rule
*3rd Place-Saige McKain and Terrica Boughner(9) with Love Chocolate

Seconday-10th
*1st Place-Oliver Thomas (10) with Bread Science
*2nd Place-Emma Lindley (10) with Plastic Made From Milk
*3rd Place-Tuesday Davis(10); Shy Orr(10) and Kaydence Orr(7) with Mock Apple Pie
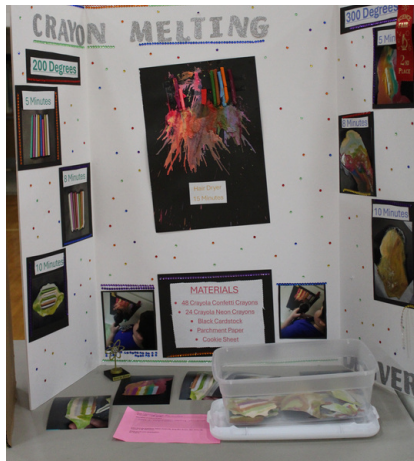
There were no entries for 11th and 12th grades.

Participants

Aziah Jandrisovitz(6); Lukas Fogle(6); Cole Hughes(7); Alvaro Martinez(7); Kayden McDonald(7); Sloane McKain(7); Brylee Thompson(7); Octavia Van Patten(7); Easton Krumm(8); Sawyer Meyer(8); Karley Moore(8); Nolan Randall(8); Mark Ruggles(8); Layla Shilling(8); Sully Stanley(8); Cooper Vermillion(8); Daiden Ward(8); Aubrey Zittergruen(9); Sienna Molyneux(9); Emery Hall(9); Brayton McDonald(9); Sean McCulloch(9); Drayvon Dennis(9); Nazareth Davis(9); Alyssa Hadsell(9); Imara Colbert(9); Alexandria McCulloch(9); Ava Brackelsberg(10); Hailey Brackelsberg(10); Hunter Brackelsberg(10); Keagan MacCready(10); Nathan McDonald(10); Boston Roorda(10); Davian Thompson(10) and Marley Van Patten(10)
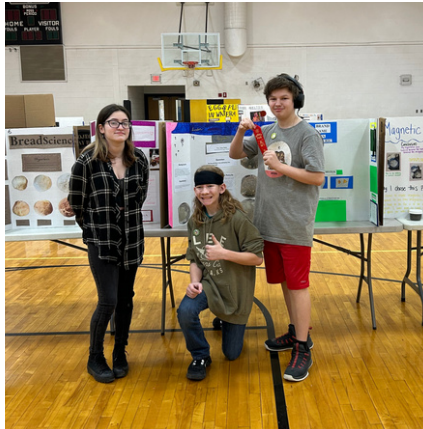
Best In Show Elementary-
Denver Ponce Bermudez (1st grade)

Best In Show Secondary-
Oliver Thomas (10th grade)

Tri-County's Computer Science Team
Written and Edited by: Wesley Davis and Adrianne Thomas

Tri-County School has implemented a Computer Science Team to meet the guidelines set forth by the Iowa Governor. In 2020, the Governor passed House File 2629, stating that High schools need quality Computer Science classes by July 1st 2023, middle schools need it by July 1st, 2023, and Elementary schools must have one in at least one grade level by July 1st, 2023. Tri-County currently offers a Computer Science course to high school students taught by Mr. Andy Thomas. Middle and Elementary students are being taught some form of computer science every other week by Mrs. Megan Gustafson and all students are receiving some form of computer science knowledge daily through all classes at Tri-County.

The Department of Education in Iowa has a vision. Their vision is, "All Iowa students will engage in the concepts and practices of computer science through an intentional progression of experiences in order to prepare them to become enterprising citizens that positively impact society." Computer Science Instruction (last read on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024) https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/standards/instruction/computer-science#:~:text=Middle%20schools%20must%20provide%20high,plans%20by%20July%201%2C%202022 There are two main concepts to Computer Sciences. The first concept is Computer Literacy or how to use a computer. This would include knowledge and understanding of the hardware i.e. the keyboard, a touchscreen tablet or a mouse and then the software i.e.how to use a spreadsheet, how to code a game or website or make a presentation. The second concept is Digital Citizenship or how to use technology appropriately and responsibly. This can include knowing how to make strong passwords, not sharing certain information in public or avoiding copyright infringement.

Tri-County Schools Computer Science team includes the following persons: Mrs. Megan Gustafson (Elementary Computer Science instructor); Mr. Andy Thomas (Secondary Computer Science instructor); Mrs. Penny Krumm (Secondary Computer Science Coach); Mr. Scott Edmundson (Elementary Computer Science Coach); Mr. Greg Sowers (Computer Science team member) and Ms. Jennifer Berg (Computer Science Team Administrator). The role of Computer Science Coach is to help direct the progress of the program. They will do research on resources available to the instructors and students. The role of the Computer Science instructor is to implement the curriculum and the Computer Science Administrator is responsible for keeping it all working and progressing.

The Computer Science team has been teaching coding, robotics programming and added an informative website this year. The Elementary; fourth, fifth and sixth graders have been working with Mrs. Gustafson thirty minutes every other week. They use the Scratch program (a game making website) and are learning block code. The Scratch program is currently being used as we received a grant for that program. The Elementary students have worked on making games, building a calculator and the sixth graders will begin creating a shopping app. Mrs. Gustafson also plans to do true/false tables and their final project will be a virtual zoo tour.

Tri-County's Computer Science Team-cont'
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The Secondary side also uses Scratch; Solo Learn (a website that uses coding languages like python and javascript) and TinkerCad (a 3D printing website). As of the end of January, Mr. Thomas' class has been learning Python via SoloLearn. "Python is a big coding language that can be used in a variety of industries," Mr. Thomas states. Mrs. Krumm doesn't teach computer science as a class, however she does teach some computer science skills during classes, so students can see the application of the skills. For example she and Mrs. Icenbice worked together to have the World History students create a 3D printing of their names in hieroglyphics. Mrs. Icenbice's students spent their class with Mrs. Krumm and used the TinkerCad website to make their emblems using hieroglyphics then Mrs. Krumm printed them on the 3D printer. You can see pictures of their creations on the website Mrs. Krumm has created https://pennykrumm.wixsite.com/csci/secondary-projects. According to Ms. Berg, "the goals for the school year are to merge computer science into the curriculum at all levels of the school. This can be direct instruction within the classroom, supplemental computer science lessons like Mrs. Krumm has done, and direct instruction in the elementary classroom by using the computer science curriculum." Ms. Berg would also like to see an additional computer science course offered to secondary and elementary students. She says, "It becomes problematic with scheduling and having staff to fill the position in a small school where many staff members wear multiple hats. However, the team is eager to provide further opportunities to our students."

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MARCH 2024
Tri-County CSD

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Baked Potato & Ham Sr. Cream, Cheese Side Salad, Pears Cinnamon Roll
4 Tenderloin/WG Bun Potato Wedges Green Beans, Peaches French Toast	**5** Chicken Fajita Fajita Veggies, Corn, Salsa Tortilla Chips, Pineapple Churro 9-12 Breakfast Sandwich	**6** Chicken Sandwich Broccoli/Cheese Baked Beans, Sweet Pot. FF Pears, Graham 9-12 Muffin/Cereal	**7** Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Carrots Strawberries, Roll Egg Bake, Toast	**8** Garlic Bread Pizza Lettuce/Tomato Peas, Apple Pancakes & Sausage
11 Orange Chicken Brown Rice, Broccoli Egg Roll, Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie Breakfast Pizza	**12** Taquitos & Sr. Cream Refried Beans, Corn Pasta Salad, Pears Fruit Muffin Bar	**13** Hamburger/ WG Bun Potato Cubes, Green Beans Fruit Cocktail Eggs & Toast	**14** Turkey Sandwich Tri Tater, Fresh Veggies Baked Chips, Pineapple Biscuits & Gravy	**15** Mozzarella Sticks Marinara cup, Lettuce Salad Tomatoes, Peas, Peaches Long John
18 Hot Ham & Cheese Side Salad, Carrots Baked Chips, Pears Cereal	**19** Walking Taco Refried Beans, Corn Spanish Rice 9-12 Pineapple Breakfast Burrito	**20** Corn Dog Baked Beans Broccoli/Cheese Mandarin Oranges, Jello 9-12 Pancake Stick	**21** Rotini w/ Meat sauce Coleslaw, Green Beans Strawberries, Garlic Bread Fruit & Yogurt Parfait	**22** Pizza Bites Lettuce Salad, Tomatoes Peas, Applesauce Breakfast Sandwich
25 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad, Green Beans Cottage Cheese, Peaches Egg Bake & Toast	**26** Sausage/Egg Patty Pancakes Tri Tater, Broccoli Orange Slices Long John	**27** Mr. Rib Sandwich Mashed Party Potatoes Coleslaw, Apple Freezer Day	**28** NO SCHOOL	**29** NO SCHOOL

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

All menus are subject to change.

*Variety of milk is offered with lunch each day.

We will be honoring lent with additional meatless options as requested.