TROJAN UPDATE

HOME OF THE TROJAN'S



PRINCIPALS CORNER

by: Jennifer Berg

Hello Trojans! A gentle reminder: Quarter 2 will end on December 12th which is also the end of Semester 1.

Students will be Fastbridge testing this Winter in the areas of reading, mathematics, and Saebrs (social emotional learning). Students in the elementary will continue to focus on math interventions in several classes receiving whole class instruction. Tri-County uses the MTSS model (Multitiered system of supports). Students are named according to assessment scores. Tier I is universal instruction which the entire class receives. This would be core instruction in both literacy and mathematics. Tier II students receive interventions based on assessment scores. This may be writing interventions or math interventions or Title interventions. Tier III are identified as students who receive SDI (Specially designed instruction). Students are progress monitored and data is tracked to ensure crucial skills are being learned.

The National Honor Society Induction was held on Monday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. Students interviewed with staff volunteers, completed teacher recommendations, and had to maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

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We welcome our new members: Macy Schmidt, Noa Sexton, Grace Randall, Sadie McKain, Tessa Fisher, and Delanine Little. Mrs. McDonald is the NHS Sponsor and our Tri-County school group is nationally recognized.

The Fall Play will be held on Friday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. Picture Retakes will be held on Thursday, November 18th. Early dismissal will be on Wednesday, November 24th at 1:00 p.m. with Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th being no school days.

Happy Thanksgiving!

~Ms. Berg



Current members: Reanna Robb, Lauren Molyneux, Chloe Staley with Kylie McDonald

New members:Delanie Little, Sadie McKain, Noa Sexton, Macy Schmidt, Grace Randall and Tessa Fisher with Kylie McDonald

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

by Wesley Davis

This month I interviewed the members of the National Honors Society as well as Mrs. McDonald. I interviewed Chloe Staley, Lauren Molyneux, and Mrs. McDonald. The questions I asked them were: What do you do in the National Honors Society, what do you like about it, and do you plan on doing it in the future. Here are some of their responses:

After asking them what do you do in the National Honors Society, they said that they help put on a Veteran's Day assembly, Lauren responded saying that she also helped out with the senior awards ceremony by helping pass out cookies and juice. Her favorite part was making tie blankets for local care centers. Chloe stated, I really enjoy the ability to help other people. I also asked them if they planned on doing it in the future. All of them said yes.

I asked Mrs. Mcdonald three questions. They are: "What is the National Honors Society?", "How are students picked for the National Honors Society?", and "What are the specific things people do in the National Honors Society?".

She responded saying that the National Honor Society is a national accredited group where Juniors and Seniors (11th and 12th graders) with a GPA (Grade Point Average) score of 3.5 or higher. She said that the requirements for being in the National Honor Society (NHS) are that students must have a GPA score of at least 3.5 or higher. If they do meet that requirement then they will get an opportunity to fill out an application. After they fill out the application they are placed on a 1-4 scale on things based off of their service, leadership, and character that their teachers observe on a daily basis. After that they have to be interviewed by Mrs. Mcdonald, Ms. Berg, and the NHS faculty council that is made up of five different staff members. If they are selected they get an invitation to the NHS induction ceremony. If they get inducted into the NHS then they are officially members of the NHS as long as they keep their GPA above a 3.5. I also asked her what specific things people do in the NHS.

She responded saying that last year they made fleece blankets for the elderly people at the Manor House, and that they also helped put together the Veteran's Day Assembly. She said that this year she is planning to do stuff with the Department of Transportation as well.

I also did some additional research about the NHS. I researched three things. They are: "What is the National Honors Society?", "What are the requirements to be in the National Honors Society?", and "What do you do in the National Honors Society?". The National Honor Society is an organization that is dedicated to high school students in the United States. The requirements for being in National Honors Society is that you must have a cumulative GPA score of at least 3.0, be in 10th-12th grade, have some past of some service, be resourceful and good problem solvers, and to be honest and reliable. NHS is meant to elevate the school's commitment to scholarship, leadership, service, and character. According to the website, NHS is where people go to serve people in the community.

Sources:

https://www.nhs.us/about/ https://www.honorsociety.org/national-honorsociety

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

by Ase Purdy

ZOE WERNER

ZOE WERNER WAS CHOSEN AS SECONDARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR HER GOOD GRADES. WHEN SHE FOUND OUT SHE REACHED THIS ACHIEVEMENT. SHE WAS SURPRISED AND SAID HER FRIENDS WERE SHOCKED. ZOE IS PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT AND THE GOOD GRADES SHE HAS MAINTAINED TO HELP GET HER HERE. HER ADVICE FOR HER PEERS IS TO RESPECT YOUR TEACHERS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, ZOE!





MACY SCHMIDT

MACY SCHMIDT IS ONE OF OUR TWO SECONDARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH. SHE RECEIVES GOOD GRADES AND PARTICIPATES IN MANY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TRACK, SPEECH & DRAMA, VOLLEYBALL AND SOFTBALL. SHE IS PROUD OF HERSELF FOR THIS ACHIEVEMENT AND WAS HAPPY WHEN SHE FOUND OUT. MACY'S ADVICE FOR HER PEERS IS TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, BE KIND, AND TRY YOUR BEST. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, MACY.



Quinn Stanley (3rd), Memphis Hastings (4th), Cole Hughes (5th),



Karley Moore (6th)



A/B Honor Role Recipients: Karley Moore (6th), London Linder (4th), Aubree Cranston (4th), Ella Edmundson (3rd), Ashianna Maxwell (3rd), Elijah Eastman (5th), Easton Mercher (6th), Adam Bos-Rauch (4th), Brayden McCulloch (3rd), Cloud Bunker (3rd)



A/B Honor Role Recipients: Peyton Icenbice(11), Alyssa Conrad(11), Tessa Fisher(11), Jordyn Hughes(9), Wesley Davis(9), Taira Wickenkamp(9), Raegan Molyneux(9), Tuesday Davis(8), Sierra Meyers(12), Lily Elwood(12), Delanie Little(11), Zoe Werner(10), Corbyn Thomas(11), Joshua McCulloch(9),Levi Molyneux(9), Jayden Smith(9),Michael VerPloeg(9), Gabrielle Bunker(8), Drew Fisher(8), Keagan MacCready(8) Not Pictured: Corwin Hull(12), Sadie McKain(11),Oliver Thomas(8),Grayce Williams(11),Ayla Hall(9)



Braxton Brumbaugh(PK), Cory Fowler(K-not pictured), Reese Moore (1st), Jacob Muller (2nd)



A Honor Role Recipients: Quinn Stanley (3rd), Lilith Hartwig (3rd), Carter Thomas (3rd)



A Honor Role Recipients: Boston Roorda (8th), Ariana Quiroz (8th), Ase Purdy (8th), Brianna Davis (10th), Noa Sexton (11th), Haylei Petit (11th), Chloe Staley (12th), Grace Randall (11th), Aubrey Zittergruen (7th), Emery Hall (7th) Not Pictured: Saige McKain(7th), Chloe Zittergruen(10th), Macy Schmidt(11th), Reanna Robb(12th), Lauren Molyneux(12th)

NOV. 12TH COME TO THE PLAY!

By: Reanna Quiroz

With the fall play being right around the corner, I decided to do a piece asking the speech and drama participants about different aspects of the play. I also interviewed the Tri-County speech and drama director Mr.Hrasky with a different set of questions. These were the responses from the play participants to the following questions:

- 1. How many plays have you done?
- 2. What has been the best part of participating in the fall play?
- 3. If this is your last play, what will you miss most about the experience?
- 4. If this is your first play, how did you originally feel when you went to tryouts? How do you feel now?
- 5. If you could give any advice to someone considering doing the fall play in the following years, what would it be?
- 6. How do you feel about the show this year? What can the audience expect?

Reanna Quiroz

- 1. This will be my 4th!
- 2. The best part of participating in the fall play has been the practices. I enjoy being able to get away from my normal routine to be able to enjoy myself for a few hours.
- 3. What I will miss most about the experience is the memories I have gained along the way. From the first read-through to the last call before the show starts, it has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience for sure.
 - 4. Inapplicable
- 5. I would say to definitely try it out, just for one year. Everyone who is willing to work is welcome, and from this experience, you will gain lifelong skills, such as public speaking abilities you may have never known you had before.
- 6.I feel really good about the show this year, and I truly believe that the audience will share a lot of laughs!

Lily Elwood

- 1. I have done 3 plays so far.
- 2. The best part is working with my friends and meeting people
- 3. I will definitely miss seeing new people out for the play, and I will for sure miss my play coach $\,$
 - 4. Inapplicable
 - 5. Do it! It is super fun, and don't be nervous!
- 6. It will be super funny. I feel great about this year's play and I think everyone will like it.

Noa Sexton

- 1. This is now the 3rd play I will be doing.
- 2. The performing, I love acting and being on stage, so the entire process is very fun.
 - 3. This is not my last play.
 - 4. This isn't my first either.
- 5. To have fun, stay open, and exaggerate your voice more (some people talk like they're reading a teleprompter).
- 6. It's going to be very good like always, and the audience can expect to see lots of funny jokes and of course, yours truly, Noa Immanuel Sexton

Natalie Smith

This would be my second.

Having fun and having a great coach.

Believe in yourself and go all out.

I like what we are doing this year. laughter,

Macy Schmidt

- 1. This will be my third play
- 2. I like seeing how all the progress has been made even over a few practices. The best part is teaching all of the new freshmen.
- 3. Inapplicable
- 4. Inapplicable
- 5. You should definitely do it. It is so much fun to work with Mr.Hrasky, hear all the jokes, read scripts for the first time, connect with the cast, opening night, practicing in the gym for the first time, and to work on your social skills. all around, there is no reason not to do it. Everyone should be involved. I hope to see you there next year!!!
- 6.I feel really good about, I already know it will be really good and it is super funny, the audience can expect to laugh a lot.

Chloe Zittergruen

- 1. This will be my 3rd.
- 2. All the fun times and memories, plus picking on Hrasky.
- 5. Any advice do the play! If you're worried about memorizing lines it's really not that bad and it's pretty easy to memorize them with all the practices we have. If your stage fright its okay, we all get a little nervous before the show
- 6. I think the crowd is going to love the play this year! Hrasky did a great job writing it! They can expect a play they have never seen before!

Kylee Kinzebach

- 1. 5 plays!
- 2. It's very funny!
- 5. Just go for it, it's really a no judgment place.
- 6. I think it will go well except for a lot of fun times.

Mr.Hrasky

- 1. What inspired you during the making of the play this year? For some reason I bought a few lottery tickets this summer. I guess I want to be rich or something. And I thought about how I would handle it if I won. Would I tell people? Would I want my life to change? I think huge amounts of money like that can change people, and not just the people with the money, but the people around them. It got me thinking.
- 2. What has been the best part of directing this year's play, the worst? I have a good group of kids to work with and a strong bunch of seniors. It's also fun working with the young kids. Also, the school board and administration have really shown a lot of support for my program by buying us a new stage and new chairs for the audience. So generous and so appreciated!

3. How do you feel about the show this year? What can the audience expect?

I'm happy with the cast and the script. I think it will be a fun show. My plays aren't really designed to be anything other than fun. I'm not trying to make the audience better people, I just want to make them laugh a few times. The play is a fun way for kids to become better public speakers. I think the audience should expect an bunch of amazingly talented kids exceeding expectations. We're just a little school, but we're good at this!

4. What would you tell any student considering to do the play next year?

DO THE PLAY NEXT YEAR! The more the merrier!

Gracious & Kind

by: Ase Purdy

OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF HAVE PLENTY TO BE THANKFUL FOR! THESE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS STUDENTS AND STAFF SHOW GRATITUDE AND WHAT THEY'RE THANKFUL FOR.



MRS. DAVIS - STAFF

MRS. DAVIS SHOWS GRATITUDE THROUGH HER ACTIONS, SHE ENJOYS HELPING PEOPLE OUT WITHOUT ASKING FOR HELP IN RETURN. SHE IS THANKFUL FOR HER FAMILY AND HEALTH.

LAUREN MOLYNEUX - 12TH GRADE

"I SHOW GRATITUDE BY BEING GENEROUS TO THE PEOPLE AROUND ME AND I'M THANKFUL FOR MY FAMILY."

DILLON MACCREADY - 11TH GRADE

"I SHOW GRATITUDE EITHER VERBALLY OR PHYSICALLY, SUCH AS HUGS AND I'M THANKFUL FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND BASICALLY ANYTHING."

NOA SEXTON - 11TH

"I EXPRESS GRATITUDE BY MESSING/JOKING AROUND WITH MY FRIENDS AND TELLING PEOPLE WHEN I APPRECIATE SOMETHING. I'M THANKFUL FOR MY HEALTH, FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND WELLBEING."

GAIGE MERCER - 10TH GRADE

"I SHOW GRATITUDE BY BEING CHEERFUL AND CELEBRATING. I'M THANKFUL FOR MY FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND THE GREAT OUTDOORS."

REINA POWERS - 10TH GRADE

"I SHOW GRATITUDE BY BEING RESPECTFUL,
UNDERSTANDING, AND SHOWING THANKS. I'M
THANKFUL FOR HAVING A HOME, FOOD, A COMFORTABLE
BED. AND MY FREE TIME."

WESLEY DAVIS - 9TH GRADE

"THE WAYS IN WHICH I EXPRESS GRATITUDE IS WHEN I DO SOMETHING BECAUSE I AM THANKFUL FOR WHAT THEY DO FOR ME AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS. I AM ALSO THANKFUL FOR MY FAMILY."

ARIANA QUIROZ - 8TH GRADE

"I SHOW GRATITUDE WITH MANNERS, PRAYERS, AND MY ACTIONS. I'M THANKFUL FOR MY HEALTH, FAMILY, HOME, MEMORIES, AND THE THINGS I HAVE."

BOSTON ROORDA - 8TH GRADE

"I EXPRESS GRATITUDE BY BEING KIND AND I FEEL THANKFUL FOR MY FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND THE THINGS I OWN."

DRAYVON DENNIS - 7TH GRADE

"I SHOW GRATITUDE BY HELPING OUT WITH STUFF LIKE COOKING OR SETTING THE TABLE. I'M THANKFUL FOR MY NICE FAMILY AND THE THINGS I HAVE"

GAVIN SMITH - 7TH GRADE

"I SHOW GRATITUDE BY BEING FUNNY AND THANKING PEOPLE. I AM THANKFUL FOR SPORTS, TEACHERS, FAMILY, FOOD, AND BEING ALIVE."







HOLIDAY APPETIZER WREATH INGREDIENTS 6 BACON SLICES

1/2 CUP CHIVE-AND-ONION CREAM CHEESE SPREAD

2 CANS (8 OUNCE EACH) PILLSBURY REFRIGERATED CRESCENT
DINNER ROLLS

2 CUPS GREEN GIANT SELECT FROZEN BROCCOLI FLORETS (FROM 14 OUNCE BAG), THAWED, FINELY CHOPPED AND PATTED DRY WITH PAPER TOWEL

% CUP DICED RED BELL PEPPER
1 EGG. BEATEN

1 TEASPOON SESAME SEED FRESH ROSEMARY IF DESIRED

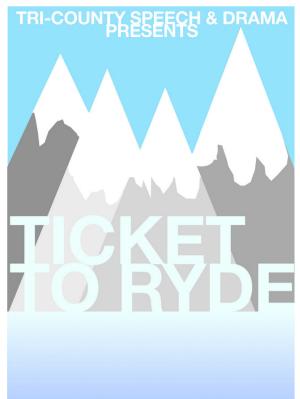
STEPS

HEAT OVEN TO 375°F. COOK BACON UNTIL CRISP; DRAIN. CRUMBLE AND SET ASIDE.

Unroll both cans of dough; separate into 16 triangles.
On an ungreased large cookie sheet, arrange
triangles with shortest sides toward center,
overlapping in wreath shape and leavin 5-inch round
circle open in center. Crescent dough points may
overlap the edge of the cookie sheet. Press
overlapping dough to flatten and form a 4 inch circle
in the center.

SPREAD CREAM CHEESE SPREAD ON DOUGH TO WITHIN 1 INCH OF POINTS. IN A SMALL BOWL, MIX BACON, BROCCOLI, AND BELL PEPPER; SPOON ONTO THE WIDEST PART OF DOUGH. PULL THE END OF TRIANGLES OVER BROCCOLI MIXTURE AND TUCK UNDER DOUGH TO FORM A RING (FILLING WILL BE VISIBLE). BRUSH DOUGH WITH BEATEN EGG; SPRINKLE WITH SESAME SEED.

BAKE FOR 25 TO 30 MINUTES OR UNTIL DEEP GOLDEN BROWN.
COOL FOR 5 MINUTES. WITH A BROAD SPATULA, CAREFULLY
LOOSEN THE WREATH FROM THE COOKIE SHEET; SLIDE ONTO A
BV SERVING PLATTER. GARNISH WITH ROSEMARY. SERVE
WARM. STORE IN THE REFRIGERATOR.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH 7:00 PM TRI-COUNTY LITTLE GYM ADULTS \$6 STUDENTS \$3



SAVE THE DATE! THE ELEMENTARY WINTER CONCERT WILL BE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, AT 6 PM IN THE MAIN GYM. STUDENTS WILL BE PERFORMING "A PIRATE'S CHRISTMAS" IN A READER'S THEATER STYLE.

SANTA AND THE ELVES NEED A LITTLE R&R SOMEPLACE WARM WHEN PIRATES INVADE. SANTA WORKS HIS GENEROUS STYLE OF MAGIC-WILL THE PIRATES ROB ALL THE WORLD'S PRESENTS?

STUDENTS WILL DRESS UP FOR THE OCCASION IN THEIR OWN HOLIDAY CLOTHES; MOST WILL ADD SOME ACCESSORIES TO ENHANCE OUR IMAGINATIONS PROVIDED BY MRS. ANDREWS. IF YOU HAVE ELF OR PIRATE COSTUMES YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO LOAN OUT, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT RENEE.ANDREWS@TRI-COUNTYSCHOOLS.COM

The CHRISTMAS STORE is Coming!

Saturday, December 4th from 9:00 to 11:00 in the WC Methodist Church Basement.

- Store opens for Parents at 9am where they can purchase two gifts per child (per household).
- Children can purchase one gift per parent.
- Grandparents can purchase one gift per grandchild (up to five) starting at 10:00.
- · All gifts are \$1 and all monies go back into the program.
 - Reminder that everyone buying from the Christmas store must meet the income requirements to participate (same as food pantry requirements).



November Food Pantry

Tuesday Nov 23rd: 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 will be inside in the church basement again for Food Pantries. 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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November Food Truck

Tuesday November 9th: 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.

Groceries will be pre bagged and delivered in your car. We ask that you line up on the North side of the church facing the highway. We will get you signed in and move the line through the alley, please stay in your vehicles and have a place cleared in your car for us to place the groceries.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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