



Trojan Update

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PRINCIPALS CORNER

BY MS BERG

Hello Tri-County Trojans! Q3 is ending on March 5th. It's hard to believe the year has gone by so quickly. I wanted to reiterate how proud I am of our students, staff, and families. We have adjusted as well as we can during a global pandemic with many changes. A few upcoming events we have scheduled are the Elementary Spring Concert and the Secondary Spring Concert. They will be onsite here at Tri-County in the HS gymnasium. The Elementary Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m. The Secondary Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. All spectators/guests will be required to wear masks.

Winter FAST testing has been completed. The elementary increased their scores in literacy from 52% at benchmark to 64% from comparing the data from the Fall to the Winter. 80 secondary students received the ½ personal day incentive which is terrific.

The ISASP (replaced Iowa Assessments) will be given on April 12th-April 23rd. These assessments are administered to students in grades 3rd-11th.

Specific details will be coming home closer to the assessment window. Students will need their computers, earbuds, and I am requesting devices stay at school so they may be charged overnight. We are looking forward to the Spring weather and sunshine.

Have a great 4th Quarter, Trojans!~Ms. Berg
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MARCH HAPPENINGS

Mar 1-5 Dr. Seuss Dress Up Days*
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Mar 3- 1:00 Dismissal

Mar 8- 1:00 Dismissal

Mar 10-1:00 Dismissal

Mar 17-1:00 Dismissal Happy St.
Patrick's Day

Mar 24-1:00 Dismissal

Mar 31-1:00 Dismissal

SPREADING LOVE

BY MRS. MCDONALD

The Junior Class of 2022 would like to thank the community support for their most recent fundraiser. In the month of February, the Junior Class wanted to spread a little love for Valentines Day, and offered Valentines for purchase at the school. They consisted of carnation flowers, candy bags, and Orange Crush pop. The Juniors had a great time passing out the Valentines to the student body on Friday, February 12th, and enjoyed spreading a little bit of love and happiness to the school.



With the crazy times that are upon us, it is nice to put that to the side and find the good in certain things. Thank you again to the community, parents, and friends for helping them spread the love this Valentines Day!



Class of 2022 Front row: Madison Purdy, Lily Elwood, Lauren Molyneux, Dayton Orr-Meyer **Second Row:** Kobe Riffel and Scott Rivet



Lauren Molyneux passing out Valentines to the Preschool class.



BUDGETS AND CAR LOANS AND MORTGAGES, OH MY!

BY SONJA ANDERSON



The Budget Unit is in full swing in Human Growth and Development class. Students are currently learning to create a monthly budget from fictitious jobs randomly drawn from a hat. They and their partner must then budget to buy houses and cars using loans and current interest rates, along with insurance. Students even have to figure out how much they would spend in gas a month and over the course of a year. Katie Post, who took the class last year, stated, "It gives a realistic view of how much things cost. It made me realize how much I spend on gas a year." Katie has graciously volunteered to come out of study hall for a few days and partner up with a current student due to odd numbers in the class. She must have enjoyed the unit so much last year, she couldn't wait to do it a second time around. After purchasing a house and cars, students must then budget for everything from cell phones and health insurance, to utilities and groceries. The health insurance costs are always a big shock for students and can take a huge toll on their planned budgets. But the fun doesn't stop there! What would life be without a few surprises along the way - good and bad? Students next draw a random surprise that could consist of anything from their favorite pet "Spot" needing a surgery costing \$1500 or their furnace breaking down costing \$3500, to their favorite Aunt Mabel passing away leaving them \$40,000 or their parents graciously giving them a late wedding present of \$10,000. Students can then work the surprises into their budget for better or for worse. Lastly, students use a search engine site to figure out the average cost for the first year of having a baby. They select all the baby items they decide are needs before drawing to see how many children life sends their way. Some may decide to forgo having children and travel overseas while others may end up having two sets of twins or going for their baseball team and having six healthy sons! Life sure can get complicated and busy very quickly in this class. They then adjust their budgets to fit their growing families. Students seem to highly enjoy this unit each year. Grace Randall, who took the class last year, exclaimed, "It helped me put things into perspective and made me realize how expensive things were, so you couldn't be spending money on unnecessary things. Just because you want it doesn't mean you need it." That is great advice, Grace!.



SPRING CONCERT

BY RENEE ANDREWS

The elementary will be having an in-person Spring Concert come April. Music can make us happier, help us deal with hard things—and you can even learn the other subjects, like Math or History if you sing the information! So, the concert will include a story told with musical accompaniment that the students created and a geography lesson. A good part of January was spent creating original rhythm routines and the hope is some 5th and 6th graders will share these. The students will also be singing partner songs and counter melodies—both of which produce pretty harmonies because the songs go nicely together. They will also be singing songs that are just fun! Please look for more details about our concert coming out soon.

FFA SUB DISTRICT RESULTS

BY MIKE STRIEGEL

Results from FFA Sub District Contest held at Iowa Valley High School are:

Welding team Hope Seaton & Jennah Thomas: 3rd Gold Rating, Advancing to Districts March 6 at Mediapolis

Hope Seaton: Individual-Gold Rating, 3rd place

Jennah Thomas: Individual-Silver Rating-11th place

Emily Roberts: Public Speaking-Silver Rating 4th place

Lauren Molyneux: Job Interview-Silver Rating 4th place Alternate

Reanna Robb: Ag Broadcast-Bronze Rating

The welding team had only started 3 weeks prior outside of school. They topped several students who have been in the welding academy through community colleges. I believe this is the first team of two girls to advance to Districts in welding in the 40 years I have been teaching! **Congratulations!**



BASKETBALL JERSEYS WANTED

BY BROOKE ZITTERGRUEN
TCYS

Do you have an old TC Youth Sports basketball jersey sitting around that you are no longer using? If so, you can donate it to TC Youth Sports as they are trying to accumulate jerseys for future kids to use and recycle each season (instead of buying new). If you would like to donate your youth basketball jersey, please send it to school with your child and give it to Jill Hall or Adrienne Thomas.



JERSEY RECYCLE PROGRAM



DR SEUSS CELEBRATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The week of March 1st we will be celebrating Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss Day! We are doing a lot of fun activities this year. We will have dress up days (see below), guessing contest, photo booth, & a reading contest. The guessing contest will be guessing how many objects in the jar (we did this last year) & the winner gets to take home the goodies in the jar.

We will be doing the photo booth again this year, please respond below if you want your child's picture taken or not & if you do please include your email address.

For the reading contest each grade will have a minimum amount of books to read or minimum amount of minutes to read, each child that reads the minimum amount for their grade will get a prize. Prizes will also be given for the student who reads the most in their class. A grand prize will be given to who reads the most books in grades PK-1st, 2nd-3rd grade, & 4th-6th grades. A form for the reading contest is attached for you to fill out & return to the school by **Thursday March 4!** PK needs to read 8 books, K-needs to read 10 books, 1st-needs to read 12 books, 2nd-needs to read 70 minutes, 3rd -needs to read 80 minutes, 4th-needs to read 90 minutes, 5th-needs to read 120 minutes, 6th- needs to read 160 minutes.

The 4th-6th grade students are going to be doing a trivia contest each day about Dr. Seuss. They will be given a question each day & then the correct responses will be put into a hat for a drawing each day.

Dress up Days

- Monday March 1– Sleep Book, wear your favorite pajamas! Make sure they are appropriate for outdoor recess.
- Tuesday March 2- Dr. Seuss's birthday! Dress as the cat in the hat or your favorite Dr. Seuss character!
- Wednesday March 3- My Many Colored Days, wear something bright, neon, as many colors as you can etc.
- Thursday March 4- I Can Read With My Eyes Shut, wear a shirt with writing on it
- Friday March 5- Oh the Places You'll Go, wear a college shirt or your favorite team!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brainard
Student Name_____ Grade_____

_____ Yes, I agree to have my child's picture taken. My email address is

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_____ No, I don't want my child's picture taken.



March Food Truck

Tuesday March 9th: 3PM to 4:30PM

Located in the Church Basement. The Food Truck is open to all Keokuk County residents whom need a little extra help right now.

Due to the weather changing, from now through the winter we will have the groceries pre bagged in the basement of the church for you to pick up. We will be limiting the amount of people in the basement at one time. We ask that you wear a mask into the church and bring someone to help carry your groceries if needed because we can't guarantee we will have the help there to carry them for you.

Thank you for your understanding.



March Food Pantry

Tuesday March 23rd: 4:30PM to 5:30PM

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

Due to the weather changing, through the winter we will have the groceries pre bagged in the basement of the church for you to pick up. We will be limiting the amount of people in the basement at one time. We ask that you wear a mask into the church and bring someone to help carry your groceries if needed because we can't guarantee we will have the help there to carry them for you.

Thank you for your understanding.



<div>  BREAKFAST </div> <div> MARCH 2021 TRI-COUNTY </div> <div>[Enter Menu Details]</div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CHEESE OMELET 1 TOAST FRUIT JUICE	CEREAL 2 POPTART FRUIT JUICE	BISCUIT/GRAVY 3 EGG PATTY FRUIT JUICE	BREAKFAST PIZZA 4 FRUIT JUICE	GLAZED DONUT 5 EGG OMELET FRUIT JUICE
NO SCHOOL 8	PANCAKES 9 BACON FRUIT JUICE	SCRAMBLED EGGS 10 HAM PATTY TOAST FRUIT JUICE	BREAKFAST WRAP 11 HASHBROWN FRUIT JUICE	EGG 12 TOAST FRUIT JUICE
CIN. MUFFIN 15 CEREAL FRUIT JUICE	YOGURT 16 GRANOLA BAR FRUIT JUICE	FRENCH TOAST 17 BACON FRUIT JUICE	CEREAL 18 POPTART FRUIT JUICE	EGG 19 HASH BROWN FRUIT JUICE
WAFFLE 22 EGG PATTY FRUIT JUICE	CINNAMON ROLL 23 STRING CHEESE FRUIT JUICE	BISCUIT/GRAVY 24 HASHBROWN FRUIT JUICE	CHEESE OMELET 25 SAUSAGE PATTY TOAST FRUIT JUICE	CEREAL 26 CIN. FISH GRAHAM FRUIT JUICE
BREAKFAST PIZZA 29 EGG PATTY FRUIT JUICE	CEREAL 30 CHO.CHIP MUFFIN FRUIT JUICE	SCRAMBLED EGGS 31 W/SAUSAGE TOAST FRUIT JUICE		

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<div>  LUNCH </div> <div> MARCH 2021 TRI-COUNTY </div> <div>[Enter Menu Details]</div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TATOR TOT CASSEROLE 1 PEAS BREAD/BUTTER MIXED FRUIT	HOP ON POP(CORN)CHICKEN WHO HASH BROWNS TEN APPLES ON TOP SCHLOTTS KNOTS (ROLLS) MOOSE JUICE	CHILI 3 CINNAMON ROLL BABY CARROTS MANDARIN ORANGES	CHICKEN SAND. 4 COTTAGE CHEESE CORN APRICOT	FISH/CHEESE SAND 5 COLE SLAW CAL. BLEND MIXED FRUIT
NO SCHOOL 8	BACON CHEESE BURGER 9 ONION RINGS MIXED VEG. PEARS	GOULASH 10 GARLIC BREAD CORN BANANA	CORNDOG 11 POTATO WEDGE PEAS STRAWBERRIES	GRILLED CHEESE SAND 12 TOMATO SOUP GREEN BEANS SLICED ORANGES
CHICKEN NUGGETS 15 CARROTS FRIES BREAD/BUTTER PEACHES	ROTINI 16 BREADSTICKS GREEN BEANS PEARS	HAMBURGER ON BUN 17 ONION RINGS CORN JELLO/PEARS PINEAPPLE	PORKCHOP 18 BAKED POTATO PEAS ROLL MANDARIN ORANGE	GARDEN SALAD 19 MOZZARELLA STICKS CARROTS STRAWBERRIES
CHICKEN FAJITA 22 SPANISH RICE TATOR TOTS MIXED VEG. MIXED FRUIT	SALISBURY STEAK 23 MASH POTATO CAL. BLEND BREAD/BUTTER STRAWBERRIES	TURKEY/CHEESE BACON 24 SAND CARROTS CHIPS APPLE	CREAM CHICK. BISCUIT 25 GREEN BEANS APPLESAUCE COOKIE	MAC CHEESE W/CORN 26 BREAD/BUTTER PEAS BANANA
BBQ RIB SAND. 29 POTATO WEDGE CORN CANTALOUPE	WALKING TACO 30 TATOR TOTS PEAS PEARS	POPCORN CHICKEN 31 TRI-TATOR BROCCOLI/CAL. PEACHES		

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