

October 2024

TROJAN UPDATE

Home of the Trojans



PRINCIPALS CORNER

Dear Trojans,

The school year is off to a great start! Students have adjusted well to the new start time and release time. We appreciate this smooth transition. An item to note is the new chronic absenteeism laws. SF 2435 also made changes to Iowa Code 299. This is a law for Iowa Code 299. In addition to changes in how the schools deal with truancy issues, SF 2435 also made changes to Iowa Code 299 that are required to give the County Attorney notice and the parent/guardian notice when a child becomes chronically absent (>10%). The Code requires this notice be sent to the parent/guardian by certified mail. The grading period is a **semester**. This is mandatory for the school district to follow.

1. School Engagement Meeting. When the school holds the engagement meetings at the **15% absence threshold**, the county attorney is also notified.

The school engagement meeting with a school administrator, the parent/guardian(s), and the student. Ms. Berg will be holding these meetings in her office. A notice will go home to parents via postal mail.

2. Truancy Referrals. The school is required to make a truancy referral for prosecution to my office in the event of any one of the following:

a. The parent/guardian fails to follow the terms of an absenteeism prevention plan entered into at the school engagement meeting; or

b. The parent/guardian refuses to participate in a school engagement meeting (please make sure we can prove the parent/guardian had notice of the meeting via certified mail or some other acknowledgment to school staff); or

c. The child is truant (>20%). At this time, the county attorney may prosecute the parents/guardians.

Other news: Students are off to a great start with the school year. Fastbridge assessments were completed and students were placed into intervention groups. **If your child is not at benchmark and is persistently at-risk**, you will be receiving a Model Intervention Plan for your child for reading. This is to inform you of the intervention your child will be given during the school day and any changes to the intervention plan throughout the year. If your child is at benchmark or above, you will not be receiving a Model Intervention Plan.

Go Trojans!

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HLV/TC
Elementary
Homecoming
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SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 4

 <p>Monday Dress like a teacher</p>		 <p>Tuesday Cowboys & Cowgirls</p>	
 <p>Wednesday Warrior Spirit</p>		 <p>Thursday Mismatch</p>	

Friday

Class Color Day








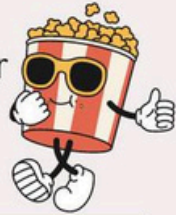






Preschool: Yellow
Kindergarten: Green
First Grade: Blue
Second Grade: Purple

Third Grade: Orange
Fourth Grade: Pink
Fifth Grade: Red
Sixth Grade: Black

Parade Wednesday @ 6:00 Pep Rally to follow
JV Football 9/30 @ Colo
XC: 9/30 @ CCA 10/1 @ Burg
Volleyball: 9/30 vs BGM (jersey day) 10/3 vs EV (whiteout)
Homecoming Football game 10/4 @ 7:00 vs Twin Cedar

HLV/TC
HIGH SCHOOL
Homecoming
Spirit Week

SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 4

 <p>Monday Dress like a teacher</p> 	<p>Tuesday Country vs Country Club</p>  
 <p>Wednesday Warrior Spirit</p> 	<p>Thursday Movie Character</p>  
   <p>Friday Class Theme Day</p> <p>Star & Stripes Seventh Graders Elderly Eighth Graders Gnarly Ninth Graders</p>	   <p>Scientific Sophomores Jurassic Juniors Secretive Seniors</p>

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REMEMBERING 9/11

By **Adrienne Thomas**

The 24-25 Tri-County School Student Counsel hosted Musco Lightings, 911 Remembered presented by Gary Gordon on 9/11/24. The secondary students, staff and community members were in attendance.

The day of 9/11/01, Musco Lighting realized they had a product that could help assist the first responders at Ground Zero. Four Musco trucks in Rhode Island and one in New York rerouted that day for Ground Zero. At 11:00 pm on 9/12/01 their lights were operational. Forty-one Musco team members spent 20,000 hours manning five trucks there over the next 247 days. They also sent two Musco light trucks to assist at the Pentagon from 9/13/01 through 9/19/01; one truck to the Pennsylvania Memorial on 9/24/01 and installed temporary light poles in the New York Landfill from 10/23/01 through 06/26/02. The light poles were used to assist those sifting through the Ground Zero rubble that had been sent their way.

Musco had an American flag displayed in a case at the presentation. This was the 1st flag that was flown, hoisted by a Musco Lighting truck at Ground Zero. Mr. Gordon let us know that many flags had been hoisted by the trucks during the duration of their stay.

This event was unlike anything the American people were prepared for. Mr. Gordon explained that it was initially quite difficult for the trucks to get into Ground Zero to assist and over the duration they made many new contacts. Today Musco Lighting has contact with 2-3 different agencies, mostly lead by FEMA, to assist in other major events around the U.S. Now Musco Lighting is able to be of assistance at major weather events and aid in rescues and/or clean up efforts.

Tri-County Schools appreciated Musco Lighting and Gary Gordon for giving this presentation. Thank you to Patty Davis and the student council for arranging this. Thank you to What Cheer Volunteer Fire Dept and Keokuk County Sheriffs Dept. for also being apart of this event and sharing your experience and knowledge.



1st flag flown on a Musco truck at Ground Zero.



Presenter Gary Gordon



What Cheer Volunteer Fire Fighters



Keokuk County Sheriff's Chief Deputy,
Adam Pence



TC Alumni Noah Lundy and Quintin
McAdams demonstrate the jaws of life.

CONGRATULATIONS

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Lower Elementary: Kora Hadsell(3PK); Joslynn Seyb-Jones(1st); Riley Fogle(4PK); Oaklynn Van Patten(2nd) and Philine Hinrichsen(not pictured K)



Upper Elementary: Natalie Terwilliger(5th); Annabelle Callow(3rd); Jenna Bos Rauch(4th) and Quinn Stanley(6th)



Secondary Students: Nazareth Davis(10th); Zoey Garrett(9th) and Natalie Triplett(9th)



I SPY A TC ALUMNI




TC Alumni, Samantha Brumbaugh, was the 5K Female Winner at Keswick Harvest Days in September. A few current TC students were seen as well! Harper Morrow; Casen Morrow and Gracen MacCready also participated in the event. TC students not pictured: Nolan Randal; Cooper Vermillion and Lukas Fogle

5 Steps to Managing Big Emotions

- 1.** Remind myself that it is never okay to hurt others.
- 2.** Take 3 deep breaths or count slowly to 10.
- 3.** Use my words to say how I feel and what I wish would happen.
- 4.** Ask for help to solve the problem.
- 5.** Take time to calm down.

Mental Health Checklist:

- Spend some time outside in nature
- Write a list of things you're grateful for
- Move your body - walk, run, swim, dance...
- Take a break from social media
- Spend time with friends face to face
- Do something creative - write, draw, make
- Nourish your body with good food
- Get enough sleep
- Do something kind for someone else
- Laugh

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Italian Sub 7 Baby Carrots, Hummus Applesauce, Pretzel Goldfish Cereal & Poptart Hamburger Goulash 14 Peas, Peaches Breadstick Pancake Bites Meatball Sub 21 Cheesy Broccoli/Cauliflower Peaches Sausage Pancake Stick French Toast Sticks 28 Cheese Omelet, Sausage Patty Tater Tots, Apple Cereal & Yogurt	Rotini w/ Garlic Bread 1 Broccoli Pineapple Sausage McGriddle (New) Salisbury Steak 8 Mashed Potato, Peas Peaches, Roll Apple or Cherry Frudel Walking Taco 15 Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Spanish Rice, Mandarin Oranges Breakfast Sandwich Chicken Drumstick 22 FF, Baked Beans Roll, Peas Bagel & Cream Cheese Chicken Nachos 29 Refried Beans Peaches Uncrustable	Maidrite 2 Green Beans, Baked Beans RF Chips, Banana Egg Bake w/ Toast Rodeo Burger (New) 9 Tater Tots Mandarin Oranges Fruit & Yogurt Parfaits Italian Chicken Sandwich 16 Sweet Potato Fries Pineapple French Toast Sticks Chicken & Noodles 23 Corn, Mashed Potatoes Apple Breakfast Burrito Chili Cheese Fries 30 Apple, Breadstick Strawberry Bagel Bites	Crispy Chicken Tender Wrap 3 Red Peppers, Peaches Brownie Biscuits & Gravy Hot Dog/WG Bun 10 Sweet Potato FF Strawberries Waffle Chicken Strips 17 Steamed Broccoli Applesauce, Baked Chips Breakfast Pizza Macaroni & Cheese 24 Lil Smokies, Peas/Carrots Pineapple Long Johns Wrapped Mummy Dogs 31 Onion Rings, Grapes Biscuits & Gravy	Bosco Sticks 4 Marinara Cup, Peas Mango Breakfast Pizza Garlic Cheese Bread 11 Green Beans Pears, Cookie Long John NO SCHOOL 18 Mozzarella Sticks 25 Green Beans Mandarin Oranges, Breadstick Mini Cinnis



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 daily.

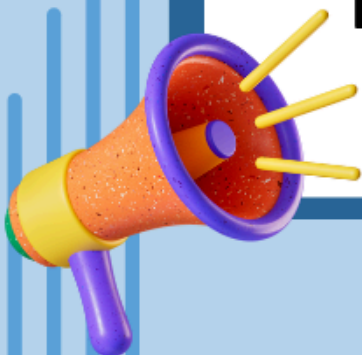
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday October 15th 3:30-7:30

Thursday October 17th 3:30-7:30

Both days will be a 2:00 early out

No School Friday Oct 18th



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Scan the QR code below to order one RIGHT NOW!
Walk away with your yearbook today.



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MISS
OUT!**



It may take up to 15 minutes for your yearbook order to show up in the system, but it's SO worth the wait.

ANYONE STILL INTERESTED IN DONATING TO HLV/TC SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB OR BECOMING A MEMBER? THE BOOSTERS ARE ASKING THAT PARENTS SIGN UP FOR AT LEAST 2 CONCESSION SHIFTS A SEASON. IN TURN YOU GET A \$15 FOOD CREDIT EACH TIME YOU WORK. WORKING JUST 1 EVENT ESSENTIALLY GETS YOU YOUR MONEY BACK. WIN/WIN! BECOMING A MEMBER SUPPORTS BOTH HLV & TC SPORTS PROGRAMS!



HLV Sports Booster Club Membership Form

Please Print

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

____ HLV Booster Club Membership: \$15.00

____ Red/Black Club \$25.00: and up

____ WARRIOR Club \$50.00: and up

Make Checks Payable to "HLV Sports Booster Club"

Name of members to appear on membership listing _____

Email of the member (adult) _____

Form may be enclosed with team photo orders and will be given to Booster Club officers

You may also mail your membership payment with this form filled out to the following address:

HLV Sports Booster Club

C/O Laurel Hollopeter

1152 – 190th Street

Victor, IA 52347

The Sports Booster Club will also be present at both the Tri County and HLV, School open houses prior to the start of school on Friday August 23 collecting memberships