



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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News of the Week

June 12, 2009

SES students in Ms Foley's third grade class students presented their Revolutionary War PowerPoint presentations to their parents on Wednesday.

This past week the SES 5th grade had a wonderful time exploring the Freedom Trail and riding the train. They were able to have tours of our Old State House, as well as, King's Chapel. The students also explored The Granary Burying Ground and saw many individuals dressed in character. Finally, they were able to eat out on the Boston Common and observe many of the interesting people of Boston.

Triton High school is assisting in the collection of suitcases, duffel bags and backpacks (new or gently used) for children in foster care. Triton will be a drop off site for them on Saturday, June 13, from 9-1. Rain or shine. So clean out your closets, and tell your friends and families about it, the goal is 14,000 suitcases! Let's help them out! Co-sponsored by the Haverhill office of the Department of Children and Families. Check out www.suitcases4kids.org for more info. Thanks for your generosity.

Student Council at SES sponsored a project to send letters and care packages to the military in Iraq and Afghanistan is completed. They sent 10 packages to a unit in the Army in Afghanistan and a Marine's unit in Iraq. Packages totaling 100 lbs included personal hygiene items, socks and t-shirts, lots of candy and snacks, items for kids, towels, laundry detergent and DVDs. In addition, many children wrote letters to the men and women. We hope to repeat this project in September and April next school year and for as long as our men and women are in harm's way.

The Fred Factor

Mr. Fred Eid was a man who loved teaching, loved learning and loved life. Unfortunately, he died after a long battle with cancer. In his memory, each year the Junior and Senior students and staff nominate a faculty member of Triton High School who exemplifies "The Fred Factor"—an upbeat, positive attitude and love of teaching. This year **Mr. Joseph Goldsmith**, high school English teacher, was **awarded the Fred Factor Award**.

Jane Keeler's class is having a Kindergarten Celebration on the 19th at 2:00. The children will read their first "published" story to their families and then we will sing a few songs before passing out Kindergarten Certificates.

Recently graduated seniors Brittany Caprio and Rachelle Bourque were selected to play in the 14th Agganis All-Star Women's Soccer Game at Manning Bowl in Lynn on July 14. They are the **first two Triton players to ever play in this prestigious event**.

Michelle Bashaw, (former Triton student entering sophomore year at UConn as an education major and hoping this fall to enter the 5 yr Master of Ed Major with concentration in science), is tutoring, shadowing in the summer enrichment program, and volunteering in her former teacher (Jane Purinton's) classroom. This is a highly competitive program with many criteria and we wish Michelle lot's of luck.

The middle school TLC class recently was able to enjoy a day of bowling and eating out at a restaurant from funds they earned all year making crafts and conducting sales from their in school business--and would like to thank their many customers☺

Deb Dennehy's second grade class studied all the elements of non-fiction texts. Then they did some research and wrote non-fiction books about an animal of their choice. Their books included: Table of Contents, Dedication page, picture with a Caption, Fact page, Diagram, Glossary, and About the Author page. They will have an Author Celebration on June 15th where family and friends are invited to hear them read from their books.

Miss Ruhp's second grade class is finishing up the hardcover books that they have written and illustrated to present to their parents on Wednesday, June 17th's Author's Day. Budding authors all!

SES Kids Club collected for the 1 million penny drive and donated \$112.80 to the PTA enrichment fund. They have also formed a friendship with the Hilton Center and each month they make an art project to decorate the walls for the elderly and Office Mike brings delivers the art work. The Hilton Center looks forward to the projects coming. They kids have really put a lot into the projects knowing that they are going to cheer the elderly!

Grade Two at SES will be going to York's Wild Kingdom as the culminating activity to their Butterfly Life Cycle unit. They released **Painted Lady Butterflies** this past week and the students were so excited to watch them fly around.

**TRITON REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
FOREIGN LANGUAGE NEWS!**



One hundred sixty-eight students participated in the National French Exam, Le Grand Concours, given at Triton Regional Middle School on March 6, 2009.

Sixteen students earned E-Mass Chapter awards and certificates. They are:

Matilda Nichols
Devon Shuman
Michaela Dunn
William McCaffrey
Curran Callewaert
Mikayla Gigandet
Austin Stevens
Kyle Hillick
Madeleine Winslow
Caroline Benoit
Ethan Young
James Wright
Devyn Faircloth
Madison Estes
Henryk Jankowski
Clay Bruneau

All students received a certificate of participation for accepting the challenge to compete in the National French Test,, Le Grand Concours.

They are:

Jonathan Maker	Andrew Sheerin	Kelly Herrick	Lauren Emery
Carolyn Parks	Samantha	William Ruocco	Christopher Beal
Madison Solomon	Richards	Jason Tidmarsh	Jonathan Kovach
Madison Williams	Clare Delaney	Matthew Mercier	Cody Nixon
Ryan Gershuny	Kerstin Darsney	Alexa Reilly	Alexander
Daryn Rybicki	Shannon Dube	Rachael Hall	Cramphorn
Megan Paquette	Keenan Kealey	Kameron Mitchell	Jay Belleville
Joshua Terry	Thomas Howell	Brandi Wilcox	Alexandre
Brian Romanski	Nicole Murphy	Courtney	Berthoud
Timothy Schmidt	Colleen Sheedy	Fucaloro	Colby DiMento
Alexa Bryant	McKenzie Smith	Mark Landry	Julia Snelling
Zoe Heckman	Casey Ross	Jessica Armstrong	Carter Shelter
Natalie True	Justin Spillane	Joshua Brown	Hali Dion
Amy McDonnell	Ryan Manning	Austin Koning	Victoria
Tyler MacDonald	Nathan Marsolais	Alessandra Greco	Skoniecki
Cathleen Poulin	Alexandria	Nicholas Romano	Matthew Haley
Carl Swanson	Kinlock	Aidan Curley	Brianna Orben
Courtney Brown	Taylor Martens	Colleen Barrett	Alexandra Beal
Erin Holloran	Taylor Ramsey	Jaqueline	Olin Richter
Michael	Kaelyn Mercer	L'Heureux	Haley Crowley
Woodbury	Branden	Patrick Moran	Monica Hurley
Laura Frackiewicz	Tardugno	Peter Stacy	Michael Theberge
Nicole Indingaro	Anastasia Small	Amber Eldridge	Mikayla
Molly Clay	Kaley Towns	Cedric Colbert	Wertzanski
Rose Gaffin	Sarah Johnston	Nicholas	William Pecoraro
Kylie Gilroy	Kelsey Wood	Marcolini	Justin Kelley
William Koski	Lawrence Cuddy	Lucas DeAngelo	Jacob Crouch
Alfred Boucher	Daniel Cuddy	Mark Boyle	Neil Hanlon
Mae Merrill	Peyton Hunt	Aaron Soucy	Emily Fougere
Andrew Toomey	Natale Stasey	Lindsay Nelson	Kimberly Roy
Kandace Demers	Ian Schade	Rayna Hawkinson	Ashley Freiser
Jack Curley	Kristy Spause	Desiree Daigle	Zakariya Alaoui
Ashley Miller	James Maloney	Tristan Dexter	Casey Bell
Mary Sedler	Eric Croteau	Jason Searle	Maureen Moore
Spencer Norton	Dalton Tzitzon	William Moore	Jacob Eaton
Frederick Colberg	Alexi Zwicker	Paige Wolcik	Tucker Johnson
Eric Ninthala	Erin Volpone	Brandon Duford	David Baker
Frankie Herrick	Sariena Paquin	Jorge Valasquez	Eric Harrold
Jessica Beal	Ashley O'Neil	Istiaque Shanjib	Meghan Hickey
Lindsey Thurlow	Thomas	Anna Gavel	Makayla Ferrick
Rosina Pizzarella	Vaillancourt	Asia Parrino	Michael Elliott
Cameron Hardy	John Spinale	Eli Eisen	

Congratulations to all these students for a job well done! The Triton Regional School District is extremely proud of you!

News from Talented and Gifted

We are winding down our first year of the collaboration model of gifted services. This model is different from an enrichment model in that identified students are offered opportunities to extend their learning in a variety of ways. As the year ends, the sixth-graders at Salisbury Elementary have completed their house design projects in which they worked within a budget to design the ideal home for a family profile of their choosing. The project was conceived by the sixth-grade math teacher and implemented by the teacher of talented and gifted. Fourth grade students had a combination math/social studies project, developed and supported in the classroom whereby identified students were able to extend their learning using time that was “compacted” from subject matter they’d already mastered. Those students had an opportunity this week to share their work with identified students from another fourth grade class, who in turn shared their Hawaii board game products with their classmates. Students in Newbury and Pine Grove also had opportunities to extend their learning through projects that were offered to them in math, social studies, or science.

Since April vacation, fourth through seventh grade students district-wide have worked on nature studies in a variety of forms including nature drawing, observing and sketching schoolyard flora and fauna, studying biodiversity, and proving through a variety of quantifiable means that summer is coming! This work was done more in the enrichment model because of the scheduling challenge with MCAS testing at all the schools and grade levels.

In March, the teacher of talented and gifted and a school counselor from Beverly ran a parent discussion group. Many ideas came from the group for sessions we could offer next year.

Also in March, we offered a Saturday workshop on teaching gifted children that was attended by about 150 teachers from over 20 districts. We also have several district teachers who took an on-line for-credit course in gifted education. The workshop, the course, and the parent group were funded by a grant from the department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

We have completed a screening process of the district’s third grade to identify talented and gifted students who will be entering fourth grade in the fall. Letters to the families will be sent home by Friday, June 12. The receiving teachers throughout the district will receive a list of the identified students in grades four through eight, once the new class lists are released.

News from Talented and Gifted (continued)

A survey regarding the talented and gifted services for this school year has been conducted, and the results are in. The director, coordinator, teacher, and steering committee for the talented and gifted program are examining the results and developing a handbook, a brochure, and an action plan to clearly define and delineate both the talented and gifted services and the population for whom they are intended.

This is a good opportunity to thank everyone who had a hand in making any of the services to our students possible this year, the parents who participated in the discussion group and who volunteered their time in the schools, the steering committee, the teachers who put extra effort into extending the curriculum for our talented and gifted students, the principals, and everyone who has been patient and cooperative while we get this work started in the district. Let us also congratulate the students who put extra effort into their learning!