



# TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*From the office of Dr. Sandra J. Halloran*

## News of the Week March 12, 2010

**Superintendent Interview Schedule:** The Triton Regional School Committee will be holding a candidate reception, public meeting, and a public interview of the two finalists for Superintendent. The first was held on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and the second will be held Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Triton auditorium. On Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Candidate Christopher Farmer was in the district, and on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Candidate Kelly Clenchy will be here.

The following schedule will be followed each day:

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Public Candidate Reception for parents, community members, and town officials.

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.: School Committee Meeting/Site Visit Discussion

7:00 p.m.: Public Interview of Superintendent Candidate

For information on the candidates, go to <http://www.trsd.net> and click District News in the left column.

**Scheduled Triton Regional School Committee Meetings:** Meetings will focus on the FY11 budget with a **voted budget on the March 24, 2010 meeting.**

**Public Hearing on the Budget:** Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7PM Newbury Elementary Cafeteria

### **Final Budget Vote**

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 7PM High School Library

**Watch the meetings live!** Important budget discussions affecting the Triton Regional Schools over the next couple of months can be viewed as they are happening!. Viking Television (VTV)

will stream the school committee meetings LIVE on the web at [www.ustream.tv](http://www.ustream.tv) To view the webcast, copy and paste the following address into your web browser.

**Triton Regional High School FUTURE FRESHMAN PARENTS' NIGHT March 17, 2010:** An informational evening for parents of incoming freshmen will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Check in will begin at 6:15 PM in the Triton High School foyer. Parents will receive an important informational packet regarding all aspects of the high school. They will also have the opportunity to hear from representatives of all departments within the high school regarding curriculum expectations. Extracurricular activities, information from guidance, parent organizations, the athletic director, and mentor students will all be available. Contact High School Guidance (978) 462-9458 if you have any further questions.

**All are invited to presentation on Bullying & Cyber bullying:** On Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 PM the Triton Regional School PTA has invited Dr. Elizabeth Englander from the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center to come speak on issues regarding bullying and cyber bullying. Dr. Englander is a nationally known authority on bullying in all forms and we are very excited to have her here at Triton. After approximately an hour lecture, she will host a question and answer session with those in attendance. This event is open to the public and all are invited. We hope to see you there.

Middle and high school students will have a similar presentation by her earlier in the day.

The link below contains a PDF version of the flyer for this event.

<http://www.triton.info/~superintendent/NEWS/trsdbullyingflyer3.18.10.pdf>

**District Music Festival 2010:** On Tuesday, March 9, the District's 450 musicians came together for the 4th annual District Arts Festival. The students started the day enjoying excerpts from the recent production of Chicago, and hearing performances from the high school Women's Choir, Jazz Choir, and Jazz Band. They then rehearsed together to prepare selections for a concert, given that evening.

The Triton Winter Percussion and Winter Color Guard groups each gave exhibitions of their current show at 6:30, and the Festival Concert followed at 7PM. Dr. Sandra Halloran was on hand to greet the crowd of about 1,000 audience members. Each group performed separately, and then the choirs joined forces in an Alleluia Canon, followed by the combined bands rendition of The Stars and Stripes Forever. The concert was a great success, and the students had a lot of fun making music together.

Art teachers Kathy Muse, Josh Andrews, and Robyn Verrette hosted an exhibit of art works by students in grades 7-12. Music teachers Lois Freeman, Laurie Peterson, Deb Walton, Kevin Carubia, Deanna Hardy, Bob Lathrop, and Sue Densmore directed the groups in the Festival Concert.

This program was generously sponsored by the Triton Music Parents Organization, the Triton Education Foundation, and the Parent Teacher Association/Organizations of Rowley, Newbury, and Salisbury.

[A Special Middle School TLC Thank You:](#) I just wanted to let people know how nice it is to collaborate with other interest areas around the campus of the school. Some of Mrs. Verrette's very talented art students are drawing a mural in the high school TLC room for the Green Thumb Club students to paint (with the assistance of three very talented high school artists). The Green Thumb Club members are very excited to paint the wall. Please stop by in a few weeks to see the end product. Thank you, Mrs. Verette and crew.

I would also like to express my great appreciation to Barbara McDonough, Jill Copeland, Tracy Johnson, and Nancy Sweeney for their continuous efforts to go above and beyond for the benefits of the students in the Middle School TLC program. These four Instructional Assistants are the people that make my program run so well and I will never be able to say thank you enough to any of them for all the times they have gone above and beyond.

Chris Astuccio

[Congratulations to the Triton Varsity Winter Cheerleaders](#) and Coach Erin Dempsey! They placed second at the North Regional Competition on Sunday, March 7th. The team will be moving on to States on Sunday, March 14th at Wachusett High School. GO THS!!!

[The First Annual Triton Middle School Science and Engineering Fair](#) will be held on Wednesday, March 24 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the TMS/THS cafeteria. Approximately 30 students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 are participating, and all three elementary schools are represented in addition to the middle school. Ms. Ribaud-Smith and Ms. Randall are the Science Fair coaches. Come and find out the answers to questions such as: Which flour makes the best muffins? What is the minimum amount of salt needed to float an egg in water? Do Stay-Fresh bags really work? How does yeast reproduce in sugar substitutes? What is the best material for hockey sticks? Is it easier for a beginning piano student to learn on an electric keyboard or a real piano?

[Reading Celebrations at the Elementary Schools:](#) Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at NES, PGS, and SES celebrated their successful participation in the Massachusetts' Children's Book Award Program this week with pizza and cake. Each student was given a "master list" of book titles. After reading a minimum of five of the books, students voted for their favorite which will become the Massachusetts Children's Book for 2010.

Thirty-six students at Newbury Elementary participated in the program. Eloise Hurton, Isabella Maida, and Lia Swiniarski, students in Ms. Dow's fifth grade class, read all 25 titles! Forty-two students at Pine Grove celebrated their success. Rachael Bettencourt and Olivia Lees in Mr. Columbo's sixth grade class and Sophia Corsetti and Molly Gagnon in Mrs. Stasey's fifth grade read all 25 books! Salisbury Elementary had 88 students take part in the program this year! Reading all 25 titles were Hannah Burd in Mrs. Patten's fourth grade, Olivia Bistany in Mrs. Shorey's fifth grade, and Justine Gearin in Mr. Castantini's fifth grade class.

Congratulations to all our readers! We are so proud of you!

### [Storybook Quilts](#)

Pine Grove and Newbury Elementary students and staff have been enjoying beautiful handmade quilts on loan from the Topsfield Common Threads Quilting Guild. Volunteers from the Guild

recreated the quilts based on the descriptions in the stories. Ms. Barry and Ms. Valentine have shared the books and quilts with the students.

Anne O'Brien has coordinated this display at Salisbury Elementary for the past nine years and in her new role as Elementary Library Media Specialist, has expanded to include all elementary schools in the district. Congratulations Anne on a job well done!

**[A Message from Colleen Murray:](#)** This fall I shared with you my family's experience hosting two children from the Bronx as part of the Fresh Air Fund. We are inviting these same children back for another week of beach, biking, and playing outside. If you are interested in welcoming an underprivileged child into your home, registrations are now taking place. The dates for this year's trips are 7/13-7/21 or 7/13-7/27 for a pickup in Topsfield. If 8/16-8/23 works better for you, that bus drops off in Littleton. You select the guest's gender and age (6-18). These children are so grateful for a safe place like our communities in which they can run around outside and enjoy being a child. If you think you might be interested email me with your questions: Colleen Murray [cmurray@trsd.net](mailto:cmurray@trsd.net) or check out the website [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org)

**[Matching funds for Haiti:](#)** The Provident Bank matched the funds (\$ 195.00), raised by the Student Council at Newbury Elementary School for the Haiti Relief Fund. NES wishes to express their sincere appreciation for Provident Bank's generosity.

**[The Obama Administration](#)** has called for the development of national **[Common Core Standards in ELA and Math](#)**. The Governor's Council and Chief State School Officers have developed a draft. The link: <http://www.corestandards.org/>

**[On March 2, many of the PGS staff participated](#)** in the Webcast for **[Traits of Writing](#)**. If you are interested, the information is below for viewing the replay of the Webcast.

A replay of the **[Ruth Culham: Traits of Writing LIVE Webcast](#)** is now available online.

**[NES News on NATIONAL HISTORY DAY from Moriah Lucy](#)**

MARCH 6TH AT INNOVATION CHARTER SCHOOL IN TYNGSBORO!

Thank you NES students, parents, Ms. Nicholson, and Ms. Jordan for joining us at National History Day!!!! I am so glad you were able to see the students' hard work and dedication! They

all did an amazing job deciding on an innovation, researching their topics, coming up with creative ideas, writing their research, and finally presenting! And of course this was all occurring while they were still learning the curriculum for social studies, science, ELA, math, and reading!

Congratulations to all the NHD participants- on a great job! Emma Cashman wrote a historical paper on William Lloyd Garrison. The following students created exhibit boards- Sam Haley on the Sherman Tank, Michael Marcolini and Leo Heffernan on Steel Beasts of the 20th Century, Olivia Anderholm, Hannah Morgan & Shawn Robertson on Penicillin, Sadie O'Keefe & Danielle Sedler on Cadbury Chocolate, Gaby Ginn, Abby Caron & Cecily DeAngelo on Morse Code, Jack Norton & Eric Rybicki on Duct Tape. Three additional groups designed websites- Jon Lech & Kyle Stackpole on Israel, Sierra Goujon & Bridget Moran on Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Abby Ostrander & Taylor Johnson on The Hockey Helmet.

I am sure you have already heard....Congratulations to Sierra Goujon and Bridget Moran for their Honorable mention and congratulations to Leo Heffernan and Michael Marcolini for placing first in the group exhibit category! Congratulations too to our two Newbury home-schoolers - Ania Burgess and Hannah Knittle for placing first in the web site category and the paper category! Mrs. Corocoron and I (Mrs. Lucy) look forward to continuing on to Worcester in April!!!!!!

Check out the following link for pictures from National History Day!

[http://www1.snapfish.com/thumbnailshare/AlbumID=2432025015/a=144129815\\_144129815/otsc=SHR/otsi=SALBlink/COBRAND\\_NAME=snapfish/](http://www1.snapfish.com/thumbnailshare/AlbumID=2432025015/a=144129815_144129815/otsc=SHR/otsi=SALBlink/COBRAND_NAME=snapfish/)

You can stop in to NES to view the exhibit boards and Emma's paper!

You can also view the three website submissions at.....

<http://77669837.nhd.weebly.com>

<http://40039941.nhd.weebly.com>

<http://94300978.nhd.weebly.com>

Thank you,  
Moriah Lucy

[A STEM Ambassador visited all NES 6<sup>th</sup> grade science classes](#) on Wednesday, 3/10/10. Software engineer Nina Serraro introduced many careers that use a background in **science**,

**technology, engineering, and math.** Ms. Serraro works for Akamai in Cambridge, MA. She used the DIGITS program ([www.digits.us.com](http://www.digits.us.com)) with the students. Her games, handouts, and informative talk captivated the students. The students learned that there are many different career choices in the areas of engineering, life sciences, energy/environment, and computer/telecommunications. She listed many advantages to a career in a STEM related field: traveling the world, working with a team, enjoying a flexible schedule, earning a lot of money, using lots of creativity, and making the world a better place! The sixth graders were very inspired by her presentation and more than half of each class now intends to pursue a career in a branch of STEM.

## **The Spring On-Line Viking Corner Store is Now Open through March 31!!**

### **Check it out! We hope you like the choices:**

- There is a variety of merchandise to choose from. The Entrepreneurship students have selected a new design for a Short Sleeve T and pigment dyed sweatshirt.
- Other items include: ball caps--with flat bill and traditional bill, umbrellas, basketball shorts w/pockets, long sleeved T's, nylon jacket, wind pants, sweatpants with a different design/logo, and ladies/youth full zip hoodie in Columbia blue and white plus a Triton fleece blanket with carrying handle.
- Payment is by credit card; delivery is to your home starting April 14.
- Exchanges for size may be made at the high school lobby store if necessary.

Most items are available in both youth and adult sizes.

### **You can now access the store 2 ways:**

Google: [tritonstuff.com](http://tritonstuff.com) or Triton High School Website; click "About TRHS"; click Viking Corner Store Online on right side.

**Thanks in advance for supporting your school store!**

## **TMPO BENEFIT CONCERT**

**The Triton Music Parents Organization is having “An Evening of Acoustic Music” Saturday March 20 @ 7pm (doors open at 6:30)**

**To be held at Triton Regional High School, Elm St., Byfield, MA**

### **MUSIC BY**

**Wayne O’Blenes & David Fuller**

**Triton Music Staff and Students**

*With Special Guest*

**Zach Field Drum Studios**

**Adults \$10.00 Seniors/Students \$5.00 Refreshments Served**

**For tickets see any TMPO Member or the High/Middle School Office**

**Or call: Wayne O’Blenes 978-465-8216**

**Larry Buckless 978-948-2313**

**All Proceeds Benefit the Performing Arts Department and Students**