



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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From the office of Dr. Sandra J. Halloran

News of the Week

March 26, 2010

The next Triton School Committee meeting is scheduled for April 14 at 7PM in the high school library. Want to stay informed about what is happening at Triton? Watch us on your computer at ustream.tv. Thanks to Triton's Media Productions classes we currently have two channels up and running. Both have useful and entertaining shows with more being posted every week. For School Committee meetings visit: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/triton-regional-school-committee-meetings>.

For student related programming visit: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/vtv-viking-television>

Just last week at Triton...

Bullying Assembly for Triton Students: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/5537010>

Bullying Presentation to Triton Parents: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/5560429>

School Committee Public Hearing on Budget concerns: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/5536081>

Viking Television Episode 14: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/5511933>

NES PRINCIPAL INTERVIEW COMMITTEE: The Triton District has begun the process of searching for the next Newbury Elementary School principal. Three Newbury parents will be selected to sit on the interview committee. The interview committee's role is to act in the capacity of advisor to Dr. Halloran. It is important that members of the interview committee make a commitment to participate in the process from beginning to end and attend each and every interview as well as the orientation meeting.

Interviews will take place at Newbury Elementary School. The dates and times are:

April 7, 2010	3:30-5:00 pm	Interview Committee Orientation Meeting
April 13, 2010	3:15-6:30 pm	Interviews
April 14, 2010	3:15-5:30 pm	Interviews
April 15, 2010	3:15-8:00 pm	Interviews and Deliberation

Parents who are interested in serving on the interview committee should send an email as a letter of interest to Assistant Superintendent Kathleen Willis (kwillis@trsd.net) by Monday, April 5, 2010. Your involvement in the selection of the next Newbury Elementary School principal is very important and we look forward to working with you.

First Annual Triton Middle School Science and Engineering Fair: The young scientists and engineers who participated in the First Annual Triton Middle School Science and Engineering Fair held on Wednesday night are to be commended for their efforts. This year, the Science and Engineering Fair has been a completely voluntary after-school program. Students put in many hours on their projects. Visitors to the Fair were impressed by the variety of topics and students' willingness to clearly explain their experiments. Several students' projects will be chosen to move on to the Regional Competition in May. Science Fair coaches Leslie Randall and Paige Ribaud-Smith would like to thank the following people who were judges on Wednesday evening: Kathleen Willis, Assistant Superintendent; Tim Jepson, THS Science Teacher; and Carol Regazzini, TMS Foreign Language Teacher.

Participating students were:

<u>NES Grade 6:</u>	<u>PGS Grade 6</u>	<u>SES Grade 6</u>	<u>TMS</u>
Ava Moran	Megan Clear	Tarren Alves	Jaime Bennett
Bridget Moran	Shauna Murrin	Alex Anderson	Curran Callewaert
Danielle Sedler	Marianna Odoy		Maeve Callewaert
Brooke Thon			Kelsey DeYoung
			Rosalynn Gaffin
			Frankie Herrick
			Kelly Herrick
			Jason Plumer
			Tyler Rivera
			Devon Shuman

Destination Imagination News from Ms. Mann: The teams all did great and we have two high school teams going on to State Finals next weekend. One middle school team is also advancing and one student (Jason Plumer) received a special engineering award (Renaissance Award) at

closing ceremonies. A number of our teams were recognized and received ribbons. Newbury Elementary School also has two teams advancing. All of the teams had a remarkable day. The parents, managers, and students were so positive and dedicated this year. We are proud of the DI PROGRAM in the Triton District.

[Destination imagination fundraising message from parent, Rick Brunelle:](#) “It seems that this event becomes more enjoyable for the whole family with each passing year. I know that the primary focus of DI is the "kids," but it is a great way for parents to meet one another too and form new friendships with some really wonderful people.

In DIFC news, we are happy to report a profit of \$2,530.00. Please thank all of the teams and their parents for us; they did an awesome job helping us with their generous donations. Also, please let the Honor Society students know how thankful we were for their presence. If those kids are indicative of the caliber of student that TRM/HS is turning out, you and the rest of the school staff and administration have much to be proud of.”

[THS students](#) will be participating in the upcoming "FIRST" Robotics competition on Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th at Boston University.

Students attending the competition include:

[Seniors:](#)

Sara Bouchard
Ben Collins
Josh Gershuny
Dan Norton

[Juniors:](#)

John Beal
Christopher Clark
Andrew Nalesnik
Christopher Reeves
Brad Miravelli

[Sophomores:](#)

Eliza Bouchard
Geoff Small

Thank you from the Assistant Superintendent: I know I speak for all of you when I say many, many **thanks to the members of the Triton Education Foundation.** Their generous donations allow us to continue to move forward even in the most difficult financial times. Nancy Taylor, Beth DiMento, and Sally Owen volunteer countless hours to fundraising, meetings, and review of funding requests from us. Andrea Sargent and I sit on the board and witness all that they do for the students at Triton. TEF continues to play an important role in the Triton community and our support is critical to their success.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kathy

Thank you from Jeremy Hammond & Andrea Sargent: With many thanks to the Triton Education Foundation and NAID, who awarded the grant to Triton Ed, we are pleased to inform you that the Triton Regional High School and the Triton Regional Middle School each now have a fully outfitted presentation cart available for sign out through the school libraries.

These presentation carts consist of a digital projector, laptop, and speakers which are pre-assembled on a cart for quick and easy multimedia presentations which can be set up anywhere a whiteboard or screen is available.

Let the multimedia presentation planning begin!

Congratulations: THS student Emily Jutras has been awarded a \$750 scholarship to Montserrat college summer program for high school artists as award for her second place in the **Congressional Art Awards at Montserrat College of Art** for her piece: Eye Of the Soul

SES News: SES's DI Team placed third in their division, Mrs. Levesque was their Coach!

The Talent Show is on Friday, March 26th at 6:00 PM.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, March 27th at 9:00 AM.

PGS Celebrates Math & Science: Beginning March 29, and culminating with Family Math and Science Night on April 15th, PGS will be celebrating **Mathematical and Scientific Discovery**. In the spirit of mathematical/scientific inquiry, Pine Grove School will be conducting its own sociological research into the elementary student psyche. This journey of

self-discovery will map the very essence of the elementary child's mind with such probative research questions.

Middle School Art Enrichment field trip: Thirty-eight 7th and 8th grade students and three parent chaperones attended the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Exhibit on March 11th. On display were the 2010 Gold and Silver Key pieces. Each student participated in a scavenger hunt, looking for different art media and techniques in the show. There was a piece on display by Triton 12th grader, Alyssa Patrick.

Census Day is April 1st! Many of NES sixth grade students have prepared presentations to explain the importance of the census to the younger students at NES. Presentations include skits, poetry books, PowerPoint presentations, and comics. We hope to present and collect data from each of the classrooms by April 1st.

GOOD LUCK to Leo Heffernan and Michael Marcolini at the State Competition for National History Day April 10th in Worcester. Their exhibit board on the innovation of the tank won first place at the National History Day Regional Competition on March 6th!

NES is having a Family Literacy Night for grades preK-4 on Thursday-April 8th for 5:30-7:00. Classroom teachers will be sharing interactive literacy activities as well as student work. The book fair will also be open from 5:30-7:30 and has a theme of "All you Can Read."

Middle School Foreign News: March is "National Foreign Language Month" and the students at Triton Regional Middle School have been very busy participating in national exams and state-wide contests. Forty seventh grade and 35 eighth grade students volunteered to take the National French Exam "Le Grand Concours 2010" on March 4th. Team 8-3 participants were Alexandre Berthoud, Courtney Brown, Eli Eisen, Rachel Hall, Zoe Heckman, Tyler MacDonald, Mathilda Nichols, Casey Ross, Daryn Rybicki, Timothy Schmidt, Devon Shuman, Austin Stevens and Natalie True.

On March 18, the National Spanish Exam was administered to 44 eighth graders who willingly signed up to participate in the test. **Team 8-3** participants were Cedric Colbert, Eric Croteau, Jack Curley, Michaela Dunn, Charlotte Emery, Mikayla Gigandet, Kelly Herrick, Kyle Hillick,

Nicole Indingaro, Callie Merrill, Ashley O'Neil, Megan Paquette, Alexa Reilly, Andrew Toomey, Elizabeth Willmonton, Kelsey Woodand and Michael Woodbury.

All eighth grade students participated in the Massachusetts Association of Foreign Language Teachers poster, essay and podcast contests. This year's theme is "Languages: Gateway to Global Communities." The poster entries for the contest are Rose Gaffin, Mikayla Gigandet, Zoe Heckman, Kelly Herrick and Sadie Shennett. Triton Middle School's essay winners are Clare Delaney, Mary Sedler, Istiaque Shanjib, Sydney Rybicki and Michael Woodbury. The podcast contest is new this year and the winners in that area are Jonathan Maker, Tyler MacDonald, Callie Merrill and Madison Williams.

Principal Fulgoni and the middle school staff congratulate all the students for their diligent work.

TMS team 8-2 took part in the National Spanish Exam: We are extremely proud of these students and their success in Spanish: Mark Boyle, Dan Cuddy, Rose Gaffin, Jonathan Kovach, William McCaffrey, Patrick Meehan, William Mical, Istiaque Shanjib, Nicholas Marcolini, Molly Clay, Larry Cuddy, Aidan Curley, Laura Frackiewicz, Nicole Murphy, Meliza Phoummavong, Justin Spillane, Jessica Fish, Jason Plumer, Kandace Demers, Carolyn Parks, Mary Sedler, Anastasia Small, Colleen Barrett, Shannon Dube, Jorge Velasquez, Emily Hirtle and William Koski.

These students were pioneers for the test!! They were the first Triton Middle School students to take part in this National Exam. They were diligent in their efforts to do their best work. The test included vocabulary, reading comprehension, grammar and a listening portion to the exam. Congratulations for taking on this extremely rigorous academic challenge!! Triton Middle School is VERY proud of our participating students and their teachers who prepared them!!

PGS AM Kindergarten had a visit from Home Depot. Mr. Eaton an Employee of Home Depot and a parent at PGS came in and helped each student build a wooden calendar with moveable pieces. Mr. Eaton showed the kids how to use a hammer and the importance of wearing safety goggles. Every child was successful and was able to take home the calendars home.

Congratulations to Pine Grove School's Sue True who became a grandmother this past weekend!

Smartboard Webinar: On April 1st at 3:30 there is a one-hour free webinar given by Debra Pickering on using student clicker systems and Smartboards. Go to the link below to register. Per Kathy Willis, you can get 12:1 credit if you participate.

<http://archives.subscribermail.com/msg/61ec38d358d84039b061f054bfd5fbe7.htm>

Spring Viking Corner Store Sale: There is only one more week for the Spring Viking Corner Store to run. The last day is March 31 so get the hot deals while they last!!!