



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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From the office of Dr. Sandra J. Halloran

News of the Week **May 21, 2010**

Triton School Committee Meeting: June 9, 7:00 Triton Library

Dr. Halloran and the Triton Regional School Committee will be celebrating the students who have earned a spot in the “Top Ten Percent” of the graduating class of 2011 at the June meeting. Students and their families will receive special invitations.

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 are packed full of 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>

TMS Summer University: Please get those registrations in ASAP for TMS Summer U. Classes are filling up fast!

Mrs. Howard's SES second grade class has just completed writing non-fiction animal books. The students worked in groups to research and write a non-fiction book about an animal of their choosing. They wrote books about sharks, penguins, giraffes, turtles, rabbits, and deer. This activity/project was a culmination of a study of the elements of the non-fiction genre. Each completed book contains a table of contents, caption pages, bold print, pronunciation guides, diagrams, a glossary, and an index.

The THS Green Thumb Garden/ greenhouse is really taking shape and looking great. We have started tomato, pepper, cabbage, cucumber, squash, beans, pea and potato plants so far. We

have some perennials and other flowering plants coming along, as well. If anyone wants to visit it they are welcome to come and have a tour. We are around on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

PGS 4th grade students got a chance to paint on real canvases with acrylic paint thanks to the Rowley Public Education Fund! Each one felt like a "real artist" because some have never seen, let alone used a canvas before. This group is instrumental in bringing great creative experiences to the students. They also fund Ms. Dubis' 6th grade claymation project and the "Cameras to Camp" project for the week of 5th grade environmental camp! Thank you RPEF!!

Whale Watch Report!: As usual, the annual Marine Biology Whale Watch had to be rescheduled due to "iffy" weather. But last Thursday dawned sunny and off the students went. After motoring south on Stellwagen Bank until in view of the monument in Provincetown and not seeing any whales, students were beginning to get anxious. But a call to the captain from the north sent them in the other direction and it was well worth the wait! Whales and dolphins were everywhere! There were hundreds of Atlantic White-Sided dolphins frolicking all around the boat, jumping and spinning and riding the bow waves. Humpbacks were displaying their "bubble-feeding" method of trapping fish to eat. Students also got a few glimpses of the elusive Minke whales, as well as finbacks. All in all, it turned out to be a fabulous day on the water.

Grade two at NES has received their butterfly larva aka caterpillars and they are beginning their study of the life cycle of a butterfly. They are all lepidopterologists (someone who studies butterflies)!

Mr. Fisher & his Stock Market Group!: The Stock Market Game™ program has been in existence since 1977. The internet based program is available in all 50 states, and worldwide. Students start with a "virtual" cash account of \$100,000. They research and evaluate companies, then buy stocks based on what they have learned. Teams trade common stocks and mutual funds from the NYSE, Nasdaq and AMEX exchanges. It is a real world simulation using actual information.

A total of 45 teams from Triton from three different business classes took part in the newly introduced Stock Market Game™ simulation. Congratulations to Andrew Buckless and Derrick

Wilcox who won first prize in Triton earning \$22,000 in just two months of investing. That was good enough to place 10th in Massachusetts competing with 950 teams, and 13th in New England out of 1,800 teams!

Annual plant swap at THS/TMS: When you are out tip toeing through your tulips this weekend, dig up those tender little sprouts that need dividing, pot them up, and bring them into the library. Ms Sargent will watch over them until next Wednesday afternoon when the plant swap will take place - see you then!

Salisbury's Annual Spring Concert will be Wednesday, May 26th at 5pm followed by the Ice Cream Social in the Cafeteria. Beginner Band, Advanced Band, Choir and the district stage band will be directed by Deb Walton.

Pine Grove School's Spring Concert will be on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the All Purpose Room. The Triton District Elementary Stage Band will open the program, followed by the Advanced Band, the 4th Grade Chorus, the 5th & 6th Grade Chorus and the Beginner Band. The finale of the concert will be the combined bands playing "Star Wars." Lois Freeman and Kevin Carubia are the directors of these groups.

The Middle School TLC students will be hosting a Breakfast Club meal on June 2 to put into practice skills that they have learned that are related to working in a restaurant.

Grade Two at PGS is very busy!: The students were able to watch the life cycle of a butterfly. The larva arrived two weeks ago. Within a couple of days the caterpillars formed a chrysalis and then after about ten days they hatched! The students enjoyed watching the butterflies in their butterfly house. Students were broughoutside to let the butterflies go free. What an amazing experience!

They have also been very busy finishing up their Image Making books. This writing project began in the fall with the students creating a portfolio of various media of art. The story idea comes from the images found within the art work. Collages are then created and an amazing story emerges. The books are published and then shared at our Celebration of Learning in June. Stay tuned for what they will present at their Celebration of Learning.

[The celebration of Newbury's 375th date of settlement](#) was a huge success at Newbury Elementary School. Kudos to Kelly Williamson and Robin Williams for organizing it all. Many teachers contributed work from their class to decorate the living museum for the day. Sixth grade honored all the past veterans from Newbury by writing every name on long scrolls of colorful paper. There were art projects from yesteryear to do and Monkey56 Mrs. True learned how to spin wool, in order to demonstrate. This year's 6th grade created a slide show to show past and present views of Newbury houses, taverns, stores, and many other places of interest. Everyone seemed to enjoy this and we are being asked to do a repeat performance at the next town meeting on May 25th. So if you missed it, you have a second chance.

[THS Happenings:](#) There is a lot going on for seniors at the end of the year.

- Pizza party/yearbook signing in the café on Thurs 5/27.
- Senior Prom is on Tuesday, 6/1 at the State Room in Boston. It is on the 33rd floor of 60 State St. Two hundred ninety students are attending!
- Senior trip, also to Boston, is on Thursday, 6/3. Seniors are going on Duck Tours, to Faneuil Hall, Dick's Last Resort and the Improv Asylum (comedy) in the North End.
- Senior beach cookout at Salisbury reservation is on Friday, 6/4 from 5-8.

[And Sat the 5th is Graduation!!](#) 11:00am

[The second graders at SES](#) have been learning about life cycles, with a special interest in the life cycle of the Painted Lady butterfly. They received Painted Lady Caterpillars "just out of their eggs" and have been watching them change and grow. This larva stage is the second stage in their life cycle. They have learned so much. They now know that the Painted Lady caterpillar has round spots on its body called spiracles which are its breathing holes. It has bristles on its back which helps to keep it safe. There are 12 simple eyes which only see light and dark. Our caterpillars had 16 legs. They had 10 pro legs which they used to help them travel and 6 true legs which will still be a part of their new butterfly bodies. They are now in the Pupa stage which is the chrysalis stage and we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the last and final

butterfly stage. The students are comparing the life cycle of a butterfly to the life cycles of horses, chicks, frogs, sunflowers, and ladybugs. This is a very exciting time in second grade.

THS Reenacts the 60s: This past week, History, English, and Visual and Performing Arts students collaborated on Sixties Week, with several interdisciplinary aspects. Art classes as well as History classes made 60's style protest posters and banners, and the Music 3 class provided Woodstock era music for Thursday's event, "The Happening." Monday, junior girls were forced to use only one specific lunch line and sit in a segregated area of the cafeteria, sparking a lunch counter "sit-in." Tuesday, peace protesters traded words with ROTC men coming to the cafeteria for lunch, and on Thursday, the drama and history classes re-enacted the Kent State shootings, filmed by the Media Production class. The entire week was intended to teach about the sixties, a volatile period in our collective history.

Tim Coyle, Dan Boyle, Sean McElligott, Chris Gette, Jack Farley, Robyn Verrette, Joe Colbert, Bob Lathrop, Sha Riordan, and Sue Densmore were the teachers involved in creating and executing this exciting unit of study for our students.

SES will begin collecting donations for its 6th annual Mini-Relay for Life on Monday, May 24th. This annual event is a school wide community service event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The students and staff will walk around the school for five hours. Each grade level will be responsible for walking one hour. My family has a team which will walk in the actual Relay for Life this coming September at the Landry Stadium in Amesbury. This will be the 8th year that we have participated in this worthwhile endeavor. My team will walk for 18 hours. We became involved in the relay because we have lost many loved ones to cancer (including my dad, two of my aunts, and three of my uncles). We also have relatives and friends who are still struggling to survive various forms of cancer. For five years now the students of Salisbury Elementary School have embraced this event with enthusiasm and caring. And each year I am overwhelmed by their generosity. We raised over \$3,000 each year and last year we raised just over \$4,000. Thank you, Michelle Howard.

Congratulations to the Sweeneys: Tuesday May 25th Nancy (TMS TLC program Instructional Assistant) and her husband Ralph, are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary. This

weekend on May 22nd, their eldest son Michael, will be graduating from Northern Essex with a degree in general studies/option for history, and is planning to attend Salem State.

Plant sale

In time for traditional Memorial Day planting: Tomato & Pepper plants

Triton Middle School Green Thumb Club announces in time for the Memorial Day planting, **VEGETABLE PLANTS FOR SALE**. All sales of plants will go towards the purchase of composters, hoses and additional plants needed to continue our summer program.

Triton Tomatoes: saucy, tangy with a hint of the old country- perfect for sauces and salads. Plants are **selling @ \$1.50 each or 6 for \$10.00**.

Perfect Peppers: a green sphere of flavor and texture, a healthy addition to any plate, guaranteed to make you feel better after eating! **\$1.50 each or 6 for \$10.00**.

With a minimum order of four plants, we will deliver the plants to your automobile or classroom at no extra charge. Gratuities are accepted and highly recommended.

NEW IDEA THIS YEAR: your own garden plot! **The Green Thumb Club** will plant a medley of vegetables and flowers in a **location designated just for you**. We will plant, weed, fertilize, water, harvest, and then present to you - **THE BOUNTY**. You have the option of visiting your plot and working on it when you want, if you want. Bring family and friends to visit, have a picnic or just take a picture and use it for a screen saver. You also have the option of donating your fresh produce to a local charity. The cost is to be determined by the plants desired.

To purchase your plants, our kiosks will be in the offices, or e-mail kriese@trsd.net or stop by room 230 in the middle school for bulk orders and delivery.