



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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From the office of Dr. Sandra J. Halloran

News of the Week **September 11, 2009**

The Viking Corner Store is now On-line! The site can be reached through the Triton Website-go to Triton High School, click "About TRHS," find Viking Corner Store on right side. You can also locate the store on www.tritonstuff.com/

The Fall Viking Corner Store website is currently open from September 8-27, 2009. A few items that can be ordered in both youth and adult sizes have been highlighted: Sweatshirts, PJ pants, a long-sleeved T-shirt, a Ball cap, a 3/4 zip nylon/flannel lined jacket and a duffle bag. Sweatshirts and long-sleeved T-shirts can be printed with Triton Vikings or Triton and choice of Fall Sport (Golf, Football, Soccer, and Field Hockey). Payment is by credit card, with delivery to the customer's home address between. October 13-16. A Winter and a Spring Store website opening is planned with each season highlighting different items and sports.

TMS 21st Century Green Thumb Nursery will be having a mini garden stand in the middle school office with herbs and "organic offerings" from our garden and kitchen beginning the week of Sept. 22! Please come and "shop organically" with us.

NES now has a Smartboard that everyone can use, thanks to the Triton Education Fund fundraising group. What fun it is, the children all love to come up to the Smartboard to operate and interact with lessons. No more hiding behind the class and computer to run the projector for Ms. Raycroft. They love it. Ms. Raycroft invites teachers to come in to practice using it and plan lessons together; Tech and curriculum combined.

Staff was also lucky to have a class in the lab at NES with Brian Housand, a great techie and professor for gifted education. Many NES teachers attended as well as teachers from other schools. Mr. Housand was fantastic; staff learned all kinds of new "geekie stuff."

SES Interactive literacy programs have received a grant from the **Target Corporation** in the amount of **\$2000!** These funds will help purchase books for home libraries. The **Let's Read Together and Parent & Child Book Club** programs encourage parents and their children to read together. Way to go SES!

Triton Destination ImagiNation will begin with its 1st meeting - **Tuesday September 15. 2:15 in M300.** Triton Regional HS/Ms will be hosting the annual Regional DI tournament on March 21, 2010 and Mrs. Mann is enthusiastic about this year's challenges.

SES 6th grade students will be going to the Museum of Science on September 18. They will visit exhibits and see the OMNI film, "Antarctica."

NES Welcomes:

Special Education teacher for grades 5 and 6 -Amy Conant-Greene
Instructional assistant transferring to NES from SES -Chris Goss

PGS Welcomes:

Principal- Christine Kneeland
Math Specialists- Lesley Blaney
Kindergarten teacher PM- Anne Remley
Phys Ed teacher- Linda Gangemi
Kids Club Supervisor- Karen Miele
Instructional Assistant- Jane Markey
The GLEC Program staff

SES Welcomes:

Grade 2 teacher -Lisa Bissell
Title I Reading teacher -Cara McCarthy

THS Welcomes:

Spanish Teacher -Jennifer Scott
French Teacher- Claire Melville

TLC Teacher- Tom Walsh

Academic Support teacher- Carla Wagner

Team Chairperson - Kristen Flaherty

[Christopher Wekelo](#), son of retired Triton special education teacher, Diane Wekelo, is performing his student teaching with of Barbara Cyr at Pine Grove. He attends Cambridge College and is completing his Master's in Mild to Moderate Special Needs. He will be at PGS through December.

[From The Kids Say the Cutest Thing File](#): One day last week a little boy in Aleta Budd's Kindergarten class looked up at her and said, Mrs. Budd, you're kinda Grammyish." Aleta says, "Granted, I have nine grandchildren, but I'm hoping he was referring to my kind and loving ways and not my aging appearance."

[An update](#) from the [Assistant Superintendent](#) in regards to curriculum projects and professional development that took place over the summer.

[Summer 2009 Curriculum Projects](#)

Project	Description	Developers
K-6 Math Maps Revision	Math specialists made revisions to math maps based on benchmark assessment results and teacher feedback.	Kathy Comins Laura Paige Amy Richardson
K-6 Math Re-teaching Materials	Teachers identified/developed materials to respond to intervention based on the benchmark assessment results.	Michelle Howard Deborah Dennehy Kat Pacenka Alicia Chiasson Beth Stephan
Grade 3 Revised Math Maps	The grade 3 Investigations curriculum revised edition will be implemented in the fall and math maps need to be updated to reflect the changes to the program.	Leslie Blaney Kathy Comins Becky Hathaway
Grade 1 Benchmark Assessment and Rubric	Teachers revised the grade 1 benchmark assessment and rubric based on feedback from teachers during the pilot year.	Robin Harper Susan Pothier Michelle Soini

Supplementing Investigations Math Program	Teachers developed lessons for specific grade level benchmarks that are not included in the Investigations program.	Leah Peicott Mary-Ann Fraser Alicia Chiasson Michelle Soini
K-6 Music Curriculum	Elementary music teachers created consensus curriculum maps based on the school calendar for each grade level.	Laurie Peterson Lois Freeman Deb Walton
Grade 6 Science Curriculum	Curriculum and assessments for the new Animal unit were developed.	Michele Kitanov Elsa Francescone
Grade 7 Social Studies Curriculum	An updated social studies text has been purchased for grade seven and teachers developed units of study for the year that incorporate the new materials and assessments	Janet Tosi Heather Douglas
Grade 8 Science Curriculum	Curriculum and assessments for the new Astronomy unit were developed.	Paige Ribaud Leslie Randall
High School ELA Curriculum	Teachers developed consensus maps for Honors level ELA courses.	Joe Goldsmith Joe Colbert Christina Gil Sarah Muller Erin Dempsey Melissa Davis
High School Essential English Curriculum	Curriculum for this co-taught ELA class was developed by a special education teacher and an ELA teacher.	Sarah Scruton Cheryl Caracciolo
High School Math Curriculum	A consensus map was created for the pre-calculus course.	Betty Paszko
High School Science Curriculum	The Freshmen CP I science revisions included the design of layered assignments, lessons, activities and assessments to complement the current 9th grade science curriculum.	Bradford Smith
High School Science Curriculum	Curriculum for the new Freshmen Honors Biology course was developed by organizing the chronology of content to reflect the state curriculum frame-works,	Jaime Parsons

	developing specific lesson plans and projects. A significant amount of time was also spent organizing materials and developing inquiry-based laboratory investigations.	
High School Foreign Language	Curriculum maps for both French and Spanish at all levels were developed.	Joyce McKenna Regina Sternlicht Eben Williams

Summer 2009 Professional Development

Date	Description	Audience	Presenter/Facilitator
6/ 23-24/09	Fundations Workshop Participants developed an understanding of Foundations principles of instruction and the implementation models used.	K-3 Classroom and Special Education Teachers	Certified Wilson Trainer and Consultant
6/24/09	NAEYC Accreditation Workshop Participants reviewed the revised NAEYC accreditation system with particular emphasis on classroom portfolio preparation as well as review of classroom criteria requirements.	Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers	Joni Benn, New Developments Consulting
6/24/09	SMART Board Training Participants received training on how the SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard works through hands-on practice sessions using Ink Aware, Notebook Software, and SMART Board tools.	K-12 Teachers	Tammy Garron, ITS, Triton Middle School
Summer Session	PBS Curriculum Mapping I Teachers participated in an online course that explored the history and purpose of curriculum mapping, their role as teachers, types of maps, and the various data collected in a curriculum map.	K-12 Teachers	Dr. Heidi Hayes-Jacobs
Summer Session	PBS Curriculum Mapping II Participants moved beyond the Level I course by shifting the focus from classroom data mapping to school-wide curriculum planning and exploring the role of curriculum mapping teams.	K-12 Teachers	Dr. Heidi Hayes-Jacobs
6/24/09	DIBELS Scoring and Administration Participants received thorough instruction in administering and scoring all of the DIBELS measures and participated in	K-3 Teachers and Specialists	Kelly Aly, Reading First and Bay State Readers trainer

	hands-on practice with colleagues.		
7/8-9/09	<p>Cognitively Guided Instruction: Using Children's Thinking in Mathematics to Plan Instruction</p> <p>Teachers learned how to assess children's mathematical thinking and use that information to assist students in problem solving. They learned how to conduct a problem-solving interview to gain insight into student thinking. Follow-up meetings will be held during the school year.</p>	K-6 Teachers and Instructional Assistants	Laura Paige, NES Math Specialist and Robin Harper, NES Grade 1 Teacher

Congratulations to Kevin Carubia- Instrumental Music Teacher and his wife Melaney on their wedding this summer.

Congratulations to first time grandmothers; Sheila Christensen on her new grandson and Karen Moore on her new granddaughter.