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News of the Week

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The [US Department Of Education](#) will be highlighting [Triton's 21st Century programs](#) as a ["Best Practices Model"](#)- **More news to come!**

Thanks to a generous donation from the [Triton Education Foundation](#), [SES](#) has a new Smartboard and projector.

[THS](#) has received a [\\$500 donation](#) from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation. The funds will be used towards the purchase of a new bike rack to be placed in the rear entrance to the high school. This was in hopes of helping to increase physical activity and to **"go green."**

[SES](#) has enrolled 88 students in Exploration Classes and more will begin in three weeks! Kids Club has once again begun their "Spare Change Jug" program. Children are asked to bring in spare change, such as a penny found on the ground or that nickel they find deep in the couch cushion. Last year's "Spare Change Jug" raised \$254.00 that was used to purchase Market Basket cards and donated to families in need. This program is designed to teach children that every penny counts. If you have any questions about these programs please contact Lisa Davis at 978-463-5852 ex. 2147 or ldavis@trsd.net.

[Congratulations to THS Anatomy & Physiology teacher Terry Riel](#) for the wonderful and enlightening article in the Daily News on September 22nd. Ms. Riel not only teaches the subject, she is also a respiratory therapist and is able to bring in the tools of her trade and share real-life scenarios with her students.

[Congratulations to Pine Grove fourth grader, Justin Flodman.](#) Justin was selected as a junior ambassador to the U.S. Congress. He was invited to speak on behalf of the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Network.

[Congratulations to Jen Dubis, PGS, for the “Art Teacher Award online gallery”](#) article in the Daily News on September 24th. Jen has been awarded a leadership award from Artsonia, the largest online student museum on the web.

[EBSCO Publishing](#) has generously granted the Triton Regional School District three years of free access to the EBSCOhost databases. The EBSCOhost databases are online databases of authenticated resources aimed towards school libraries which include primary sources, multi-media, journal and magazine articles, maps, biographies, images, and more.

In order to help us fully utilize this amazing resource, an EBSCOhost trainer will be providing an overview of their product on two separate dates. Each session is expected to last approximately one hour including time for questions. The sessions will take place:

Monday, October 5th at 3:30PM in the Newbury Elementary School Auditorium

Thursday, November 5th at 2:30PM in the Triton High School Library

Both sessions are available to all staff who desire to attend, however the October 5th session will be geared towards elementary school staff while the November 5th session will be geared towards middle school and high school staff.

Following each session, a computer lab will be reserved for staff members who wish to explore the product further while the EBSCO host trainer is on-site. Participation in this portion of the training will be limited by the number of computers available. Please email jhamond@trsd.net to reserve a spot for this portion of the training. Unreserved spots will be made available to additional staff members on a first come first served basis.

BAND AND CHOIR NEWS:

The beginner band instrumental rental night will be next [Wednesday September 30th at NES in the auditorium at 6:30 pm](#). This is for [parents of all elementary students](#) in the Triton Regional School District.

All 3rd graders are beginning their first musical instrument instruction on the recorder this week.

[SES band students](#) are busy preparing for the annual Halloween Parade and the Tree Lighting on the Green.

[Thursday, October 1, SES 6th graders](#) will have a school-wide bake sale during lunch/recess to raise money for Ferry Beach Ecology School. Individually wrapped goodies will cost \$0.25. AND a 6th Grade Spaghetti Dinner Night, including raffle gifts, is scheduled for the last week in October or the first week in November also as a fundraiser for Ferry Beach Ecology School. Volunteers and donations of all kinds are greatly appreciated.

[The TMS 21st Century Community Spelling Bee is confirmed!](#) Four schools will be participating, Georgetown, Triton, Pentucket, and Nock. It will be hosted at Triton on January 15 (January 29 snow date) at 7:00pm in the HS auditorium for the top 7th and 8th grade spellers for the current school year. Spelling competitions will be integrated into each of the English classrooms (Maryann Guerin, Melanie Babendrier, Jake Sydney, and Kim Armstrong) for the process of determining our top spellers. The pre-finalists will participate in a school-wide Bee November 25. Top finalists will go on to compete with other identified schools on January 15. [We are looking for sponsors for prizes!!!](#)

[The THS football team has won 3 in a row!](#) Congratulations to the team and coaches.