



# *TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT*

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

## **News of the Week** **October 16, 2009**

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, high school music teacher Sue Densmore hosted acclaimed guitarist and singer/songwriter Michael “Miguelli” Sgueglia in her Music 3 and Band classes. Miguelli is an NYU grad who makes a living writing songs and touring with such musicians as the Dixie Chicks, Wilco, and Sheryl Crow. He came to perform some of his music and speak to students about the music business and some of his experiences as a player, and as a writer. In Music 3, Cliff McKenzie volunteered some of his poetry, and Miguelli wrote a song on the spot, and had class participants learn to play it together. In band, he talked about how he came up with ideas for songs in strange places, telling the story of an encounter on an airplane.

Miguelli donated his time, as he has before, and has become a friend to the department. He enjoys speaking to students, and promised to come back the next time he is in town.

### CLARIFICATION on THS SPORTS EVENTS:

The "Free" admittance to athletic games is intended for Triton Regional School District Staff and Faculty Only with their school ID.

SES hosted the Triton School committee on Wednesday evening. Students gave members a tour of the building and presented their idea for a new monthly newspaper. Sixth grade students also offered a presentation on peer mediation. The tour included an announcement that the parent center at SES will be enhanced.

## TRSD School Committee Upcoming Schedule:

October 28, 2009: budget meeting, Triton High School Library

*6:00 – 7:15 p.m.*

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Budget Overview**

- **Central Office Administrators**
- **School Committee**

*7:15 – 8:45 p.m.*

**IV. Open Discussion**

- **Town Officials**
- **Parents**
- **Community Members**

*8:45 – 9:00 p.m.*

**V. Next Steps**

**VI. Adjournment**

November 4, 2009: 6:30 PM, Newbury Elementary School Cafeteria

December 9, 2009: 6:30 PM, Pine Grove school All Purpose Room

## A Special Thank you:

**Chris Astuccio's Middle School TLC class** does breakfast club every morning. They wish to thank Mrs. Bolduc and her food service staff for being so kind and helpful. TLC really appreciates their kindness and collaboration.

**The SES 6th Grade** will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, November 3, 5:30 - 7:30, to raise money for environmental camp. This year they are going to Ferry Beach Ecology School during the week of November 16. They welcome any and all contributions of gifts or services for raffles which will be held throughout the dinner.

Financial donations or contributions of spaghetti dinner foods are also welcome. All donations are tax deductible. Dinner tickets will be on sale at school during the Horribles' Parade and at the door. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Purinton at [jpurinton@trsd.net](mailto:jpurinton@trsd.net) for further information.

**THS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Math League**, (first place winners in their division last year!), have so many students participating that they have formed two competing teams for this year!! **GO MATH TEAM!** Thank you to Mark Wilson for his hard work and thank you to Amy Richardson for volunteering to help out.

**Elementary School Library Update:** Due to budget constraints, the elementary school libraries have been reorganized this year. **Anne O'Brien, the District Elementary Library Media Specialist, is overseeing the three libraries** which are staffed on a daily basis by library assistants. **Ms. O'Brien is at PGS all day Monday and Tuesday morning**, at **NES Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday** and at **SES all day Thursday and Friday morning**. **Liz Valentine is the library assistant at NES, Barbara Barry at PGS, and April Odell at SES.** The libraries are in need of volunteers to assist with book circulation, shelving, and collection maintenance. Please contact Anne O'Brien at [aobrien@trsd.net](mailto:aobrien@trsd.net) if interested. No experience is necessary!

**Massachusetts Children's Book Awards:** All fifth and sixth grade students are encouraged to participate in the Massachusetts Children's Book Awards Program. Fourth grade students are recommended by their classroom teachers. Each school library has multiple copies of the 25 nominated books and students have been given a list of book titles. After reading or listening to at least five of the books, students may vote for their favorite book at a pizza party during the first week of March. Criteria for the list include literary quality, genres variety, representation of diverse cultural groups, and reader appeal.

**NES sixth graders in Mr. Dollas' writing class** presented a lesson to third graders about plot. They read several short stories in ELA class with Mr. Dollas. Then the students each chose a book, created plot line, a poster and vocabulary cards. They brought these materials with them to a third grade class and taught a lesson on plot. It was great to see leadership qualities in the

students as they read aloud and shared their knowledge of this topic. The third graders loved having the opportunity to work with the "oldest" kids in the school!

[Erika McKenna, THS teacher](#), is going to be participating for the second year in a row, in the [Walk Against Violence](#). It is the annual Crisis Walk/5K Run in order to raise money to support the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, with our very own Institution for Savings being the Lead Sponsor. I have included information with a link to the webpage for her specific team: [Geiger Counters- You can count on us](#). The walk is on Sunday (hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate).

[Barbara Cyr of PGS](#) has been invited to present with Administrator of Inclusive Assessment Wiener, at a Department of Elementary and Secondary Education sponsored "Curriculum Summit" conference in Marlborough on how you use the Resource Guide to identify challenging, attainable goals for students with whom you work routinely.

[Flo Mungillo's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class at SES](#) has gone into the restaurant business! As a response to a story, the class designed their own menus and named their restaurant. At JT Rocks, you can get the \$50 mac and cheese. Looking for a bargain? Try Emma's where you can get the \$4 lobster dinner. Everyone had a great time being Top Chef!

[The Triton Varsity Football Cheerleaders](#), led by Captains Courtney Roberge and Lindsey Goldstein, are preparing for a busy competition season! Come and support them at their upcoming fall competitions:

Sunday October 25th at Beverly High School 12 noon

Sunday November 1st at Swampscott High School 12 noon

CAL League Competition Thursday November 5th at Wilmington High School 6.30pm

[A Message from the THS Robotics Team](#): The Triton Technology/Robotics Team is currently registered to compete at Boston University in March in the **FIRST** Robotics Competition. The cost to compete is \$5000.00 and is due by December 1, 2009. We need an additional \$5000.00 for materials for this competition. We are actively seeking out sponsors who are willing to

donate to our team for this competition. Technology-based companies are often interested in donating to support robotics, local schools and to encourage potential young engineers. If you know of any corporations/individuals, who may be interested in supporting/sponsoring our Robotics Team, we would appreciate your letting us know.

Thank you so much.

Best Regards,

Kathy Norton and Tony Castro

Robot Team Advisors

[SES fifth graders](#) went to Strawberry Banke this week and had a great day. Half of the day was devoted to touring houses from the 17th and 18th centuries and the other half of the day was a hands-on workshop. There were four workshops: architecture, archaeology, 18th Century cooking, and Trade and Maritime--all tied into colonial times. Students attended one of the workshops. They had a great day and learned a lot.

[Student Council at PGS](#) is working on a clothing drive with a parent who will be delivering summer clothes to a school in Guatemala this November. The drive is for the month of October and the drop off area is in the front lobby. They are working on another project for November that will be a community gathering event of planting bulbs. Stay tuned for more updates as they finalize donations and advertising.

[Coming Soon!-- November 2-27, 2009](#)--The Winter Viking Corner Store--online. A variety of Triton apparel and accessories. Delivery--December 14-18 at your home.

[The Viking Corner Store in the High School Lobby is open daily:](#)

7:20-7:40 a.m. (Before School)

11:45 p.m.-2-13 p.m. (During Lunch)

2:20 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (Tuesday, Wednesdays, Thursdays)

Also open when Entrepreneurship students are free!

[Michelle Marshall-Pelletier will be contacting THS & TMS](#) to find a point person for a school notes column for the Daily News. Stay tuned... And thanks to Judy Warner for her “insistent insistence.”

[The following colleges were represented at the THS College Mini Fair on 10/20/09](#)

*Boston University*  
*Champlain College*  
*Drew University*  
*Endicott College*  
*Franklin Pierce University*  
*Gordon College*  
*Great Bay Community College*  
*Northeastern University*  
*Pine Manor College*  
*Plymouth State University*  
*Rutgers University*  
*Salem State College*  
*Springfield College*  
*University of Albany*  
*University Maine Orono*  
*University of New England*  
*Utica College*

[Triton’s Special Education Parent Advisory Council](#) will be hosting *Katherine Harris, Triton’s Administrator of Special Education* on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7 PM in the Newbury Elementary School Library. Parents are invited to help establish a vision for the TRSD Special Education Program.

Class of 2010 Adams Scholarship Awards Winners

It is my pleasure to announce the Class of 2010 students who qualify to receive the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship based on performance on the 2008, grade 10 MCAS.

NICHOLAS ARSENAULT  
RYAN BARRY  
MELISSA BATTERTON  
SARA BOUCHARD  
REBECCA CAREY  
DANIEL CHANDLER  
JOSEPH CHANDLER  
TORI CLAY  
BENJAMIN COLLINS  
ALICIA COX  
PATRICK CRAMPORN  
AARON DELANDE  
SARA DION  
MARIAH DONNELLAN  
HAYLEY EMERY  
MOLLY FARGEORGE  
KATIE HILLS-KIMBALL  
KRISTIN KELLEHER  
AMANDA KILLAM  
THOMAS KUCZUN  
SARAH KUIST  
DEANNA LATHAM  
NICOLE LEBEL  
COLLEEN LOUGHLIN  
ERIN LOUGHLIN  
LEAH MACDONALD  
SAMANTHA MANSON  
ERIN MARTIN  
ASHLEY MATTHEWS  
OLIVIA MATTHEWS  
NICHOLAS MICHEL  
LAUREN MIHALCHIK  
KAYA MILLER-WONG  
ANTHONY MIRANDI

JESSI MOFFAT  
PAIGE MOULTON  
ALEXANDRA MURRAY  
JENNA NARDONE  
JENNIFER NEWCOMBE  
DANIEL NORTON  
BRENDAN O'NEIL  
ALYSSA PATRICK  
ANNA PEICOTT  
VITTORIA PENNA  
NICOLE PERLEY  
JENNA PERRONE  
HALEY PRATT  
WILLIAM RALSTON  
CHANTELLE ROBINSON  
KELSEY ROCK  
NICOLE RODGERS  
ALEC ROSS  
SARA ROY  
LAUREN SACCO  
MALLORY SANDERS  
CAITLIN SHORT  
VANESSA SHORT  
JOSEPH SKONIECKI  
KEALEY SNOW  
PAIGE STOKES  
BENJAMIN TAYLOR  
COURTNEY THIBAUT  
MAEVE TOBIN  
DIANAH TSILIFONIS  
SAMUEL VELONIS  
THOMAS WALL