



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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From the office of Dr. Sandra J. Halloran

News of the Week **October 23, 2009**

A thank you from the Superintendent to SES students: I would like to thank you for being wonderful Student Ambassadors of Salisbury Elementary School. All of us at the school committee meeting really enjoyed our tour of the school, the presentation on your student newspaper idea and the peer mediation demonstration. I know that you are very proud of your school and I want you to know that your school is very proud of you too! Thanks again for your time and effort.

Sandra Halloran, Ed. D.

Superintendent, Triton Regional School District

A thank you from SES Kids Inc. The SES Kids Incorporated program would like to thank THS assistant principal, Scott Brennan and the "ACE Team" for the refrigerator transfer from TMS to SES. We appreciate your generous offer of help and we hope you enjoyed the brownies and milk we sent as a token of our thanks!

The Link Art Gallery at PGS is celebrating its 20th birthday with a Silent Auction to benefit a much-needed makeover, including new track lighting. Items up for bid include handmade scarves, sweaters, original paintings, jewelry, food items and more. All items have been made by staff, parents and friends of Pine Grove School. It truly is a fantastic display of generosity and creativity. Be sure to stop in before November 20th and place a bid! Don't let your favorite item slip away! More info, contact Jen Dubis at: jdubis@trsd.net.

THS seniors, Mariah Donnellan, Colleen Loughlin, Erin Loughlin, Neal Lojek, Ashley Matthews, and Dan Norton will be attending the "**Media Matters**" Writing Conference at UMass-Boston on Thursday November 5, 2009.

STEM Summit Report: Ivan Ferron, Paige Ribaud, Jane Keeler, Gareth Bevan, and Amy Richardson attended the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Summit in Sturbridge on Tuesday. Approximately 600 teachers, administrators, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education officials, business leaders, and others attended to learn about ways to promote interest in STEM subjects and careers.

One interesting research tidbit: middle school students are very focused on finding out who they are and how they fit in, and by Grade 6, they have a list of potential careers in mind. In Grade 6, they stop adding to this list, and in fact, began crossing possible jobs off of the list. The important message is that we need to get students involved in compelling STEM activities no later than Grade 6; this includes exposing them to the many interesting careers that are open to them if they have a solid background in STEM subjects. These careers do not all require four-year college degrees, as there are many technician jobs which pay well. One suggestion was to study the vocational-technical school model, which successfully mixes academics (vocational-technical school students are now passing the MCAS at a higher rate than academic high schools) with hands-on, engaging, real-life science, math, and engineering activities. In other words, we should help middle schoolers think of themselves as preparing to enter the working world.

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

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 for further information.

THS Theatre will present its fall play, "Mariner" on Thursday, November 5, as an in-school performance for interested teachers and their classes. The performance will begin at 8:45 and will run approximately two hours. Cast and crew members should report to their first period class and will be called to the auditorium at 8:00 a.m. This activity should be considered an in-school field trip.

The Viking Corner Store!

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 scheduled

The PGS PTO is once again having the annual Fall Fest on the common. The event will be held on October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00pm on the town common. The admission to the Fall Fest is a can or non perishable item to be donated to the Rowley Food Pantry. This has been a great success over the years and we would like to make this a bigger success with donations to the Food Pantry.

Pine Grove will have its annual Halloween Parade on October 30th with our very own band leading the way around the school. The parade will be held at 10:45am, parents and the Council of Aging from Rowley have been invited to come watch all of our ghosts and goblins.

The first episode of THS Viking T.V. (VTV) aired this week! The new VTV crew is talented, fun-loving and hard-working. They plan to continue offering a balance of informative and entertaining content. THS is “urged” to tune in each Wednesday at 9:45 (when most take a snack pause) on Channel 60 for Viking Television.

Middle School, Team 8-2, Foreign Language classes are working on likes and dislikes for the end of the quarter. They will celebrate their poster/PowerPoint projects with an oral presentation to classes next week!! They are very excited to have the opportunity to talk and share with each other in their “target language!!” Students continue to make language connections both in class and outside the classroom. Several students have even changed their texting language on their phones!!! (of course, for use after school only)!

PGS Ferry Beach Ecology School Camp Blog: You may be interested in viewing videos of the grade five class at Ferry Beach Ecology School Camp. Teacher, John Collyer, is doing an amazing job of capturing, sharing and documenting the activities and discoveries made this week by PGS students and posting them on Blogspot. Unfortunately, the streaming needed for viewing the videos is blocked here at school so you will need to enjoy this happening at home.

The web link is: <http://pgsgrade5.blogspot.com/>

SES Kids Incorporated parent information night is Thursday, October 29th, 6:30 in the school library. Parents will be introduced to the program teachers and an overview of the program curriculum will be presented.