



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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News of the Week

October 30, 2009

Happy Halloween!

Influenza Update

Each week I will provide an update of the total confirmed student cases of H1N1 for each of the schools. In addition, I will provide the average number of students who were absent for the week due to influenza-like illness (ILI). If you have any questions about this information, please contact your child's principal or school nurse. Thank you for your continued support.

| | NES | PGS | SES | TMS | THS |
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| Confirmed H1N1 | 15 | 1 | 24 | 7 | 0 |
| ILI | 62 | 28 | 6 | 7 | 11 |

Upcoming School Committee meetings:

November 4, 2009: 6:30 PM, Newbury Elementary School Cafeteria
NES students will offer a guided tour and the choir will perform.

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

Silver Medals Won!

This past Sunday, for the first time in a few years, the Triton Marching Band scored a silver medal for their performance at the [Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association \(MICCA\) State Finals](#). This culminating event of the season was held at Cawley Memorial Stadium in Lowell. Not only did the band receive a silver medal overall but the percussion section and color guard also scored silver in their individual captions. It was a great day and these kids made Triton proud!

NES grade 6 will be attending environmental camp the week of November 2-November 9.

Thanks to parent Kim Marsh Marini's farm has made a generous donation of pumpkins to Pine Grove School. Classrooms and all staff will be represented in the pumpkin carving exhibition. PGS is celebrating fall!

[The SES Student Council](#) will be conducting a recycling project by collecting and recycling Capri Sun drink pouches. The Capri Sun packages can be made into bags, pencil pouches, etc. They also get 2 cents for every pouch. They joined the TerraCycle brigade to collect and recycle Capri Sun and Honest Kids drink pouches. Check out their progress on line at www.Terracycle.net. Collection boxes are placed in classrooms and the cafeteria. UNICEF collections will also take place until Nov. 6th. The Pettengill House food drive is Nov. 6-13th and Crazy sock day is Tuesday November 24th.

[NES students](#) marched in their Halloween parade led by THS drummers today! A PTA sponsored Halloween party will take place tonight at NES 😊.

[THS students](#) Ashley Matthews, Olivia Matthews, Ryan McAdams, Hayley Brown, Kristin Kelleher, Molly Fargeorge, and teacher Jim Galante attended a Student Council leadership conference on Thursday, October 29th.

[Teachers from all five schools](#) (Laura Paige, Kathy Comins, Leslie Blaney, Amy Richardson, Diane Berky, Warren Carter, and Kathy Norton) attended the two-day National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference in Boston. They were able to choose from almost 300 different sessions relating to math content and pedagogy. The participants hope to get together to share what they've learned and how it could apply to TRSD.

[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 16th. 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 today and at the door. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Purinton at jpurinton@trsd.net for further information.

[The Viking Corner Store!](#)

Coming soon...November 2-27, 2009—Visit [the Winter Viking Corner Store online](#). A variety of Triton apparel and accessories will be featured. Delivery to your home will take place during the week of December 14-18th.

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)

[TMPO](#) will be holding a [Recycling Day](#) at THS on November 14th from 9:00-2:00.

[THS Athletic Department](#) will hold a [Winter Sports meeting](#) on Monday, November 9th, @ 6:00 pm for **ALL** athletes who are planning to play a winter sport, as well as their parents. This is a **MANDATORY** meeting that will take place in the auditorium. After the entire group is addressed, each winter coach will take their athletes and parents to a separate meeting room to hand out paper work and go over the pre-season schedule. Team rules and expectations will also be covered at this time.

[SES Title I](#) sponsored a Math workshop for parents of students in grades 2 and 3 on October 28th. This was the second in a series of very successful parent workshops.

[Congratulations to Sierra Wear](#) and [Cam Loughlin](#) who have been selected as [semi-finalists for their artwork](#) that was submitted to the [Anti-Defamation League's \(ADL\) A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute 25th Anniversary 2010 Calendar Art Contest](#). Sierra and Cam's artwork was selected from among 1,000 submissions that were received from preK -12 students in public, private, and parochial schools throughout New England. Public receptions for and exhibitions of the finalists and semi-finalists illustrations will be at Boston's Children's Museum and Peabody Essex Museum (Salem, MA). Congratulations to both Sierra and Cam on their work as artists, and for their declaration and vision of a world without prejudice.

[The THS guidance department](#) hosted the final mini-college fair on Tuesday October 27th. Colleges who were represented on 10/27/09 were:

Albertus Magnus College

American International College

Brandeis University

Bryant University

Colby Sawyer College

Elms College

Emmanuel College

Fisher College

Hobart Williams & Smith

Johnson State College

Mitchell College

New England College

Northern Essex Community College

Rivier College

Rochester Institute of Technology

Sienna College
St. Joseph's College of Maine
Stonybrook University
Suffolk University
Susquehanna University
Unity College
University of Rhode Island
Wells College
Western New England College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

2010-2011 BUDGET WORKSHOP:

A budget workshop was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 with district administrators, School Committee, Town Officials, and parents. The goal of the workshop was to bring all stakeholders together early in the process of budget development to look at revenue and expenditure projections for FY11 and to discuss what these numbers will mean for services within the district as well as their impact on the assessments to our member towns.

The information presented reflected a level services budget. The School Committee stated that we must begin the budget process from a positive standpoint, with a budget that meets the educational needs of the students in our district. Students have made significant gains in all areas over the past several years due to community support of the budget which has included the restoration and addition of key academic positions. With that information in mind, information presented reflected a level services budget (i.e. the same services/programming as the current year with adjusted costs for contracts, services, etc. due to inflation). It was stated and reiterated multiple times over the course of the evening that this is a starting point. There are many components of the FY11 budget that can and will be changed as we go through the budget development process.

Our School Business Administrator shared an informative [PowerPoint presentation](#) that focused on four key areas:

1. Outlining more than \$1.1 million that is saved **annually** due to various cost saving efforts.
2. Breaking down the budget in more visual detail to show what each "category" of spending equates to as a percentage of the entire operating budget. The "functions" are

categories designated by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and all spending is reported annually to them. in these categories.

3. Outlining preliminary assumptions for increased expenditures due to contracts, fixed costs, etc. as well as projected revenue reductions based on the most recent news of potential midyear cuts.

4. Outlining preliminary figures for what the above outlined expenditures and revenue reductions will mean to our member towns' assessments.

Again, this presentation represents preliminary information. As budget revenues and expenditures become clearer over the coming months, we will have a better sense of the effect on towns. This [PowerPoint presentation](#) hopefully provides a starting point for understanding the operating budget for the district as well as understanding the question, "*Where Does All the Money Go?*"

To view the [PowerPoint presentation](#), click the link on the menu to the right. If there are any questions regarding the information in the PowerPoint or other information, please contact