



TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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News of the Week

December 4, 2009

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
Confirmed H1N1	0	2	0	1	0
ILI	0	10	1	1	10

Triton School Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Triton Regional School Committee will be held at Pine Grove School on Wednesday, December 9th. Committee members will tour the school at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:00.

PGS: First and second grade teachers are participating in a book study group. The book is called, *6+1 Traits of Writing*, and the author is Ruth Culham. The group began in November and will be meeting monthly as they read and discuss ways to improve the teaching of writing in their classrooms. It was the idea of the teachers to use this book since our 3rd grade teachers have been using this method of teaching writing for quite a while. They look forward to learning new techniques and strategies through this book group, and sharing with colleagues.

The Discovery Center, a district program housed at the middle school, is participating in a Christmas card exchange program for the third year. It is an internet project, which means that upon sign up, the class is put into a group of 25 classrooms around the world who have also signed up to participate. They send one card to each classroom, and then receive one from each

classroom in return. Last year they received one from Russia! This year they have a classroom in British Columbia on their list. This is the second time that the students have helped create the artwork for the front of their card.

Senior Citizens Annual Holiday Breakfast: Triton's Performing Arts Department, Library Media Center, and Community Service Students will host the Triton Regional District Senior Citizens for the Annual Holiday Breakfast, Friday, December 11th at 8 am. This year's program will consist of musical and vocal selections from the Holiday Concert, as well as gourmet selections prepared and served by the Community Service Students. Triton's Senior Citizens will be able to participate in a raffle sponsored by Triton's Library Media Center.

We hope to see many of our Triton Community Seniors next Friday morning.
Warmest Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

SES Math Parent Workshops: On Tuesday December 8th and Thursday December 10th Salisbury Elementary School will hold math workshops for parents. The December 8th workshop will teach parents of 4th and 5th graders various multiplication strategies used in the classroom. The December 10th workshop will teach parents of 2nd and 3rd graders various subtraction strategies used in the classroom. These workshops are designed to give parents a better understanding of why math strategies are important and to help parents better support their students at home. Both workshops will be held from 3:15 to 4:15 in the school library. We hope to see you there.

TMS 21st Century Program news: **The Viking Cafe** opened on Thursday, October 29th and sold out of food in less than 30 minutes making a whopping \$164. The Cafe sold chocolate covered pretzels, Eden's Treats, cupcakes, and cheese quesadillas. In preparation for this event, the students of the Viking Cafe had been busy researching recipes and deciding what would appeal to the general school population. This included bring recipes from home. Seventh grader, Eden Gurlitz, brought in a recipe (Eden's Treats) made with pretzels, Hersey Hugs, and M&M's. These were a huge hit! Additional factors students had to take into account when determining the menu included which recipes would be cost effective, as well as time effective. New items will be offered on a weekly basis.

In addition to planning and selling, the students have expressed an interest in learning different cooking techniques that will make their food items more saleable. We are currently looking for someone that can come in after the holidays to teach the kids cake decorating. The students would then like to decorate and raffle a cake.

The Green Thumb Nursery Club students participated in a ground breaking ceremony for their green house on Tuesday afternoon complete with hard hats and shovels. They were joined by the Whittier masonry students who are preparing the site for the cement footing to be poured. Whittier students also enjoyed home baked brownies, hot chocolate and a Triton lunch with which they were very impressed!

Our 21st Century Math League hosted Amesbury, Pentucket, Ipswich, Georgetown and Hampstead N.H. on Thursday afternoon. They did extremely well and are waiting to see if they have moved up from 2nd place to first- GO TMS MATH LEAGUE!!!

The 21st Century Community Spelling Bee will be hosting their first annual school-wide spelling bee on Friday. This competition is to determine the top ten finalists who will go on to the final competition January 15th between four local schools. There are 24 students who will be in the spelling bee. We will be competing to narrow it down to the top ten best spellers. Good luck everyone and GO TRITON!

The Salisbury Elementary Advanced Band and Choir performed Christmas Carols last Sunday for the annual tree lighting in Salisbury Square. After the performance they traveled across the street to the Methodist Church for hot chocolate and cookies! Yum Yum! **The annual winter concert will be on Wednesday Dec. 9th at 7pm.**

The Newbury Choir and Band will be performing on Sunday, Dec. 6th at 3:30, for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The NES winter concert will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at 7:00. The entire 5th and 6th grade will be participating!

The entire Poulin Family of SES, mom Colleen, dad Jim and daughters, Cathleen, Hailee and Jenna have all recently earned their Black Belts. Congratulations Poulin family!

In the Essence of Triton Spirit, the high school faculty and staff participated in the spirit week activities along with the students in the days leading up to the Homecoming festivities. In a Men vs. Women competition the Triton Women, once again, prevailed overall in the Spirit Week Competition which included Alumni Day, NE Sports Day, Concert T Shirt Tie-Dye Day, Triton Day, Unity Day and the canned food drive. As a staff, the high school donated 475 cans of food to Pettengill House. Additionally, the students of Triton High School donated 1700 cans of food to Pettengill House.

Hola and Bonjour from TMS!!! The Foreign Language students of Team 8-2 are hard at work conjugating verbs! Additionally, they have been mastering the concept of noun and adjective agreement. Be sure to ask your student what their motto is in French and Spanish!! (Their motto is IT IS ALL ABOUT THE MATCH!!!) The students have been demonstrating their knowledge by writing essays in Spanish and French and have been matching their verbs, nouns and adjectives!! They are happy to write about themselves and watching their confidence grow in their new language is a pleasure for teacher Shirley Faulkner!!

Newbury Elementary School Student Council, in conjunction with the PTO, will be conducting a dry food and can drive to benefit Pettengill House in Salisbury. This year more than ever, there is a need to help those less fortunate. Collection areas will be set up in the cafeteria. All donations are welcome. The goal is to receive 5,000 items to fill the need.

TMS students & staff will be collecting “cans and coats” for those less fortunate through 12/18/09. Parent and students are urged to send in old coats and jackets (no rips or stains please) and non-perishable food items. Homeroom reps will be collecting them daily and items will be brought to Pettengill House before Christmas break. The TLC program, as part of their life-skills program, will even launder any coats that may be a little on the dirty side.

National Literacy Month Celebrated at SES with Literacy Hour: Parents spent an hour with their children in Michelle Howard’s and Deb Denehey’s classrooms. They were buddy readers, played Sparkle (a spelling game), and then the children took turns teaching different components of the Foundations' program. The students had lots of fun and the parents got to experience this new program first-hand. This will definitely be an annual event.

[The NES PTA](#) would like to thank all who made the November Scholastic Book Fair a huge success. Sales certainly exceeded projections, and using the profits earned, more books will be available to NES students in the library and in the classrooms. NES families donated \$800 of books directly to the classrooms, using the teacher wish lists. Each book will surely be enjoyed by students for years to come. In addition, the library and classrooms have already benefited from the book fair with additions of approximately \$400 of books taken directly from the fair.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to assist and thanks to all the families that purchased books - without either this would not have been possible!

[Show tickets for the NES-PTA Theater Workshop](#) production for the Dec.11, 12 and 13th shows are now on sale. They welcome families outside of the Theater Workshop to come and see these wonderful productions. For tickets, please contact Sharon Savage at sharonlsavage@comcast.net

[THS Students Attend Conference:](#) December 10th, the following students will be attending the Young Women's Conference at the Boston Convention Center in Boston MA. We will be leaving Triton at 7:00 am and will return at 5:00 pm. Students will be chaperoned by Kristen Lazzaro, Meghan Ober, Margaret Flaherty, Kathryn Dawe.

Danielle Doucot
Lindsay Dube
Marion Dullea
Sarah Faulkner
Olivia Gallivan
Emily Goodwin
Olivia Gourley
Angela Keeler
Ashley Killam

Josephine Kilty
Adele Kneeland
Heather Kozlowski
Samantha Marino
Taelour Murphy
Sara Nardone
Jenna Norton
Jennifer Rock
Rhea Werner

[TMS SCIENCE and ENGINEERING FAIR Information:](#) Open to all students in Grades 6, 7, and 8.

1. Students work on individual projects or in groups of up to three students.

2. Students meet one or two days a week after school at TMS to work on their projects under the supervision of teachers. There will be a choice of days to accommodate student schedules.
3. Students can also choose to do their projects entirely at home, with teacher check-in at each stage.
4. Students will work on their projects from January – March.
5. The Science Fair will be held at the Middle School in late March.
6. Ten projects will be selected to compete at the regional and state levels.

Why participate?

- Science fairs stimulate student interest in science, engineering and related fields.
- These areas have experienced significant job growth. Companies cannot find enough qualified workers.
- Students will learn to identify a testable question, design an experiment, carry it out, collect data, draw conclusions, and display and explain findings (the scientific process).
- Students learn that everyone can do science.
- Students engage in authentic problem-solving by investigating open-ended problems.
- Projects can be differentiated by student interest and by level of difficulty.
- Students can earn extra credit by participating!

There will be a **one-time, mandatory meeting for parents/guardians and students on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 6-7 p.m. in the TRMS library/media center.** If you plan on attending, please contact Amy Richardson at 978-518-4244 or arichardson@trsd.net