

# TCMSnapshot

Week of April 11, 2011

The faculty and staff of Terrace Community Middle School will treat parents and other members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return. TCMS is committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes in keeping schools and administrative offices free from disruptions and preventing unauthorized persons from entering school/district grounds.

The aim is to promote mutual respect and orderly conduct within the schools, thereby setting a model for children and others in the community. It is not meant to deprive any person of the right to freedom of expression. Volatile, hostile or aggressive actions and words are discouraged, and individuals who engage in these activities may face legal penalties

## Signing out your child for an appointment?

Please contact the front office by phone or e-mail by 9AM (e-mail attend@tcmstornadoes.com) to notify us if your student will be picked up during the school day. [Please plan to have your student in the office during passing time or lunch time as we will not interrupt a class to pull out a student.](#) When you arrive, your child should be waiting for you in the front office. This will make your early sign-out experience go smoothly so that you can

**Editors Note: There will be no Snapshot for the week of April due to FCAT testing, and no Snapshot for the following week due to Spring Break.**

**Please check the monthly calendars on the website for information about upcoming events in May!**



## Curriculum Bullet Points 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Earth Science -

- We have begun our investigation of how the Earth, moon, and sun interact with one another and what all those interactions mean to us earthlings. (For example: lunar phases, seasons, night and day, tides, etc.)
- Also, it is now the year 2224. All students have assumed their roles as Head Administrator of their own space stations, located in all the far reaches of our solar system.
- After much research, budgeting, and planning Administrators are now in the building phase of creating their stations that will accommodate 1,000 men, women, and children.
- After construction is complete, they will begin mining much needed resources to send back to the depleted Terra.

### History -

- Students are completing a unit on Greece
- Prior to Spring Break, students will begin their unit on Ancient Rome
- Following Rome, they will be learning about Christianity, Islam, the Middle Ages, and the Crusades

### Math -

- Students are deriving and applying formulas for area of parallelograms, triangles, and trapezoids
  - They are understanding the relationship between radius, diameter, and circumference of a circle
  - Students are also learning the concept of  $\pi$  and know common estimates of  $\pi$ .
  - They are applying pi ( $\pi$ ) to estimating and finding area and circumference of circles
  - Students are also studying perimeters and areas of composite plane figures
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get to your appointment on time. Thank you for making these arrangements so that we do not interrupt classroom instruction.

## TORNADOES OF THE WEEK

For the Week Ending  
April 8, 2011

**Grade 6** – Haley Spooner,  
Shivani Ramesh,  
Joseph Gutschmidt and  
Isabella Johnson

**Grade 7** – Rebecca  
Graves, Steven Owusu,  
Lysandra Daley and  
Jake Schaffer

**Grade 8** –  
Maame – Ya Asare,  
Austin Kahn and  
Sarah Cate Harrison

**Electives** –  
Jonathan Baughman,  
Lindsey Schaible,  
Kanad Sarkar and  
Sarah Katherine Crispell

- Math students are finding missing dimensions of a figure given its area, volume, or other dimension

## Language Arts –

- We are currently reading "Sea of Monsters" which we will wrap this week.
- The next big assignment will be the research paper. We will begin in class research following "Sea of Monsters". The focus of the paper will be "individuals who have made a difference" in keeping with the theme of our symposium book, "Three Cups of Tea".
- The FCAT Testing window is quickly approaching. The students have been working with <http://www.florida-achieves.com/> which is a follow-up to the FCAT Explorer. It is a collection of short passages with five questions each. This site pinpoints areas of struggle from FCAT Explorer and provides more specific practice in those areas for each individual student. The same username and password that was used for FCAT Explorer is used for this site as well.

## FCAT TESTING AND BREAKFAST DONATIONS

**Next week April 11 – 15<sup>th</sup> is FCAT testing. TCMS will have a closed campus these days. A closed campus means that students will not be called out of class for early dismissal and visitors are not allowed on campus during testing.**

The PRA is currently coordinating a Grab and Go breakfast for students on Monday – Wednesday during FCAT. They are asking for the following donations by homeroom:

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Burton – Pop Tarts  
Hite – Quaker Oats Breakfast Squares  
Hough – Quaker Oats Granola Bars (No peanut Butter or Nuts!)  
Melendez – Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Cereal Fruit Bars  
Ott – Pop Tarts  
Schwarzmann – Quaker Oats Granola Bars (No peanut Butter or Nuts!)  
Shipman – 200 ½ pint water bottles  
Whittemore – 200 ½ pint water bottles  
Wood – 100% Juice boxes

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Burroughs – Pop Tarts  
Fernandez – Quaker Oats Breakfast Squares  
Fletcher – Quaker Oats Granola Bars (No peanut butter or Nuts!)  
Jarosh – Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Cereal Fruit Bars  
Miller – Pop Tarts  
Salazar – Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Cereal Fruit Bars  
Tooley – 200 ½ pint water bottles  
Turner – 200 ½ pint water bottles

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Wengerstman – 100% Juice Boxes

## What if I need to request an excused absence?

Just a reminder that all [pre-planned](#) absences must go through administration for approval. Please e-mail Mrs. Bennett at [kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com)

[at least 3 days in advance](#) for any upcoming, pre-planned absences for your student. (This includes shadowing for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.) Thank you for your cooperation!

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Canonaco – Pop Tarts  
Canaday – Quaker Oats Breakfast Squares  
Conover – Quaker Oats Granola Bars (No peanut butter or Nuts!)  
Foster – Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Cereal Fruit Bars  
Negron – Pop Tarts  
Overdorff – Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Cereal Fruit Bars  
Steinmetz – 200 ½ pint water bottles  
Wahnon – 100% juice boxes  
Wilkinson – 100% juice boxes

Thank you for all of your support!!!

Tahvia Shaw,  
Testing Coordinator and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator

## Congratulations to all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated in the Duke University Talent Search

**Eric Luo qualified for Grand Recognition**

### The following students qualified for State Recognition:

Vignesh Bhethanabotla, Victor Bufano, Rajesh Bhutta, Rohit Chari, Sophia Choi, Chetan Dhulipalla, Simran Giri, Mariah Grossman, Pooja Gupte, Abigail Helmke, Alexander Hoang, Hunter Huseby, Uma Kumar, Michael McHale, Shalini Pandi, Kishori Patel, Brendan Philbin, Hemal Prasad, Jonathan Ptak, Brandi Reynolds, Praneeth Vattikuti and Erica Winfrey.



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## TCMS FAMILY NIGHT @ SHAMROCKS!

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## 7-Digit Student ID Numbers

If you do not know your child's student number, it can be located on your child's report card. We recommend making a note of it and keeping it in an easily accessible place, as it is needed for completing admissions documents, checking student grades online and, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, for completing high school applications.

## TCMS NEEDS GUEST TEACHERS (AKA SUBSTITUTES) FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR.

\$10 per hour

Applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma and be fingerprinted through the School District./

Interested? Please click the link to complete an application:

[GuestTeacherApplication](#)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH APRIL 22, 2011

Junior K Club Induction Ceremony 6-7PM	Mon, Apr 04	
FCAT	Mon, Apr 11 to	Fri, Apr 15
Facilities and Building Committee meeting	Mon, Apr 11	At 6:00 PM
Finance and Development Committee Meeting		6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Board meeting, Cafeteria	Wed, Apr 13	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## FCAT TESTING TAKES PLACE THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 – 15

April 22 is a non-student day

Spring Break – April 25 – 29.

Students return on Monday, May 2, 2011

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## It's SLAM (Summer Learning And More) time again! SLAM is open to all current and incoming students

The following courses are available:

### SESSION 1 - June 20-June 23

Basketball Camp	Full day	9AM-3:30PM	\$150	
Pinch Coil Slab	Ceramics	9AM-12PM	\$160	2 week course; includes material fee
Geneology		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Japanese		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Percussion Camp	Full day	9AM-3:30PM	\$150	
Legos		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Reading and Math Camp		9AM-12PM	\$75	Rising 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders only
Animation Station		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Anthropology		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Animal Anatomy		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Zumba		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	

### SESSION 2 - June 27-June 30

Pinch Coil Slab	Ceramics	9AM-12PM		Continuation from Session 1
Japanese		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Show Choir	Full day	9AM-3:30PM	\$150	
Volleyball Skills & Drill		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Volleyball Play & Scrimmage		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Digital Photography		12:30-3:30PM	\$85	
Zumba		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	

### SESSION 3 - July 11-July 14

All State Music Prep. Instruments		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Super Study Skills		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Volleyball Skills & Drill		9AM-12PM	\$75	
Volleyball Play & Scrimmage		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
All State Musician Prep - Vocals		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Cool Computer Club		12:30-3:30PM	\$75	
Writing Workshop		12:30-3:30	\$75	
Digital Photography		12:30-3:30PM	\$85	

*There is a one-time, non-refundable registration fee that is due at the time of registration.*

Please visit <http://www.tcmstornadoes.com/slam> for more information.

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## SAFETY FIRST!



*Please refrain from using the cell phone during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, especially when students are loading and unloading. Let's focus on getting the students in and out safely.*

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## The 2011 Summer Program for Gifted, High Achieving Students June 13 – July 22, 2011

*Providing Gifted Students With a Voyage of Discovery  
Focusing on the Methods of Mathematics and Science*

Deadline to submit an application is May 2, 2011.

### THIS IS AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM THAT OFFERS:

- A challenging educational experience in mathematics, computer science and life sciences;
- An enjoyable summer learning experience shared with students of similar interest and abilities;
- An opportunity to develop critical thinking and conceptual creativity;
- An experience with a sense of discovery in mathematics and sciences;
- An experience in a university setting;
- A recreational component that includes a chess tournament and athletic activities.

### THERE ARE TWO LEVELS IN THE PROGRAM:

#### LEVEL I

- This is for gifted students entering grades 9 or 10. Exceptional students entering grade 8 may be considered.
- Students must have had a course in Algebra I;
- The course of study will include Elementary Calculus, Computer Science and topics from the biological sciences.

#### LEVEL II

- This is for gifted students entering grades 11 or 12;
- Students must have had Algebra II or Precalculus;
- Students will study Engineering Calculus and/or Linear Algebra, Computer Science and topics from the biological sciences;
- Students applying for this program must provide a consent statement from their school counselor to enroll in MAC 2281 or MAS 3105.

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