

# TCMSnapshot

Week of October 18, 2010

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.



**From the Desk of Gary Hocevar**

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](mailto: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 get to your appointment on time. Thank you for making these arrangements so that we do not interrupt classroom instruction.

## **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)

October/November 2010

Dear Parents and Friends of TCMS:

As we move enthusiastically through the first semester, I am learning the names of hundreds of new students and seeing their excited and happy faces in the hallways. Our newest members of the TCMS family have assimilated quickly and without incident or major challenge into the culture of our higher standards based academic program and diverse school culture.

Our Parent Resources Association's meetings are held monthly and the attendance by TCMS families represents the broadest spectrum of our Tampa Bay area. In September, our parents helped the PRA raise thousands of dollars through our annual "TEAM TORNADO" event. Those dollars will target student instructional needs and student based capital outlay projects. Volunteerism is at an all time high, and I can see the impact this has on our school. The leadership of the PRA moves assertively forward engaging parents in many projects.

Our expanded website offers even greater access to school and class information. We have added "Twitter" to our communication efforts. Please do take the time to use it.

As I watch the school year continue to unfold, my classroom visits provide insight to the instructional programs your child's teachers are providing along with their intense focus on scholarship and infectious positive attitudes. The atmosphere of respect, responsibility and results has clearly, once again, been established early on in the instructional year.

Please remember to contact your child's teachers first should you have questions regarding their current achievement.

My Kindest Regards,

*Gary Hocevar*

Gary Hocevar  
Chief Education Officer/Principal

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at least 3 days in advance for any upcoming, pre-planned absences for your student. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

### TCMS FAMILY NIGHT @ SHAMROCKS!

On the second Thursday of every month, a portion of TCMS family purchases will be donated back to TCMS.

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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.**

### SAFETY FIRST!



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#### History

History students are:

- completing their studies of ancient Mesopotamian Civilization
- preparing for their quarter exams
- beginning their studies of ancient Egypt which will begin immediately after quarter exams

#### Math

Students are working on Chapter 2: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions. During this chapter, students learn to:

- estimate products and quotients of fractions and judge the reasonableness of the results
- multiply and divide fractions efficiently
- explain and justify procedures for multiplying and dividing fractions
- solve real-world problems that involve the multiplication and division of fractions
- use multiplication and division to solve problems

#### Language Arts

- Calling all "green thumbs"! The 6<sup>th</sup> grade needs volunteers who can help make our own TCMS Community Garden. After completing our novel, *Seedfolks*, by Paul Fleishman, we are inspired to build our own community garden and make our own new friends in this diverse community we call *middle school*. Students will be encouraged to form groups of *new* friends and grow a plant using a recyclable container (be creative) or decorated pot. The TCMS Community Garden is located behind the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing, and all are invited to come.
- Short Story & Poetry Unit - The 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the TBPAC to view the fantastic 5 short stories from some of the most famous writers was a wonderful experience. We are building story plots and soon we will include the wonderful elements of Poetry.
- Next novel to be read: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortinson (please have a copy by November 1). This is our school-wide book this year.

#### Science

- We have been working on studying the atmosphere and weather.
- The students have created weather journals which have them observing the weather and making predictions as to what the weather might be like the following day.
- We have had a lab on hurricane tracking and demonstrations showing the effect of air pressure, the movement of convection currents, and the other forms of heat transfer.

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## Volunteer Hours Survey



Respect, Responsibilities and Results!

### TORNADOES OF THE WEEK

For the week ending  
October 15, 2010

**Grade 6** – Kanad Sarkhar,  
Suzannah Dwyer,  
Amanda Meyering and  
Parker Lentini

**Grade 7** – Suha Zeinelabdin,  
Nina Curcovic, Daniel Martel and  
Joelle Williams Rattigan

**Grade 8** – Greg Aiello,  
Hannah Eriksson, Dart Hutson and  
Vanessa Suarez

**Electives** - Anthony Nolfi,  
Alexxa Faison, Lindsey Cook and  
Catherine Springer

The most recent TCMS Volunteer Hours Survey, which you use to report your volunteer hours, went out on Monday, October 4, 2010 around 10:30 a.m. It will remain open until 5 p.m. on November 1, 2010. If you have not received the survey, please send an e-mail to Brenda Molina at [TCMSVolunteerHours@gmail.com](mailto:TCMSVolunteerHours@gmail.com) and include your name, your student's name and grade.



### FALL COMMUNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The **Fall Community Music Festival** (formerly FAFO) will be held Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Come out and enjoy great playing and singing from various musicians from our students and from all over the county, carnival style games, and of course...FOOD; Gladstone's chicken, Papa John's pizza, hamburgers and hotdogs, popcorn and flavored frozen ice to name a few.

We do have vendor tables still available. If you are interested in advertising your business or participating as a vendor to over 500 people, please contact Mr. Bethune at [brian.bethune@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:brian.bethune@tcmstornadoes.com). Don't miss the event of the year. TCMS would like to extend a very special thank you to Farina Orthodontic for their generous donation to this event. Give Dr. Farina a call for a free consultation at 813-972-2929.

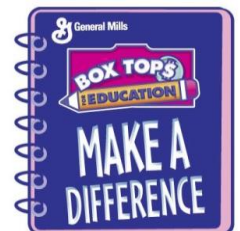


**HELP SPREAD  
THE WORD!**

TCMS is currently accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

In order for applications to be eligible for the lottery, applications must be received by January 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM. The application is located on the Enrollment page of the website.

**Remember...the best advertisement is word of mouth!**



## TCMS BOX TOP/SOUP LABEL COLLECTION

**Reminder: TCMS does not follow the District's early release days. Check our website for our annual calendar, which is located on the 2010-2011 page or Click on the link to view: [Calendar](#)**

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## FOOD AND FUN OLYMPIAD FALL, 2009 SPONSORS...



## LUPTON'S BUFFET AND CATERING



**Carrabba's**  
**Hop for Fun**  
**Will Massaro, DJ**

*Thanks to our sponsors who made the  
2009-2010 TCMS Food and Fun  
Olympiad a huge success!!*

**Student ID Badges** may be  
purchased if lost or as a back-  
up for \$5 from Ms. Long in the  
Media Center.

## YEARBOOK...2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Yearbook order forms are available on the school's website

- Yearbooks may be ordered from October 18th through October 29th for \$40.00 each
- If you wish to have your child's yearbook personalized, the cost is \$10 through October 29<sup>th</sup> (no personalization orders will be accepted after this date)
- No orders will be accepted again until January, 2011.
- Yearbooks may be ordered from January 10<sup>th</sup> through January 21<sup>st</sup> for \$45.00 each (no personalization)
- TCMS will not accept yearbook orders after January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Order forms are located at <http://www.tcmstornadoes.com/yrbk/vortex.htm>

Questions? Contact Mrs. Castillo, Yearbook Sponsor, at  
[rocio.castillo@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:rocio.castillo@tcmstornadoes.com)

## 2010-2011 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington DC

There will be a Mandatory DC meeting for parents and students on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Contact Mrs. Shivers at [linda.shivers@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:linda.shivers@tcmstornadoes.com) if you have questions.

## TCMS Tornadoes now on Twitter!

There are three ways to get our tweets:

1. Check our website!  
<http://www.tcmstornadoes.com>

The tweet roll appears on the HOME page.

2. Visit our Twitter page: <http://twitter.com/tcmstornadoes>



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Here's a new easy way to raise money for Terrace Community Middle School.

Just start using Yahoo! powered GoodSearch.com as your search engine and they'll donate about a penny to your favorite cause every time you do a search!

In addition, do all of your shopping through their online shopping mall, GoodShop.com, where you can shop at more than 900 top online retailers and a percentage of your purchases will go to the charity or school of your choice. You pay the same price as you normally would, but a donation goes to your cause!

Here's the web site —  
<http://www.goodsearch.com>.  
Terrace Community Middle School - TCMS  
ID: 844232

To find out how it all works or how you can spread the word,  
<http://www.goodsearch.com/non>

**3. Follow via SMS (on your cell phone):** If you'd like to follow @tcmstornadoes and get our Tweets delivered to your phone, send a text message to your Twitter code with the command 'FOLLOW username', so: **follow tcmstornadoes**.

If you do not follow @tcmstornadoes already, this command adds us to the list of people you follow *and* sends all of our Tweets to your mobile phone. If you already follow us, the command will simply make sure you get our Tweets on your mobile.

**To Unfollow via SMS:** When you want to stop seeing TCMS's Tweets, simply turn updates off for us by sending the commands "LEAVE username" or "OFF username" to your Twitter code, like so: **leave tcmstornadoes**

You will no longer get our updates on your phone. However, you will still be following us on your web profile. This means that if we send out a direct message, you will receive it. You'll need to log on to your web profile on [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) to fully remove us from your following list.

## Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students...

Mrs. Zak will host the annual High School Options meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 7PM in the Gym.

Questions? Contact [susan.zak@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:susan.zak@tcmstornadoes.com).

**\*\*New for this year** – representatives from several high schools will be available between **6 and 7 pm** that night to share their admissions materials and to answer parent questions. So far we have Tampa Catholic, Brooks-DeBartolo Charter High School, the Academy of Holy Names and Jesuit High coming. Be sure to come early if you are interested in any of these high schools.

*Please be sure to check the Information for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents page on the website, under Guidance, for updates!*



## Favorite Teacher Essay Contest

The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest begins September 13, 2010 and ends March 18, 2011.

Students will submit an essay, poem, or thank you letter about their favorite teacher. Each Barnes & Noble store will form a judging panel and choose teachers and students to recognize at the Spring Educator Event in 2011. An overall winner will be chosen by each store and that teacher will receive, among other things, a certificate

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recognizing them as the community's favorite teacher and a set of books provided by Sterling publishers.

This winner will then be submitted into a regional contest where six winners will receive a NOOK eBook Reader and a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card. Those six winners will then be considered for the national contest for the Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year, which includes a prize of \$5,000 for the teacher and another \$5,000 for their school!

Only students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 12 and teachers employed in elementary, middle or high schools in the United States are eligible to win. More details on the contest rules can be found at <http://www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher>.



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Box Tops for Education  
for more information!

Parents, please  
remember the front  
office will not accept  
any homework,  
projects, instruments,  
etc.

## 2010-2011 TEAM TORNADO SPONSORS

Representative Betty Reed, District 59	Bronze
Rob & Michelle Philbin	Bronze
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Elizabeth R. Reyes, PA	Bronze
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Sanjay Mehta	Bronze
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The Plagers	Silver

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Lee & Annetta Hastings	Silver
Dr. Tom Franfurth/Gentle Care Dentistry	Silver
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Paul & Christy Fosse	Silver
Peter & Mindy Bursten	Silver
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The City of Temple Terrace  
Hillsborough County Public Schools  
The Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce  
Present

## TEMPLE TERRACE READS!

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 16, 2010 **TIME:** 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Flotto Avenue between Temple Terrace Elementary,  
Temple Terrace Fire Station,  
and Temple Terrace Public Library

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Mike Segrest, 987-6903 ext. 228  
[mike.segrest@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:mike.segrest@sdhc.k12.fl.us)



All children must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Media Literacy: What Adults Should Know

A Workshop Series Presented by  
The Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative  
of Tampa Bay



Media is one of the biggest influences in a young person's life. In a recently released report by the Kaiser Family Foundation it was discovered that on average, youth ages 8 to 18 spend approximately 10.5 hours per day, instead of 6.5 hours per day, using multiple forms of technology. In many pervasive ways, media such as TV, video games, social networking sites, music and music videos, and fashion teach youth how to act, what to look like, and how to treat other people, often with negative and long-

This workshop series is designed to provide useful information and practical tools to parents and youth professionals about the influences, risk factors, and potential benefits of youth media and technology.

### **The Workshops are focused on 3 key themes:**

#### **Wii Control or You Control**

Analyze the impact of video games on youth and the way they interact with each other in order to determine what is appropriate.

#### **Media's Influence on Risky Behaviors**

Understand the connection between visual media and high risk behaviors including cyber bullying, substance use and abuse, eating disorders, fighting and promiscuity.

#### **Music and Lyrics**

Take a deeper look at the music that youth are listening and the influence it has on their relationships and high risk behaviors.

Adults will be provided a space for discussion, information, activities, and light refreshments.

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## Media Literacy: What Adults Should Know Workshop Series REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Role: (i.e., parent, teacher) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshops are offered as a 3-part series. You may register for the whole series, or for individual workshops. **Please place a ✓ next to the workshop(s) you are registering for.\***

Date	Time	Theme	Location	Attending
Tuesday, 10/5	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Wii Control or You Control	OPBI	
Tuesday, 10/12	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Media's Influence on Risky Behaviors	OPBI	
Tuesday, 10/19	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Music and Lyrics	OPBI	

*\*A minimum of 10 participants are required to hold the workshop. If there are not enough registrations, participants who have registered will be notified that the workshop is cancelled within 48 hours before the event.*

REGISTRATION FEES	QUANTITY	TOTAL
<b>Individual Workshops</b>		
\$10 per adult per workshop		
<b>Workshop Series</b>		
\$25 per adult for all 3 workshops		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		

Please complete and return this form to OPBI at the address or fax number below. Payment is accepted either by website:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=opbi&id=1> or by check – made payable to OPBI, Inc.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Jacobs at [jjacobs@opbi.org](mailto:jjacobs@opbi.org) or 813-514-9555 x107.

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## Temple Terrace Softball



**Register Now  
for the Spring Season!**



What: TT's finest slow-pitch softball league!

Who: all girls ages 4 - 17!

When: October 1 - November 12

Where: Register at the Temple Terrace Rec Center

Cost: \$75, except PeeWee T-Ball plays for FREE!

Season: mid-January through April

Game location: softball fields behind Lewis Elementary

What you need: glove, mouthguard, active Rec Center pass  
(at least an outdoor pass)



### Age Divisions:

\*Pee Wee T-ball: ages 4 - 6

\*Pixies: ages 6 (w/experience) - 9

\*Pigtails: ages 10 - 13

\*Ponytails: ages 14 - 17

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