

TCMSnapshot

Week of October 25, 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.

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 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

Curriculum Bullet Points 7th Grade

Science –

Students in Life Science are:

- Exploring animal and plant cells
- Understanding the various parts and functions of microscopes
- Discussing classification
- Preparing for the Quarter Exam on Friday, Oct. 22nd

Math –

In Math, we prepared the students for the end of quarter exam by reviewing the pertinent content in Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the textbook.

- Specifically, we reviewed
 - 1-1B, Integers and Absolute Value
 - 1-1C, The Coordinate Plane
 - 2-2A, Add and Subtract Like Fractions
 - 2-2C, Add and Subtract Unlike Fractions
 - 2-3B, Multiply and Divide Fractions
 - 2-3D, Multiply and Divide Fractions
 - 3-1A, Problem Solving Investigation (Work Backward)
 - 3-1D, Addition and Subtraction of one-step equations
 - 3-2B Multiplication and Division Equations
 - 3-2D Solve Equations with Rational Coefficients
 - 3-3B Solve Two-Step equations
 - 3-3D, Solve Equations with Variables on Each Side
 - 4-1B, Rates
 - 4-1C, Proportional and Nonproportional Relationships
 - 4-1D, Solve Proportions
 - 4-2B, Scale Drawings
 - 4-3B, Similar Figures, and, Perimeter and Area of Similar Figures
- Throughout Quarter 2, students will learn:
 - Chapter 5 Linear Functions (3 weeks)
 - Chapter 6 Percents (4 weeks)
 - Chapter 7 Data Analysis & Probability (1 week)

Language Arts -

In Language Arts students are:

- Making text to text, text to self, and text to world connections.
- Developing a greater understanding of the theme of a story.
- Proudly displaying and presenting The Outsiders Coat of Arms projects.
- Preparing and studying for quarter one exam.

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



Please report all phone and address changes to holti.shambaugh@tcmstornadoes.com



Please report all e-mail address changes to Helen.ratcliffe@tcmstornadoes.com

TCMS FAMILY NIGHT @ SHAMROCKS!

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

7805 Temple Terrace Hwy.
Temple Terrace, FL
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History –

In World Geography/History students are:

- Studying Central America and looking into the world of the Aztecs
- Studying South America and the Incas. Students will prepare group PowerPoints on a South American country.
- Surveying Careers and beginning the ePEP student planning process (using the Florida state website-Facts.org). Students will use this planning system during grades 7-12 if they stay in a Florida public school.

Volunteer Hours Survey

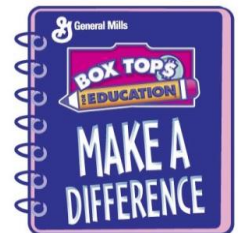
The most recent TCMS Volunteer Hours Survey, which you use to report your volunteer hours, went out on Monday, October 4, 2010 around 10:30 a.m. It will remain open until 5 p.m. on November 1, 2010. If you have not received the survey, please send an e-mail to Brenda Molina at TCMSVolunteerHours@gmail.com 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 23rd 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.

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.



TCMS BOX TOP/SOUP LABEL COLLECTION

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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 8th grade, for completing high school applications.

SAFETY FIRST!



Please refrain from using the cell phone during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.



Respect, Responsibilities and Results!

TORNADOES OF THE WEEK

For the week ending
October 23, 2010

Will be published on the website on Monday, October 25th and in next week's Snapshot. They were not available on Thursday, October 22 at the time the Snapshot was e-mailed to families.

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](#)

Thank you for supporting TCMS Dairy Queen Day in New Tampa !!



Thank you to all of the wonderful families that supported this fundraiser on September 23rd!

We raised a total of \$140 for our school and we sincerely appreciate all of your purchases.

Our raffle winners were announced on the Morning Show this week. They are:

Julia Aiello
Ally Helsel
Brendan Philbin
Joel Rodriguez

Each of these lucky students received a \$10 Gift Certificate to Dairy Queen in New Tampa.

Way to go TCMS !!!

YEARBOOK...2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

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

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**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 28th at 3:30PM. The application is located on the Enrollment page of the website.

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

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**LUPTON'S BUFFET AND
CATERING**



- 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 29th (no personalization orders will be accepted after this date)
- No orders will be accepted again until January, 2011.
- Yearbooks may be ordered from January 10th through January 21st for \$45.00 each (no personalization)
- TCMS will not accept yearbook orders after January 21st.

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

Questions? Contact Mrs. Castillo, Yearbook Sponsor, at
rocio.castillo@tcmstornadoes.com

2010-2011 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 25 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

Study Skills	Mon, Oct 25	3:10 PM – 4:00 PM
Tri-M Meeting		3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Science and Technology Club	Tue, Oct 26	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Boys Varsity Soccer v. Berean		4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Junior K Club meeting	Wed, Oct 27	7:45 AM – 8:10 AM
STEP Team practice		3:10 PM – 4:10 PM

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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.

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and afternoon pick-up.



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!

BOB Lunch Gatherings	Thu, Oct 28	
6th, 7th and 8th Grade Math League practice	Thu, Oct 28	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
PRA Meeting		7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
SGA meeting	Tue, Nov 02	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Science and Technology Club		3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Washington DC Trip meeting for parents and students		6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
STEP Team practice	Wed, Nov 03	3:10 PM – 4:10 PM
NJHS meeting		3:15 PM – 3:45 PM
All State Music Test (time and location TBA)	Thu, Nov 04	
BOB Lunch Gatherings	Thu, Nov 04	
6th, 7th and 8th Grade Math League practice	Thu, Nov 04	3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
SGA Spirit Day	Fri, Nov 05	
December lunch order posted to website	Fri, Nov 05	8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
CIA		3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
SGA Dance sponsored by 6th grade		6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

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>

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.



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In addition, do all of your shopping through their online shopping mall, [GoodShop.com](http://www.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/nonprofit/terrace-community-middle-school-tcms>.



Click
Campbell's Soup Labels
for more information!



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 to fully remove us from your following list.



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 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>.

2010-2011 TEAM TORNADO SPONSORS

Representative Betty Reed, District 59	Bronze
Rob & Michelle Philbin	Bronze
Hank Cramer	Bronze
Elizabeth R. Reyes, PA	Bronze
The Pepin Family	Bronze
Jonathan Sepulveda's Family	Bronze

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Click
Box Tops for Education
for more information!

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

Smoothie King/The Lanoue Family	Bronze
The Back Family	Bronze
UACDC/Fleeting Family	Bronze
Jennifer & Patrick Clark	Bronze
Ramesh Sivalogam	Bronze
Bill & Margie McGillis	Bronze
The Hutson Family	Bronze
Sanjay Mehta	Bronze
John & Raeann Keyser	Bronze
Small Family	Bronze
Susan & Shawn Harrison	Bronze
Dr. M. Farzaneh & Dr. F. Shafii	Bronze
Peter & Karen Fernald	Bronze
Helmke Family	Gold
Shiva/Maury Razavi	Gold
Dan and Karen Consuegra	Gold
RDI Solutions, Inc.	Silver
Sami's Bakery	Silver
The Helsel Family	Silver
Signature Benefit Solutions	Silver
The Plagers	Silver
Shawn Harrison	Silver
Lee & Annetta Hastings	Silver
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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

**Softball
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LOVE IT.**

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